

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## JANUARY 2016



### MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

Our Sunshine Singers were audibly full of the Christmas Spirit, performing at the December luncheon, area nursing homes and rehab centers, the Festival of Trees, and downtown for Dicken's Christmas events. Lois Lawrence leads the Sunshine Singers and Avis Keen is our pianist.

### THE GFWC JANUARY GENERAL LUNCHEON!

**THURSDAY, January 7, at 11:30 am**  
*Sponsored by the Conservation Department*



**This Month's Program:**  
**Bay County Deputy Paul Vecker**  
**on SCAM PREVENTION**

**Make your reservation and place your to-go orders with your Department Coordinator or Conservation Dept's Janet Darwin by MONDAY, JAN 4th!**

### Pearls From Our President

Those of us in the Sunshine Singers were quite busy in the last few weeks, singing five nursing homes, the Festival of Trees, our December Club meeting and twice at the Downtown Dickens of a Christmas. I helped the Ways & Means Committee with the Yard Sale on the 5<sup>th</sup> which extended over to the 12<sup>th</sup>. We made about \$2000 over the two days and about \$390 at our Purse Silent Auction. Both events were a lot of fun. Thank you to all who donated items, priced and worked the sale days. A new member, Becky Cochran, was a tremendous help to us at the Yard Sale. Thank you Becky! Thanks again to the Ways & Means Committee for working so hard on both days and particular thanks go to 6 folks who stayed Saturday afternoon after it was over and packed up all the stuff so it would be ready for the Rescue Mission to come get it on Monday.

Reports are due to Merle by January 24. The week of January 18 – 22, all the department coordinators, folks involved with membership, programs, publicity, leadership, domestic violence awareness, legislation, President's Project, and fundraising will be here at the clubhouse working on their reports. Please plan to finalize reports during that week. These reports are very important not only to the state but to us so we can see what we are accomplishing. Mark your calendars now.

I am thrilled to report that Peggy McLane received word from the President of the Southern Region that she and one other State Jennie Award winner from the Southern Region States have been chosen as our region representatives to go to GFWC. This is a quote from the email Peggy received: *Each of the finalists will be announced and featured in the January + February 2016 issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. Then, one clubwoman from each Region will be selected for national recognition as a GFWC Jennie Award honoree. She will be contacted by GFWC about the 2016 Annual Convention where she will be honored.*

Congratulations, Peggy!!

*Gerry Wilson*

## ARTS

**Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am**

**Contact: Victoria Williams**



After hosting the December General Membership meeting, we decided to postpone our holiday party and celebrate Christmas In January instead. We will begin planning the countywide Art Contest for Bay District School 2nd graders to celebrate National Youth Art Month in March. As a side note, many of you know that Lois Dick spent a while in HealthSouth recovering from a broken hip. Not one to let a little accident like that keep her down, she commandeered a rec room and taught everyone how to make gift boxes from all those get well cards. *The healing power of Art in action!*

## CONSERVATION

**Meets 3rd Thursday at 12 noon**

**Contact: Pat Fenaes**

In December, we delivered 120 Christmas cards for the Sims Veterans Home and two other nursing homes, and collected 100 items for the Domestic Violence Center. We will finalize our plans on January 5 for the General Membership Luncheon on January 7. After catching our breaths, we will donate a tree for a Panama City park in honor of National Arbor Day. Then on January 24th, we will host the Azalea Trail Tea at the Clubhouse. Many thanks to every department for volunteering to help with food for this lovely event.



## EDUCATION

**Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am**

**Contact: Genie Cianciolo**



What a treat it was to host a Holiday Book Party at Springfield Elementary School! Allison and Kay sojourned to Tallahassee to collect 400 age-appropriate books at the Scholastic Books warehouse. Thanks, Scholastic, for making it more affordable for us! We put a Woman's Club label in each book and gave one to every student. Many of these children have never had a book of their own. We were pleased to see a big THANK YOU on the school's electronic marquis. After a break in December, we will begin our regular meeting schedule in January. Join us and make a difference in the lives of children!



## HEALTH & WELFARE Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am

**Contact: Emma Helms**

Health & Welfare made gift bags for the performers from Pyramid who were just wonderful at our December general membership luncheon. In December, we had a covered dish luncheon and ornament exchange at Rena Hammett's home. H&W's Normandy Cooper distributed 90 Prayer Squares to cancer treatment centers in our area last month. We will begin planning the Prayer Breakfast and H&W's other spring activities at the January meeting.



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



We had our Christmas gathering for lunch on December 10 at G-Foleys Restaurant and took time to reflect on what's happening in the world and here at home. One of our members, Gloria Crawford, is once again going out into the world on a missionary trip to Peru with [EXTREME MISSIONARY ADVENTURES](http://www.xmaonline.com). Details of her remarkable trip will be the subject of our January program. Join IO and become more connected with our world.

## PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks

Tuesday, December 15, was a great day of giving for Public Issues. At our Christmas luncheon, twelve of us met at O'Charley's and collected gifts for ten children and their mothers at the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Center. Stephanie Cantrell's car was filled to the brim with presents that were delivered that afternoon! We also delivered a much needed rolling cart to the Glenwood Community Center for volunteer cook Lucille Green, age 88. She prepares a meal everyday at the Glenwood Center for hungry people. We had met Ms. Green at Elder Abuse



Awareness Day and saw that she really needed this! She was just thrilled! Don't forget, tickets for our BUNCO party on



Tuesday, January 19, at 5:30pm will be available at the January luncheon. You and your friends will have a good meal and a great time while you help support our work!

## YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



We had a splendid and profitable time at our famous Holiday Dinner & Auction fundraiser, raising \$619! Our earnings will help meet our department's \$1000 pledge for the Club's window replacement project. After taking December off, the "Youthful Ladies of the Evening" will resume meeting for dinner and programs on January 21, February 18, and April 21. We will kick off the new year by learning about the need for and



positive impacts of Bay County's After School Assistance Program from ASAP Director Terri Gainer. If evening meetings suit your schedule, join the Youth Department and help fund projects for older children and teens!

## WAY & MEANS' Window To The Future Project

Work has begun on replacing our Clubhouse windows. We are whittling away at the \$34,000 price tag by getting busy and being fiscally creative! December's Purse Silent Auction raised \$390, the Youth Department pledged \$1000, and the Two Saturday Yard Sale netted \$2003. Many thanks to all who donated, advertised, purchased, helped set up, cleaned up or participated in any way in the yard sale, especially Gerry, Becky, Kathleen, Rena, Ginny, Rita, Normandy, Rachel, Ann Tyree, Bev and Larry Long! We are also pleased to announce a \$5000 donation from the Mack & Eleanor Lewis Foundation! **Anyone or group can buy a window for \$700. Jane Groom will donate a brass plaque to commemorate the honoree or the donor!** It's a wonderful way to 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 10 am

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

CONTACT: Normandy Cooper

## WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Rosamund "Ros" Coleman  
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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

To reduce our costs and save paper, we are publishing our newsletter electronically and emailing it to members. Our members without an email address will be mailed a paper copy. Please forward your E-copy to a potential member ☺



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

TUES, JAN 5	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT PLANNING MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, JAN 7	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, JAN 19	5:30 PM	 PUBLIC ISSUES' FAMOUS BUNCO PARTY & DINNER BUFFET <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, JAN 21	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING    Reminder: Department Reports due on the 24th!
	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>
SUN, JAN 24	2:00 PM	 AZALEA TRAIL TEA <i>Our thanks to each Department for volunteering to help!</i>
TUES, JAN 26	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, JAN 27	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, JAN 28	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>