

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2018



Help Us Help

“VETERANS EXITING HOMELESSNESS”

Public Issues is collecting “move-in essentials” for local veterans who are moving into permanent housing. They need everything to set up a new place, from kitchen items, cleaning supplies and paper goods to lamps, rugs and small appliances. Please bring what you can to the Luncheon or donate cash to this worthy project.

RSVP TODAY for the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**
Thursday, March 1, at 12 noon
Hosted by the Public Issues Department



Our Program:

Gary Watson, senior fitness coach with Ageless Grace on “Getting Your Swagger Back”

Make your luncheon reservations and place \$10 to-go orders with your Department or Carolyn Dudley by February 26

Bring some extra dollars for Bookmarks, Bunco tickets, and Health & Welfare's 50/50 Opportunity Hat too! We will also collect new and gently used clothes for grammar school-aged kids (see below)

The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

I would like to challenge every member to find a project and volunteer to help make our community a better place and to help those less fortunate. We are a great organization with generous hearts. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas. Ideally, we would find one big fundraiser that replaces all the small events we have. Put your thinking caps on and share your ideas. Two projects that you can participate in this spring: ADOPT A PRECINCT Our Club currently staffs an election precinct and donates the poll workers' earnings to the Club. It is a one-day commitment plus a couple of hours' training in advance. In past years, we have earned over \$6,000! If more members participate, that amount could increase. If you are interested, please contact me or Stephanie Cantrell and we will get you signed up. *Plus* plans are being made for a DINNER MYSTERY THEATRE in early summer. We will need actors, meal preparers, advertising and other tasks to make this a successful event. Our last two plays were a success and a lot of fun. Let's make this one even bigger!

The District 2 Arts and Craft meeting will be held on March 3 in Wewahitchka. 17 members are signed up to attend. The Wewa Club has requested clothes for elementary school-aged children. Please bring new or gently used items to the March luncheon. See me if you want to go with us.

At our next luncheon, our Club officers for 2018-2020 will be elected. We are looking for members to step forward and serve in leadership roles. There are several chairmanships needed in addition to the elected officers. Select an area of interest and volunteer. WE NEED YOU!

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am

Contact: Beverly Long



At our January meeting, we made the blank bookmarks for the girls at Girls, Inc. to decorate. The hostesses were Liz Price and Lois Dick, who provided delicious food with a Mardi Gras theme.

On February 9, Beverly Long, Gloria Lovers, Lois Nuber and Linda Hornsby joined Allison Mizell and Kay Hicks from the Education Dept at Girls' Inc. We helped about 25 1st and 2nd grade girls decorate the bookmarks we provided. They decorated 88 bookmarks and seemed to have fun doing it. Each girl made two, one of which they could keep. We will sell the others at the March General Luncheon.

We agreed to match the money from the sale, which will be donated to Girls' Inc. At our February meeting, we finished the bookmarks, then began working on our Arts and Crafts contest group project, made plans to host the May general membership luncheon, and work on our next fund raiser.

CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 12:00 pm

Contact: Pat Fenaes

FLOWER POWER is our spring fundraiser. Each department will receive catalogs with many different groups of flowers to purchase, plant and enjoy for years to come! The catalog also has a "Best Seller" cookbook with 250 tested recipes. A lucky someone will win one of these cookbooks as a door prize at the April Luncheon. Please turn in your orders with your check made payable to the Woman's Club of Panama City to your department coordinator or a Board member no later than March 15. Our order should arrive in May. In other business, our department made a donation to the World Wildlife Federation to help save pandas and other imperiled animals.



EDUCATION

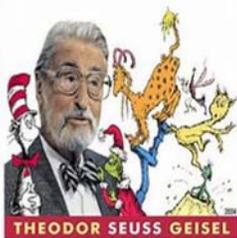
Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: Allison Mizell

A group of Education members enjoyed assisting ladies of the Arts Department with a fun activity for first and second graders at Girls Inc. The girls enjoyed decorating bookmarks and the Arts Department members experienced the happy, enthusiastic girls that Education CSP tutors enjoy weekly. A great time was had by all.

