

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

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Contribute to Our Democracy and Our Club: Volunteer to Work on Election Day!

Supervisor of Elections Mark Anderson plans to put two poll deputies at each polling place and is looking for people to serve for the upcoming election. He needs to recruit and train 80+ new people who are paid for their service on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. Training will be provided. Several of our members are poll workers. We usually work together and contribute our earnings to the Club. Last election, we received a check for \$2,192! This is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for our Club and be a part of the electoral process. If you are interested, call Mark Anderson's office (784-6100) or call Merle Johnson or Stephanie Cantrell. Be sure to tell them you want to contribute your pay to the Woman's Club of Panama City!



THE GFWC OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCT 6, at 12 noon *Sponsored by the Youth Department*

Our Program:

PYRAMID SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

featuring the Pyramid Singers
plus an Arts & Crafts Sale from
Pyramid's talented artists

(It's not too early for Christmas shopping)

Bring your wallet for gift shopping, Bunco tickets, Unicef and the Hacienda House Bank AND grocery bags filled with non-perishable foods for a World Food Day contribution to Family Services AND new or gently used coats of any kind and size for the annual Coats for Kids Drive.

Contact Ann Silcox or your Department Coordinator to reserve your place and place your to-go orders by MONDAY, OCTOBER 3!

THE BEE-LINE - A Message from Merle

To all who attended the September Fashion Show and Luncheon, I hope you enjoyed it. The Board worked very hard to give you an entertaining event and raise some money. Food was great, thanks to Jane Groom and the kitchen group. Thanks to Darcie and her crew for the lovely decorations. Thanks to all the models who did a great job and looked beautiful. A special thanks to Linda Smith, our Mistress of Ceremonies. Also a big thanks to Plum Delightful for the fashions, accessories and the contribution.

I think we have made a good start for this year. We welcome several new members! I look forward to working with each department on our many projects. I will need the help of all members as we make this journey.

See you at the October luncheon.

Merle Johnson, President

ARTS Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am Contacts: Beverly Long or Normandy Cooper



Art Department members Adelaide Ware and Beverly Long helped out at Floriopolis with their annual Art Break Day on Sept 1. Over 50 businesses in St. Andrews and provided free art projects for all visitors. The next week, Heather Parker from Floriopolis Art Center in St. Andrews joined us to describe how we can help the arts in the city. Joanne Coleman, consultant for Close To My Heart scrapbooking, also joined our meeting to help us make "Doggie" note cards to sell at the Bark-o-ween in October. We made 36 cards and plan to make a total of 300 to sell. Our next meeting will be October 27 at 9:30 AM at Floriopolis. After the business meeting, we will work on our group art project for the November Club Arts and Crafts Show.

CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at 11:30 AM Contact: Pat Fenaes

We got right back into the swing of things last month for our Fall Weed Pull/Yard Cleanup Day. We placed flags, cleared a lot of debris and planted seasonal flowers in our flower beds. We are also planning a fall vegetable planting at the Bay County Health Department's gardens. Many of us will have flowers, plants and arrangements at the Bay County Fair Horticultural Competition and Exhibit on October 5-10. Our theme is "A Salute to Fall". Potted plants must be turned in on Sunday, Oct 2, 1-4pm; cut flowers are due Monday, Oct 3, 8-10am to the Garden Dept. at the Fairgrounds. WISH US LUCK and come see the handiwork of our talented ladies! Our next meeting is Thursday, October 20, at 11:30am at Po Folks. We'll start planning for the December Luncheon.



EDUCATION Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am Contact: Allison Mizell



The Education Department members met at O'Charley's for our first meeting of the year. Members enjoyed visiting, lunch and welcoming new members Virginia Schroeder and Marilyn Fenimore to the group. All members were given detailed calendars of upcoming events for September and October. Our next meeting will be at the club house on October 25. Nikki Kelly from Girls, Inc. will be our guest speaker. This organization makes such a difference for girls in our community that we are pleased to support them this year.

