

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2018

IT'S OFFICIAL!



**JOIN US ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24,
AS WE CELEBRATE OUR CLUB
BUILDING'S HISTORIC SITE
DESIGNATION WITH AN OFFI-
CIAL PLAQUE AND DEDICATION
CEREMONY BY THE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF BAY COUNTY!**

**The festivities begin at 10 am
with a reception to follow.
Come celebrate this historic
event!**

RSVP TODAY for the **GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**
Thursday, April 5, at 12 noon
Hosted by the Youth Department



Our Program:
FEDERATION DAY
With guest speaker
PATTY FISHER,

**our out-going District 2 Director, voted
State District Director of the Year!**

**Make your luncheon reservations and place
\$10 to-go orders with your Department or
Ann Silcox by Monday, April 2**

***Come early, pay your dues, and please bring full
sized toiletries and paper goods for Home Life's
Domestic Violence "Silent Shower" - see Page 2.
We will also vote on the new Club budget.***

The Bee Line from President Merle Johnson

I want to thank everyone for their help during this past month. Being sick is no fun. I went to Public Issues' Bunco party last night. Great fun! We had 80 guest playing Bunco, eating a delicious dinner and laughing so much. Hope you will think about attending the next Bunco event.

We have a lot of activities these next few weeks and I hope that you will attend. The April 5 luncheon will be a celebration of GFWC Federation. We will have past presidents as our honored guests and our speaker will be Patty Fisher, District 2 Director. At the April and May luncheons, the Home Life CSP will sponsor a donation drive for the Domestic Violence Center. They request that members bring hygiene products for women, personal grooming items and the same types of items for children. No sample sizes please. Cleaning and paper products for the Center are also needed.

On Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00am, we will have a Historical Plaque Dedication ceremony for our clubhouse. Members of the Education CSP worked hard to get this distinction for our clubhouse. We will invite local dignitaries and hope that club members will attend. Would love to have a good attendance and take some pictures. Refreshments will be served.

Please remember that membership dues will be due by May 31. Members are the backbone of any organization and you are the backbone of this club. You make a difference in our community.

ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 11:30 am

Contact: Beverly Long



The Arts Department sold 50 bookmarks at the March luncheon, and donated \$100 to Girls Inc. to help fund summer camp tuition for some of their girls. We also helped the Music Association with hosting the Patrons' Room for their March production, for which we receive a small donation. / Our Club made a great showing at the District 2 Arts and Crafts contest last month! All 13 entries took home a ribbon! We had 4 firsts, 4 seconds, and 5 thirds. The first place winners were Paula Bunch for her embroidered baby outfit, Linda Smith for her watercolor, Almeda Huffaker for her hummingbird needlework, and Laurie Currow-Arnold for her silk bridal bouquet. Congratulations to all of our winners! / Next month we will announce our new department officers and finalize our plans to host the May general membership luncheon.



CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at 12:00 pm

Contact: Pat Fenaes

Our department recently donated money and received a thank you letter from the [Bay County Conservancy](#). Our funds helped the Conservancy remove trash and invasive species, clear tangles, and make walking paths more accessible at Oltz Family Preserve in Lynn Haven. Conservancy members recently commissioned new artwork with a great blue heron and Coopers hawk for the outdoor mural at the Mary Reynolds Miller Palm Preserve as well. / We always support the Azalea Trail celebration of our local beauty and our beautiful young ladies. We received a thank you note from Director Bobbie Massey for our Club's participation. / We will meet on April 15 at the Olive Garden.



EDUCATION

Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am *No April meeting*

Contact: Allison Mizell



Education members donated \$300 to sponsor a Girls Inc. student to attend Space Camp during spring break. It's always exciting when our department members generously support Girls Inc. whenever there is a call. / Plans are underway for the dedication of the historical marker for our club house. Mark your calendars for April 24th at 10:00 AM for the marker unveiling and dedication. Our members have done so much work to make this a reality, gathering information on our building's history and presenting it to the Bay County Historical Society for consideration. We host a reception with refreshments for this special occasion. *Please plan to attend.* / Our scheduled April department meeting conflicts with the Historical Marker Ceremony so we will see you there and have a regular meeting in May.

HOME LIFE

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00am

Contact: Paula Bunch

Our "Opportunity Hats" have been very successful - we made \$115 in February and donated \$150 for duffle bags, which Debra Black will buy for the Domestic Violence Shelter. / We also provided cookies and served refreshments at the Azalea Trail. / We are organizing a "Silent Shower" for the Domestic Violence Shelter, and ask all club members to please bring full-sized toiletries for women and children, cleaning and paper products to the April and May luncheons. Your help is greatly appreciated! / All positions for the 2018-2020 new department officers were filled except the position of Chairman. Co-chairs are welcomed!



