



# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF PANAMA CITY APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

**Thursday, April 7th at 12 noon in the Clubhouse**

Hosted by

**The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP**

**\$15**

**Program: *AARP Learn About Smart Driver Course***

Speaker Sue Truman

*Please RSVP to your CSP Coordinator no later than  
**Sunday, April 3rd***




### Club Meeting and Activities Include:

Operating Budget 2022-2023, Bylaws Update & Slate of Officers 2023-2025

CEO Bunco Ticket Sales: May 3rd, \$15



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS

APRIL		<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH—CELEBRATE YOU!</b>
SAT, APR 2nd	7AM	ENVIRONMENT CSP: Bird Walk with Noah Stryker @ local park in Lynn Haven
THUR, APR. 7th	12PM	GENERAL LUNCHEON & MEETING at the Clubhouse
TUE, APR. 12TH	10:00AM	KNITTERS, HOOKERS, BOOKIES & TECHIES [SOCIAL TIME FROM 10:00—10:30]
THUR, APR. 14th	9:30AM	ARTS & CULTURE CSP at Clubhouse
TUE, APR 26th	11:30AM	EDUCATION & Libraries CSP @ Olive Garden
TUE, MAY 3rd	5:00 PM	BUNCO HOSTED BY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH CPS \$15.00
MAY 20-23		GFWC FLORIDA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ORLANDO, ROSEN PLAZA
APRIL		SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL		CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL		NATIONAL DEAF HISTORY MONTH

## From the President's Desk - Caroline Windham

"Thank you' is a phrase that anyone can say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses my extreme gratitude, humility, and understanding." — *adapted from a quote of Alice Walker*



I find myself humbled by those of you who were active in the business of the club these last 2 months. I cannot thank you enough for stepping in for me due to my personal reasons. I will always be in your debt.

The club wide garage sale was a great success last month. Many of you pitched in by donating and volunteering in different capacities. Due to your hard work, the club netted over \$3,000.00 for the club's general fund. Great job, ladies. Rentals are on the rise and the club is benefitting from those increase in funds as well.

When you think of April, you should think of GFWC, General Federation of Women's Clubs. April 24th each year, we celebrate, "Federation Day." Founded in 1890, GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman's club—Soros. In celebration of Soros' 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the United States to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City. On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution. Since 1890, GFWC's impact has been felt throughout communities across the United States and the globe. In 1901 it was granted a charter by Congress. Mrs. Ella Dietz Glynes, of the Society of American Women in London, proclaimed, "We look for unity, but unity in diversity" and that became the GFWC motto.

Included in this newsletter are the suggested bylaws updates, the proposed budget for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 and the nominations for the next term of officers to lead this club. Please review these items and come prepared to discuss and vote on the future path of this club on April 7th.

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

Living the Volunteer Spirit,

*Caroline*

WEAR BLUE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST—BRING AWARENESS TO HELP STOP CHILD ABUSE. WHEN YOU WEAR BLUE ANYTIME DURING THE MONTH — TAKE A PICTURE AND POST IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #WEARBLUE

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)



National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

[www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)





**ARTS & CULTURE (A&C)**

**Meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 11:00 AM - at Sakura**

**Contact: Shelli Hampton or Anna Westbrook**

The March CSP meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 24th. Same Time and place. Sakura Japanese Restaurant in Lynn Haven at 11:00 am. Shelli will give a presentation on Japanese language and culture. Shelli lived in Okinawa, Japan for 4 years. Due to members' illnesses, the project with the Anchorage Children's Home has been postponed. The April CSP meeting will be a potluck at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 14th, at the GFWC Clubhouse.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (CEO)**

**Meeting on TBD**

**Contact: Darcie Brooks or Catherine Thrasher**

Our CSP met at the clubhouse for a brown bag lunch on March 9. We made plans for the April 7 general luncheon that we will be hosting. The menu will be Creamy Swiss Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and deviled eggs. Dessert will be cheesecake with strawberries and bread pudding. Please have your lunch count to Darcie Brooks no later than noon on Monday.

We voted to donate \$300 to Rebuild Bay County for the three wildfire victims that lost their homes to the fires. New officers were chosen for the next term. Brenda Ruthven will be the new CSP coordinator. Our CSP would like to reschedule BUNCO for May 3, with permission to sell tickets for \$15.00 at the April 7 general luncheon. The calendar date has been approved by the rental chairman.