March 2nd is the 114th commemoration of Dr. Seuss' birthday! Many of our members will visit classrooms with their favorite Dr. Seuss books, snacks, and activities to engage students this month. A memorable quote from Dr. Seuss: *"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."*

Last summer, Hannah Laird (Lois Lawrence's granddaughter) represented our club at HOBY. This summer Hannah will return to HOBY as a senior ambassador! 😊



HOME LIFE

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00am

Contact: Paula Bunch

After we hosted the January luncheon, we reviewed projects we wanted to do. One was to purchase duffle bags to donate to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Too often clients come to the Shelter with nothing more than what they can carry and nothing to put those items in. We will search for a good price and purchase as many as possible. Funds for this and our other projects come from tickets sales from our popular "Opportunity Hat" at the General Membership Luncheons. You will have another chance to win half of the proceeds at the upcoming March luncheon.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 10:00am Contact: *Betty Bowen*



After our department hosted the February luncheon, we took a welcomed break from meeting. Now we will get back on track. One of the projects we support is [Operation Smile](#), a global medical organization that provides life-changing surgeries to poor children suffering from cleft lips or palate. "Operation Smile's family of medical volunteers, donors and staff are committed to not only reaching patients but breaking down obstacles to surgery through education, training, medical diplomacy and advocacy." We will formalize our donation plans to this worthy organization at our March meeting.

PUBLIC ISSUES Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am

Contact: *Darcie Brooks*

On February 9, our department hosted our annual WWII Veterans' Valentine Luncheon. The clubhouse was decorated with valentine table settings, American flags, bunting, and a welcoming banner. A Tyndall AFB Color Guard and our club treasurer/ active duty Air Force service member Vickie Ortiz greeted 16 veterans, their guests, speakers, community and club members. Col. William Gobat led the 65 attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the national anthem sung by Neysa Semmler, and brief remarks by Gen. Mark McQueen. Jane Groom prepared a wonderful meal. Our famous 16' dessert table was laden with homemade desserts. The Harmony Shores Singers sang patriotic, historic American and military songs. Dwight Hicks brought WWII military memorabilia, and Scott Ramsey brought maps and pictures of military planes. Olivia Crosby from Rep. Neal Dunn's office presented the veterans with gold commemorative coins. The men left with broad smiles, a star from an American flag, the coin, a drink coozie and Valentine sack of homemade cookies.



At our February meeting, we made centerpieces for the upcoming March general membership luncheon which we will host. Then on March 20, we will host the Spring Bunco Party. Tickets are \$15 and include a scrumptious dinner and an evening of great fun and prizes. Don't miss out!

YOUTH

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm

Contact: *Jane Rigby*



A scheduling conflict prevented Allison Smith's presentation on her Simply Self Esteem project at our February meeting. So we spent the time planning for the April general membership luncheon menu and theme, and enjoyed a very good dinner prepared by Ann Silcox and Vicki Wenick. We look forward to Allison joining us at our March 15th meeting instead. Nancy Dingus and Jamie Shepard will be our dinner hostesses. Please RSVP to Ann Silcox. *Note:* Our meeting schedule ends with the March meeting, unless we have a need to reconvene in April.

YOUR 2018-2019 CLUB DUES ARE DUE

Your Club annual dues are payable on or before May 31. Financial Secretary Kathleen Vance will be happy to take your payment at the March, April or May luncheons, so bring your checkbook! **Dues are \$120 for current members, \$130 for new members. Make your check payable to the GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City.** Remember: payments after May 31 incur an additional \$10 late fee. You will be dropped from the membership roll, if payment is not received by June 15 of this year. If you do not intend to renew, please notify Kathleen Vance before May 31.

To be included in the new member directory, get your payment in on time!





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!

All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.

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| EVERY TUESDAY | 1:30 PM | SUNSHINE SINGERS Practice |
| THURS, MARCH 1 | 12:00 PM | MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1. RSVP today!</i> |
| SAT, MARCH 3 | | DISTRICT 2 ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION, Wewahitchka POC: Merle Johnson |
| SUN, MARCH 11 | | <i>SPRING FORWARD - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</i> |
| TUES, MARCH 13 | 10:00 AM | KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK |
| THURS, MARCH 15 | 9:30 AM | BOARD MEETING |
| | 12:00 PM | CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING at Golden Corral, 23rd St <i>See page 2</i> |
| | 6:00 PM | YOUTH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3</i> |
| TUES, MARCH 20 | 5:00 PM | PUBLIC ISSUES' BUNCO PARTY <i>See page 3</i> |
| THURS, MARCH 22 | 10:00 AM | INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See Page 3</i> |
| THURS, MARCH 22 | 11:30 AM | ARTS DEPT MEETING at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i> |
| TUES, MARCH 27 | 11:30 AM | EDUCATION DEPT MEETING at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i> |
| WED, MARCH 28 | 10:00 AM | HOME LIFE (Health & Welfare) DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2</i> |
| THURS, APRIL 5 | 12:00 PM | APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON |