

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

GFWC Arts & Crafts Festival

WHEN: Thursday, November 13

WHERE: Our Clubhouse

ENTRY DELIVERY: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9:30am-12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, 9:30-11am

JUDGING: 11:30am, Thursday, Nov. 13

CATEGORIES: Too many to list! Go to the GFWCFlorida.org website. Click on the RESOURCES tab, then scroll down the page to ARTS, CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY MANUAL 2014, then click on Categories. Our First Place Winners will compete in the District 2 competition!

INFO: Normandy Cooper or Linda Hornsby

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
A Thanksgiving feast sponsored by our Public Issues Department

Thursday, November 13
11:30am

OUR PROGRAM:

Canine Companions

By Stephanie Cantrell



Make your reservation and place your "to-go orders" with your Department Secretary by November 7!

From our President, Gerry Wilson



Gerry & Lois Lawrence
at the State Convention.

See more photos on Page 3.

I am hearing of a lot of activities taking place in the departments and I hope that you have found your favorite niche in which to be of service to our community. I encourage you to look at the GFWC FLORIDA website www.gfwcflorida.org and see the many ideas that are found across the state. On the Home page, you can subscribe to Membership Monday. It comes by email to you every Monday and there you can read about what other clubs are doing all over the state. Our Woman's Club of Panama City was featured in Membership Monday in August and in September, thanks to Stephanie Cantrell and Rita Acoba. Now other clubs around the state know how well we are doing. I hope you enjoy this newsletter with all of our news and thank Jamie Shepard for being our editor and doing such a great job with it!

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



We are busy preparing for our Arts & Crafts Festival on Nov 12-13 - see page 1. The competition is always fierce. You'll see the results at our November luncheon and judge for yourself! Our "Knitters, Hookers, and a Cook" members contributed 55 prayer squares, and received 60 prayer squares from someone outside the club. Special thanks to Liz Price! All of our materials are donated for this true labor of love. We gave 25 to Bay Regional Cancer Center – including 8 camo and 12 pink ones; 18 to Surgical Associates; and 15 to the Tommy Hamm Cancer Center. We gave a blanket and a prayer square to one of our club members, 1 shawl and 2 prayer squares to another club member. Seven blankets were also given to Big Bend Community Base Care for foster children. Remember, the arts enrich our lives in countless ways. Come join us!

CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at Noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

We really "cleaned up" at Oaks Under the Bay Park last month! We also discussed Amendment 1, funding the *Florida Water & Land Legacy*, on the General Election ballot, and distributed information on extending the life of cut flowers. At our Nov. 20th meeting, Rob Rysner from the St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will tell us about efforts to update and expand development of this historic area. **Remember: Reduce, reuse and recycle, especially over the holidays!**



EDUCATION Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am, **except this month: NOV 18**

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



Our October speaker was Emerald Coast Hospice's Kristina Williams. Hospice combines skilled nursing care and compassion for patients approaching the end of life and their families, as well as helping patients maintain a better quality of life. Our November meeting is a week earlier than usual. New member Kay Hicks, who recently retired from Springfield Elementary, which is coincidentally our project school, will teach us about sign language *PS. Please bring bags of magazines to the monthly luncheons for distribution to area nursing homes, Family Services, etc.*

HEALTH & WELFARE Meets 4th Wednesday at 10 am—**NO November Meeting**

Contact: Shirley Gobat

At our October meeting, we toured Bethel Village, the Rescue Mission's shelter for homeless, abused and often addicted women and their children, and learned about the critical needs this project meets in our community. We are taking a break in November, due to Thanksgiving holiday, but are already busy planning for our traditional spring activities. The Prayer Breakfast, which brings faith leaders and community members together, is slated for March. We are fortunate that Paula Clark has agreed to direct our annual fundraiser Health Fair. She has much needed experience in leading this kind of project and we are eager to help make it a success. Come join us!



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH *Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am* **Contact: Neysa Semmler**

Preparations are well underway for our annual International Students Luncheon here at the Clubhouse on November 19 from 11am -1pm. We invite international students from all Bay District schools and Haney Technical Center as well as Gulf Coast State College, FSU-PC. You'll be amazed at the diversity of cultures are here in Bay County! We have loads of great food from around the world, music, entertainment and fun. Please join us!



PUBLIC ISSUES *Meets 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm* **Contact: Darcie Brooks**



Our Bunco Part fundraiser on Oct. 21 was so much fun! The dinner buffet was delicious, everyone had a good time, and we made some money! We will meet on Nov. 10 to bake cookies for our Veterans' Day Parade welcome tent. Home-baked cookies and packs of individual water bottles of all sizes will be appreciated.

Thanks too to our Conservation, Arts and Youth Departments for their support.

PS. *We are still collecting gently used and new clothes for children in foster care and for the Hacienda Girls Ranch. All sizes of white collared shirts, black and khaki pants are especially needed for children placed locally in foster homes.*

YOUTH *Meets 3rd Thursday at 6 pm* **Contact: Jane Rigby**

Our big fun and fund-raiser Dinner & Treasures and Pleasures Auction will be held on November 20 at the St Andrews Coffee House, 1006 Beck Avenue. Dinner begins at 6pm. Bring something yummy, something funny, something plain or fancy to auction off. All proceeds fund our projects through the year. It's also a great way to save yourself some holiday baking and perhaps pick up some gifts for giving or keeping! Invite a friend and come for the fun of it!



At the STATE CONVENTION:
"GI Jane Peggy McLane with our prize-winning doghouse!"



State Board officer and "Pink Poodle Princess" Jan Gainer shows support for the State President's Project!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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THURS, NOV 6		GFWC STATE OFFICERS' DISTRICT 2 FALL TOUR - Northside Baptist Church, 530 Airport Rd
SAT, NOV 8	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	"DOGFEST" KICK OFF MEETING
TUES, NOV 11	9:00 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES' Veteran's Day Appreciation Tent, Government Square, 11th Street <i>See page 3 for details</i>
WED, NOV 12 - THURS, NOV 13		ARTS DEPT ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL <i>See page 1</i>
THURS, NOV 13	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Departments</i> Note the Date Change!
TUES, NOV 18	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING Note the Date Change!
TUES, NOV 18	5:30 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT
WED, NOV 19	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT's International Students' Party
THURS, NOV 20	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
THURS, NOV 20	12 NOON	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING <i>at The Place on Harrison Avenue, downtown Panama City</i>
THURS, NOV 20	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT MEETING Treasures & Pleasures Fundraiser Auction & Dinner <i>See page 3</i>
NO NOVEMBER MEETING		HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING
		KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>For more information, contact Normandy Cooper</i>