

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2015



WELCOME, JUNIORS!

Our club is pleased to sponsor a new group of Juniors! The GFWC Emerald Coast Junior Woman's Club with Olivia Albritton as president will revitalize and inspire a younger generation's commitment to greater service in our community.

THE MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sponsored by our Education Department

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - 11:30 am

Our Program:

AUDIBLE EGGS

for the Visually Impaired



Presented by
NSA Panama City
CDR HUNG CAO



**Make your reservation and place to-go orders
with your Department Secretary or with
Martha Homola by TUESDAY, MARCH 3!**

Pearls from our President, Gerry Wilson

What a busy February we have had! The reports to State were all turned in before the February 1st deadline, thanks to Merle and all of her helpers.

We had a *wonderful* District 2 Arts & Crafts meeting at our clubhouse on Saturday, February 21st. There were a hundred members from all eight District clubs present, including 32 from our club. A great time was had by all. Jane Groom and her helpers, Marilyn Myers, Rena Hammett and their helpers, Darcie Brooks and her helpers, Normandy Cooper and her helpers all did a super job. The decorations were beautiful. Our Art & Crafts won many awards! (*see Page 2*) We also received many items for our charities from all the clubs. Clothing items were delivered to Mary Helen Barnes at Big Bend Community-Based Care. All the other items are being stored for Joey's House.

The DogFest Committee has been meeting regularly. Stephanie Cantrell and volunteer booster Tony Super have been working very hard to gather sponsors and raise money for DogFest. March 7th will be here before we know it! We know you understand how important this project is. So we will "pass the boot for CCI" at our luncheon this month to help support our state project. Bring your check-books!

We look forward to DogFest, the Prayer Coffee and the yard sale in March. (*see Page 3*). We are also excited to report our sponsorship of the GFWC Emerald Coast Junior Woman's Club. I hope you will find your place to help with our many activities. Join the fun and help our community all at the same time.

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

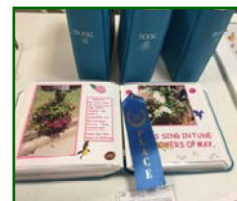
Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30am

Contact: Victoria Williams

What a stellar event our District Arts and Crafts event was! Our Club won seven blue ribbons! In the Crafts division, LeAnne Williams Shell won in Paper Crafts with her



cards with stamping as well as Combination Craft for a multi-media card. Bev Long's multi-volume scrapbook won in the Handmade Scrapbook category. Normandy Cooper won in Knitting-Afghans for her circular afghan and in Fabric Craft for a felted purse. In the Group Entry category, Gerry Wilson, Peggy McLane, Liz Price, Trina Klein, Linda Smith, Normandy Cooper, Darcie Brooks, and Kathleen Vance



made a prayer shawl with various knitted and crocheted squares. In the Arts division, Linda Hornsby got a blue ribbon for her oil painting of a red truck.

Congratulations to all who won and thanks to all who participated and who helped to make this event a such a success! The Arts Department marches right into March with Youth Art Month at our Bay District Schools. We will team with the District for the 2nd grade Arts Contest. This year's theme is "Heroes". Prizes will include an iPod Nano and Kindles. *The Arts are Alive!*

CONSERVATION

Meets the 3rd Thursday at Noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes



After hosting the Azalea Trail Tea and last month's general membership luncheon, we could finally catch our breath and learn about cultivating and cooking with herbs at our February meeting. On March 15, we will help with the Azalea Trail at the Garden Club. Jan Gainer is the Mistress of Ceremonies. With spring around the corner, we will focus on learning how to grow and care for roses at our March 19 luncheon at The Place. Come join us!
PS. Please recycle newspapers, plastics, and inkjet print cartridges.

EDUCATION

Meets the 4th Tuesday at 11:30am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo

At our February meeting, we took a field trip to the Bay Historical Society's Museum with our club member and Bay County *Historian Extraordinaire* Dr. Glenda Walters. We have decided to help with that important educational project. March will be a fun and busy month for our department as we plan the General Membership luncheon. We have a good group and do good work. Join us!



HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10am

Contact: Emma Helms

The GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City cordially invites you to the

ANNUAL PRAYER COFFEE

WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 18, 2015

9 am Refreshments

9:30 am Program

March is our busiest time. We will provide coffee and snacks for volunteers at the Bay County Special Olympics event at Arnold HS on March 13. We really need help to make this year's annual Prayer Coffee on Wednesday, March 18, a truly inspirational event for our faith leaders, government and community members. Our Sunshine Singers and Marvin Miller from 1st United Methodist Church will perform for our guests. Jan Dye from St. Andrew's Baptist Church will give a remarkable testimony. If you can help prepare finger food to tempt our guests or assist us on Tuesday, March 17, to decorate for the Prayer Coffee, please contact Emma Helms or Shirley Gobat.

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

Contact: *Neysa Semmler*

International Outreach acts locally but thinks globally. That's why we support programs like Heifer International which strives help people help themselves through clean water projects, livestock, and agriculture assistance. Our Department is pleased to give \$150 toward a new village pump project for clean water .



International Outreach Chick?

Dogfest for CCI is such an important cause too that we decided to create a team, *International Outreach Chicks*, and collected almost \$200 for our team! Shirley Newton has been working to help make this event a big success. Several of us will assist and participate at Dogfest.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm

Contact: *Darcie Brooks*



Our February WWII Veterans' Valentine's Day luncheon was just wonderful. We played oldies music and served a delicious buffet. One of our member's granddaughter, Maddie May Marshall, read her award-winning essay entitled, "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". Each attendee received a large chocolate-filled candy box. WJHG News covered it too! At our February business meeting, we began planning our Child Abuse Prevention luncheon on Monday, April 6. GFWC State asked each club to contribute money for blue pinwheels to cover the State Capitol gardens in April. COMING SOON: Then mark your calendars for BUNCO on Tuesday, May 19. Tickets to this fun fundraiser will be \$15 for a delicious buffet dinner and games.

YOUTH

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6pm

Contact: *Jane Rigby*

Our February potluck dinner meeting preceded an insightful program by Teen Court coordinator Suzanne Cox and three of her Teen Court student volunteers. Several department members have volunteered on its Board and worked with their children. A discussion followed about the challenges faced by so many children in our community, the lack of social resources, and parents too often absent or in jail. We voted to donate \$150 to Teen Court to help with their annual banquet. The St Andrew Bay Center is not yet confirmed for March. If not, it will be rescheduled because we want to learn about the revitalization of this important program as well as Anchorage Children's Home.



SATURDAY, MARCH 21,
7am-1pm
brought to you by
Ways & Means

OK, it's not the world's largest yard sale but it is one of our Club's biggest fund raisers. **WE NEED YOU, BAKED GOODS AND TREASURES TO SELL!** Intake is Thursday, March 19, before 9:30am and after 11:30am, plus Friday 10am-1pm. We need help marking, sorting and baking beforehand, then selling on Saturday, plus clean-up. **Please call Adelaide Ware to help out!**



NEW GAME
DAY AT THE
CLUBHOUSE

No need to feel bored on THURSDAY, March 11th!

Grab a friend and \$8 and come have some fun! We're playing cards, learning crafts, or just come hang out. Whatever you want, come join us. Homemade goodies provided.

2015 DOGFEST
for CCI
SATURDAY, MARCH
7, 10AM-3PM



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

PLEASE BRING BOTTLES OF WATER AND SACKS OF DOG TREATS TO THE MARCH LUNCHEON FOR SPIN-THE-WHEEL PRIZES.

Bring the dog and the family and come have fun with us!



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

THURS, MARCH 5	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details</i>
SAT, MARCH 7	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	DOGFEST PLANNING MEETINGS - OPEN TO EVERYONE <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, MARCH 12	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>Contact Normandy Cooper for details</i>
	1:00 PM	GAME DAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TUES, MAR 17	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING
WED, MARCH 18	9:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT'S COMMUNITY PRAYER COFFEE <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, MARCH 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
THURS, MARCH 19	12 NOON	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING at The Place on Harrison Avenue, downtown Panama City
THURS, MARCH 19	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT MEETING
SAT, MARCH 21	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS GIGANTIC YARD & BAKE SALE <i>See page 3 for details</i> <i>Contact Adelaide Ware to help and donate</i>
TUES, MARCH 24	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING
WED, MARCH 25	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING
THURS, MARCH 26	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING
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