

**GFWC**

**GREATER WEST PALM BEACH**

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

**2017**

**YEARBOOK**



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**MEMBER GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

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# **GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB**

Organized	1927
Federated	1927
Incorporated	1975
Name Change	1998

CLUB COLORS: Red, Yellow, and Green

CLUB FLOWER: Hibiscus

## **MEETINGS**

GENERAL - 6:30 P.M. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month  
Abundent Life Church of God  
4968 Belvedere Rd.  
Haverhill, FL 33415

## **MAILING ADDRESS**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club shall be to give aid to worthy objectives, to promote civic municipal improvements, to train and educate members for leadership in the community, and for development of young women for future club work.

## **A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN**

*Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought, in work, in deed.*

*Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,  
Without self-pity and without prejudice,  
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.*

*Let us take time for all things;  
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.*

*Teach us to put into action our better impulses,  
Straightforward and unafraid.*

*Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,  
That in the big things of life we are at one.*

*Any may we strive to touch and to know  
The great, common human heart of us all.  
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!*

*Mary Stewart, 1941*

The collect was written as a personal prayer by Mary Stewart in 1904. She was just out of college and was entering her first job as a high school principal.

The first printing was in an obscure paragraph in *Delineator* magazine. A local printer in Longmont, Colorado later made copies for a local federated club. Mary Stewart wrote the Collect while in Longmont.

The first organization to use the Collect or to print it in its yearbook was the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It has since been reprinted in many forms, in many lands. The Collect has also been set to music.

Mary Stewart said she offered the prayer for publication as a club woman's Collect because she felt "women working together for large ends was something new."

The Collect was not intended to be a creed. Every line of it is a petition, a prayer—that is, a Collect.

A detailed history of Mary Stewart and the Collect is available from the General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

April 1941

## **CLUB AWARDS**

### **GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club Status**

2001 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2002 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2011 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2013 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2014 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2015 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1
2016 Convention	Outstanding Club in Category 1

### **These awards were received when the club had Junior status**

1976 - 1978	District 10 Community Improvement Project - Silver Tray
1983	Junior Spirit - Hurricane Lamp
1985	Emmy Category 2
1987	Emmy Category 3
1988	Emmy Category 3
1990	Emmy Category 2
1991	Emmy Category 1
1992	Emmy Category 1
1993	Emmy Category 1
1994	Emmy Category 1
1995	Emmy Category 1
1996	Emmy Category 1
1997	Emmy Category 1
1998	Emmy Category 1

**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB  
PAST PRESIDENTS**

Mrs. Linda Ferris	1999
Ms. Nancy Wood	2000-01
Mrs. Mary Evelyn Mitchell	2002-03
Mrs. Janet Blackford Carlson	2003-05
Ms. Louise Wagoner	2006-08
Ms. Mary Evelyn Mitchell	2008-12
Ms. Gay Alexin	2013-16
Mrs. Suzan Close	2017-18 (co-president)
Mrs. Cathy Hopkins	2017-18 (co-president)

**GFWC WEST PALM BEACH JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB  
PAST PRESIDENTS**

We honor and hold in high esteem, as well as affection, these women who have served as Presidents of the GFWC West Palm Beach Junior Women's Club.

Mrs. Dan Smith	1927-28	Mrs. Thomas Bailey	1961-62
Mrs. James Turnage	1928-29	Mrs. John F. Condon	1962-63
Mrs. William A. Fagan	1929-30	Mrs. Thomas E. Rawls	1963-64
Mrs. William Reynolds	1930-32	Mrs. C.W. Schooley, III	1964-65
Mrs. Mary C. Williamson	1932-33	Mrs. William Harman	1965-66
Mrs. Arthur DePew	1933-34	Mrs. Lorne P. Hulme	1966-67
Mrs. Horner Fisher	1934-35	Mrs. Andrew Ondich	1967-68
Mrs. J. Owen Bowen	1935-36	Mrs. Ray Glass	1968-69
Mrs. Winthrop G. Hull	1936-37	Mrs. James Clark	1969-70
Mrs. Richard D. Hill	1937-38	Mrs. Jesse R. Little	1970-71
Mrs. Cecil Cornelius	1938-39	Mrs. Galen F. Marshall	1971-72
Mrs. Richard J. Snelling	1939-40	Mrs. Daniel A. Mica	1972-73
Mrs. Janice B. Carroll	1940-42	Mrs. Fred Reid	1974
Mrs. Jesse Josey	1942-43	Mrs. Ronald C. Cothes	1975
Mrs. Robert C. Balfe	1943-44	Mrs. Robert Martin	1976-77
Mrs. W.A. Boutwell, Jr.	1944-46	Mrs. Donald Franklin	1978-79
Mrs. J. Myron Teddet	1946-47	Mrs. David Mitchell	1880-81
Mrs. William Bailey, Jr.	1947-48	Mrs. W.W. Wenck	1982-83
Mrs. R.R. Brown, Jr.	1948-49	Mrs. Michael Zern	1984-85
Mrs. T. Paul Riggs, Jr.	1949-51	Ms. Linda Ferris	1986
Mrs. Nancy C. Parsons	1951-53	Mrs. Carolyn Reikenis	1987-88
Mrs. Bernard E. Baker	1953-54	Ms. Suzanne Valentage	1989-90
Mrs. Gerald Normandin	1954-56	Ms. Joy Longhurst	1991-92
Mrs. Hyman C. Butler	1956-58	Mrs. Phyllis Gauger	1993-94
Mrs. William L. Warshauer	1958-59	Ms. Suzanne Valentage	1995
Mrs. Howard Cook, Jr.	1959-60	Mrs. Linda Ferris	1996
Mrs. Peter Abdo	1960-61	Mrs. Bunnie Brecher	1997-98

## CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

All of our members are active but we have the special joy of honoring a member whose contributions in all phases of club work have been particularly outstanding for the years.

