

# THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2018



### *It's That Time Again!*

**NOW is the time to raise your hand for a position on the Woman's Club Board or for a Chairmanship.** No experience may be necessary, just a willingness to pitch in and learn. Every member has something to offer. For more information, contact Peggy McLane, Darcie Brooks, Normandy Cooper, Becky Cochran or Merle Johnson.

**RSVP TODAY** for the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**  
**Thursday, February 1, at 12 noon**  
*Hosted by the International Outreach Department*



### **Our Program:**

**Mark Bowen with the  
Bay County Emergency  
Operations Center**

**Make your luncheon reservations and place \$10 to-go orders with your Department or Dianne Hodges by January 29**

***Come early, meet your friends and new members.  
Bring some extra dollars for Health & Welfare's 50/50  
Valentine Hat too!***

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

February is upon us and we have several projects to work on. We have elections for the Club Board coming up soon. If you would like to volunteer for a board position, give me a call and I will submit your name to the committee. We need people to step up and volunteer for elected positions and as committee chairs. The club does not run without members stepping forward. Not only do you chair an important club function, but it affords you the opportunity to learn more about the club and the members who are so important to our success. Get involved and you will be rewarded with having given service to a great organization - *The Woman's Club of Panama City.*

Public Issues will be sponsoring its annual WW II Veterans Luncheon on February 9th and the Bunco Party on March 20th. The District 2 Art's and Craft's meeting in Wewa is on Saturday, March 3. It's a great opportunity to meet other district clubs and share ideas. We will be sharing rides. The cost is \$15 for lunch. Call me if you would like to attend or sign up to go at our February luncheon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our General Membership Luncheon on February 1st. Be sure to make a reservation with your department. Remember: if you make a reservation, you are responsible for the \$10 if you do not attend. We have to cover the cost of meal preparation. Please come!

**ARTS Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am Contact: Beverly Long**

Our department assisted Floriopolis with their 3rd anniversary celebration with champagne and delectable snacks. We also gave several boxes of paint and tile samples donated by Gayle Paynter to them. We will continue to support Floriopolis by cutting out circles for their "Art on the Spot" projects.



We hosted the Music Association's first patron event of the season on January 15 for the performance of the Prague Philharmonia. We had several members present to help the Association, including one very helpful husband! We will hostess 4 more events for which we will receive a nice gratuity from the Music Association.

We look forward to the District Arts and Crafts competition in Wewahitchka on March 3. Almost half of the works entered in our Club's competition won a first place ribbon which qualifies them to go to District. Those members who won a first place and wish to enter them at District should bring their entries to the February luncheon or contact Beverly Long for pick up.

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

Our 50/50 drawing at the January luncheon was a great success! Becky Cochran collected \$172. We gave \$86 to a lucky member at the luncheon, and presented \$86 plus \$14 to Gerry Wilson for the Bay County Palms Preserve for Arbor Day. When the weather cooperates, our department plans to visit there.

Our next meeting will be on February 15. We will meet for lunch at Po Folks, if it is available. Otherwise we will meet at the Clubhouse.

**REMEMBER:** Have a heart for our planet Earth. Recycle and reuse. Try to minimize waste and reduce your impact on the environment.



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



We are continuing weekly tutoring at Girls Inc. and mentoring students at various Bay County schools. We promote literacy, encourage students to work hard and attend school each day. They are rewarded with a new book. Their classroom teachers and their school media center receive new books from Education members as well.

February is Career and Technical Education Month. Our club recently awarded scholarship funds to Haney Vocational Center to help women who return to school to start a new career. We celebrate the value and accomplishments of the CTE programs in our county and across America.

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**HEALTH & WELFARE/HOME LIFE Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00am**

**Contact: Paula Bunch**

Our department hosted the January general membership luncheon with a delicious meal and a winter wonderland theme. We would like to thank all club members who helped our small department with serving and cleanup! We support the Children's Advocacy Center and Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Center with funds and supplies. To help with that important effort, we asked and received Board approval to have a 50/50 Valentine's Opportunity Hat - a win-win for everyone!



**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 10:00am** *Contact: Betty Bowen*  
**NO FEBRUARY MEETING**



In January, our department met to plan the February general membership luncheon. A Valentine's Day theme was too good to pass up, so we will encourage everyone to wear pink or red to the luncheon. Since we are doing the luncheon, we will not meet again this month. *Any help cleaning up afterwards will be greatly appreciated.*

**Cultural note:** February 16 is Chinese New Year and the beginning of the Year of the Dog. According to the Chinese zodiac, persons born in 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 and 2018 possess the best traits of human nature: honest, friendly, loyal and smart with a strong sense of responsibility. *That describes all of our members!*

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

Our members met on Tuesday, January 16, at the Clubhouse for a brown bag lunch and made plans for the WWII Veterans' Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 9. Stars from worn American flags were cut and enclosed in a card to remind these honored veterans that even now their service is not forgotten. We also decided on a menu and decorations for the March General Membership Luncheon which we will host and for our semi-annual Bunco Party on Tuesday, March 20.



At the March luncheon, as part of our military outreach, we will be accepting donations for the *Veterans Exiting Homelessness* project. These people need "move-in essentials. Anything you can donate - supplies or money - will be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, at 11:30 am. We will be working on decorations for the March luncheon.

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



After a break, the "Ladies of the Evening" will gather again for dinner cohosted by Vicki Wenick and Ann Silcox. \$10 each. We have invited Allison Smith from *Simply Self Esteem* to tell us about this wonderful project. This local effort sprang from Allison's realization that so many local middle- and high school teens do not have regular access to or the money for basic personal hygiene items like toothpaste and deodorant, so she decided to do something about it. Everyone who hears her story wants to help. For details, go to [www.simplyselfesteem.org](http://www.simplyselfesteem.org) or join us. Afterwards, we will start planning for the next two months and the May general membership luncheon. *RSVP to Ann Silcox.*

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**KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK ARE ALL HEART & YARN**

These ladies gather together to make prayer squares and notes of encouragement for local people undergoing cancer treatment. *Another example of how much love flows out of our organization.* Join them monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at the Clubhouse at 10am.



**OUR NUMBERS ARE GROWING, AND YOU ARE THE REASON WHY!**

People see all we are doing in our community and they want to be a part of something good too. Spread the word. Invite a friend to lunch and to your department activities. *Many hands make our work a lot more fun and a great organization even better!*



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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, FEB 1	12:00 PM	FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1. RSVP today!</i>
TUES, FEB 13	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK
WED, FEB 14		<i>ST VALENTINE'S DAY</i> 
THURS, FEB 15	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT - Location TBD <i>See page 2</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, FEB 20	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, FEB 22	11:30 AM	ARTS DEPT at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i>
NO MEETING THIS MONTH		INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT <i>See Page 3</i>
TUES, FEB 27	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i>
WED, FEB 28	10:00 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE/HOME LIFE DEPT <i>See page 2</i>
THURS, MARCH 1	12:00 PM	MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
SAT, MARCH 3		DISTRICT 2 ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION, Wewahitchka POC: Beverly Long