

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## DECEMBER 2015

### GET READY TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR THE WAYS & MEANS YARD SALE

We are having a Winter Yard Sale Saturday , December 5. We need household items, furniture, toys, holiday decorations, baked goods, tools, plants, you name it but NO CLOTHES. And we definitely need YOUR HELP. Please donate baked goods, give a little time on Friday to help the Ways & Means team collect, price and organize items, and/or on Saturday for the sale. It's fun, and we really need the \$\$\$ for our Club operations. 😊

**THE GFWC DECEMBER  
GENERAL LUNCHEON!**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 at 11:30 am**  
*Sponsored by the Arts Department*



**This Month's Program:**  
**A Christmas Program by the  
Pyramid School for the Visual  
& Performing Arts**

**Make your reservation and  
place to-go orders with your Department  
Coordinator or Arts Dept's Normandy  
Cooper by MONDAY, NOV 30!**

### Pearls From Our President

I attended all of the October department meetings and presented the "Nail It" Project to each department. It was a great pleasure to visit with each department. I attended the Southern Region Conference in Orange Beach with Peggy and Ted McLane. We met many GFWC members from other states and enjoyed hearing about what they do. Thirteen of us attended the Fall Tour District Meeting in Wewahitchka. We enjoyed seeing Mary Powell, our state President Elect, and Catrina Sistrunk, the State Junior Director.

Those of us in Sunshine Singers sang Christmas Carols at Roberts Hall on November 7. We have already been to four nursing homes to sing. On November 11, I helped the Public Issues Department hand out cookies and water to the Veterans' Day Parade participants. That was a very inspirational morning. I attended the New Member Orientation November 16 and it was a wonderful affair. The membership committee under Ann Tyree's leadership did themselves proud. Nine new members attended and many "established" members came also. I know that the International Outreach Department threw a fabulous party on November 18 for the International Students in our community. Look at our Facebook page to see the pictures of how much fun they had.

Hope you had a restful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Remember the Purse Silent Auction at the December General Luncheon Meeting. Bring your gently used purses and take home a different one. This is a "fun" Fundraiser! Please bring things for our Saturday Yard Sale too. *See you on December 3 at the luncheon!!*

*Gerry Wilson*

## ARTS

**Meets Tuesday, Dec 15, at 11:00 am**

**Contact: Victoria Williams**



2015 FIRST PLACE  
Leanne Schell

We are very excited about hosting the General Membership meeting this month. Our theme is "Home for the Holidays". Each table will be different. Come out and see all the different ideas! Don't forget about the Purse Silent Auction after lunch. We will meet on Tuesday, December 15, at 11am for a Christmas covered dish luncheon and Dirty Santa gift swap (\$20 limit) at Lois Dick's home. In January, we will resume our regular meeting time and begin planning the countywide "Kids Art Contest for Bay District School 2nd graders. It's amazing how art can communicate! Come join the Arts Department for a busy and interesting spring!

## CONSERVATION

**Meets Thursday, Dec 17, at 11:30 am**

**Contact: Pat Fenaes**

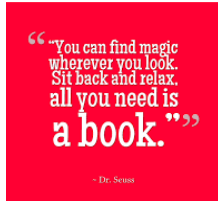
We celebrated Recycle Day by installing 50# of newspaper, 100' of ground cover and 240# of red mulch in the parking lot plant beds with much appreciated help from a passerby! Fracking was the topic of our November meeting with guest speaker Marge Sands. We have collected Christmas cards for the Sims Veterans Home and two others, and will sign them for holiday delivery. On Thursday, December 17, we will have a Christmas Luncheon at the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club. We will bring socks, toiletries and little gifts for the elderly for Christmas. We will finalize our plans for the January 5 luncheon too. *PS. Recycle gift wrapping paper and shipping boxes. Reduce waste whenever you can. Plant your poinsettias too!*



## EDUCATION

**No December meeting**

**Contact: Genie Cianciolo**



In December, the Education Department will host a Holiday Book Party at Springfield Elementary School. Last year we distributed 500 books, one to every student. This is a big project but truly worthwhile. Books open our eyes and hearts to the world. What better gift can there be for a child! We will forgo a meeting in December, then begin meeting again in January.

