



WOMAN'S CLUB OF PANAMA CITY NEWS OCTOBER 2018



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RSVP TODAY for the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday, October 4, at 12 noon Hosted by the CONSERVATION CSP

Our Program:
PAT SABISTON
Executive Director of
CROSSing Paths,

*a local non-profit organization providing services
and home repairs, at no cost, for area low-income
elderly and/or disabled homeowners.*



**Make your luncheon reservations and place \$10 to-go
orders with your Department Secretary or Janet Darwin
with Conservation by Monday, October 1**

Come early, meet your friends and our new members! Bring some extra dollars for UNICEF, Public Issues' Bunco Dinner Party, and Home Life's famous "Opportunity Hat". International Outreach is collecting canned goods for a local food bank for Ending World Hunger Day, and Conservation is collecting children's books about animals or the environment. See you there!

From our Club President: Stephanie Cantrell

Last month, Caroline Windham, Ann Tyree, Gerry Wilson, Lois Lawrence, Genie Cianciolo and Jamie Shepard joined me at the GFWC Fall Board of Directors meeting in Orlando. It was a BLAST! We divided up to make sure we could attend every workshop offered. I have to say that the ladies in this new GFWC Florida administration are wonderful. We also heard from some great guest speakers on Operation Smile, Habitat for Humanity and Arts4All Florida (formerly VSA). I hope you will consider joining me at the GFWC Florida Annual Convention next Spring in Orlando on April 5-7.

GFWC Florida President Sharon Oliphant and GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs Shannon Bailey will be at our District Fall Tour of Officers meeting in Chattahoochee on November 7. Please plan to attend this event so we can have a good number of members representing our club. Reserve your seat for the luncheon with Gerry Wilson before October 25. We will carpool up that morning. If you have never come, please try to do so this time.

Get Ready ~ Get Set ~ RECYCLE! You will hear more about our two-year Community Improvement Project (CIP) at the October Luncheon. Please plan to be there. Don't forget to make your reservations!

We have a busy year ahead of us with lots of things planned and many things in the works. Your support and participation are needed to make each event a successful one. Check out the Club Calendar on page 4 and mark your calendars. *We are counting on YOU.*



ARTS

Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 AM

Contact: Lois Nuber



Normandy Cooper and Bev Long were the hostesses for our September meeting at the Clubhouse. Lois Nuber brought all the supplies needed to make washcloth teddy bears. It's also pumpkin carving time! / We are excited about this year's programs, including our Club's annual Arts and Crafts competition. The official judging will take place at our November 1 General Membership Luncheon. There are dozens of categories, from hand-crafted goods (knitting, crochet, models, miniatures and more) to photography, 2D and 3D artwork and sculpture. ***This is open to ALL Club members!*** Winners in each category move up the District 2 contest. Ask Lois, Normandy and Bev for details.

CONSERVATION Meets 3rd Thursday at 12:00 PM

Contact: Nancy Wyatt or Peggy McLane

Conservation met in September at the home of Peggy McLane to complete work on decorations for the October luncheon which we will host. This followed working that morning at the Clubhouse on preparing bags to use for sleeping mats for the homeless, which is our Club's Community Improvement Project (CIP) for this year. This innovative project involves cutting clean, flat plastic grocery or shopping bags into strips, then crocheting them into sleeping mats. *Recycling in the service of others.* / We ask all of our Club members to please bring children's books relating to animals, the environment and conserving our planet to the October General Membership Luncheon. Thank you!



EDUCATION

Meets 4th Tuesday at 11:30 AM

Contact: Allison Mizell

We added 2 new members tutoring at Girls Inc. Cheryl Wisner is helping a 1st grader. Retired math teacher Karen Mullins is tutoring a Bay High 9th grader in algebra. / Allison, Lois and Karen placed labels in 114 books for teen readers donated by Lois' granddaughter to Girls Inc. library. The timing was perfect because *National Teen Read Week* is October 3-13. / After Waller Elementary was badly vandalized, a call for assistance went out to Education members to help replenish supplies. We collected juice boxes and snacks, then bought \$300 worth of snacks, drinks and office supplies for their teachers. Cheryl baked Patterson Elementary's famous recipe for peanut butter cookies for the office workers and they were just thrilled! / Jumpstart's 13th annual *Read for the Record* is October 25. We have pledged to read *Maybe Something Beautiful* to 60 pre-K students at Lynn Haven Elementary that day. / This month, we will lay out plans for the November luncheon. Cheryl Wisner will also talk about her article, *Keeping a Personal Diary: A Road to Your Ancestry*, recently published in the *News Herald*. Then Diane Phillips McKeithen, a local writer and retired English educator will share her journey on starting a new career as a successful published author. She released her second novel this summer. / Please don't forget to go to Red Elephant on October 11— *a delicious way to help Girls Inc!*



HOME LIFE

Meets 4th Wednesday at 10:00 AM

Contact: Deborah Black or Verna Payne

At our September meeting, we made plans for the projects we would like to support this year. We will continue our relationship with the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence program. Our "Opportunity Hat" activity at the Luncheon this month will help us buy much needed housekeeping and cleaning supplies as well as personal hygiene products for that program. / October is *Domestic Violence Awareness* month. This issue is not limited by the socio-economic status of children, adults, seniors and pets. **Please wear purple to the Luncheon this month to show your support.**



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets 4th Thursday at 9:30 AM

Contact: **Dianne Hodges**

Please bring your coins (dollars too) for UNICEF and non-perishable food items for a local food bank for End World Hunger Day to the October General Membership Luncheon. We are very excited about the plans for our annual International Students' Party on Wednesday, November 14. Sally Gentili of Bay District Schools is bringing French film maker Jean-Michael Dissard to be our guest speaker. For his project, "I Learn America", he has interviewed hundreds of students about their experiences in coming to and becoming a part of America. To familiarize yourself with his award-winning work, go to www.ilearnamerica.com. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity for our local students to engage with Mr. Dissard. "Unity in Diversity" is the GFWC motto. We are a part of it!



