

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

MAY 2016

The 2016 JENNY Southern Region
Award Winner is...
drum roll please

PEGGY GEIL MCLANE



The GFWC *Jennie Award* honors one clubwoman from each of the eight GFWC Regions for her outstanding commitment to her club, her community and family.

Named in honor of our founder Jane

Cunningham Croly, GFWC uses this award to acknowledge eight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie June's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their volunteer service! She will receive her award at the State Convention this month. We are so proud of her and this honor! 😊

THE GFWC MAY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON THURSDAY, MAY 5, at 12 noon

Sponsored by the Public Issues Department

Our Program this month:



INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS

Make your reservation and place your to-go orders with your Department Coordinator or Public Issues Dept's Carolyn Dudley by MONDAY, MAY 2!

Check out Ways & Means' Silent Auction items, and buy tickets for the Mystery Dinner Theater! And please bring canned goods for PI's Food Drive for Elder Care Day in June.

Pearls From Our President

Many projects took place April. The Public Issues' luncheon for the 14th Judicial Circuit and first responders honored those who work so tirelessly for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness. Over 120 people attended! Thanks to all the folks who helped make DogFest a great success! Sweet Frogs, Sonic, Kohls, Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbins were very helpful to us with that project. CCI is still taking in funds but so far, we made over \$20,000! Game Day was a lot of fun and \$200 was made that we would not have had otherwise. The Second Grade Art Contest held by the Arts Department had wonderful "Heroes" displayed on Sunday the 10th and a few students came to receive their awards. Sunshine Singers will sing at the Prayer Coffee on April 27th. I hope that by now you all know that Peggy McLane was chosen as the Jennie Award winner for the Southern Region of GFWC. There are only 8 regions in GFWC. We are so proud of Peggy for receiving this honor. Please take a look at the email I sent about the April issue of the Florida Clubwoman. Our article about our club activities with many pictures is under the "District 2 News". We have a lot to tell!

I have loved being your President these past two years. I have met so many new people and become much better acquainted with many of our members. One of the things that I wanted to accomplish was the increase in communication with our members. I think that has happened with the newsletter so wonderfully provided by the board and published with our super editor Jamie Shepard. I have enjoyed passing on the Membership Monday emails to all whose email addresses we know. If you have an email address and don't receive these, please send me your email address and I will fix that situation. I have appreciated the privilege of working with so many of you with our many projects. We have improved our clubhouse with the new windows, thanked our community with our dinners, improved our community with donations of funds and books, and improved the lives of others with three events to support Canine Companions for Independence. In my speech two years ago in May, I said I knew that together we could accomplish many things for the betterment of our community and that I looked forward to creating PEARLS with you. Together we have created many pearls not only for our community but for our club as well.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me of serving as your president.

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



The culmination of Bay District Schools' Art Contest for 2nd graders was the showing of their work and a lovely reception by our department on Sunday, April 3, for young artists, their families and teachers. The My Hero theme yielded some very touching portraits of their *personal hero*. *Art truly matters to these children!*

CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 11:30 AM

Contact: Pat Fenaes

The Conservation Department met for lunch, then went to the Bay County Health Department's community garden to celebrate Earth Day. Our red cabbages and some of the onions are ready to be harvested! Our potatoes will be coming in soon. These vegetables will be cooked and served to diabetics in our community. True to our name, we encourage our club members to join us in collecting and re-using these materials:



- ☆ SHINY NEWSPAPER for a local animal hospital
- ☆ WHITE PAPER and PLASTIC BAGS for Habitat For Humanity
- ☆ INK CARTRIDGES from your printers for Family Services
- ☆ ALUMINUM CANS to recycle to help buy seeds and supplies for the Health Department's community gardens

EDUCATION

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo

The Education Department had its last department meeting on April 26 to make our final plans for the May 6th Field Day at Springfield Elementary School. This has been a delightful event for the last several years for which we have supplied 500 drinks and snacks for the children. Several of our members attend to help pass out the goodies and enjoy watching and meeting the children. *Just a reminder to all* - watch for information on [BOOKS ALIVE!](#) It promises to be a wonderful!



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

Contact: Emma Helms

Planning for the upcoming Prayer Coffee on Wednesday, April 27, are well underway. It is always an inspiring event with music, by our own Sunshine Singers, a testimonial from a Bethel Village resident, speakers and of course, good food. Help support this annual event!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler



At the April luncheon, International Outreach decided on an international cuisine theme, following our meeting with Japanese chef Okato Nakamura. His light but filling lunch crepes were the main course. The tables were beautifully decorated as well. *Arigato*, Mr. Nakamura, for inspiring us! / May will be our last meeting of the year. / If you are traveling abroad or have a cultural experience over the summer, please share your experiences with us!

