

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

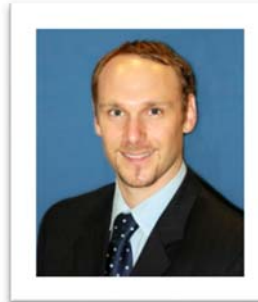
FEBRUARY 2016



President Gerry Wilson honored several members with a Pearl Award for going above and beyond their assigned duties, like Rental Chairman, September Board Luncheon and 70's Fashion Show, embroidering new members' names on our Friendship tablecloth, and Scrapbook Committee members dedicated to preserving our Club's history. L-R: Merle Johnson, Leanne Shell, Linda Hornsby, Darcie Brooks, Ann Tyree, Liz Price, Rita Acoba, Carolyn Dudley, Catherine Thrasher, Beverly Long, Gerry Wilson, Pat Fenaes, and Ginny Singletary.

All "pearls" indeed!

**THE GFWC FEBRUARY
GENERAL LUNCHEON!**
THURSDAY, February 4, at 11:30am
Sponsored by the Education Department



**Our Program Speaker
this month is:**

JOSH SCHENKEL

**Physical Therapist
with Therapy One**

**Make your reservation and place your
to-go orders with your Department
Coordinator or Education Dept's Martha
Homola by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st!**

Pearls From Our President



Many of us met Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after the board meeting to work on reports. By the time you read this newsletter the reports – all 14 of them - will have been turned in to the correct state chairmen. "Thank you" to all who have participated in this huge but necessary task, and *special thanks* to Merle Johnson for her leadership in this endeavor. I did have some fun this week as I attended the Bunco Party on January 19. It was a fabulous event! We expect to gain some new members from that "much loved" party. Public Issues folks can tell you how much money they made from the event for their department. Thanks go to Public Issues for a great time. Thank you also to Lois Lawrence and Peggy McLane for agreeing to write the nomination for our Volunteer of the Year, Stephanie Cantrell. Please sign up to go to the District 2 Arts & Crafts meeting in Blountstown on Saturday, February 20, at 9am. There will be a signup sheet at the February General Meeting so don't forget to look for it. Cost is \$15.00. This is always a fun meeting and you get to view all of the crafty talent of ladies from the entire district.

Remember that we are having an "After Church Buffet" on March 13 as a fund raiser. Tell your friends and family about it and bring them along. DogFest is coming up in April on the 16 so please help Stephanie Cantrell with this project. See you at the general meeting on February 4.

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



We are focusing our efforts on the upcoming Bay District Schools' Art Contest for 2nd graders to celebrate National Youth Art Month in March. Once again, the theme will be "My Hero". District art teachers will work with students the month of February on their artwork and an accompanying essay on why they choose their hero (*so very touching*). Each school picks their winners to go to District. We will judge these submissions at our March meeting. This month we will make plans for the reception at our Clubhouse for teachers, parents and student finalists during the first week in April. *Art really matters!*

CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 12 noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

At our January meeting, Pat Fenaes distributed Norfolk Pines to our members along with care instructions. If nurtured properly, these little trees will be perfectly sized by next December to decorate. A while back, our department committed to helping the Bay County Health Department on 11th Street establish a working garden. We will begin by planting potatoes on February 15. At our regular meeting on the 18th, we will meet at Po Folks for lunch, make plans for Arbor Day and collect blankets, towels and dog beds for canine friends in need.



EDUCATION

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



The Education CSP did not meet in December so that our members could enjoy the holiday season. We were rested and ready to get back into club activities with our January meeting to plan the menu and decorations for the Club's February General Membership Luncheon. We will also be planning our 'opportunity drawing' for a beautiful basket which was graciously donated to us for this purpose. So bring an extra \$5 and hope your name is chosen for this gift-packed basket! NO FEB MEETING

HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am

Contact: Emma Helms

Health & Welfare Department recently donated personal items (hair brushes and accessories, manicure items, shower puffs, etc.) to Bethel Village Home for Women & Children. Bethel Village provides addiction resources, woman's healthcare housing and assistance and a home for homeless women and their children. Pictured here are Shirley Gobat, Verna Payne, and Emma Helms with Rachel Duvall, the Bethel Village Woman's Program Director seated. / At our January 27 meeting, we discussed our upcoming hosting of the March General luncheon and begin planning the Prayer Coffee, now scheduled for April 27 instead of March 23. Our next department meeting will be February 24, 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler



International Outreach's January program was given by club member Gloria Crawford. She talked about the 10-day mission trip she and several others took to a village called Raya in the jungles of Peru. They were able to provide seeds to grow food, nails and hammers to help build huts, fishing nets, toys for children for Christmas along with medicine and Bibles in Spanish. She sends out a big thank you to the ladies of International Outreach department for helping support the mission. We will discuss the upcoming April luncheon for which we are hosts.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks



On Monday, January 18, our department set up for our annual BUNCO party on January 19. A delicious salad supper buffet was prepared and served by PI members. We had 13 tables of players with close to 55 people in attendance. There was a lot of laughter, yelling and Bunco happy dancing as the purse passed from player to player. It was a great evening for all. Even with the \$100 purse for the most Buncos, we made \$1000 to help fund our projects.

Our next department project will be a Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 12, honoring Bay County WWII Veteran's. We will be preparing a delicious lunch and our very own Sunshine Singers will be providing the entertainment. We look forward to having them as our honored guests.

YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby

We began the new year with a potluck dinner and welcomed Terry Gainer, the Director of After School Assistance Program (ASAP) and its Capital Campaign chair Kelly Forehand. ASAP has two programs operating year-round in Glenwood and Panama City to help disadvantaged children have a safe and productive place to stay, learn and thrive after school and during the summer. They are operating in cramped spaces and hope to raise \$400,000 to build a large multi-space facility on Lisenby Ave. The Panama City CRA has already purchased the land. We will consider a capital donation later this year but will donate \$250 to ASAP for supplies now. Our next meeting is February 18 at 6pm for dinner and program by a Panama City fireman who will tell us about the PCFD's Backpack Buddies project...and maybe the FD's "Hunk of the Month" calendar!



SUNSHINE SINGERS ON TOUR

Our Sunshine Singers kicked off their 2016 Tour with joyful music at the monthly luncheon of the Panama City Christian Women's Club. Throughout the year they will visit and entertain at nursing homes, special local events, and end with their annual "Christmas Tour." Lois Lawrence, shown leading the group, is the Music Director.



Thank you to all the departments for supporting the annual Azalea Trail Tea!

KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK!

The 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10AM

Bring your needlework or yarn or just come, especially if you want to learn how to knit or crochet!
CONTACT: Normandy Cooper

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

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Mark SUNDAY, MARCH 13, as the day you'll bring your family and friends to our Ways & Means' famous AFTER CHURCH BUFFET! A delicious way to support our Club!



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

THURS, FEB 4	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, FEB 9	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK Open to all members <i>See page 3 for details</i>
FRI, FEB 12	12:00 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES' VALENTINE LUNCHEON FOR WWII VETERANS
THURS, FEB 18	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT LUNCHEON <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT DINNER MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
WED, FEB 24	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, FEB 25	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
		EDUCATION DEPT <i>NO MEETING THIS MONTH</i>
SUN, MAR 13	11:00 AM...	WAYS & MEANS' FAMOUS AFTER CHURCH BUFFET <i>See page 3 for details</i>