

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2016

The 2016 JENNY Southern Region  
Award Winner is...

### 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 acknowledges eight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie June's spirit of

independence, courage and persistence through their volunteer service! **Peggy McLane is this year's JENNY Award recipient for our Region** and received her award at the State Convention. *We are so proud of her and this well deserved honor!*

*Another Drum Roll, Please!*

### STEPHANIE CANTRELL AWARDED GFWC FLORIDA'S 2015 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!



Each year, our District nominates an outstanding member for Volunteer of the Year. There was little doubt in our minds that **Stephanie Cantrell** deserved the Gold for making not one but two CCI events such howling successes! She has been a tireless worker in Public Issues and on the Board, a shining example of service to our Club and in our communities. Congratulations!

THE GFWC SEPTEMBER  
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON  
& FASHION SHOW  
THURSDAY, SEPT 1, at 12 noon  
*Sponsored by the Board*



Our Program:

**BEE ALL YOU  
CAN BE  
WITH GFWC!**

A "Fundraiser & Fashion  
Show featuring frocks, fripperies and  
door prizes from *Plum Delightful*.

YOU can BEE a part of the show too:  
wear yellow, black and white to show your  
GFWC Team Spirit! Come early, buzz around  
the Plum Delightful sales tables, and enjoy  
the sweet harmonies of our Sunshine  
Singers! Plus 10% of Plum Delightful sales  
today will benefit our Club.

Contact Normandy Cooper or your Department Coordinator to reserve your place and to-go orders by **MONDAY, AUGUST 29!**

### THE BEE-LINE - *A Message from Merle*

Welcome back, everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer and returns in the fall to plan new and interesting projects and programs for our members. The Board and I have been working on our Club plans for next year, identifying areas that we would like to concentrate on, particularly a new Community Improvement Project (CIP) for the next two years. Our work on behalf of Canine Companions for Independence has taken on a life of its own with Bark-O-Ween!

During the summer, some of our members have continued to work on ongoing projects. Several members will be working at the election polls.

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**ARTS Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am Contacts: Beverly Long or Normandy Cooper**



In May, we met at Uncle Ernie's in historic St. Andrews for good food and conversation. Afterwards, we walked to Floriopolis, an Arts and Crafts Metropolis which offers hands-on crafts for all ages and handmade items for sale. We plan to volunteer at Floriopolis on its Arts Break Day, helping with their art projects around St. Andrews on Sept. 2. We plan to make "doggie" note cards to sell at the Bark-o-ween in October, and look forward to working with Pyramid Panama City School of Fine Arts. We may help them with their annual program as well as have their school provide entertainment for one of our events. **Our next meeting will be September 8, at 10:30 AM at the clubhouse - a change of schedule to accommodate our members.** It will be hosted by Linda Smith and Normandy Cooper.

**CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at 11:30 AM Contact: Pat Fenaes**

**Conservation will kick off the year on Thursday, September 15, with lunch at Po Folks on 15th Street.** Many of us will submit flowers, plants and arrangements at the Bay County Fair Horticultural Competition and Exhibit. In advance of this year's fair on October 5-10, we will learn more about grooming plants and other presentation tips. Then on **Thursday, September 22**, we will meet at the Clubhouse at 9am for a Fall Weed Pull and Yard Cleanup Day. We will also plant seasonal flowers in our flower beds. All hands are welcomed! *Green thumbs are not a requisite!*



**EDUCATION Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am Contact: Allison Mizell**

Welcome back! The Education Department will meet for lunch at **O'Charley's Restaurant on 23rd Street at 11:30 am on Tuesday, September 20** this month. As always, Martha Homola will call you to confirm your reservation. It will be great to visit and catch up after the summer! We look forward to a great year ahead as we work to increase the quality of education in our community. Join us!



**Learning Knows No Bounds**

**HEALTH & WELFARE Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am Contact: Paula Bunch**



Our Department ended the year participating in the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Awareness Fundraiser at the Springfield Community Center. Sadly, this is an ever-present concern in our community and will be a focus for us this year. We have already collected school supplies for the children housed at Bethel Village. With so many needs, our small department will be thinking of ways to increase awareness of the issues we care about and to involve other departments in our good work. Join us!