PUBLIC ISSUES Meets 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM Contact: **Tami Michael**

Several of our members participated in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down last month. It is sad to see so many veterans in this condition but heart-warming to see our community's support to improve their lot.



PI members handed out flip flops, tooth brushes, tooth paste and gift cards from Mission BBQ. / We will wrap up plans for our Bunco party at our October 10 meeting. We will sell tickets at the General Membership Luncheon. \$15 buys a great dinner and a lot of fun on Tuesday, October 16. This event helps fund many of our activities throughout the year. / We are already planning to have a tent with cookies and cold water at the Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 12, in downtown Panama City. We have asked each CSP to supply Oreo cookies, a perennial favorite. / Tami Michaels is working with Sims Veterans

Nursing Home to arrange weekly visits with the veterans who live there. / Our WWII Veterans' Valentine's Day Luncheon is set for February 8— *it is always a thrill and an honor to serve them!*

YOUTH Meets 3rd Thursday at 6 PM Contact: **Jane Rigby or Kathy Mills**

At our September meeting, Jane Rigby and Kathy Mills served a delicious dinner. Jane's homemade cheese cake was fabulous. Our guests Judy Dickey, and Luelle Stubbs both submitted Club membership applications that evening! Sharon Owens, Director of Healthy Start for Bay, Gulf and Franklin Counties, was our speaker. Healthy Start offers free services to pregnant women, mothers and babies up to age three. Services are needs-based, not by income or insurance, and include counselling on childbirth, breast feeding, nutrition, safe sleeping for infants, smoking cessation, car seat safety, and more. / At our October 18 meeting, we will formalize plans for our annual Fun-fundraiser Dinner Auction at Victoria's Last Bite on Thursday, November 8. A motion was made and accepted that this year's auction profits be pledged to a Clubhouse bathroom renovation project to be overseen by Jane Rigby, who has undertaken its weekly maintenance. **THANK YOU, JANE!**

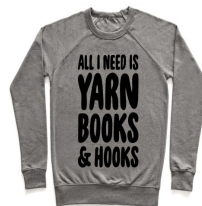


WELCOME 3 NEW MEMBERS!

**BETTY CROSBY
HOLLEE HANSEN
MARY ROGERS**

Betty, Hollee, Mary will join Hope Abbott, Shelli Hampton, Nadine Miller and Lisa Rhodes for our membership pinning at the October luncheon. Know someone who would enjoy serving our communities with our Club? Invite them to our luncheons or your CSP meeting!

KNITTERS, HOOKERS & BOOKIES



KH&B is a welcomed break for anyone who likes to talk about what they have read or just wants to spin a "good yarn". It's stress-free and free on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM at the Clubhouse. *For details, reach out to Normandy Cooper or Peggy McLane.*

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE With the Sunshine Singers!

Lois Lawrence leads a talented group of our members in learning a program of songs and performing at local venues. Vocal training is not required, just a willingness to commit to practice every Tuesday and spread some choral joy! *Ask Lois Lawrence for details.*



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS!

All CSPs meet at the Clubhouse unless otherwise specified

EVERY TUESDAY	1:30 PM	SUNSHINE SINGERS Practice
2nd THURSDAY	10:00 AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS & BOOKIES <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, OCT 4	12:00 PM	OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1</i>
WED, OCT 10	11:30 AM	PUBLIC ISSUES CSP <i>See page 3</i>
THURS, OCT 11		GIRLS INC FUNDRAISER at RED ELEPHANT, 2499 Hwy 77 <i>See page 1</i>
TUES, OCT 16	5:30 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES' BUNCO FUN-FUNDRAISER DINNER PARTY \$15 tickets include dinner
THURS, OCT 18	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
	12:00 PM	CONSERVATION CSP <i>See page 2</i>
	6:00 PM	YOUTH CSP DINNER MEETING <i>See page 3</i>
SAT, OCT 20	8:00 AM	"MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER" 5K RUN-WALK at Aaron Bessant Park
TUES, OCT 23	11:30 AM	EDUCATION CSP LUNCH MEETING at Olive Garden, Hwy 77 <i>See page 2</i>
WED, OCT 24	10:00 AM	HOME LIFE CSP <i>See page 2</i>
THURS, OCT 25	9:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH CSP <i>See page 3</i>
	10:30 AM	ARTS CSP <i>See page 2</i>
THURS, NOV 1	12:00 PM	NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
SAT, NOV 10	7:00 AM til...	WAYS & MEANS ANNUAL YARD SALE—bring your donations Friday, Nov 9—no clothes