

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

MAY 2017

SALUTING VITA VOLUNTEERS:

Our members again proved to be invaluable assets to the VITA



tax preparation program!

Jane Rigby put in the most hours this year and was honored by the VITA director Dave Davis.

Also serving: Charmian Cretney, Rachel Butts, Jessica Guidroz, Nancy Wyatt, Lois Lawrence and Phyllis Malone. **THANK YOU ALL for your dedication to VITA!**

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 4, at 12 noon

Sponsored by the Youth Department

Our Program:

Dr. Tara Griffin

On sleep-disordered breathing and sleep and oral appliance therapy for adults and children



Make your luncheon reservations and place to-go orders with Jane Rigby or your Department Secretary by MONDAY, MAY 1

Come early, meet your friends, and bring your wallets for Mystery Dinner Theater tickets and your Club Dues! This will be our last luncheon until September.

The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

April was a great month for GFWC Panama City! We honored 120 district employees for Child Abuse Awareness with a delicious luncheon. Decorations inside were beautiful and pinwheels adorned the grounds. Then we celebrated Federation with our April 4 general luncheon. Our Speaker was Bev Payne, who gave a presentation on leadership. She was accompanied by Terry Reese, our State Financial Officer. They were very impressed by our club in things that they saw and experienced. I am very proud of our club and our members for all their efforts to make us a great organization. We also invited club members from other District 2 Woman's Clubs and had 7 members attend.

On Thursday, April 20, Stephanie Cantrell, Gerry Wilson, Lois Lawrence, Peggy McLane and I will travel to Orlando for State Convention. We will be carrying arts and crafts from our Club to State for competition. We will bring back info from state to share with you.

Hope everyone is making plans to attend District 2 meeting on Saturday, April 29. We will be hosting the meeting at our clubhouse. It is a great opportunity to learn what other clubs in our District are doing. We get some great ideas by networking with other clubs. We will be collecting snacks and box drinks for kids to give to the Children's Advocacy Center. Snacks should be individually wrapped for the children. Hope to see you there.

ARTS Meets 4th Thursday at 10:00 am Contacts: Beverly Long or Normandy Cooper

We have had several project groups working on fundraising and fun efforts, perhaps with more fun than profit but we have grown as a department by working with other department members like the handmade tote, spearheaded by Jessica Guidroz. We will sell our crafts created by the Knitters, Hookers & A Cook group



at the Luncheon and other venues. The Cookbook project core group is continuing its work on a new online Club cookbook which can be printed on -demand. We also decided to make a \$100 donation to the Panama City Publishing Museum after our informative meeting there.

Our April meeting focused on planning our projects and activities for next year. **In May, we will conclude the year with a luncheon. Details will be announced at a later date.**

CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at 12:00 pm Contact: Pat Fenaes

Hopefully you took advantage of Earth Day in McKenzie Park on April 22. Friends of St Andrews and other like-minded groups gave away fruit tree seedlings and plants along with lots of information on protecting our environment and enhancing your yards and gardens.

Our department will celebrate a busy year with a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon at Joan Nallick's home. After lunch, we will get down to business and make plans for the year ahead.

We also encourage everyone to see **Born In China** at a local theater for some truly remarkable footage of the elusive snow leopard, nimble golden monkeys, and delightful pandas in their natural habitat. **Remember this summer to Think Green: RECYCLE & REUSE**



EDUCATION NO MEETING THIS MONTH Contact: Allison Mizell

Glenda Walters, president of the Bay County Historical Society, spoke to our Department on the Society and Museum's current activities and future plans. Some of our members showed strong interest in submitting historical documentation to have our club house recognized with a historical marker!