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am Contacts: Betty Bowen or Charmian Cretney**

International Outreach ended the year with lunch at G. Foley's. Betty Bowen and Charmian Cretney agreed to co-chair our department. Dianne Hodges will head up communications. When we meet again in September, we will begin plans for helping raise awareness and funds for UNICEF, taking action on World Food Day in October, and organizing our International Students Party in November. We share our travel, embrace our diversity, and have a lot of fun. *Bienvenue, willkommen, okaerinasai, welcome!* Join International Outreach!



## PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks



On August 2nd, our Public Issues CSP participated in the National Night Out at Panama City Mall where we handed out over 300 WHALE kits and interacted with the local community, especially those with young children. Gerry Wilson, Sandra Olson, Stephanie Cantrell, Vickie Reed and Darcie Brooks are shown here with their "Knight in Shining Armor." #nationalnightout2016

Then on August 9th, we hosted WECP/WJHG's 2nd Congressional District Town Hall with the local League of Women Voters. Our Clubhouse was filled to capacity with campaign supporters and members of the public on this live televised event. We have a busy year ahead. Join us!



## YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby

The Youth Department kicked off the year with a plentiful potluck and planning session on Wednesday, August 24 - *a change of schedule to accommodate our members*. We are hosting the October luncheon, followed by our famous Holiday Dinner & Fundraiser Auction in November. Our speaker schedule is still in the planning stages as well. If you are looking for a fun department that meets in the evenings, join the Youthful Ladies of the Evening! Our next meeting will be on the regular day, **Thursday, September 15**.

## Nominations for GFWC Florida Leads and our Club's Volunteer of The Year



We need your nominations for a candidate to attend the Florida Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) training next February at GFWC Headquarters in Lakeland, FL. Candidates should demonstrate an interest in pursuing a leadership position in our club and its activities, demonstrate leadership skills, show a willingness to pursue higher leadership, and share info with others. She cannot have held elected position at or beyond the state level.

Following our Board's approval, our nominee's application is due December 1. Only one member from each District will be chosen. Genie Cianciolo went last year and was enthusiastic about all she learned.

**How about YOU?**



**HELEN GREGOR** pinned in recognition for her 40 years' GFWC membership. *Thank you, Helen!*

## THE BEE-LINE cont'd.

Aside from being a civic duty, this is a very good revenue source for our club! Thank you to all our members who volunteer for this project. It is a long day, but we meet many interesting people and usually have an enjoyable time.

Again, I'd like to thank Gerry Wilson for her help and support. I will continue to seek her guidance and yours as we work for our club and community. I hope all members will start this year committed to make GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City a bigger and better community service organization.

**Remember: This is the year to "Bee the best you that you can be with GFWC".**

*Merle Johnson, President*



**COMING SOON:** Public Issues' Famous Buffet Dinner & Bunco Party on Tuesday, October 18th. No experience required. Just be willing to pay \$15 and have a lot of fun! Tickets on sale at the Luncheon!



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Panama City**

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<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!</b> <b>All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.</b>		
TUES, AUG 30		ELECTION DAY - POLL WORKERS VOLUNTEERING
THURS, SEPT 1	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
THURS, SEPT 8	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING (DATE CHANGE) <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS-SAT, SEPT 9-11		GFWC FLORIDA STATE BOARD MEETING, Rosen Hotel, Orlando
THURS, SEPT 15	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING - Po Folks, 15th St <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TUES, SEPT 20	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING - O'Charleys, 23rd St (DATE CHANGE ) <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, SEPT 22	9:00 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT'S FALL WEED PULL & YARD CLEANUP
	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
TUES, SEPT 27		FALL TOUR OF OFFICERS, Chipley
TUES, OCT 18	5:30 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES' BUNCO PARTY <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, SEPT 28	9:30 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>