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**Moderator Musings:** by  
Toya O'Hora

On Saturday, August 6, 56 PW moderators, other officers and guests from nearly 30 congregations in the Presbytery attended a joint meeting with members of the PWP Coordinating Team at First Chipley Church. This year's program began with an overview/sermon on the 2011=2012 Horizons Bible Study presented by Anne Veldhuisen, Pastor, St. Andrews Church in Panama City. Pastor Veldhuisen's words replaced the usual PW informational and business meeting with an instructive expression of the Beatitudes. The result of this deviation from past meetings seemed to be a room full of women 'excited, encouraged, equipped, empowered' looking forward to this year's Besatitute Bible Study and fulfilling a portion of our purpose to 'nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study.'

Moderators from each district met with their District and Together in Service coordinators to learn ZPW deadlines for submission, hear about a variety of mission opportunities and receive their copy of the all important and informative "Green Directory" compiled this year again by the "Green Book Lady" Jackie Sykes!! (see page 3 for corrections to the Green Directory) Officers then had the chance to hear novel ideas from their counterparts

at other churches and brainstorm suggestions for the upcoming year. Following the meeting, our group enjoyed a lunch prepared by the ladies of Chipley First Church - these women serve an integral part of our PWP and the Presbytery as a whole with their special ministry of hospitality.

The PWPCT asks the congregations of the Presbytery to support the women in your church and encourage them to become involved with PW. We have women of our Coordinating Team available to speak to the individual congregations, install PW officers, or help brainstorm ideas for mission service projects. Contact me for more information at: [toyao@earthlink.net](mailto:toyao@earthlink.net).



**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER TO ALL  
MODERATORS**

It is your responsibility to make copies of this publication and distribute it to **all** the women in your church. Please do so as soon as possible as some of the information articles are time sensitive. If you are having any problems copying and distributing the *Pelicanette* please let me know and I'll contact your pastor to see how we can help you. Thank you for your service as moderator and for seeing that this gets to all the women it should,.... RO

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT ... by Jean Souter

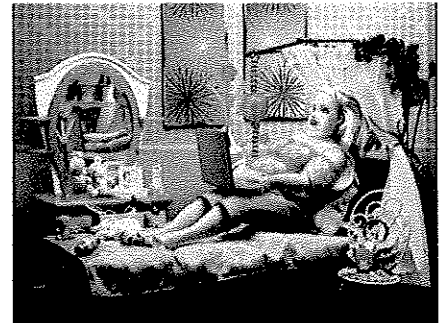
Following our Annual Gathering in March, I sent our history for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Florida to the Synod of South Atlantic Historian and the Presbyterian Historical Society, after reformatting our 2010 History and accompanying documents to meet their requirements.

During the summer I was pleased to receive from Betty Hand a copy of the bound volume of *The History*

*of the First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, Florida, 1835-2010*, prepared in celebration of its 175th anniversary by Judy D. Brooten and Rachel M. Christopher. In the introduction, the authors comment that "Women of the Church histories beginning in the 1930's were the basis for information about the early years" of the church.

I am in the process of preparing for a fall mailing to all the historians who have

email addresses in the Green Directory. They will receive an email copy of the Annual Statistical Form which they can use to submit the information electronically



Barbie at 50... feel better now?

## Together In Service.....

Although most of the churches and PW groups were not meeting during the summer months, projects went on during that time.

Especially those who provided school supplies for children. Many families have been helped through the summer with utility payments and food donations.

With unemployment rampant in the areas that we serve, the need has grown by a larger degree than ever.

At the same time our churches are losing members through moving away, death and unfortunately indifference. Many of those who remain have had to reconsider their pledges and offerings making it more diffi-

cult to help those in great need.

Presbyterian Women always seem to be able to come up with something, sometimes from nothing!



When God asks us to do something He will always provide us with what we need to get the job done. Even when it seems impossible because **NOTHING** is impossible with God.

Simple things like saving stamps, cutting labels off soup cans, recycling your ink cartridges, using coupons or buying things 'buy-one-get-one-free' and donating the free one, all are ways we can keep going through these difficult times.

When we give to others as God asks us to He will bless us and fill our needs all the more.

Blessing to you all in the projects you have taken on and will accept from God this Fall.

Let's pray for all the Presbyterian Women's groups in our Presbytery, our Synod and Churchwide that God will provide all the things we need to do His will and follow the path He wants us to take.

## 2011-2012 Green Directory Changes/ Additions

WEST: pg.33 1st Ft. Walton, Wilma Kelley resigned as Moderator. Contact for Moderator is Frances B. Goodall, address information is under Historian/TIS

Minister Rev. Robert Bohnsack has resigned effective 8/28/11 church office e-mail is Office@1stpc.gccoxmail.com

pg. 33 Destin 1st, Co-Moderator Donna Rhodes, address is 2nd Street - not Ave.

pg. 35 Pensacola Northminster - Moderator

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CENTRAL: pg. 36 - 1st, Defuniak Springs Moderator is Donna Andrews, 615 Bob Sikes Rd., e-mail is dgll@earthlink.net

pg. 36 TIS, Beckie Mooney's e-mail is rmooney@panhandle.rr.com

EAST: pg. 40, Co- Moderator's street should be Conservancy Dr. West (Angie Hendry)

CT: pg. 4, Sherl Morden's address is 4502 Brook Forest Dr.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING - MODERN DAY SLAVERY

by Sherl Morden

On July 9, 2011 I attended a Task Force Meeting on Human Trafficking. Anchorage Children's Home has a grant which provides a Street Outreach Coordinator for the Panhandle of Florida. The guest speaker was Michelle Thorne with the FBI. She is a Victim/Witness Specialist and covers from Jacksonville to Pensacola. She spoke primarily on Domestic vs International Trafficking. Information she shared follows.

