

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2015

CALLING ALL CLUB ARTISTS!



It is not too late to enter your handiwork in our Club's Arts & Crafts Competition! Entries in a wide range of categories first

compete at our Club, then progress on to District, and finally on to State. Last year, we came home with Golds, so we know you have talent! *Let it shine!* For entry details, contact Linda Hornsby ASAP! See ARTS on page 2 for details.

THE GFWC NOVEMBER GENERAL LUNCHEON!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 at 11:30 am
Sponsored by the Youth Department



This Month's Program
Stephanie Cantrell on CCI, Bark-O-Ween & DogFest 2016

Make your reservation and place to-go orders with your Department coordinator or Youth Dept's Ann Silcox by

MONDAY, NOV 2!

★ Please bring a six-pack or more of bottled water for Veterans Day Parade participants. Thank you!

Pearls From Our President

By the time you read this newsletter, Bark-O-Ween will have happened and I am sure that there will be many stories to tell. I have attended three planning sessions recently for Bark-O-Ween and have seen four fabulous baskets prepared by our department members for the silent auction. The trophies for the Best Costume for Small Dogs and Best Costume for Large Dogs are beautiful. Hope someone takes lots of pictures of winners. It is looking like a super fund raising event. It coincides with the GFWC Southern Region Conference in Orange Beach, AL, so unfortunately I will miss it. Please thank the young helpers from Tyndall when you have the opportunity. They have volunteered many hours in planning and participation for Bark-O-Ween. I hope at least 2 club members from each department were on hand to help with the event.

I know from listening to the Coordinator reports at our board meeting that you are once again very busy in your departments. Remember that your department chair has your year-book. After the November General Meeting Luncheon, Ann Tyree will mail them. Please retrieve yours from your department so the club will not have to spend the money on stamps.

The "After Church Buffet" was a great success! We served about 83 folks and had many other "take-outs". We made approximately \$980 so it was a very good Ways and Means project. Thank you to all who came to eat with us. Jane Groom did her wonderful magic in the kitchen and we appreciate all who helped her.

We have seventeen women traveling to Wewahitchka on November 1st for our District Fall Tour of Officers. It is great to have such a large number of people participating. Thank you for signing up to go. See you on November 5th if not before!

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



A 2014 Blue Ribbon winner for drawing

We are very excited about our Club's Fall Arts & Crafts Festival. Any Club member is eligible to enter works in a host of categories. Entries must be submitted Tuesday, November 4 between 9:30am and noon or Wednesday, November 5, 9:30-11am. Judging precedes the November general membership luncheon. Our Club winners will go to the District competition next February, and then to State, where we always bring home some gold! Exercise your creative muscles!

Proudly display your handwork. You just might win!



A 2014 Blue Ribbon winner for knitting

CONSERVATION

Meets the 3rd Thursday at Noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

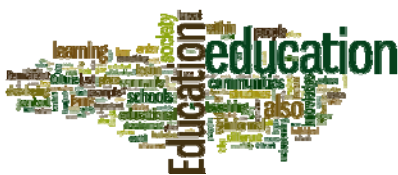
Look out the double glass doors to see what we did in October: the cement bench and fountain are cleaned, side beds weeded, and a new garden area is prepped with newspaper, weed cloth and mulch. Fresh vegetables really helps people with issues like diabetes. That's why we want to partner with the Bay County Health Department on their community garden. They have the space and raised beds but little time or experience. We have time as a group, boy do we know how to make things grow! This is truly a win-win proposition! Before the holidays, we will again collect and write Christmas cards for the Sims Veterans Home and two others, recycling in the spirit of the upcoming season! [America Recycles Day is November 15!](#)



EDUCATION

Meets the 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



The Education Department kicked off the year with a special "tailgatin' lunch" and an very informative program by Virginia York about federal budget priorities, especially as regards Social Security. We recognized our project school's principal Harriet Taylor for the excellent work she has done at Springfield Elementary. Our business planning meeting in October will lay out a schedule of our 2016 activities.

HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10 am

Contact: Emma Helms

but not this month



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Health & Welfare's Annual Spring Prayer Coffee will be March 23, following our hosting of the General Membership Luncheon. In October, we welcomed Lois Lawrence who told us about the President's Project, [Canine Companions For Independence](#). GFWC clubs are focused on helping veterans get a service dog at no cost but CCI serves anyone who needs a dog to improve their quality of life. Our fall-themed fundraising basket for Bark-O-Ween immediately had a \$50 offer on it! Since our meeting date conflicts with Thanksgiving activities, we are taking a break this month but will have a holiday party in December. We also welcome a new member, Paula Bunch!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets the 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler ***but this month meets Nov 18 for the Party!***

First, IO would like to thank our Club members for their generosity. We collected and delivered a basket of canned goods to a local food bank and raised \$131 for [UNICEF](#) at the October luncheon. We welcomed Tricia Pearce from Life Management to our October meeting and have finalized our plans for the International Students party on November 18. We are asking all the departments to bring finger foods and candy to the Clubhouse by 9am that day. Last year we had 134 students and expect many more this year. Stick around and share in the fun! *Gracias! Merci! Shukran!*



PUBLIC ISSUES Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks

Public Issues thanks everyone who brought toiletries and gift cards in September for the Hacienda Girls Ranch - they were thrilled! We put our Bunco bucks to great use, working with the League of Fifteen to donate \$1000 in school uniforms, clothes and underwear, baby clothes, diapers, toys and more to the [Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center](#)! We helped with Bark-O-Ween selling homemade dog biscuits. We will be setting up our tent again on Veterans Day, November 11, with homemade cookies and water for the Veteran's Day Parade participants. We will meet on the 10th at the Clubhouse to bake cookies, and appreciate donations of baked goods and water bottles. Our holiday party plans are still underway, but our BUNCO party plans are firm: Tuesday, January 19, at 5:30pm. We will be selling BUNCO party tickets at the November, December and January luncheons. Please help support us and have a great time at the same time!



YOUTH Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



The Youth Department has finalized plans for the November General Membership Luncheon with a traditional Thanksgiving menu and lots of door prizes. We agreed with the Club Membership Committee to have SIT WITH SOMEONE NEW seating that day. Our famous Holiday Dinner & Auction fundraiser is on November 19 at [Victoria's Last Bite](#) in Lynn Haven...another great way to get ahead of holidays with fun gifts and homemade baked goods! We donated \$100 in gift cards to the Hacienda Girls Ranch and a Thanksgiving themed gift basket for Bark-O-Ween. We also agreed to donate \$200 to a "toiletries survival bag for teens"

project for [Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center](#). Lastly, our department has earmarked \$1000 for the Club's window replacement project. Our 2016 meetings will be January 21, February 18 and April 21. Join us!

WAY & MEANS' Window To The Future Project - *all that glass requires cash!*

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! The fall After Church Buffet was a delicious success. Many thanks to all who came to eat and to help before, during and after the event. Kudos again to JANE GROOM. Thanks also to everyone who made dog biscuits for our Bark-O-Ween booth. December fundraisers scheduled: another **Purse Silent Auction** at Dec. 3 Club luncheon; and a Yard Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5 (no clothes please but holiday items and housewares are welcomed!



KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK RETURNS!

The 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10AM

Bring your needlework or yarn project or just come, especially if you want to learn how to knit or crochet!

CONTACT: Normandy Cooper

BARK-O-WEEN FOR CCI: A HOWLING SUCCESS!

Over 2000 people, 450 dogs of all shapes and sizes, many in costume, and a host of our Club members helped raise awareness of the Panama City Dog Park, our Club and CCI! Thanks to the Dogfest Team, led by Stephanie Cantrell and Tony Super with support from every department, GFWC Wewa and Tyndall personnel, we raised \$727 and got plenty of media attention from the [News Herald](#) and [WJHG](#)! Kudos to the City's Leisure Services team too. We are looking forward to Dogfest at Al Helms Dog Park on April 16! **BOW WOW!**





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

WED, NOV 4 / THURS, NOV 5	9:30 AM-12 noon/ 9:30 - 11 AM	ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR. JUDGING BEGIN AS 11 AM THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON. <i>Contact Linda Hornsby for details</i>
THURS, NOV 5	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & ARTS COMPETITION <i>See page 1 for details</i>
TUES, NOV 10	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>Contact Normandy Cooper for details</i>
WED, NOV 11		VETERANS DAY: Help Public Issues honor our vets after the Parade <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, NOV 17	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING
WED, NOV 18	11:00 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT'S ANNUAL STUDENT PARTY <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, NOV 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT LUNCH MEETING at Po Folks, 15th Street, Panama City
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TBD	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING <i>Check with the Department Secretary</i>
TBD	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING <i>Check with the Department Secretary</i>
NO NOVEMBER MEETING		HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING
THURS, DEC 3	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & PURSE SILENT AUCTION <i>See page 3 for details</i>
SAT, DEC 5	7:00 AM til...	WAYS & MEANS YARD SALE <i>See page 3 for details</i>