

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2016



**BOOK YOUR
PHOTO SHOOT
FOR OUR CLUB
DIRECTORY
TODAY!**

OK, so you might not look like a Hollywood starlet anymore but that's not the point of our Club Photo Directory or the photo sessions! This is a fundraiser and good deal for our Club. Every member gets a free "portrait shot" which we will use in the new Directory. You are welcomed to bring your family members, pets, or good friends along as well for a no-obligation session. If you like the photos, you may purchase them. Simple as that...plus we get to know each other better. Good idea for holiday cards, gifts, etc! **Please contact LOIS LAWRENCE or CAROLINE WINDHAM for 10-minute appointment** at the Clubhouse on **THURSDAY, Nov 17**, or **FRIDAY, Nov 19, from 12-7pm**, or **SATURDAY, Nov 20, from 10am-5pm**. The Board group photo is Thursday, Nov 17. Departments are encouraged to do a group shot too. *Sign up at the Luncheon!*

**THE GFWC NOVEMBER
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, NOV 3, at 12 noon**
Sponsored by the Arts Dept
Our Program this month:



OUR CLUB'S ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

**Make your
reservation and
place to-go orders
with Normandy
Cooper or your Department
Coordinator by MONDAY,
OCTOBER 31!**

*Come early, meet your friends,
welcome our new members, and see our
amazing members' artistic talents!*

The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

Fall is here and the weather is great! Our Club is growing! This past month we welcomed 10, yes, 10 new members! Please take a few minutes to welcome our sisters and assist them as they become familiar with our work in the community.

We continue to have projects that need your support. On November 12, we will have a our Club-wide garage sale at the Clubhouse. Fall is a great time to clean out closets and garages for items that you no longer use or need. Bring your items to the Clubhouse on Thursday or Friday, November 10-11, from 9am-2pm. We really need help to sort, price and display items for sale. Then come Saturday to shop!

Gerry Wilson, Lois Lawrence, Stephanie Cantrell and I made the road trip to Jacksonville for the Southeastern Regional Conference. It was a great meeting of Club members from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida. The theme was TEAM, "*Together Everyone Achieves More*". Working together, we can become "*GFWC Proud*" as we work to help our community by generously volunteering our time and talents. Read about the good work being done by our departments and pitch in. It's a great way to make good friends and a real difference in our community.

See you at the Luncheon on Thursday. RSVP and bring a friend!

Merle Johnson

ARTS Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am This month only - November 18

Contacts: Beverly Long or Normandy Cooper

Our Department is coordinating the Club-wide Arts and Crafts competition at the November luncheon. Please call Beverly Long with any questions about categories or rules. Bring your entries to the Clubhouse on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 10am-12 noon or on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 9-11am.

Several members of our department met to finish making almost 300 "doggy" cards to sell at Bark-o-ween. Lois Dick brought delicious cookies which we enjoyed with coffee from the Keurig machine donated to the club by Caroline Windham.

In October, we met at Floriopolis in St. Andrews for a business meeting and to work on our group art project for the November Club Arts and Crafts Show. Adelaide Ware played hostess and provided snacks.

Note the date change for the November meeting due to Thanksgiving.



CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 11:30 AM

Contact: Pat Fenaes



October was busy for us. Several of our members participated in the horticulture section at the Bay County Fair this year. Kudos to Glennis Anderson, Janet Darwin, Almeda Huffaker and Pat Fenaes for their awards! We collected towels and blankets for the animal shelter, bought bedding for the new Ronald MacDonal House at Gulf Coast Hospital, decorated our Clubhouse grounds for fall and added pavers by the benches. We had a good showing at Bark-O-Ween and made some much needed money selling hot dogs.

Our department is responsible for the December Luncheon, so this month we will finalize our plans for the menu and the table decorations. Pat Fenaes will show us several simple floral designs that we can adapt for the tables. *Mark your calendar: we will meet Nov 29 and 30 at the Clubhouse to decorate.*

EDUCATION Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am This month only - November 15 at Bay County Public Library

Contact: Allison Mizell

Education Department members Kay Hicks and Allison Mizell met with Girls Inc. Director Niki Kelly and board member Kristina Williams to finalize plans for the Education Department's involvement with this amazing organization in our community. Our members learned how we can help serve these children at our October 25th meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING CHANGE: We will meet at 11:30 on November 15 at the Bay County Public Library on 11th Street. Please bring your own lunch for this meeting. AND Parker Elementary has reached out to our department to help serve parents and guests at their Thanksgiving lunch on November 16.



HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am - No meeting this month

Contact: Paula Bunch



October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We invited Kimberly Garbett from the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence program to explain what they do and their needs in serving so many women and children. We have been collecting paper goods and laundry detergent this month for them. In support of this program, several of us participated in their "Painting With A Twist" fundraiser (pictured here). And several of us painted one finger nail purple to create more awareness. *Due to Thanksgiving, no meeting in November.*

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH
This month only - November 9

Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am
Contact: Betty Bowen or Charmian Cretney



The International Outreach Department is holding its annual International Students Party on Wednesday, November 9 at the Clubhouse. (Yes, we realize that's the day after elections and all of you who worked the polls will be exhausted but that's when the school system could do it this year.) The festivities will begin at 11:00 and wrap up around 12:30. We are estimating a total of 60 students and chaperones to attend. The students look forward to this every year. We feed them, provide a little entertainment and send them home or back to school with chocolate. It's one of our favorite events of the year. We would welcome hands to help us set up, eat up or clean up. And any food/drinks/desserts you might want to donate would be most welcomed!

PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Darcie Brooks

Our Department hosted a BUNCO Party at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, Oct 18. More than 50 ladies came to enjoy a really good dinner, laugh a lot and have a chance to win big. Jane Groom prepared a lasagna feast with help from Catherine Thrasher. The dessert tables were laden too. We had 21 door prizes donated by our members plus the "\$100 cash purse" donated by a generous individual. How appropriate that our new member and Board Treasurer Vicky Reed won the cash! When the party closed, we netted \$1000! Next BUNCO PARTY = January. What a fun way to beat the winter blues with some green!

The Veterans Day Post-Parade tent is our next department project. We will hand out water and cookies to the parade participants and attendees at the Government Center at the end of the parade route. We will be baking cookies at the Clubhouse the day before. This is a great way to show our appreciation of our veterans and their families.



YOUTH

Meets 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby



After a potluck dinner, the Youth Department heaped praise upon Sandy Wing for the beautiful decorations at last month's Luncheon and Suzanne Cox's outstanding efforts with the food. In lieu of a speaker, members engaged in a lively discussion about the upcoming election and the constitutional amendments on the November ballot. Jamie Shepard and others presented nonpartisan information on the content of each amendment on the ballot and its ramifications in the event of passage.

Our famous November Dinner & Fundraising Auction will be Thursday, Nov 17 at 6pm at Victoria's Last Bite in Lynn Haven. Gayle Paynter will be the auctioneer. The baked goods and gift shopping are always great! Seating is limited to 25 max. Tickets are \$15 plus tip. Youth Department members must RSVP to Ann Silcox by Nov 3!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Dorothy Crutchfield
Anne Harris
Virginia Schroeder
Vickie Reed
Sharman Ramsey



SATURDAY, NOV 12 / 7am - 2pm
Bring your household items, tools, sports gear, small furniture, office equipment, etc. (NO CLOTHES) to the Clubhouse Thursday or Friday after 10am. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SORT, PRICE & DISPLAY BEFORE THE SALE, AND DURING THE SALE SATURDAY!



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

THURS, NOV 3	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, NOV 8		ELECTION DAY - WOMAN'S CLUB POLL WORKERS VOLUNTEERING
WED, NOV 9	11:00 AM - 12:30PM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' PARTY <i>See page 3 for details</i>
SAT, NOV 12	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS GARAGE SALE - Helpers need. <i>See Page 1 for details</i>
TUES, NOV 15	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3 for details</i>
	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING - Bay County Public Library, 11th St <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, NOV 17	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 DINNER & AUCTION - Victoria's Last Bite, Lynn Haven <i>See page 3 for details</i>
FRI, NOV 18	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, NOV 17 - SAT, NOV 20		PHOTO DIRECTORY SESSIONS FOR MEMBERS AT THE CLUBHOUSE <i>See Page 1 for details</i>
NO MEETING THIS MONTH		HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, DEC 1	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON