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	Key to Acronyms DEP = Department of Environmental Protection GCWC= Gulf Coast Woman's Club NO = New Orleans NOAA = National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration PCMI= Panama City Marine Institute RMA = St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Assoc USFW= United States Fish and Wildlife			\$	\$	\$
1.	We sponsor 9 classrooms of <i>KIND News</i> subscriptions in 3 public school in our community.	125	4	225	0	0
2.	Animal Rescue and Management support for local rehabilitator.	125	200	0	0	0
3.	Joined with the local Audubon Chapter for a Tour of the New Rehabilitation Facility, Kritter Inc.	5	12	0	0	0
4.	Lynn Haven animal shelter donation	125	26	0	125	0
5.	Attended Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission workshop to learn about bear safety & Management.	2	9	0	0	0
6.	Celebrating Recycling Day in November and throughout the year.	125	40	0	0	0
7.	Our Department joined the Florida Arbor Day Foundation. We get trees from them to give away at Earth Day and other events.	125	2	10	0	0
8.	Adopt A Highway project	86	258	0	0	0
9.	Annual Coastal Cleanup	6	42	0	0	0
10.	Preparations Before Oil Spill Arrived	5	35	0	0	0
11.	Partnering with US Air Force base to prevent and preserve locally sensitive environmental areas	2	21	0	0	0
12.	Participate in <i>Trash Bash</i> to clean the river and creeks with their accompanying springs.	3	13	0	0	0
13.	Arbor Day in Florida was celebrated on January 15 this year. It was announced at General Meeting and in the newsletter.	125	4	0	0	0
14.	Continuing to Oversee and Financially Underwrite Community Garden project.	16	128	750	0.	0

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15.	Onsite counseling teaching advising the gardeners about growing organic fruits and vegetables	15	35	0	0	0
16.	Alerted Club Members and Participated in Solid Waste Amnesty Day	125	12	0	0	0
17.	Sponsor Student for the Master Naturalist Class	15	2	250	0	0
18.	The student Master Naturalist we sponsored shared the knowledge she obtained at the Master Naturalist class at a committee meeting	15	31	0	0	0
19.	Voicing opposition to 30 ft Buffers at Administrative Hearings	15	34	0	0	0
20.	Public Meeting on Water Quality and its Effect on the Biological Resources in the Bay.	6	26	0	0	0
21.	Worked at Seminar on Clean Water Network discussing water quality issues in the Bay area associated with construction at the new airport.	5	40	0	0	0
22.	Helped with the Shoreline stabilization project	2	7	0	0	0
23.	Members help with monitoring of our water bodies	20	60	0	0	0
24.	Made Conservation Themed Greeting Cards and activity sheets for Children	3	25	50	0	0
25.	Joined with Hand Across the Sand Demonstration.	1	3	0	0	0
26.	Committee Members Went to Watch Migrating Monarch Butterflies.	5	20	0	0	0
27.	Plants and small trees and ecofriendly gifts such as CFL bulbs are given as prizes.	125	15	0	50	0
28.	Attended Home and Garden Expo to learn about new ways to save energy and discover new ways to garden efficiently.	5	31	0	25	0
29.	We Network with Like Minded Folks Through Email, Shared Newsletters and Speaking to Groups.	15	75	0	0	0
30.	Used Media Outlets to educate and promote environmental awareness.	6	29	0	0	0

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31.	Donated Turtle Books to NW Florida Regional Library in honor of a deceased member.	15	6	50	0	0
32.	Visit to an organic farm	5	43	0	0	0
33.	Mardi Gras a fun way to raise environmental awareness. (total hours and money)	96	700	0	855	0
34.	Getting then Sorting the Beads from New Orleans.	56	0	0	0	0
35.	Critter rejuvenating, Costume repair and resizing outfits for the current King and Queen	25	0	0	0	0
36.	Construction then decorating two floats Deconstruction and put back in storage for next year Finally, Serving participants a Cajun meal	15	0	0	0	0
37.	Partnering with local State Park in their fundraising project, Ghost Walk	8	24	0	0	0
38.	Partnering with local State Park Renewal/Refurbishment of bride's room in the main lodge	30	488	0	2000	0
39.	Donation to Rescue Mission Community Garden Project	15	1	150	0	0
40.	Participate in annual Christmas Bird Count and a birding field trip with the local Audubon Chapter	2	15	0	0	0
41.	To ensure better potable water for the residents of Woman's Shelter at the Community Garden we purchased and installed a facet water filter.	15	7	35	0	0
42.	We Served Salads Made with Locally Grown Produce at the Two Fund Raisers for the Department Card Parties.	15	15	0	20	0
43.	Program Speaker about what was being done by the county to prevent damage from the oil spill	65	21	0	0	0
44.	Earth Day celebration	12	53	0	37	0
45.	Card Party Fund Raiser (2)	125	150	0	175	475
46.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMA Two Members Serve on Board representing GFWC GCWC 	125	48	30	0	0

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47.	• Bay County Conservancy (A Land Trust)	125	1	100	0	0
48.	• Bay County Audubon Society	125	1	46	0	0
49.	• National Audubon Society	125	1	25	0	0
50.	• National Arbor Day Foundation	125	1	20	0	0
51.	• National Wildlife Federation	125	1	30	0	0
52.	• Friends of Camp Helen State Park	125	1	35	0	0
53.	• Friends of St Andrews State Park	125	1	25	0	0
	Totals All Pages	125	1816	1796	3287	475

1. KIND News. Our club has primarily focused on the Title 1 and Rural schools in our county to be the recipients of the Humane Society's monthly magazine, KIND News. Each school we sponsor gets at least 3 subscriptions, one for each grade level of this compassionate behavior teaching magazine. Each student gets a copy to work with in class or take home. It is such a success that teachers in the same grade share with another class. We try to keep up with the demand. It is so little money for so much good. Currently we sponsor 9 classrooms at all three levels at 3 different schools. We continue to get thank you notes from the teachers and students. Sometimes they have sent photos of the class working on an activity in the magazine.

- 2,3 A new Animal Rehabilitation Center has opened in our county and is the only facility for 75 miles with a licensed rehabilitator. Our club has adopted Kritter Inc. and decided to donate \$100. We collected what we call a 'shower' of needed items such as paper towels, rags, food and other needed supplies for the center at our department and General Meeting. Members that toured the facility were very impressed. One member volunteers there each week.

6. Not only do we recycle aluminum but our recycling efforts extend to all areas of our lives. The aluminum is given to a local environmental organization RMA. Our club has partnered with this environmental advocacy group for more than 15 years. The educational efforts to help citizens of our county recycle when there is no local governmental support for recycling is a challenge we constantly fight. In November, for America Recycles Day we encouraged our club members to write letters to local and state officials urging them to mandate recycling at least in some form locally and statewide. It's amazing the treasures that we can make from previously discarded items. Repurposing is a fun challenge. We enter some of these in competition and can sell them for extra funds. One member makes very desirable shell mirrors and similar décor. She has sold these in posh retail stores for hundreds of dollars. Now she donates these creations to our club for fund raisers. It's easy to show and tell of new ways to use reuse and repurpose common items like Christmas wrap, old computer parts become works of art, old donated mink coats are cut and used to make Santa dolls for fundraising project. Used Mardi Gras beads are bought at reasonable prices and collected from clubwomen to become throws for the environmental float at the Mardi Gras parade.

8. The Adopt A Highway project began the first year our club was organized (1991) and is still a club wide project. Each program area takes a turns every month organizing the two mile pick up of a county road. We have won accolades and newspaper coverage for our consistent service. We seldom miss a month.

9. Each year we participate in the international cleanup of waterways. We help at the local Air Force Base as annual cleanup volunteers. We oversee the sign in and check the areas that are to be cleaned to be sure there are adequate helpers available.

- 10,11. We were asked by the Air Force to help a second time this year after the oil spill debacle began. We were to help with a 'prevent' tactic on the beaches. This entailed clearing any possible debris so the oil would not coat it and make it a hazardous waste. Had it become hazardous waste a whole complicated protocol would have to be initiated before and cleanup could occur. One of our members helped mark the nesting areas so the air force could monitor them closely if the oil made it to Panama City. We are a special area of concern for snowy plovers, turtles and a myriad of endangered and threatened species. We were blessed that most of the oil did not foul our beaches.

13. Florida's Arbor Day Foundation's emphasis is the Importance of Native Trees. Arbor Day Foundation sends us native plants. We gave them away at Earth Day.

- 14.15. For the last three years we have been helping to maintain a Community Garden project in a very low income area of town. The church on which the garden was located was eager to involve the indigent and homeless. The abundant harvest was impressive this summer. At last count 60 quarts of greens beans were canned 105 quarts of squash peas, corn, and okra were frozen, enough to feed the homeless, friends and neighbors with "fresh" organic foods through the fall. Thanksgiving dinner was special with the use of the frozen goodies. For the spring and summer garden we prepared the ground. One of our members husband turned the previous garden remains and accumulated compost in preparation for the spring and summer garden. Our club again provided seeds and plants. One of our members brought a shopping bag full of bulbs. Our members also contributed plants from their own gardens. The idea however, was not to do all the work ourselves but to teach others what we had learned and help them to be self sufficient. One of our members is a Master Gardener and one owns her own environmental consulting business so we can provide onsite counseling and advising the 'gardeners' about growing organic fruits and vegetables. We support garden needs as much as possible but turned over the responsibility of planting, tending, maintaining garden to residents of transitional shelter for the homeless women housed in the church Sunday School building.
17. Our club sponsored a young woman who needed help with tuition and books in order to attend a Master Naturalist class. When she finished she gave us a presentation containing professional quality photos, scrapbooks, certificates etc. of the three eco-systems that she studied. It was Impressive and she was very grateful for our help.
19. To raise awareness we write letters to the editor, go to local government meetings and voice our concerns. (We wear our Club Shirts and Name tags) We are known for our watchdog efforts. One such effort was our support of our partner, RMA in their administrative court case vs. DCA and Bay County. The county had proposed weakening the wetlands buffer requirements from 50' setback to 30'. Most other counties have 100' to 300' setbacks. Our members went to the hearings, wrote letters attended commission meetings etc. We were there at the administrative hearing and our solidarity apparently made an impression on the judge.
- 20, 21. We are involved with a variety of environmental issues and try to educate the area citizens. We helped plan the public seminar discussing water quality issues in the West Bay area associated with construction at the new airport. The storm runoff has contaminated the feeder streams to our main water supply. Our members helped take samples and took Photos and videos of the muddy creeks. These were shown at the seminar and in the local media.
22. We helped with the planting of Black Needle Rush along the shoreline in one of our neighborhoods in order to stabilize the shoreline. Because it was a grant from USFW and NOAA, the process had to be precise.
23. In collaboration with RMA's Baywatch program, we help monitor the Bay and other water bodies in our area by taking samples of the water. The bay is no longer the class 2 salt water body (the best for salt water) as it was just a few years ago so the need to try and prevent any more degradation is very important. The data is kept for analysis and coordination with the statewide Lake Watch program.
24. Three of our program members created conservation cards (recycled paper) with a Christmas theme. They were given to children along with an activity sheet at a fall festival. High School students helped assemble cards, crayons and an activity sheets.
25. After the oil spill "Hands Across the Sands" a proposal for people to line the beaches hand on hand around the state to protest possible drilling off Florida's coast was discussed. Unfortunately, only one of us could participate, We were all busy with displaying the environmental float we constructed for

Mardi Gras. We did publicize it in the newsletter and enough non members did participate to make a statement that made the local newspaper.

32. A third of our department toured Twin Oaks, a wholly organic farm where they raise organically fed chickens, ducks and eggs as well as vegetables and fruits. Members attended workshops on Vermiculture, (worm composting) and learned how to set up Vermiculture beds and use the compost to container farm. Organic soaps and preserves were available to purchase. Fresh Milk was served for tasting and had been used in the cooking and baking a delicious lunch that had been prepared for us.

33, 34. This year the theme for the Mardi Gras parade was Mardi Gras on the Bayou.

We collaborate with RMA on this project to present an environmental concept in a way even the children watching the parade can understand. We put the beads given to us by members and friends with the ton (literally) of beads from NO. We get recycled beads (from NO) and to save shipping two of our members and a truck make a one day trip to NO. We get the bead unsorted as to length and in single stands, and stuffed into great big mesh bags. We had to sort and count the strands of beads and tape them in groups of twelve then into gross packages for distribution to the bags of the parade riders. They may have been cheaper in price but 'labor intensive' doesn't even begin to describe the task. Shorter bead units were put in bags for the children parade. Their parade is held the day before the adult and the throws are selected with children in mind. Fortunately many non members are willing to help. Our chairperson for the event entices volunteers with lasagna, wine and cheese and of course king cake. Lunches were provided too.

35.36. SeaDee the 6 foot fish is one of the various critters we have made for the Mardi Gras Parade. She (gender determined because of the beauty) is made from recycled CD's in which we drilled holes for wiring the shiny side out to a chicken wire frame. We had to bend some for her nose. We used a toaster oven to soften CD's. Each year she needs repair for some broken CD's but it is the only rainproof structure on the floats and a very good attention getter with the signs on the side urging recycling. We also have a six human powered eel that winds and dances along the parade route, not unlike the Chinese dragons during the New Year Celebrations. The younger spectators really enjoy this amazing critter. Turtles and jellyfish were made from umbrellas. We also have made an amazing illuminated squid with 10-12 long tentacles. We use this during night parades. A local artist air brushed undersea scenes with turtles dolphins, fish etc on a huge mural that we attach to the base of the floats. These are used in some form each year and require upkeep. With each new King and Queen comes the changing and fitting of their costumes. Last year our queen was rather voluptuous this year she is tiny thus requiring major adjustments to "Queen Mer's" mermaid costume. The King and Queen are chosen for their work in environmental areas. It is an honor and quite a production when they are chosen and "crowned". We change the look and the message of the floats each year but the theme for us is Protecting the Bay regardless of the official mantra. Our critters and the costumes we make and embellish each year for the riders and the wheel walkers are well know in the Community and send a strong environmental message to literally hundreds of thousand people. We prepare a Cajun supper for the Mardi Gras revelers that starts after the deconstruction of floats and return to storage.

*Note- for # 33 the hours and money for Mardi Gras were added together #34-36 only the number of members changed with the task in order to get a better idea of participation.

37. Camp Helen is a very small and unknown State Park that we help to raise funds and increase public interest through a project called Ghost Walk. At Ghost Walk we put on costumes and guide visitors through scary trails at the park. We told stories, some true and some legends, about the park. We were in charge of obtaining and organizing the guides for this annual Halloween event. The event raised \$2677. net.

38. We think state parks should be sustained and enjoyed by everyone. While working with the Rangers at Camp Helen, we were made aware of the severe lack of funds and because this is such a small park the chances of getting funds is slim. The park relies on the Friends of Camp Helen and our Club if anything is to get done. It is a beautiful park. The natural waterfront and wildlife settings make this very desirable for weddings. The property has been very well maintained but not renewed. The master bedroom was being used as the changing room for the wedding party and was just bare walls. No curtains, no make up area lighting just unflattering overhead fluorescent lights and no furniture. We felt that we could design a bride's room with a limited budget and a lot of ingenuity that would be elegant and appropriate for the magnitude of a wedding event. It is hoped the new rooms would attract more people and increase activity of this forgotten park. The Friends of Camp Helen said they would help with the cost if we supplied the labor. They asked us to spruce up a Groom's room too. Three of our members are flea/yard sale divas. They found furniture, stools, mirrors, two wing chairs and rejuvenated them. This lodge was built in the 1930's in a 'refined rustic' motif. It is made from heartwood logs. Our intent was to keep the furnishings close to the era. We enlisted a talented carpenter from the Friends of Camp Helen membership to make two 42 inch diameter round ottomans, one for either side of this large room. He built the frame and we upholstered them. He also made vanities or dressing tables for each end of this room. We stained them and put glass tops and a small lamp on them. The weddings of the past were asked to donate copies of their wedding photos to be put under the glass. The original owners photos are now there. We found relatively inexpensive rugs (3) for the floor and 4 small table lamps for the vanities. We got curtains at a sale and repurposed them from long draping cloth to rod pocket sheers for the floor to ceiling windows. The mirrors for the vanities were dug out of a storage area and cleaned up. After cleaning, hanging rods and curtains and putting slipcovers on the chairs in both the Brides and Grooms rooms it looked fantastic. The Friends group wants us to do another room this spring.
43. At our September General Meeting the strategies for oil spill damage control were briefly mentioned. By this time the threat of oil on our beaches was minimal, the speaker got sidetracked and discussed hurricane preparedness instead. Disappointing.
44. At Earth Day, bubble making and chalk sidewalk drawing were at the top of the kids favorites so we did these again, likewise we had coloring book pages with environmental themes to give them. We made lemonade from fresh lemons and gave native trees and plants to the adults. One of our Master Gardener members grows seedlings from yard fruit (Acorns, Maple fruit, Pecans etc We even use trashed drinking cups, like Styrofoam to deliver these plants to their new owners.) We also gave away light bulbs, (CFL's), and nature posters. Folks could find out about our Program and Club and a signup sheet was available to follow up on potential members.