

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

SUMMER 2014

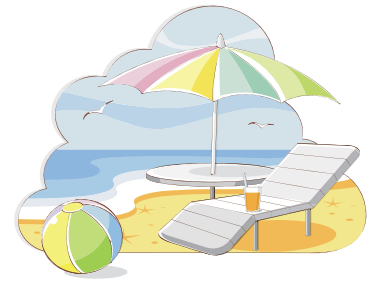
OUR NEW CAMPAIGN: CANINE COMPANIONS for INDEPENDENCE



For veterans who are putting their lives back together after an injury, an assistance dog can provide the help they need to regain their sense of independence. We will learn more about it throughout the year. Get information

on this worthy cause online: www.cci.org

SUMMER LUNCHEONS June 5 July 10 August 7



Since our Departments have the summer off and no programs are planned, Summer Luncheons are a tasty opportunity to catch up with each other. Invite a friend or visiting family member to socialize with us from 11:30 am - 1 pm.

*Make your luncheon reservation through
NORMANDY COOPER a week in advance.*

Who won 2013 GFWC Woman's Club of the Year at State ? WE DID!! And a whole lot more!

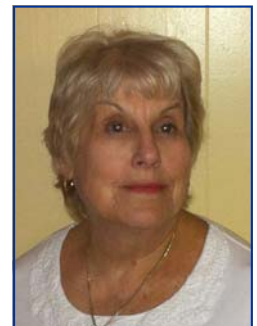
Jan Gainer, Merle Johnson, Lois Lawrence, Peggy Geil-Beem, Glenda Walters, Stephanie Cantrell, Liz Davis and Gerry Wilson travelled to Orlando for the State Convention and did not come home empty handed! In addition to being named Club of the Year, they got tired of hearing our name at the State Convention this year, a true testimony to all of our members' hard work and dedication!

- ☆ **CLUB LEADERSHIP:** 1st place
- ☆ **CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** 1st Place
- ☆ **CLUB COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:** 3rd place
- ☆ **CLUB COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** Dean's List
- ☆ **ARTS:** 2nd place for Partnership
- ☆ **CONSERVATION:** 3rd place for Programs and for Partnership
- ☆ **EDUCATION:** 1st place for ESO Report Winner and for Most Books Read
- ☆ **HEALTH & WELFARE (Home Life):** 1st Place for Program; Dean's List for its Easter Seals Partnership
- ☆ **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:** 1st Place for Partnership; Dean's List for Program
- ☆ **PUBLIC ISSUES:** 1st place for Legislation & Public Policy; 2nd place for Program; Dean's List for Hacienda Girls Ranch; Dean's List for Domestic Violence events (*Pinwheel Garden; Stars & Guitars; and Child Abuse*)

HW's Financial Seminar won Dean's List and has been recommended for International consideration!

Saluting the GFWC
State Volunteer of the
Year:

Glenda Walters



We congratulate our outgoing (*in every sense of the word*) President Jan Gainer for her appointment to the State Board as Recording Secretary for 2014-2016.

ARTS***Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am******Contact: Victoria Williams***

The Arts Department celebrated a very busy, fun-filled year. At our May luncheon meeting, fall hostesses were selected, and we set our schedule of events and volunteer avenues. If you are looking for a creative outlet, consider joining the Arts Department. We are designing greeting cards and need drawings, sketches and photos! Call Victoria Williams or June Ball for more information.

CONSERVATION***Meets 3rd Thursday at Noon******Contact: Pat Frenaes***

Conservation has had a good year under Peggy Geil-Beem's direction. Pat Frenaes will take the reins in the fall. We are scheduling a trip to the airport to study its environmental and storm water abatement programs. PS. Remember to bring your bags of newspapers to the Summer Luncheons for Bay County Animal Control. Please do not leave them at the Club.