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



Our department met at Vinnie & Bay's Coffee & Eatery on Harrison Ave in March, due to the plumbing repairs being done at the Clubhouse. Although we do not do any fundraising activities, we collect money and then donate it to worthy causes like [Heifer International](#), the UN Foundation's [Shot@Life](#) program to vaccinate needy children, [Operation SMILE](#) and others. / We will meet in April to plan our end-of-the-year luncheon in May and elect new department officers. *Au revoir!*

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

We hosted the March General Membership Luncheon with a delicious lunch prepared by Jane Groom and Catherine Thrasher. Trina Klein provided the music. We had lots of fun crafting and preparing. Thank you to all who donated to our Veterans Exiting Homelessness project. It will all be put to good use by veterans who are trying to get back on their feet again. Then on March 20, we hosted the Spring Bunco Party. Jane Groom's lasagna was a great hit and the desserts, of course were fabulous. It was a fun-filled evening. Proceeds benefit our many projects. / We are pleased that Tami Michaels has agreed to chair our department. / Lastly, we are excited that our April meeting at Rodeo's will include a baby shower for Vickie Ortiz. It's been a long time since one of our members warranted a baby shower!



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

After a delicious dinner, thanks to Nancy Dingus and Jamie Shepard, we listened to Allison Smith's presentation on [Simply Self Esteem](#). Her heartfelt effort to supply personal hygiene products to needy Bay County teens has touched the hearts of so many that it has become



monumentally successful. We wholeheartedly embraced her efforts and gave her a \$250 check. / We then elected department officers for 2018-2020: Kathy Mills and Jane Rigby will co-chair; Ann Silcox will continue as Secretary and Vicki Wenick will remain Treasurer. We then finalized our plans for the April general membership luncheon in honor of Federation Day. We will not meet in April after hosting the April luncheon but will have an end-of-the-year party at Ann Silcox's home on May 17th.

YOUR 2018-2019 CLUB DUES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 31.

Dues are \$120 for current members, \$130 for new members. Make your check payable to the GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City. Kathleen Vance will at the April; and May luncheons to renew you. Payments after May 31 incur a \$10 late fee. You will be dropped from the membership roll, if payment is not received by June 15 of this year - NO EXCEPTIONS. If you do not intend to renew, notify Kathleen Vance in writing, email, or by phone before May 31. To be included in the 2018 member directory, get your dues payment in on time!

KNITTERS, HOOKERS & BOOKIES???



Yes, you read that right! Knitters, Hookers & A Cook is changing its name and composition to include everyone who loves to read and wants to get together to talk about it whether they knot or not! GFWC's Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) espouses self-improvement by reading. With Normandy Cooper and Stephanie Cantrell leading the charge, we figured why not incorporate this into our group. We meet on the 2nd Thursday at 10am every month. JOIN US!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS! <i>All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.</i>		
EVERY TUESDAY	1:30 PM	SUNSHINE SINGERS Practice
THURS, APRIL 5	12:00 PM	APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON - RSVP today! <i>See page 1</i>
THURS, APRIL 12	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & BOOKIES <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, APRIL 19	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING at Olive Garden Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i>
TUES, APRIL 17	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING & BABY SHOWER at Rodeo's, Hwy 98 E <i>See page</i>
THURS, APRIL 26	10:00 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING <i>See page 3</i>
TUES, APRIL 24	10:00 AM	HISTORIC BUILDING DEDICATION & RECEPTION - all are welcomed <i>See page 1</i>
THURS, APRIL 26	11:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2</i>
NO APRIL MEETING		YOUTH DEPT <i>See page 3</i>
		EDUCATION DEPT <i>See page 2</i>
WED, APRIL 25	10:00 AM	HOME LIFE DEPT MEETING <i>See page 2</i>
THURS, MAY 3	12:00 PM	MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Proposed Budget 2018-2019

Operating Budget Only (working capital)

Approved by the Board on March 15, 2018
 To be presented to the General Membership
 for approval on April 5, 2018

INCOME		EXPLANATIONS
WCPC dues (\$97 x 141)	13,677.00	
FFWC dues (\$23 x 150)	3,450.00	
Lunches	4,500.00	
Rentals	6,100.00	
Sales Tax	-2,000.00	
Ways & Means	7,848.00	elections in August and November
TOTAL INCOME	33,575.00	
CLUBHOUSE EXPENSES		
Maintenance	2,100.00	plus 3% from \$1988
Grounds	1,179.00	plus 3% from 1145
House	1,738.00	plus 3% from 1687
Insurance	4,774.00	plus 3% from budgeted \$4635 (actual \$3400)
Pest Control	450.00	reduced by \$140
Telephone	1,400.00	plus 3% from \$1362 (may be less w/new provider)
Utilities	12,114.00	plus 3% from \$11,761
SUBTOTAL	23,755.00	
MISC EXPENSES		
Fees	330.00	
Orientation	150.00	
Miscellaneous	330.00	
Postage/Supplies	640.00	
Yearbook	1,500.00	
Scrapbook	150.00	
Newsletter	1,500.00	\$150 times 12
Website	800.00	\$200 per quarter
SUBTOTAL	5,400.00	
FEDERATION EXPENSES		
District Director Donation	150.00	
Dues to FFWC	3,450.00	
FFWC Donations	720.00	Includes \$500 requested for Operation Smile
GFWC donations (requested by Stephanie)	100.00	Woman's History Resource Center and Success for Survivors Scholarship
SUBTOTAL	4,420.00	
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES		
Clubhouse Expenses	23,755.00	
Misc Expenses	5,400.00	
Federation Expenses	4,420.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,575.00	