The end of April brings a close to our weekly tutoring at Girls Inc. Our efforts were applauded by families and the Girls Inc. staff. We were also enriched from time spent with their students. Therefore, plans are to continue this project in the fall. Hopefully, more ladies will volunteer in September for this worthwhile project. April 25 was our final department meeting. After lunch, we learned about the benefits of "Chair Yoga" from Beth Wilke, physical therapist from Gulf Coast Medical Center. **Proves you are never too old to learn...or exercise safely.**

HEALTH & WELFARE Meets this month at 11:30 am Contact: Paula Bunch

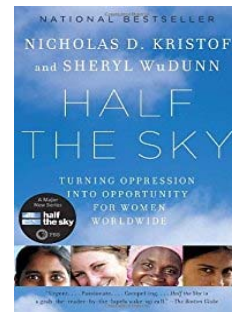
At our last meeting, we discussed all the good work we have done this year and made plans for three more projects. (1) TROLLEY PASSES: We will donate two monthly Bay Town Trolley passes in April and May to the Domestic Violence Safe House for its residents' use. (2) PROJECT CHEER: We will donate \$100 for this holiday party hosted by local mental health professionals in December for Bay County patients who are living at the Chattahoochee Mental Health Facility. (3) SPECIAL OLYMPICS: We also agreed to provide coffee and doughnuts for the Special Olympics volunteers this year. **To celebrate a successful year, we are finishing the year with lunch at O'Charley's at 11:30am.**



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: *Betty Bowen or Charmian Cretney*

In April, Mary Davenport reported on Half The Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, concerning the oppression of women and girls in the developing world, it is sadly eye-opening to think that girls and women still face this issue in a modern world. In May, we will end the year with a Luncheon—location and time to be determined.



PUBLIC ISSUES

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: *Darcie*



Brooks

Our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness luncheon on April 3 was a great success! We served over 120 first responders and 14th Judicial Circuit representatives. The beef brisket buffet was wonderful, but the 16' dessert table was the biggest hit. The tables were decorated with runners of children's hand prints with vases of blue pinwheels and pastel bunnies, which were donated to the Children's Advocacy Center. So many thanks to all our department and Club members who worked so hard to make this event possible, especially the Youth Department. We immediately hosted the April General Membership Luncheon, then took a well-deserved break. **We will meet in May at a location to be announced shortly.**



YOUTH

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Contact: *Jane Rigby*



Several of our members worked alongside Public Issues at the First Responders luncheon in April with woman-power for food prep, set up and clean up. We collected and delivered over 50 cleaning products to the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence program. At our April meeting, we finalized our plans for the menu and decorations for the May General Membership luncheon, which will be delicious and lovely! We will not meet in May. After taking the summer off, we will meet again in September.

WAYS & MEANS' MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6

*Two nights of great meals and
great performances for a great cause!*

You know the dinner will be delicious and the show will be delightful, so don't miss it! Tickets are only \$20. BYOB



PAID YOUR 2017 CLUB DUES YET?

Time to git 'er done! Please bring your check for your \$120 annual Club dues to the Luncheon! The deadline is May 15! This is the last year you can split your dues payment. See Kathleen Vance at the Luncheon for details.

**KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A
COOK** will meet this summer on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. Beat the heat, learn something new and have some fun. Ask Normandy Cooper for details!





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!

SAT, APRIL 29	9 AM - 2 PM	GFWC DISTRICT 2 MEETING: bring individual snacks, juice boxes / Dept door prizes
THURS, MAY 4	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON See page 1 for details. RSVP today!
FRI, MAY 5 and	5:30 PM	WAYS & MEANS' MYSTERY DINNER THEATER See page 1 for details. RSVP today!
TUES, MAY 9	5:30 PM	JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING
THURS, MAY 11	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK See page 3 for details
TUES, MAY 16	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING See page 3 for details
THURS, MAY 18	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING - Lunch at Joan Nallick's home See page 2 for details
WED, MAY 24	11:30 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING - Lunch at O'Charley's See page 2 for details
THURS, MAY 25	TBD	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING See page 3 for details
	10:00 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING See page 2 for details
NO MEETING		EDUCATION DEPT MEETING See page 2 for details
		YOUTH DEPT See page 3 for details
THURS, JUNE 15	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING