

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET TO HELP OUR CLUB!

As you clean out your closets, preparing for fall, remember that we have an account at **Cindy's Consignment in the Mariner Plaza on 19th Street & Hwy 231**. Just take your unwanted items and have them put them under our Club account: "**COVE Woman's Club**". This is an easy fundraiser for us.



THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sponsored by Health & Welfare Dept

Thursday, October 1 ♦ 11:30am

OUR PROGRAM: Self Defense with WHJG's Paris Janos



Make your reservation and place your "to-go orders" with your Department Secretary by Sept 30th!

Pearls From our President, Gerry Wilson

THE FALL DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

Peggy McLane, Lois Lawrence, Stephanie Cantrell and I have just returned from Fall Board for GFWC Florida in Orlando. We attended many workshops for the CSPs (Departments) and for membership, reporting and our State President's Project, *Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)* with special emphasis on the Wounded Veterans Initiative. Jan Gainer was very busy with her state position as Recording Secretary. She was constantly in meetings. We ate a lot, met a lot of new people, and renewed friendships with acquaintances from past meetings.

Who's #1 in the Dog House? WE ARE!

We give many thanks to Victoria Williams for decorating our District 2 Doghouse, supporting CCI. Peggy and Stephanie took our Doghouse one step further! They combined it with a boot, another veteran figure and dog, then placed it all on a decorated platform so it could be easily carried by Peggy in the procession. Each of the fourteen GFWC Districts had an entry in the competition and our own District 2 won BEST OF SHOW. We also received a Certificate of Participation for our scrapbook entry. Thank you to Rita Acoba for her hard work on the scrapbook.

We always learn so much from our attendance at these State Meetings, and will be passing information to the various departments as soon as we can sort out the many pages that we gathered. I hope that more of you will consider going to the Spring Convention in May 2015 in Orlando.

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



This month, the Arts Department is looking forward to Lee Ann Williams' presentation on decorative card-making. We want to put our creative skills to work making thank you cards for our troops and as a possible fundraiser. Our club's Arts & Crafts Festival will be held on November 13. Our winners will go to the District 2 competition next February. Call Normandy Cooper or Linda Hornsby for more information - see page 3. We are already making plans for Kids' Art Month next spring with Bay District Schools. The Arts makes life more interesting! Join us!

CONSERVATION **Meets 3rd Thursday at Noon**

Contact: Pat Fenaes

Our October meeting begins with lunch at The Place on Harrison Avenue. Then, we will head over to Oaks By The Bay Park in St. Andrews for "Clean The Park Day", where we will help with general clean up. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your gloves. Sounds like work but we'll have fun doing it in such a beautiful setting!

PS. While you're doing yard work, try composting those leaves and waste for mulch. **Reduce. Reuse. Recycle!**



EDUCATION **Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am**

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



At our September meeting, we welcomed new members and agreed to continue working with Springfield Elementary School, including a book drive for Christmas gifts to their students. We will also assist the Bay County Historical Society with our member Dr. Glenda Walters. Our October program features a presentation by Kristina Williams of Emerald Coast Hospice.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: In November we will be meeting a week earlier than usual. 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 10:00 am**

Contact: Shirley Gobat

The Health & Welfare Department begins the year meeting at a **NEW TIME, 10am!** This month's program begins with a tour of Bethel Village, the Panama City Rescue Mission's shelter for homeless, abused and addicted women and their children on 11th St. We are donating paper towels, etc., to them this month as well. **NOTE:** We will not meet in November, due to Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for info on upcoming holidays party plans and our spring projects, like the Prayer Breakfast.



WE WELCOME FOUR NEW MEMBERS!

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INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler



International Outreach began its year with a food drive for World Food Day. Please bring non-perishables and canned goods to the luncheon for local food banks. We will also place UNICEF boxes on the tables at the luncheon. These funds help UNICEF projects all over the world. Planning is already underway for our annual International Students Luncheon in November. Please join us!

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Contact: Darcie Brooks

On Sept. 17, we hosted another wonderful Warrior Beach Retreat dinner for soldiers, their wives, caregivers and our local Panama City firemen. Of course, the food was delicious and the decorations were lovely. The October luncheon is your last chance to buy a ticket for our BUNCO Party on Oct. 21! Tickets are \$15, include a buffet dinner, game instructions and a lot of fun. We'll have door prizes and a silent auction too. REMINDER: Please bring packs of individual water bottles of all sizes for the November 11 Veterans Day Parade participants. PS. *We are still collecting gently used and new clothes for local children in foster care and for the Hacienda Girls Ranch. All sizes khaki pants and white collared shirts are especially needed.*



YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



The "Youthful Ladies of the Night" have big plans for the year ahead! Our October 16 meeting begins with a potluck dinner at the Clubhouse, followed by a program about the Foster Parent Programs here in Bay County. Planning is now underway for our annual Trash, Treasures and Pleasures Auction Fundraiser on November 20. Remember, if evening meetings fit better into your busy schedule and you want to support activities that support young people in our community, join the Youth Department!

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.

WINNERS go the District 2 competition!

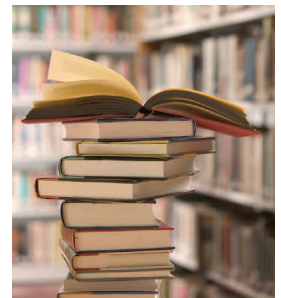
INFO: Normandy Cooper or Linda Hornsby



October 21, starting at 5:30pm
Tickets are \$15 and include a buffet dinner, Bunco instructions and a lot of fun, plus door prizes and a silent auction!

CALLING ALL GFWC BOOKWORMS!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron is for GFWC's book readers! Read whatever you like, then tell us what you think about it. It's a short "thumbs up or thumbs down" recommendation form. Learn more about ESO from Normandy Cooper.






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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OCTOBER EVENTS!

THURS, OCT 2	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Departments</i>
THURS, OCT 10	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>For more information, contact Normandy Cooper</i>
THURS, OCT 16	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
THURS, OCT 16	12 NOON	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING <i>at The Place on Harrison Avenue, Downtown Panama City</i>
THURS, OCT 16	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT MEETING <i>Potluck Dinner meeting at the Clubhouse</i>
TUES, OCT 21	5:30 PM	 PUBLIC ISSUES' BUNCO PARTY <i>See page 3 for details.</i>
WED, OCT 22	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING <i>at Bethel Village. See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, OCT 23	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT
THURS, OCT 23	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING
TUES, OCT 28	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING
THURS, NOV 6		GFWC STATE OFFICERS' DISTRICT 2 FALL TOUR - Northside Baptists Church, Airport Rd
THURS, NOV 13	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON Note the Date Change!