

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2017

### IS IT A BOY OR A GIRL?



It's been a very long time since any-one in

our Club has been expecting so we are excited about our Treasurer Vickie Ortiz's blessed event-to-come! To add a little fun for the rest of us, we are doing a 50/50 pool! Pick a blue or a pink ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5 at the November and December luncheons. The lucky winner will get half the pool with the rest going to the March of Dimes, once the gender is determined. *GOOD FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE!*

## RSVP FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON And our Club's ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION

**Thursday, November 2, at 12 noon**  
*Hosted by the Conservation Department*



### **Our Program:**

**Hannah Laird on her experiences at HOBIE**  
**The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference**

**Make your luncheon reservations and place \$10 to-go orders with Pat Feneas or your Department Secretary by MONDAY, OCT. 30**

*Please support Ways & Means' Apron sale and Health & Welfare's Bake Sale too!*

### **The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson**

Fall has been very busy so far. At the end of September, Lois Lawrence, Stephanie Cantrell, Peggy MacLane, Ann Tyree and I attended the Fall Board in Orlando. How excited we were when Ann received the coveted Jennie Award for outstanding service! We always learn so many new ideas from other clubs. Then on October 12, eleven members of our club went to Apalachicola for the District 2 meeting. Although Gerry Wilson did not win District Director, we were proud to support her - she would have been great! Congratulations go to Jane Powell of Marianna with thanks to Patty Fisher for all she has done.

Our club and I have been quite busy with rental property management. As our Club's rental co-chair, I received 15 calls, showed our facilities to 9 people, and signed 5 contracts! This is an important source of income for us - badly needed funds to help care for our not always gracefully aging building.

Fun is always a welcome break. Public Issues' Bunco Party was just what many of us needed: so much good food, so much laughter and so many new faces. And we received two new membership applications that night! *We are growing and that's a good thing for our Club!*

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



The November luncheon will feature our annual Arts & Crafts competition. It's truly inspiring! There are dozens of categories - contact Bev Long for details. Bring your entry to the clubhouse this Wednesday or Thursday between 9-11am. Winners in each category move up to the District competition. Arts also has a new partner: VSA (Very Special Arts), which encourages people with and without disabilities to express themselves through art. We

hope VSA district rep Susan Baldino will speak at our November meeting - date as yet undetermined, due to Thanksgiving.

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

In addition to planning and decorating for the November Luncheon, we try to stay on top of the Clubhouse grounds - a full-time job in itself. Evidence of our labors is the new flag by the south sidewalk.

Now's the time to replace all those dying seasonal plants in your yard. Consider planting hardy native plants like lantana, yucca, oak leaf hydrangea, mallow hibiscus, dwarf palmettos, and Yaupon holly instead. These natives are drought and pest-resistant but also attract birds, butterflies and wildlife.

Our motto is *GARDEN SMART: work less and enjoy it more!*



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



Several of our members will be assisting at Girls Inc.'s annual *Boots & Bling* fundraiser on November 3. This event is a vital part of Girls Inc.'s operating budget, enabling them to continue with their mission to *inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold* at both Bay County locations. Funds raised at this event could aide in the program opening a third location on the east side of town. Members will assist with guest check in, guest relations, raffle ticket sales, and the silent auction.

Dr. Glenda Walters and others have also been researching and documenting the historical lineage and significance of our Clubhouse in hopes of having it listed on the Historic Registry!

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



In honor of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, two of our department members attended a fundraiser at Painting with a Twist for a fun night of painting, food and games. Emma Helms won the dance contest! We also served refreshments and helped with the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence "*Silent No More*" event at FSU-Panama City.

We voted to purchase material for Care bags and rolling duffle bags for children at the Domestic Violence Shelter and/or children who are being placed in foster care. We have also discussed other ideas for projects and upcoming events for the year.

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

*Contact: Betty Bowen*

*Meets Monday, November 13, this month for International Students' Party*



Our UNICEF and canned goods drive at the October luncheon were both successful, thanks to the generosity of our club members. Our annual International Students' Party for local high school students from all over the world is now on Monday, November 13. With several of our members in poor health, we desperately need help with pre-event decorations, food preparations, and hostesses at the event. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our cultural diversity. *Please contact Betty Bowen ASAP.*

## PUBLIC ISSUES

**Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am**

*Contact: Darcie Brooks*

Our department hosted another successful Bunco party on October 17. Over 70 ladies came for a wonderful homemade lasagna dinner with all the trimmings made by Jane Groom and a table laden with homemade desserts. Dice were rolled with great enthusiasm; one of our department members won the Travelling Bunco Purse with \$100. After expenses, we cleared \$1100 to help underwrite our projects AND 2 prospective members there filled out applications to join our Club! We have a list of 20 ladies who want to come again to our March Bunco. Don't miss out! Our next event is Friday, November 10, when we will have a tent with cookies and waters at the end of the Veterans Day parade route by the Marina Civic Center. Donna Thompson and her husband have generously donated the waters and ice.



## YOUTH

**Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm** *This month at Victoria's Last Bite*

*Contact: Jane Rigby*



Our October meeting primarily focused on final plans for our November fundraising auction on Thursday, November 16, at Victoria's Last Bite. With delectable edibles, unique gifts and some cool collectibles, it's fun to get a head start on holiday shopping. Dinner is \$20 with a choice of two different entrees and dessert. Ann Silcox will take reservations. After dinner, our auctioneers Gayle Paynter and Jamie Shepard go to work. Proceeds from this fun-and-fundraiser support our projects, including donations to Ways & Means for Clubhouse improvements and a bathroom refresh organized by Jane Rigby. Some members also plan to help with the International Outreach Department's International Students' Party on November 13 since IO needs help and these young people are our target group.

## Welcome Our New Members, bringing us up to 148

**NANCY BRYAN**, sponsored by Stephanie Cantrell & Merle Johnson (Public Issues)

**LAURIE CURROW-ARNOLD**, sponsored by Tami Michael & Jane Groom (Public Issues)

**TANYA DAGENAIS**, sponsored by Lois Lawrence & Genie Cianciolo (Education)

**JAYNE DONLAN**, sponsored by Jamie Shepard & Stephanie Cantrell (undecided)

**ALLARA GUTCHER**, sponsored by Marilyn Fenimore & Genie Cianciolo (Education)

**CHARLENE JORDAN**, sponsored by Tami Michael & Jane Groom (Public Issues)

**ROBIN LUFT-KITE**, sponsored by Genie Cianciolo & Bev Long (Arts)

**CHERYL SUZANNE WISNER**, sponsored by Normandy Cooper & Ann Tyree (Education)



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!

*All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.*

EVERY TUESDAY	1:30 PM	SUNSHINE SINGERS PRACTICE
THURS, NOV 2	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, NOV 9	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK
FRI, NOV 10	9:00 AM	VETERAN'S DAY PARADE & TENT at the Marina Civic Center
MON, NOV 13	9:00 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' PARTY <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, NOV 14	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, NOV 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT at Sonny's BBQ, Lynn Haven <i>See page 2</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT at Victoria's Last Bite <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, NOV 28	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT at The Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i>
TBD		HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
TDB		ARTS DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
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