

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 2017



At GFWC Florida Fall Board, ANN TYREE was named the winner of the prestigious Jennie Award, given to the member for the most outstanding service to her Woman's Club, her community and her family.

**RSVP FOR THE GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**
Thursday, October 5, at 12 noon
Sponsored by the Arts Department



Our Program:
Melanie Row on
*Making Strides
Against Breast
Cancer*

**Make your luncheon reservations and place
\$10 to-go orders with Lois Dick or your
Department Secretary by MONDAY, OCT. 2**
*Please bring school supplies for the Fall District
meeting, canned goods for World Food Day, and
women's toiletries for the Domestic Violence Center*

The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

I hope everyone enjoyed the September luncheon's Fall into Football. I was unable to attend, due to back problems, and Nancy Wyatt, the chairperson for the luncheon, had a car accident and was also absent after knee surgery. But we heard rave reviews. We both want to thank everyone who helped make it such a success.

If you attended the luncheon or a meeting at the Club, I am sure you saw the dramatic improvement inside. I, several other members and outside volunteers undertook the monumental task of prepping and painting our meeting rooms. 310 volunteer hours and \$900 spent on supplies saved us \$6000! We also thank Public Issues for paying for materials and recruiting the Bay County Sheriff's Office to fabricate the handsome cornices showcasing our windows.

I also hope this is the start of a very good year for you and our Club. We have 6 members going to Orlando for Fall Board, and 12 members already signed up for the District 2 meeting in Apalachicola on October 12. We have several members who have had surgery and health issues so we need everyone to step up and fill the void until we are back at 100%. If you are asked to volunteer in a different way, please say YES!

See you at the October Luncheon!

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

At our September meeting, we celebrated birthdays and finalized our plans for hosting the October general luncheon and our department activities for the rest of the year. Next on our list is the annual Arts & Crafts contest in November. Any member can contribute artwork, photography and crafts. Our department will contribute a group project; yours can too. Winners progress to the District Arts & Crafts contest, then State where we have won in several categories!



CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm Contact: Pat Fenaes



Our department met in September for lunch at Sonny's BBQ in Lynn Haven. We thank all those members who helped clean up the yard at our Clubhouse - *that's a full time job!* Look for our members' entries at the Bay County Fair this month too. One project we will undertake in the months ahead is creating little Christmas trees decorated with sea shells for people who are "shut-in" over the holidays. Consider "recycling" things you no longer use by donating them to our Club garage sale on Saturday, October 28 - *one woman's trash is another's treasure!* And recycle leaves and old newspapers for mulching your flower beds this fall.

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

Tutoring at Girls Inc. was postponed last month due to Hurricane Irma but we were back in full swing as soon as we could. Following Stacey Legg's presentation on "Elevate Bay", Bay District Schools' community wide mentorship program, several members have mentoring assignments for academically or socially at-risk elementary school students. They can help the teacher in the classroom or join their student as their "lunch buddy". Each mentor has committed at least 30 minutes twice a month to their student. A little time can make a big difference in these children's lives. If this interests you, please ask one of us about it.



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



October is Domestic Violence Awareness month with several activities to bring awareness of this terrible reality in our communities. Our department is planning a fundraiser at Painting With A Twist this month. We ask you to bring toiletries for women at the local Salvation Army Domestic Violence Center to the luncheon as well. **Please wear purple on Thursday, October 19**, to show your support. The FSU Panama City campus will host "Silent No More" on Saturday, October 28. **THE HAT IS BACK:** We will be walking around before the Luncheon to sell "opportunity tickets" to win our October Hat. Winners have been pretty lucky in the past!

WELCOME 4 NEW MEMBERS: MANDY JOHNSON, sponsored by Merle Johnson and Genie Cianciolo / GLORIA LOVERS, sponsored by Merle Johnson and Stephane Cantrell / AINE (ANYA) MCGARITY, sponsored by Merle Johnson and Genie Cianciolo/ GINGER WHITE, sponsored by Laura Presley and Virginia Schroder

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: *Betty Bowen or Charmian Cretney*



In September we began planning for our annual International Students' Party in November for local high school students from all over the world. With several of our members in poor health, we need help! In October, we will organize a canned food drive for World Food Day. Please bring canned goods to the luncheon. You will also see Unicef boxes on the tables at the luncheon. Please be generous and support these worthy causes!

PUBLIC ISSUES Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am Contact: *Darcie Brooks*

At our September meeting, we assembled 35 backpacks with flip-flops, body wash and antiseptic wipes in support of the Homeless Veteran Stand Down on September 21. We also purchased 2 coats for "Coats for Kids". We then went to the Historical Society Museum for a lovely lunch provided by Catherine Thrasher, Bob and Penny Daffin. Mr. Daffin talked about the need for this museum and its importance to preserving Bay County history downtown. Donations of Bay County memorabilia are encouraged and tax-deductible too.

Lastly, we will be selling \$15 tickets for the October 17 BUNCO Party at the October luncheon. A great dinner and dessert buffet is included. BYOB. All proceeds from this fun event support our projects. No experience needed - just come!



YOUTH Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm Contact: *Jane Rigby*



Our department kicked off the year with a potluck planning meeting, this time at Gayle Paynter's new home downtown. After a briefing on the September Board meeting, we discussed the Board's request for financial support from each department to cover the cost of the renovation materials. We agreed to keep our meeting date on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Participation in International Outreach Dept's International Students' Party was also discussed since it is for our target age group and IO needs help. Our annual Dinner and Auction is slated for Thursday, November 16, at 6pm at Victoria's Last Bite in Lynn Haven. It is such a fun fundraiser with great edibles and gifts - *a good way to get a head start of holiday shopping!* Our next meeting to finalize this event is Thursday, October 19.



ONE FROM THE HEART: In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, our Club member Jan Gainer received a call from the Labelle Woman's Club in hard-hit Hendry County in southwest Florida. Never one to refuse help, she rallied help from Jane Groom and enlisted Greg Abrams to help fill a Tarpon Dock Seafood semi with much needed supplies to send to Labelle. With support from IHeart Radio's Dr. Shane and WPAP, other businesses and countless local citizens, we collected over \$10,000 in cash and purchased enough supplies to fill another Tarpon Dock truck bound for Marathon! It was truly a miraculous event that began with one desperate phone call that touched two generous hearts. *Thank you, Jan and Jane!*





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!

All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.

THURS, OCT 5	12:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP today!</i>
		KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>No October Meeting</i>
SAT, OCT 12		DISTRICT 2 FALL TOUR OF OFFICERS, Apalachicola <i>Please bring school supplies!</i>
TUES, OCT 17	5:00 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT 's BUNCO PARTY <i>See page 3 for details</i>
THURS, OCT 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	1:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT at Sonny's BBQ, Lynn Haven <i>See page 2 for details</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3 for details</i>
TUES, OCT 24	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT at The Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2 for details</i>
WED, OCT 25	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
THURS, OCT 26	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH <i>See page 3 for details</i>
	10:30 AM	ARTS DEPT <i>See page 2 for details</i>
SAT, OCT 28	7:00 AM	CLUB YARD SALE - drop off items Thursday, 12-5, Friday 9-5 HELP NEEDED!!
EVERY TUESDAY	1:30 PM	SUNSHINE SINGERS Practice