

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2016

Saturday, April 16 is

**OUR 2nd
ANNUAL
DOGFEST
WALK 'N
ROLL DAY**



Bring your canine companions, family and friends to our **2nd Annual Dogfest fundraiser** for CCI on **Saturday, April 16**, at **Al Helms Dog Park, 1022 Balboa Avenue in downtown Panama City**. Registration opens at 10am with music and festivities galore beginning at 10:30. It's fun for all for a great cause. **Ask Stephanie Cantrell how YOU can help!**



**THE GFWC APRIL
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, at 12 noon**
*Sponsored by the International Outreach
Department*

Our Program this month:



**FEDERATION
CELEBRATION**
with a presentation by our
State Board member
JAN GAINER

Make your reservation and place your to-go orders with your Department Coordinator or International Outreach Dept's Betty Bowen by MONDAY, APRIL 4!

Check out Ways & Means' Silent Auction items, and please bring canned goods for PI's Food Drive (see page 3 under Public Issues)

Pearls From Our President

Thank you to all of you who attended the After Church Buffet on Sunday, March 13. It was a wonderful luncheon and we so appreciate Jane Groom and all of her kitchen helpers who made it so delicious. We also enjoyed super desserts made by many members. All of these efforts plus the beautiful decorations made a great impression on the folks who attended. Also on the 13th, I attended the Azalea Trail ceremonies on behalf of our club on Sunday. It was a beautiful occasion.

As you may know, we have had some technical problems with our sound system and are working on ways to replace it. Currently we are using the sound system from my Sunday School class at FUMC. We can continue to borrow it until we sort out what is needed to do about the system here. Merle's son has looked at it and thinks wires are corroded among other problems.

The Ways and Means folks have been busy this month. Nine of us plus Ted as deputy worked the polls on Tuesday the 15th so this was a good Ways and Means project for the club. Our March 19 Yard Sale was a success with a profit of \$776.27 (*Good for one window*). Thanks go to all the ladies who brought items for the sale, helped to price and worked the day of the sale. Some members were doing double duty and worked some for the yard sale and part of Saturday for the Sweet Frogs Project for CCI.

Hope you will attend the April General Meeting and enjoy the program on Federation given by Jan Gainer and Stephanie Cantrell. You may remember that April is Federation Month and April 24th is Federation Day. See you there!

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



March was National Youth Art Month, so our intrepid Adelaide Ware asked the Bay County Commission to declare March as Youth Art Month for Bay County....so, of course they did! (She is pictured here with Commissioner Guy Tunnell). We judged the winning entries from each Bay District school for the Art Contest for 2nd graders on Monday, March 14. The culmination of this annual event was the showing of their work and reception on Sunday, April 3, for the 2nd grade participants, their families and our teachers. A great way for our department and club to showcase our students' talents and support the Arts in our schools!

CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 12 noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

With more than a little help from our department, the Bay County Health Department's community garden's raised beds will hopefully yield a bounty of potatoes, tomatoes and squash. Its goal is to help homeless youth in our area have better access to fresh vegetables. / Spring is always busy with Azalea Trail festivities, Arbor Day on April 29, and our ongoing efforts to beautify our Clubhouse grounds. / Remember while you are raking up after all the storms that all those fallen leaves and grass trimmings make wonderful mulch! And plant a tree on Arbor Day!



EDUCATION

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo



The Education Department has partnered with the Bay County Library on many projects over the years. At our March meeting, we welcomed a spokesperson from the Library to fill us in on the host of programs they currently have for our children and youth. Our April 28 meeting will be the last for this year. We will gather at the Olive Garden for lunch as a group. We look forward to our speaker from the After School Assistance Program here in Panama City.

HEALTH & WELFARE *the Prayer Coffee*

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am - our meeting is the Prayer Coffee
Contact: Emma Helms

Planning for the upcoming Prayer Coffee on Wednesday, April 27, are well underway. It is always an inspiring event with music, speakers and of course, good food. We are asking each department to contribute two trays of food for our guests. Please drop food off at the Clubhouse Tuesday (4/26) after 3pm or before 9am on Wednesday (4/27). Please join us as we host this longstanding Club tradition.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler



At our March meeting, International Outreach welcomed Japanese chef extraordinaire Okato Nakamura. He came to Panama City from Kawasaki, Japan, as an exchange student, went to Gulf Coast State College's Culinary School, and now has his own restaurant. His yummy crepes demonstration inspired us to possibly "go global" with our cuisine at the upcoming April general membership luncheon for which we are the hosts. Arigato, Mr. Nakamura! See you at the April luncheon!



PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks

Our department met on March 15 to hear guest speaker, Wendy Fletcher-Altman with the Florida Dept. of Children & Families' Adult Services talk about elder abuse awareness and services offered by the state. She also told us about "Flamingo Flocking" supporting the Junior League of Panama City's Elderly Outreach Program. *Ask Darcie Brooks about this!* / We made plans for our Prevent Child Abuse America/ Pinwheels for



Prevention luncheon on April 4. The Youth Dept. will be helping us this year as we are expecting about 120 people. This luncheon is for the whole 14th Judicial Circuit first responders and anyone who assists a child in need. / June is Elder Awareness Month. At the April and May general luncheons, our department will collect non-perishable food to be delivered to the Glenwood Community Center to restock their kitchen on June 15, "Elder Abuse Awareness Day". We will cook lunch for the Glenwood Community Center that day and will be surprising Ms. Lucille Green, their 88-year

old cook, with a new large Fry Daddy to help her prepare meals at the Center. She was so thrilled with the food we took her last year that we would like to do it again this year.



YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



Our last meeting of the year will be Thursday, April 21, at 6pm. Following a potluck dinner, we will welcome Donna Thompson, the new Director of the Bay County chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions. This program targets 5th-9th grade students and focuses on developing young people's social graces and etiquette, from formal and informal table manners to rules for conversation. *That's certainly a challenge!* You are welcomed to attend as well. / We were pleased to donate \$250 for after-school snacks to the year-round LEADS program at Everitt and Jenks Middle Schools.



**DISTRICT 2 ART
COMPETITION
WINNERS MOVE
ON TO STATE...
AND VICTORY?**



*Get your \$5 SONIC cards
at the Luncheon and
support our Club*

WAYS & MEANS means YOU too! Our Clubhouse really needs your help!

The Clubhouse is the heart of our organization. Like many of us, she requires more upkeep, repairs and renovation. We have replaced all the windows, which should help our utility bills and security. Our March 19 Yard Sale was a success with a profit of \$776.27! Bills for repaving the driveway and replacing the plumbing loom ahead. Please support our fundraisers, including silent auctions at our luncheons and the Dinner Mystery Theater (5/14).

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 NEW MEMBERS!

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DUES ARE DUE!

**Annual dues are now \$120
per year. You may split your
payment in half: \$60 in
May, \$60 in October. Please
remit by mail or give it to
Emma Helms at the April or
May luncheon. ☺**



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

MON, APR 4	11:00 AM	FIRST RESPONDERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, sponsored by Public Issues with a little help from our departments
THURS, APR 7	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, APR 12	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK Open to all members & friends <i>See page 3 for details</i>
SAT, APR 16	10:00 AM	CCI DOGFEST WALK 'N ROLL <i>See page 1 for details. Register & donate today!</i>
TUES, APR 19	12:00 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, APR 21	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
		YOUTH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TUES, APR 26	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, APR 27	9:30 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT'S COMMUNITY PRAYER COFFEE <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, APR 28	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>