**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES (E&L)**

**Meeting Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:30am at Olive Garden**

**Contact: Pamela Klinert or Cheryl Wisner**

The CSP is continuing to collect plastic bottles for the recycling program at Margaret K. Lewis School, as well as clothes of all sizes for the students. Plastic Easter eggs and a variety of sugar-free, gluten-free and regular candy has been purchased to be delivered to the students in April. The menu for the May General Luncheon has been decided. The next CSP meeting will be Tuesday, March 22nd, 11:30 am at Olive Garden Restaurant.

**Annual dues will be accepted at  
the April General Meeting & Luncheon! \$120**



**National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Since April 1983, the USA brings awareness and to helps to prevent child abuse. Children need support after suffering abuse. Talking to a professional therapist can help many children, and many abuse-related disorders can be successfully treated with medications. Reporting suspected abuse is critical to helping an abuse survivor get the help and support the child needs.**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### ***Meeting on TBD***

**Contact: *Almeda Huffaker or Cheryl Picken***

On March 22nd , at 10:00 a.m. The Environment CSP met with 24 four year olds from Grace Presbyterian Preschool to plant flowers in their containers for them to care for and take home for Easter Time.

If the way be clear, the Environment CSP will meet with Noah Strycker on a bird walk in our community. This will be followed by a picnic in the park. (husband's are included) This will be our April meeting date TBD.

We recycled 40 pounds of newspapers to the Lynn Haven Animal Shelter.

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## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

### ***Meeting on TBD***

**Contact: *Verna Payne***

No Report.

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## **YOUTH**

***Meeting on March 24th at 6pm at the Clubhouse***

**Contact: *Kathy Mills or Jane Rigby***

No report.

# **Celebrate Volunteers! Celebrate You!**

- V*** *is for the Very special people that you are*
- O*** *is for the Overwhelming support & compassion you offer others during their time of need*
- L*** *is for the Little things you do that make such a difference in someone's life*
- U*** *is for the Unspoken words that sometimes mean just as much*
- N*** *is for the Need you fill when others aren't able*
- T*** *is for the Time you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules*
- E*** *is for the Emotional support you continually give*
- E*** *is also for the Endless energy you all seem to possess*
- R*** *is for the Responsibility you have taken on & never once complained*
- S*** *is for the S miles you bring to patients & families by just being you*

*Author unknown*

## PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE CLUB



Neysa did a wonderful job of an impromptu presentation for the March General Meeting!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Karen Willis-Mathis

### GFWC Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

GFWC Florida Monthly Webinar Series: *Thursday April 7 at 7:00 pm*—Grants—Kay Taylor and Elayne Bassinger

*Thursday April 21 at 7:00 pm*—GFWC and GFWC Florida—Dianne Foerster and others

GFWC Florida District 2 Spring Workshop: *June 4th at GFWC Clubhouse 10:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Next Techies class: *April 12 at 10:00 am*



2022-2023 Operating Budget, Proposed April 2022

INCOME	
Club Dues per member (\$120 per year)	
WCPC due (\$97x106 members) excludes all Life Members	\$ 10,300
GFWC FL Dues (\$23 X112) includes all Life Members	\$ 2,576
Lunches	\$ 3,500
Rentals	\$ 16,000
-Sales Tax	\$ (1,000)
Ways & Means	\$ 6,870
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 38,246</b>
EXPENSES	
CLUBHOUSE	
Maintenance	\$ 1,200
Grounds	\$ 2,500
House	\$ 3,500
Insurance	\$ 8,400
Pest Control	\$ 1,000
Telephone	\$ 1,500
Utilities	\$ 7,700
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,800</b>
MISCELLANEOUS	
Fees & Membership	\$ 600
Membership Orientation	\$ 150
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000
Postage/Supplies	\$ 200
Yearbook	\$ 500
Scrapbook	\$ 100
Newsletter	\$ 200
Website	\$ 800
SBA Loan Repayment & Interest	\$ 6,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,550</b>
FEDERATION	
District Director Donation	\$ 120
Dues to FFWC	\$ 2,576
FFWC Donations	\$ 200
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,896</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 38,246</b>
SUMMARY	
Income	\$ 38,246
minus Clubhouse Expenses	\$ (25,800)
minus Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ (9,550)
minus Federation Expenses	\$ (2,896)
<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>0</b>



This budget was approved by the GFWC Woman’s Club of Panama City’s board of directors at the last board meeting held on 17 March, 2022. Please review this proposed budget and come prepared to discuss and to vote at the upcoming General Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Don’t forget to reach out to your CSP for your lunch reservation.

## IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR!

That means the nominating committee has been hard at work securing names of proposed officers for the next two year term. The Nominating Committee is chaired by Anna Westbrook and the following serve on the committee : Paula Bunch, Normandy Cooper, Linda Hornsby and Ann Tyree. I want to thank this group for securing this slate of nominees for the 2022-2024 term. These women have read and agreed to the duties of their position and have agreed to serve in the following positions:

2022-2024

*President:* **Donna Thompson**

*President-Elect:* **Anna Westbrook**

*Vice-President:* **Shelli Hampton**

*Treasurer:* **Susan Fuder**

*Recording Secretary:* **Sue Trueman**

*Financial Secretary:* **Becky Danka**

*Corresponding Secretary:* **Darcie Brooks**

*Directors:*  
**Caroline Windham**  
**Normandy Cooper**  
**Linda Hornsby**

**Vote!**

# Proposed BYLAWS Changes

## The GFWC Woman's Club of Panama City, Florida, Inc.

Amended and approved by the Board March 17, 2022

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. ~~Club membership shall be limited to 400 members.~~ Membership in the Woman's Club of Panama City shall be open to any person interested in the promotion of club principles.
4. The Vice President ~~Membership Chair~~ will extend a written invitation to new Board-approved members, stating the requirements of membership. New members shall attend an orientation.

### ARTICLE IV. DUES

2. Upon application for membership, a new member shall pay membership dues and an initiation fee. A new member joining in March or later ~~in the club year~~ shall consider her dues to be paid through the following club year.

### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Thursday of each month from ~~September~~ ~~October~~ through May, ~~inclusive~~, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. ~~The September meeting is a social gathering; no business will be conducted.~~ The May meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting for installing new officers in even-numbered years, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other necessary business.

4. The Board shall meet the third Thursday of each month from August to June, ~~inclusive~~, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE VI. QUORUM

1. At regular meetings and special called meetings, ~~one fourth (1/4) of the Club~~ members ~~present~~ shall constitute a quorum.
3. At a special called meeting of the Executive Committee, fifty-one percent (51%) of the ~~Executive~~ Committee shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE VII. ELECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

3. No member shall be nominated for the office of President, President-Elect, or Vice President who has not held a position of ~~department~~ CSP Coordinator, standing committee chairman, other Club-elected office, or acquired an equivalent leadership experience.

### ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

3. The Vice President ~~Membership~~
  - b. ~~As Membership Chair~~, shall extend a written invitation to new Board-approved members, stating the requirements for membership.
5. The Corresponding Secretary
  - f. Shall notify the GFWC State Chaplain of a member's death.

Approved by Bylaws Committee on February 24, 2022. Approved by the Board on March 17, 2022



# Proposed POLICIES AND STANDING RULES, REPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIERS, CSP COORDINATORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR Changes

## Duties of Community Service Program (CSP) Officers

2. CSP Coordinator or Co-Coordinators shall assign members as CSP Secretary, Telephone Chair, Ways & Means, CIP Designate, and Property Committee member, and the meeting dates of each CSP and notify the Yearbook Editor by June 15.

## Luncheons

3. All monies and receipts shall be turned into the Treasurer. ~~The Treasurer will reimburse the cost of the food by check.~~ The Club provides salt, pepper, sugar, coffee, tea, and creamer. All food left over may be sold, and the money given to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will reimburse the cost of the food, not to exceed \$10 per plate, by check to the hostess CSP.
- ~~4. The Club provides salt, pepper, sugar, coffee, tea, and creamer. All food left over may be sold, and the money given to the Treasurer.~~
- ~~5.~~ 4. The hostess CSP will decorate the clubhouse and provide a door prize. Reimbursement of the cost of the door prize, paper products and decorations ~~combined~~ shall not exceed \$25 of Club funds. Decorations purchased with Club money are to be stored in the Clubhouse for future use.
5. The Hostess CSP is responsible for setting up and taking down the public address system.
8. The hostess CSP clears the tables, returns dishes and silver to the kitchen. They are also responsible for washing, drying, and putting away all the items used for the luncheon. They shall vacuum the carpet, clean the bathrooms, and sweep the hardwood floor area. If assistance is needed in setting up and cleaning, the hostess CSP must make the necessary arrangements prior to that day.  
inventory.

## Standing Committees (Chairs Appointed by the President)

6. **Property:** This committee includes representatives from each CSP. This committee is responsible for the interior and exterior care of clubhouse, including the ~~basement and equipment therein~~ fixtures, public address system, equipment, and the basement, as well as the maintenance of grounds, parking lots, and outdoor adornments. This Chair is responsible for the public address system and for maintaining adequate supplies. Club furnishings and equipment will not be removed from the clubhouse. The committee is responsible for all construction, repairs, and maintenance to the building. Expenditures in excess of \$250 must have approval of the Board. For major building projects, a special committee shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. This committee shall be responsible for maintenance of the grounds, parking lots, and outdoor adornments. This Committee Chair is responsible for maintaining adequate supplies.
7. **Rentals:** The Rentals Committee Chair is responsible for the use of the Clubhouse. All usage of the Clubhouse must be channeled through this Chair. She meets with the clients to secure rentals, contracts on behalf of the Club, and collects all necessary fees which are transferred to the Club Treasurer. ~~This Chair~~ She will require renters to sign a contract and will inspect before and immediately after to see that guidelines are followed. ~~Any group composed of (1) or more Club members including any non-members will be classified as a non-member rental.~~ Guidelines apply to members and non-members. The club activity calendar on the Club kitchen bulletin board will be maintained by this Chair.

## STANDING COMMITTEES CONTINUED, 7. RENTALS

- a. CSP use of the Clubhouse is subject to Board approval.
  - b. Any public group composed of one (1) or more Club members including any non-member(s) will be classified as a non-member rental. Non-member rental rate is \$750 per day, \$375 for half days, \$80 per hour.
  - c. Any private event hosted by a Club member may receive the member rental rate of \$500 per day, \$250 for half days
8. **Ways & Means** (Fund Development): The Ways and Means representative from each CSP serves as a member of this committee and coordinates the activities in her CSP. Any fundraising activities at Club-sponsored functions shall require the approval of the ~~Executive~~ Board.
- a. No more than two (2) card tables can be set up to sell items at Club meetings. Ways and Means has a priority each month. If there are multiple CSP requests for fundraising, the President may randomly select approved projects. CSPs can reserve a table ~~for only~~ one (1) month in advance and can have only two (2) ~~consecutive~~ months for any project.
  - b. All monies raised by any CSP, ~~or Club committee or Club interest group~~ ultimately belong to the Club.
9. **Newsletter** (Chair only): The Newsletter Editor shall coordinate the editing, publishing, mailing and emailing of the newsletter to each member and others deemed necessary by the Board ~~with the President.~~
13. **Women's History** (Chair only): The ~~Women's~~ History Chair will ensure our Club maintains "friend" status with The Women's History and Resource Center at GFWC Headquarters by requesting the Treasurer pay the necessary fee. The Chair will maintain a list of club members, past and present, to include year joined, year resigned or dropped, and positions held within the Club. This Chair will ensure all official papers of the Club are securely stored by year in a designated location. The President and Recording Secretary shall sign approved minutes and give them to the Historian for filing.
15. **GFWC Signature Programs** (Chair Only): The Signature Program Chair shall be responsible for promoting this GFWC project.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. **President's Project** (Chair only): The President's Project Chair shall be responsible for promoting the State President's Project for the Club. She shall follow the directives of the ~~District 2~~ President's Project Chair.
2. **Scrapbook** (Chair only): The Scrapbook Chair will ensure a scrapbook is maintained and submitted to GFWC Florida for judging ~~at the State Fall Board meeting. as necessary.~~ A scrapbook will be produced for each Club year and shall remain the property of the Club.

*Approved by Bylaws Committee on February 24, 2022. Approved by the Board on March 17, 2022*