## HEALTH & WELFARE

**Meets Wednesday, Dec 9, this month**

**Contact: Emma Helms**

Health & Welfare took the month of November off. However, we are making gift bags for the performers from Pyramid who will give the program at the Woman's Club December general meeting. Then on Wednesday, December 9, we will gather for a covered dish luncheon and ornament exchange at the home of Rena Hammett. *Have a healthy & safe holiday!*



## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

**Meets Thursday, Dec 10, at 11:00 am**

**Contact: Neysa Semmler**



What a great event our international Student Party was, despite the threat of severe weather. We welcomed 70 students and chaperones from 20 different countries to our club. Thanks are due to all of you who brought food, cleaned up (especially Jane Groom and Merle Johnson) and helped that day! The food was yummy and plentiful. We had live entertainment, music and a really good time. TV coverage on WJHG too, thanks to Neysa! It takes a lot of work but is worth it when we see how much the students and teachers enjoy it. Overheard: *"This is our favorite field trip of the year!"*



Our next adventure is a Christmas gathering for lunch on December 10 at G-Foleys Restaurant. Come join our fabulous group!



## PUBLIC ISSUES

**Meets Tuesday, Dec 15, at 11:30 am**

**Contact: Darcie Brooks**



November was a very busy month for us! The Veterans Day cookie tent was very much appreciated as was all the help we received from our Club members! We also collected toys for the children being served by the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center. At our November meeting, we welcomed a new member, Romona Barnes, and made plans for upcoming projects. Our holiday luncheon will be on our regular meeting day at O'Charley's Restaurant on 23rd Street. Please bring Christmas

gifts for the children and their mothers staying at the local Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Center. Tickets are on sale now for our BUNCO party on Tuesday, January 19, at 5:30pm. Buy yours at the December and January luncheons. Please help support our work and have a great time at the same time!



## YOUTH

**No December meeting scheduled**

**Contact: Jane Rigby**



Fresh off hosting the November General Membership Luncheon, we had a splendid and profitable time at our famous Holiday Dinner & Auction fundraiser on November 19 at Victoria's Last Bite in Lynn Haven. Tables were laden with homemade goodies, jewelry, scarves, Christmas decorations and gift baskets. Our auctioneer Gayle Paynter kept the crowd entertained. "Warm boudoirs and hot beignets, anyone?" There weren't too many skirmishes! Our earnings will help fund our department's \$1000 pledge for the Club's window replacement project. No meeting in December but mark your calendars for our 2016 meetings on January 21, February 18 and April 21.



## WAY & MEANS' Window To The Future Project :

**PICTURE THIS: Buy a window, get a plaque honor your gift!**

**W&M is focused on replacing all the building's windows, frames and sills at a cost of \$34,000! We need to raise an additional \$13,241, so we're getting busy and fiscally creative!** The proceeds from our small fund raisers like the December **Purse Silent Auction** at the December Club Luncheon and a Yard Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5, all add up. ALL donations are welcomed but we really need a larger fund drive to bring this much needed project to fruition. Therefore, the Board has approved a measure to **allow anyone to buy a window for \$700. Jane Groom has agreed to donate a brass plaque to commemorate the donor's generosity!** What a wonderful way to recognize your Department, honor or memorialize a member or loved one. **And it's TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** Ask Rachel Butts for details.



*This window was donated by (your name) in honor/memory of (someone or your department) on (date)*

## 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!*  
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## WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

To greatly reduce our costs and save paper, we are going all online. Those members who do not have an email address on file will be mailed a copy. **PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS & HELP OUR CLUB GROW!**



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<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S DECEMBER EVENTS!</b> <i>All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.</i>		
THURS, DEC 3	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & SILENT PURSE SALE <i>See page 1 for details</i>
SAT, DEC 5	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS GARAGE SALE <i>See page 1 for details</i>
WED, DEC 9	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON <i>See page 2 for details</i>
TUES, DEC 15	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, DEC 10	11:00 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON <i>See page 2 for details</i>
TUES, DEC 15	11:00 AM	ARTS DEPT CHRISTMAS PARTY & DIRTY SANTA GIFT SWAP <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, DEC 17	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON <i>See page 2 for details</i>
No December meetings		EDUCATION DEPT and YOUTH DEPT
THURS, JAN 7	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
TUES, JAN 19	5:30 PM	 PUBLIC ISSUES' FAMOUS BUNCO PARTY & DINNER BUFFET
SUN, JAN 24	TBD	AZALEA TRAIL TEA. <i>Our thanks to each Department for volunteering to help!</i>