HEALTH & WELFARE Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am Contact: Paula Bunch



At our kickoff September meeting, Kimberly Garbett, Director of the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence program was our guest. To support this program, our department will donate needed supplies like wash cloths, pillows and pillow cases in September and participate in their fundraisers: 9/27 Painting with a Twist, and 10/3 all day at Red Elephant, which will donate a portion of their profits if you mention the Domestic Violence Program. Please bring your friends and family to both venues to support this cause. We invite anyone interested in learning about this program to join us!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am Contacts: Betty Bowen or Charmian Cretney

International Outreach met in September to make plans for the year ahead. We invited Bill and Suzanne St. John to update us on Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. We will start collecting items immediately to support this wonderful project. At the October General Membership Luncheon, we will put UNICEF boxes on the tables and collect non-perishable food for Family Services in Panama City to honor World Food Day. Then we will prepare for our International Students Party in November. We are busy! Join us!



PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks



Public Issues laid out plans for a very active program at our September meeting. We decided to order department shirts to wear at our events. With so many events, we may need to order two! Our first big event is our Bunco Party fundraiser on Tuesday, October 18. Tickets are \$15 for a delicious dinner buffet and the games. Attendees may bring a beverage of their choice. The fun and games begin after dinner with lots of door prizes and winners! Our next activity is BARK-O-WEEN on Saturday, October

29. Stephanie Cantrell is again organizing the event with Panama City Parks & Rec. WE NEED HELPERS! It's always fun. Bring your family, pooches and purse! Then in November, we host our traditional post Veterans Day Parade cookies and water tent. After our veterans and supporters have walked from downtown to the Government Center on 11th Street, they are really glad to see us! Our water was generously donated and we'll have cookies galore. Please come by after the parade! Better still, join our department. We do good work and have a lot of fun doing it.



YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



The Youth Department met for a potluck dinner and planning session for the General Membership October luncheon. It will be delicious, thanks in large part to Suzanne Cox, and the fall-themed decorations by Sandy Wing will be lovely. We are decorating the day before. Bring your muscles and enthusiasm! Our next meeting will be on the regular day, Thursday, October 20, to finalize the auction plans and hopefully have a brief presentation on the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence program. Teens and young adults are also victims of this social tragedy. We want to know how we can help. On a much lighter note, our famous Holiday Dinner & Fundraiser Auction will be held again at Victoria's Last Bite in Lynn Haven on Thursday, November 17. Join us for good food, frivolity, and a lot of fun raising funds for our projects!



IT'S BUNCO TIME! Public Issues' Famous Buffet Dinner & Bunco Party on Tuesday, October 18, 5pm. No experience required. Just be willing to pay \$15 and have a lot of fun! Door prizes too! Tickets on sale at the Luncheon from Public Issues.



Ways & Means: We need YOUR help to raise nearly \$30,000 for roof repairs. Here's what the Board has approved so far:

Bark-O-Ween: Costume Contest (\$5 per entrant, \$10 for more than one entrant), non-profit booths (at no charge) and vendor booths (fee charged). There will be a sign-up sheet at the October luncheon. PLEASE bring your pet, pals and purse to support this event.

GFWC jewelry sales at luncheons. Necklets and pendants \$40, pins and ribbons \$40.

Yard Sale, Nov. 12. We will need volunteers to help take in merchandise and setup on Friday, Nov.11, beginning at 9am. Gather your gently used items out of storage for this event. Clothing will be taken to Cindy's.

Possible fundraisers: The following items were discussed and being researched for feasibility: Purse and/or Silent Auction at luncheons; Mystery Dinner theater in January; Sunday brunches; a 5k run (suggested that we pair with the Juniors for this project) Fishing Tournament; Golf Tournament; a Thanksgiving Weekend Dinner Cruise; Christmas Bazaar...**We need the money so all ideas are welcomed! Checks are good too!**



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS! All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.		
THURS, OCT 6	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, OCT 18	5:30 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES' BUNCO PARTY <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, OCT 20	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING - Po Folks, 15th St <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TUES, OCT 25	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING - <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, OCT 26	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, OCT 27	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING—Floriopolis, St. Andrews <i>See page 2 for details</i>
SAT, OCT 29	2:00-5:00 PM	BARK-O-WEEN, Al Helms Dog Park, 1002 Balboa Ave, Panama City (fundraiser for us)
TUES, NOV 7	ALL DAY	ELECTION DAY! Can you volunteer at the Polls to benefit our club? <i>See page 1 for details</i>
SAT, NOV 12	7:00 AM	OUR YARD SALE—bring donations to the Clubhouse after 9am on Friday, Nov 11