Do you have a problem with human trafficking in your country? Most people will say "No, we don't have a problem here." Florida ranks number 3 in the US. Interstate access provides easy in and out, we have ports, truck stops and tourist destinations, cities with lots of hotels and motels.

Three elements of Trafficking are  
**Force:** no ability to leave, girls are forced into a lifestyle of servitude.  
**Fraud:** many are from poor families

and are promised a job, place to live and the women feel it is a way out of poverty for them and their families. **Coercion:** the pimp keeps their documents and are told they have to work 3 years before they can get a visa, keep their money and keep them under their control.

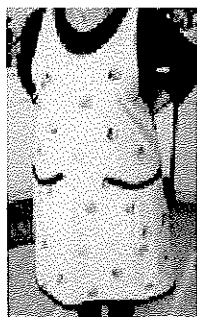
Magazine sales groups is a big fraud. The young people think they are working for college tuition but never see the money they are told they can earn. Traffickers, these days, are not flashy dressers as in the past. They may be plain and have an unassuming appearance. They are the ones who profit from using innocent people. Many are internet and face book predators, aligning themselves with the girls.

Traffickers use other girls in their 'stable' to recruit other girls. One girl was sent into a convenience store by her trafficker. She approached another girl there about the same age who seemed to be hanging out. She told her she'd like to introduce her to this guy she knows. He sold her a dream of going to Florida,

Remember making an apron in Home Ec?  
Read below:

### The History of 'APRONS'

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folks knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes. Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love...



## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION REMINDERS

Presbytery of Florida PW Coordinating Team meetings:

November 5, 2011 Chipley First;  
January 7, 2012 Chipley First;  
March 16, 2012 Lafayette Church, Tallahassee

*Pelicanette* deadlines the Wednesday following the PWCT meetings.

PWP Florida Spring Gathering  
March 17, 2012 Lafayette Presbyterian

PCUSA Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women: July 18-22, 2012 Orlando, Florida



## Scholarship Report .....

by Gayle Avant

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to Brittany Herrold for the coming year due to a late application for assistance. She will be entering the newest degree program at Columbia Theological Seminary, Master of Arts in Practical Theology.



## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

**Mary Daniel, Virginia McDavid, Garnett Avant and her family, All our churches experiencing financial difficulties, Terry Dyer, Presbytery of Florida, JRoAnne Bergman**

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Cont'd from page 3)

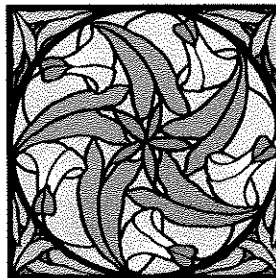
A trafficker can be a boyfriend, father or total stranger. They are told to call him 'daddy'. They must ask, "Daddy, can I go to the bathroom?" There is a strong correlation between gangs and trafficking. After being groomed into the lifestyle, the trafficker gets them addicted to drugs. Victims ALWAYS have physical and psychological problems. They are not allowed to have medical treatment. They live in poor, unsanitary, inhumane conditions. Children seeming alone have a hotel key. They don't know their surroundings because they move so often with

just stuff in a paper bag.

Please join, or start, a Task Force in your County and work to put a stop to Human Trafficking.

Plan to attend Disciplefest on January 27 & 28, 2012 and sign up for the workshop on Human Trafficking. Bring information about your local task force to share with others.

For more information about what the Presbyterian Church is doing about this horror, go to: [www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking](http://www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking).



## White Bean Hummus

Makes 3/4 cup

Tahini, ground up sesame seed paste, can be found in the ethnic foods sections of most larger supermarkets. It lends that signature flavor to hummus, but you can certainly leave it out if there are any nut allergies and still enjoy this yummy spread.

- 1 cup (215 grams) cooked navy beans
- 2 tablespoons tahini
- Freshly squeezed juice of 1/2 a lemon
- 1 small clove of garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Extra virgin olive oil, to serve
- Pinch of smoked paprika, to serve
- Pita, flatbread or sliced vegetables, to serve

1. Add the ingredients to the bowl of your Cuisinart food processor. Process until the beans become a smooth paste.
2. Spoon the hummus into a deep dish. Sprinkle the paprika on top and finish with a drizzle of olive oil. Serve with your choice of bread or cut up vegetables.

## The following women are the elected members of the PWP CT for 2011-2012

Moderator - Toya o'Hora  
 Moderator elect - Sherl Morden  
 Vice Moderator - Ellen Hicks  
 Recording Secretary - Ellen Rumph  
 Treasurer - Wanda Segers  
 Historian - Jean Souter  
 East Dist PW coord Sue Hightower  
 E dist pw coord elect Sue ZIsaac  
 central dist pw coord & elect Rosa Stanley  
 west dist pw coord peggy shepherd  
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### **GRANDPA'S HANDS**

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK. Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK. He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice.. "I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him. "Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled, and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.  
As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer.  
They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.  
They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.  
They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son.  
Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.  
They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.  
They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.  
They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.  
And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.  
These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.  
But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.  
And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

