

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

FEBRUARY 2015

THANK YOU, LEANNE SHELL,



for creating this gorgeous quilt square for the GFWC State quilt to be hung in the State Clubhouse in recognition of our 120th anniversary! See the ARTS Department report on page 2 for the details.

**THE FEBRUARY GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**
Sponsored by our Conservation Department
Thursday, February 5 ~ 11:30am

OUR PROGRAM:
**Amy Raybuck from
Florida Fish & Wildlife
Commission**



**Make your reservation
and place your "to-go orders" with
your Department Secretary by
Monday, February 2!**

Pearls from our President, Gerry Wilson

Happy 2015 to all of you!

I hope you are all keeping up with your current club activities and that you are writing them down. Some of us are busy writing reports and are racking our brains about what happened this time last year. We are all wishing that we had written everything down when it happened last year. By the time you read this our reports will be written and probably sent to state. What we do know from all of the reports is that we have been a very busy bunch of ladies. Reports really do make us realize how much we accomplish for our local community and for our state in one year.

I am repeating some of my message from the last newsletter to remind you about DogFest. Please remember the CCI State President's Project. DogFest is coming soon on March 7 and we need people to sign up on the Club team. Look again at Stephanie Cantrell's email which tells you the steps to take. It is easy to make donations online in honor of some friend or relation. You can also send emails to friends and family and ask for donations through the website.

Enjoy your newsletter and join in some of the many activities you read about.!

Gerry Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS TO NORMANDY COOPER FOR HER NOMINATION AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30am

Contact: Victoria Williams



We are busy preparing to host the District Arts & Crafts competition this month and WIN several categories, of course! Speaking of talent, Leanne Shell created a fabulous quilt square for the GFWC State's 120th Anniversary Quilt for the State Clubhouse (*see page 1*). Each club will be represented by a square. Leanne received the finish date of Dec. 31st on Dec. 18th! She was busy as a bee making something beautiful and met the deadline. She used eight different fabrics and delicate sewing for our square, piecing and applique, then embroidered the words and seahorse embellishments. The wording says, "GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City....101 Years Strong". We can all be very proud of it and Leanne for representing us so beautifully!

CONSERVATION

Meets the 3rd Thursday at Noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

Conservation was pleased to help the Garden Club host the Azalea Trail Tea on January 25. We will finish this task and begin preparations for the February general membership luncheon. We decided to decorate the tables with silk flower arrangements, which will serve as door prizes this month and as a club fundraiser in the months ahead. Little silk arrangements come in handy for hostess gifts and hospital stays, etc. Pick one up after lunch and help Ways & Means. Then at our February lunch meeting, we will learn all about cooking with herbs, do a little taste testing and share recipes.



EDUCATION

Meets the 4th Tuesday at 11:30am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



ANCHORAGE CHILDRENS HOME

Now is the time the Education Department makes plans for the spring activities ahead: March general membership luncheon; literacy activities, end of school parties and teacher appreciation at Springfield Elementary. The Anchorage Children's Home is sorely in need of twin bed sheets, blankets and pillows. They always need boys underwear and socks. Please help us help kids in need and bring your gently used twin bed linens, spare pillows and clean underwear to the luncheon.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10am

Contact: Shirley Gobat

Our committee gets busy during the spring. At our January meeting, we will focus on planning for our traditional spring activities, starting with the Prayer Breakfast on March 18, followed by the April general membership luncheon. It is a wonderful event for our local faith leaders, government and community members to come together for inspiration, delicious food, and entertainment by our Sunshine Singers. We really want to bring new members into our group. Did you know that our Women's Finance program won state awards? Health and personal safety are just two of the topics that come under our flag. Please join us!



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets the 4th Thursday at 9:30am

Contact: Neysa Semmler



For our January's program, IO member Sue Watson gave a wonderful video presentation of her trip to Israel. She and her husband decided to be baptized in the Jordan River to celebrate their 40th anniversary. As they were being lowered, a white dove came down and as they were raised out of the water, the dove flew away! We voted to send money to Heifer International to install an irrigation pump in a small village in a third world country, and voted to form our own team for the upcoming DogFest.

PUBLIC ISSUES Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm

Contact: Darcie Brooks

January was busy for Public Affairs. We had a ceremony to retire the old flag and hang a newly donated flag - *did you see us in the News Herald's Scrapbook article?* At the end of the month, we will have hosted a dinner for the performers in *Stars & Guitars*, an acoustic charity fundraiser for the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center. On February 13, we will host a special Valentine's Day luncheon for the World War II veterans. We did this last year, and it was so successful, we decided to do it again to honor these gentlemen.



YOUTH Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6pm

Contact: Jane Rigby

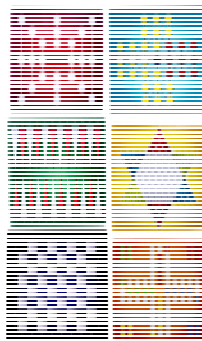


TEEN COURT

At our February meeting, we will enjoy potluck dinner, then learn all about Teen Court, a diversion program run by the 14th Judicial Circuit Court. Instead of going to Juvenile Court, first time misdemeanor offenders (ages 8-17) are sent to a court conducted by his or her peers. Those who successfully complete the program within the designated period will leave with a clean record. This is an important program in our community. If you want to learn more about it, join us!

GAME ON, GIRLFRIENDS!

Girls just wanna have fun sometimes. That's why we have Game Day on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend and join the fun. Cards and board games available. Cost: \$5 per person. Snacks will be provided.



2015 DOGFEST PLANNING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 IS OUR DOGFEST DAY ON THE BEACH!

Our Dog Walk-N-Roll event at Frank Brown Park is coming up fast and we need your help to make it a success! It will be fun and rewarding!

- Sunday, Feb 1, 2pm -- *come meet Caryn Freas from CCI!*
- Sunday, Feb 8, 2pm
- Sunday, Feb 15, 2pm
- Sunday, Feb 22, 2pm
- Sunday, Mar 1, 2pm
- Thursday, Mar 5, 5pm
- Friday, Mar 6, 9am- Frank Brown Park

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB FEBRUARY EVENTS!
All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.

THURS, FEB 5	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details</i>
TUES, FEB 11	1:00 PM	GAME DAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, FEB 12	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>Contact Normandy Cooper for details</i>
TUES, FEB 13	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT'S WW II VETERANS' VALENTINE DAY LUNCHEON
THURS, FEB 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
THURS, FEB 19	12 NOON	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING at The Place on Harrison Avenue, downtown Panama City
THURS, FEB 19	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT MEETING
SAT, FEB 21		DISTRICT 2 ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR at our Clubhouse
TUES, FEB 24	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING
WED, FEB 25	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING
THURS, FEB 26	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING
THURS, FEB 26	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING
SUNDAYS	2:00 PM	DOGFEST PLANNING MEETINGS - OPEN TO EVERYONE <i>See page 3 for details</i>