

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## DECEMBER 2017

### THE JUNIORS TO HOST BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE CLUB- HOUSE



**Saturday, Dec 23rd  
beginning at 8:00 am**  
\$5 tickets include a  
pancake & bacon  
breakfast and a picture  
with Santa!  
*A perfect way to start  
the holiday weekend  
and help the Juniors!*

### **RSVP TODAY** for the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON** Thursday, December 7, at 12 noon *Hosted by the Education Department*



### **Our Program:** A Christmas Musical with our own Sunshine Singers & the Pyramid School Singers

**Make your luncheon reservations and place  
\$10 to-go orders with Martha Homola by DEC 4**  
*Please support Health & Welfare's Bake Sale and the  
50/50 opportunity tickets for Vickie's Boy or Girl Baby  
to benefit March of Dimes and maybe YOU!*

### The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

We welcomed nine new members to our club last month! In a time when clubs and organizations are decreasing in membership, it is so good to see our club growing! Be sure to welcome these new members and offer them your support. And please invite guests to our luncheons and events. We would love to see our numbers continue to grow.

Soon we will be looking for new officers and leaders for the coming 2018-2020 administration. If you would like to become more involved and serve in a leadership role, please let a member of the board know or talk to your department chair.

In November, I attended the International Students' Party, hosted by our International Outreach Department with help from the Youth Department. The students really look forward to this every year. Thank you to all the members who helped make it a big success. We were so pleased that our long time member Charmian Cretney was also able to attend. She enjoyed it as much as the students!

Make your reservations now for the December luncheon. The program will feature our very talented Sunshine Singers plus the Pyramid School Singers. Start your celebration of Christmas with a joyous musical event.

Lastly, I wish each and every one of you a safe and merry Christmas. May your blessings be many, and your days filled with joy!

**ARTS** Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30am *Meeting December 15 this month*  
**Contact: Beverly Long or Normandy Cooper**



Our department worked very hard coordinating and judging the club's Arts & Crafts competition in November. Although we were disappointed in the number of works entered, the quality was very high. Our winners will progress to the District competition. We are looking forward to a new partnership with Very Special Arts, which encourages people with and without disabilities to express themselves through art. We will meet for a holiday lunch at Olive Garden on Thursday, Dec. 15.

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

Conservation hosted the November general membership luncheon and was very pleased with the results. Lunch was delicious. Thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Our department received permission from the Board to hold a 50/50 opportunity drawing at the January luncheon. Half of the ticket sales go to the lucky winner and the other half will be donated to the Bay County Palm Conservancy. *We wish Pat Fenaes WELL!*



**EDUCATION** Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30am *No December meeting*  
**Contact: Allison Mizell**



After working hard to help Girls Inc. raise \$23,000 at Boots & Bling, Education got busy preparing for the December general membership luncheon. We hope to have a good turnout to kick off the Christmas season at the club. Please come and enjoy special entertainment, festive decorations, a delicious menu and surprise holiday goodies. You won't be disappointed! Please RSVP to your department secretaries or Martha Homola by December 4th. We will not have a December meeting since we are hosting the luncheon. Our next meeting will be January 23 at the Olive Garden.

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**HEALTH & WELFARE** Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00am *Meeting December 13*  
**Contact: Paula Bunch**

Health & Welfare, aka Homelife, was very active during Domestic Violence Awareness month, providing refreshments and support. Many thanks to all who helped. In November, our members voted to transfer \$200 to the club's general account to offset general maintenance expenses. We will also send \$100 to Mental Health America for their Christmas project to buy gifts for mental health patients at the Chattahoochee State Hospital. We will receive the Board's permission to have a fundraiser bake goods sale at the December luncheon. "You can get a head start on holiday food prep and help support our projects," says Paula.

Rena Hammett will host our department holiday party at her home on December 13. In addition to good food and fun, we will make final preparations to host the January general membership luncheon.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 10:00 am** *Contact: Betty Bowen*  
**No December meeting**

From Neysa Wilkins: Our International Students Party was a big success. There were 87 students plus chaperones. The place was packed! Our club did an outstanding job preparing for this event, and the food was oh so good. We really thank all of you who helped our small department make this such a big day for these students! We will meet again in January to plan February's luncheon.



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



Our department set up our bright yellow tent on Veterans Day downtown and served freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Donna Thompson's family donated and served icy cold waters. We donated our leftover cookies to the International Students Party.

At our November meeting we agreed to donate to *Cops For Kids* gift project for needy children, *Wreathes Across America* remembering Bay County's fallen soldiers, the USO, and to *Sew Much Comfort*. We also agreed to donate \$100 to the Bay County Historical Society for an

upcoming book signing event by Rick Smith for his father's book, *A Land Remembered*. We are very pleased to have enough money to support such worthwhile projects.

We also appreciate Stephanie Cantrell who will host our department at her home on December 19th for a covered dish Christmas gathering. It's been a very busy year. We are looking forward to this!

**YOUTH Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm** *No December meeting*  
*Contact: Jane Rigby*

Our annual fundraiser dinner & auction was so much fun and a big success! Our department, including our newest member, the musically talented Tonya Degenais, plus several members of Public Issues enjoyed a delicious dinner at Victoria's Last Bite. Then our auctioneers, Gayle Paynter and Jamie Shepard, made us laugh and empty our wallets as we bid on some real treasures and delicious desserts. Ask *Stephanie about cleavage coolers!* After expenses, our profit was \$1026! Thank you all!



Last month we also discussed a project that Lois Lawrence learned about at convention: providing books and possibly stuffed animals for children of families moving into local Habitat homes. Ann Tyree proposed that we make this a project. She will contact someone from Habitat for Humanity in Bay County to discuss the project with them and report back to us.

We will not meet in December or January. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 15.

**WELCOME ANOTHER NEW MEMBER**

**NANCY DINGUS**, sponsored by  
Kathy Mills and Ann Silcox.  
She will join the Youth Department

**THANK YOU, GLORIA LOVERS**, for agreeing to do our club scrapbook that will be presented at Fall Board 2018. It is a daunting job! To help her along the way, there is a box in the front closet marked "Scrapbook". Please annotate any photos, flyers, etc., with a brief event description and a point of contact's phone or email.



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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, DEC 7	12:00 PM	DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, DEC 12	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK
WED, DEC 13	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT at Rena Hammett's home <i>See page 2</i>
THURS, DEC 15	11:30 AM	ARTS DEPT at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2 for details</i>
TUES, DEC 19	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT at Stephanie Cantrell's home <i>See page 3</i>
SAT, DEC 23	8:00 AM	The JUNIORS' BREAKFAST WITH SANTA <i>See page 1</i>
TBD	11:30 AM	CONSERVATION DEPT <i>See page 2</i>
<b>NO MEETING THIS MONTH</b>		BOARD
		EDUCATION DEPT <i>See page 2</i>
		INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
		YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, JAN 11	12:00 PM	JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>Note the date change for January</i>