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks



Public Issues hosted its 4th annual Child Abuse Prevention luncheon on April 4 with help and donations from the Youth Department. Pinwheels, the symbol of child abuse awareness, decorated the tables and our grounds. Over 120 people from the 14th Judicial Circuit who deal with child abuse enjoyed a beautiful buffet luncheon and a 16' dessert bar laden with homemade delights. Our young pianist was himself an abuse victim. We received great coverage in the News Herald and on WMBB. In keeping with Mayor Brudnicki's proclamation of

April as Child Abuse Prevention month, pinwheels flew at our club and around town through the end of the month! / On April 19, our department met at Pizza Hut for lunch to support CCI's fundraiser there. We discussed our plans for the May luncheon which will be a Cinco de Mayo theme. / Our next meeting will be May 17 at 11:30am at Olive Garden.



YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



At our last meeting of the year, we welcomed Donna Thompson with the Bay County chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions. This program focuses on social confidence and etiquette in 5th-9th grade students from Bay Haven, North Bay Haven and Holy Nativity. / We retained our current leadership for 2016-2018: Jane Rigby as Coordinator, Vicki Wenick as Treasurer with Jamie Shepard as Secretary. / We will donate \$150 to help sponsor the Teen Court banquet and will cosponsor a luncheon benefitting the LEADS Coalition with renowned poet Kwame Alexander on April 28. / Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6pm

WAYS & MEANS' MYSTERY THEATER: Great food and Fun Fundraising on SATURDAY, MAY 14, at 6pm Tickets are \$20 each, 2 for \$35

Thrills, chills, deals and BBQ - make it a date!! We're serving BBQ ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and more desserts than you ought to eat! BYOB and a great Silent Auction. Quart jars for decorations and set up help are needed! Each department is donating 2 desserts for dinner plus 2 door prizes and 2 food items for the auction. **DON'T MISS IT!**



YOUR 2016 CLUB DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 31!

Annual dues are now \$120 per year. \$10 LATE FEE ON JUNE 1. You can pay \$60 with a 50/50 Pay Request by MAY 31. Your \$60 balance will then be due no later than OCTOBER 1. Please remit by mail as soon as possible or give it to Emma Helms at the May luncheon.



WE DID GREAT!

Over \$20,000!!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...



GFWC District 2 Spring Workshop, Saturday, June 4
Hosted by the Chattahoochee Woman's Club.
10am Registration / light breakfast, lunch & fun included
\$15 each. Mail checks to Linda Jones, GFWC Chattahoochee Woman's Club, PO Box 133, Chattahoochee, FL 32324

**KNITTERS,
HOOKERS
& A COOK!**
*Off for the
summer*



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

THURS, MAY 5	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
SAT, MAY 14	6:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS' MYSTERY DINNER THEATER FUN-RAISER & SILENT AUCTION <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, MAY 17	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, MAY 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
		YOUTH DEPT <i>NO MEETING See page 3 for details</i>
FRI, MAY 20 - SUN, MAY 22		GFWC STATE CONVENTION, ORLANDO
TUES, MAY 24	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, MAY 25	9:30 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, MAY 26	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>
TUES, MAY 31		CLUB DUES ARE DUE! <i>See page 3 for details</i>
SAT, JUNE 4	10:00 AM	GFWC DISTRICT 2 MEETING, Chattahoochee Woman's Club
FYI		KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>Off for the summer</i>

GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City BYLAWS CHANGES

Please read in advance of the General Membership Luncheon on May 7.
We will vote on **this change** to our Bylaws at the Luncheon:

BYLAWS

Art. X.2 The committee shall be elected every two years in the even-numbered years and shall report at the board meeting in February ~~for publication at the general meeting in March of the election year.~~ **After board approval, the slate of nominees shall be published before the general meeting in March when the election will take place.**

POLICY CHANGES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP, approved by the Board. General membership vote is not required.

Under Duties of Members:

No woman who is a resident of Panama City or vicinity shall be eligible to attend more than two general meetings a club year as a guest except by invitation of the executive board. A member is limited to two local residents as guests at a general meeting.

In order to transfer from one department to another, members will notify the coordinator of their current department and the coordinator of the department they wish to join. The membership chairman must be notified of this change.

Dues shall be **\$120.00** annually. **A late fee of \$10.00 after May 31 will be added. Optional split payment of dues will be allowed current members if signed request and ½ of dues are received by May 31. Remaining ½ of dues are payable on or before October 1. Members whose total dues are not paid by October 1 will be dropped from membership without refund.**

All new members shall pay full membership dues plus a \$10.00 initiation fee. **Optional split payment of dues will not be allowed until the new member pays dues for the subsequent (second) year.** Members accepted in March shall consider their dues paid through the following spring.

At the end of each administration, all keys shall be turned in to the outgoing president who will deliver them to the incoming president.