**EDUCATION*****Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am******Contact: Genie Cianciolo***

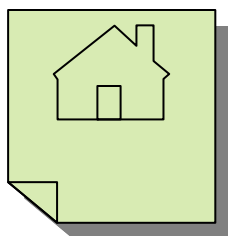
Our department celebrated the end of the school year with food and fun. We donated FCAT testing rewards, bottled water and cuzzies, 60 gift bags, 600 sacks of chips and Capri Suns to our hard-working students at Springfield Elementary. With help from the WCPC and a grant from the Fyfe Family Foundation, we rented jumping houses, slides and an obstacle course for an end-of-the year field day. PS. Please bring bags of magazines to the summer luncheons for distribution to three nursing homes and Family Services offices.

HEALTH & WELFARE***Meets 4th Wednesday at 9 am******Contact: Emma Helms***

The Health & Welfare Department ended the year on a high note, celebrating our accomplishments and State recognition: 1st Place in State for Outstanding Accomplishment; the Dean's List for our Partnership with Easter Seals; and our Financial Seminar getting recognized and being sent to the International Level for review! Next we will decide how to distribute the funds we raised throughout the year! Thank to everyone for your dedication!

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

What a great year we had! Our International Students event was a big success with wonderful food, music and dance! Kathleen Vance and Betty Bowen attended the International Students' Day at Gulf Coast State College - more great food, music and entertainment. We look forward to Neysa Semmler's leadership for 2014-16.

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

The "Youthful Ladies of the Night" ended the year with dinner. We will luckily retain our officers next year. After much discussion, we decided to focus our funds and energies on a new local project. "Joey's House" will offer a permanent group home with adult supervision to homeless teenaged boys, similar to an existing house for teen girls. Because older boys are hard to place in foster care, Joey's House will offer them a safe, stable environment to help them finish high school and prepare for independent living. (*See insert*)

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Contact: Mary Helen Barnes



If you missed Public Issues' BUNCO Lady Rollers Party the party last month, you missed a FUN time!!! PI raised \$1707 to use next year for Community projects! This could not have happened without the dedication and hard work of: Jane Groom, Stephanie Cantrell, Darcie Brooks, Laura Errington, Gerry Wilson, Catherine Thrasher, Merle Johnson, Penny Daffin, Carolyn Dudley, Ivy Bacon, Talena Grawberg, Brenda Ruthven, Ann Rogers, Sabara Quinn, Georgia Gainer. The hot chicken salad and delicious salads were excellent *as usual*. The desserts were to DIE for: chocolate cake, pie and brownies, cheese cake, pound cake, pineapple upside down cake, peanut butter kipsies, strawberries and whipped cream

Yes, all calories were removed before consumption (that's my story and I am sticking to it). The silent auction items were outstanding. A big thank you to Stephanie for coordinating that for us. The door prizes were also a huge hit. Merle, a special thank you for the excellent job you did in corralling 60 + chattering and laughing women around the BUNCO game - you should have been there to see the fun that she had with us! A special thank you to Ivy and Talena for the beautiful decorations. Last but not least- a special thank you to Jane Groom for creating the menu and adding that special touch you! To those of you who sold and bought tickets, donated a door or silent auction prize-THANK YOU TOO. If you did not get to come, we missed you. *If I have failed to thank anyone by name, please forgive me. We appreciate all the help and missed you if you weren't there!*



DINNER for the WARRIORS BEACH RETREAT...one of the many events we do so very well!





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

All meetings are held at the Clubhouse unless indicated.

THURS, JUNE 5	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	<i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Normandy Cooper</i>
THURS, JUNE 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING	
THURS, JULY 10	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	<i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Normandy Cooper</i>
		<i>NO JULY BOARD MEETING</i>	
THURS, AUG 7	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	<i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Normandy Cooper</i>
THURS, AUG 21	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING	
THURS, SEPT 4	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	<i>Details will be published in the September Newsletter</i>

All GFWC Woman's Club Departments take the summer months off

and will resume on their appointed meeting dates in September unless otherwise noted

Cancelled for the summer

Resuming again 2nd THURS KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK *For prayer shawls or blankets, contact Normandy Cooper.*
Sept 12, 10am