Sandy Wallace .....	1970
Cookie Wellborn .....	1971
Shirley McComas .....	1972
Linda Cothes .....	1973
Martha Mica.....	1974
Darlene Franklin .....	1975
Dottie Franklin .....	1976
Sandy Wallace .....	1977
Margaret Butler.....	1978
Bonnie Vankirk .....	1979
Mary Evelyn Mitchell.....	1980
Kathy Wenck .....	1981
Susie Zern & Bunnie Brecher .....	1982
Joy Longhurst.....	1983
Bunnie Brecher.....	1984
Linda Ferris.....	1985
June Zuehlsdorff.....	1986
Janet Graham.....	1987
Suzanne Valentage .....	1988
Linda Stuart .....	1989
Joy Longhurst.....	1990
Bunnie Brecher.....	1991
Linda Stuart .....	1992
Christy Davis .....	1993
Linda Stuart .....	1994
Janet Blackford Carlson .....	1995
Suzanne Valentage .....	1996
Not Awarded .....	1997
Phyllis Gauger .....	1998
Suzanne Valentage .....	1999
Carolyn Foster .....	2000
Carolyn Foster .....	2001
Jeff Anne Pike .....	2002
Linda Walker .....	2003
JeffAnne Pike .....	2004
JeffAnne Pike .....	2005
Gay Alexin .....	2006
Janie D'Amabrosio.....	2007
Janet Blackford Carlson.....	2008
JeffAnne Pike .....	2009
Linda Walker.....	2010
JeffAnne Pike .....	2011
Cathy Hopkins .....	2012
Suzan Close .....	2013
JeffAnne Pike .....	2014
Phyllis Gauger .....	2015
Linda Ferris.....	2016
Barbara Burdette .....	2017

## ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Our new members bring much enthusiasm to our club. We have a special joy in honoring the new member whose contributions in all phases of club work have been particularly outstanding.

Chee Chee Vega.....	1970
Carol Silver .....	1971
Dottie Martin .....	1972
Diane Sasser .....	1973
Joyce Quentin.....	1974
Jackie Ziomek .....	1975
Mary Curran.....	1976
Margaret Butler.....	1977
Nancy Wood.....	1978
Evie Brodbeck .....	1979
Corrine Mahan & Pat Kirby.....	1980
Susie Zern & Bunnie Brecher .....	1981
Paige Robinson .....	1982
June Zuehlsdorff.....	1983
Linda Pinella (now Ferris).....	1984
Janet Graham.....	1985
Suzanne Valentage .....	1986
Carol Carnevale.....	1987
Linda Stuart .....	1988
Sherry Little .....	1989
Paula Massie .....	1990
Ilene Romack & Bev Nielsen .....	1991
Bonnie Davis .....	1992
Gail Matrunola .....	1993
Not Awarded.....	1994
Ilsa Travarca.....	1995
Beth Eyestone .....	1996
Not Awarded.....	1997
Not Awarded.....	1998
Not Awarded.....	1999
Mary Evelyn Mitchell.....	2000
Linda Walker .....	2001
Gay Alexin .....	2002
Peggy Heavey .....	2003
Not Awarded.....	2004
Merrie Parks .....	2005
Janie D'Ambrosio .....	2006
Liz Bloeser.....	2007
Linda Walker .....	2008
Cathy Hopkins .....	2009
Deb Durand .....	2010
Meg America .....	2011
Fran Green.....	2012
Kathy Stackhouse .....	2013
Peggy Breen .....	2014
Not Awarded.....	2015
Not Awarded.....	2016
Connie Tellex.....	2017



## THE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

The following is a brief history of the West Palm Beach Junior Woman's Club which later became the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club. Many hours and donations have been made by the West Palm Beach Juniors since we first organized in 1927 - the same year we joined the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (FFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). All of the projects have not been included here, but enough are listed to make us all proud to be a part of such an enthusiastic group.

The recorded history starts with 1951-1952. Southridge Kindergarten was started for over 40 children in the Southridge Government Housing Project at no charge to the parents. It started with a budget of \$2,000 annually and an accredited teacher. The budget money was raised by a musical show, "The Frolics", put on by Junior members and their husbands.

In 1954-1955, Well Baby Clinic was started for babies of low-income families. Health supervision and immunization was stressed and childcare instruction was given by nine volunteer pediatricians. The Visiting Nurse Association donated office space and a registered nurse to assist the doctors (club members also assisted). The health department donated the immunization supplies.

In 1968 we donated \$1,000 to the County Mental Health Center. Our name appears on a plaque in the lobby along with other groups that donated. Since 1968, a continuing project has been to dress dolls for the Salvation Army and distribute them each Christmas.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pink Panther Ball was held in 1969. From the proceeds, \$1,000 was donated to Dreher Park Zoo, enough to purchase two large cases.

In 1970-1971, we donated \$1,800 from the proceeds of the Pink Panther Ball to Dreher Park Zoo. With this money, the zoo put in another large cage and asphalt walkways on Cat Island. The "Zoo-fari" guide program was started. Our members guided school children through the zoo giving them information about the animals there. We also manned the refreshment stand one day a week.

The Zoo-fari guides took over 2,600 children through the zoo in 1971-1972. The proceeds from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pink Panther Ball, \$2,900, were donated to the zoo.

1972-1973 was a short year...only 8 months long as we revamped our club year to coincide with the FFWC calendar year. We kept our major projects such as Salvation Army dolls, and Zoo-fari guides. In addition we began serving refreshments to newly naturalized citizens.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> (and final) Pink Panther Ball netted \$3,100 for the zoo in 1973-1974. A total of 5,700 service hours were given to this program and our guides took 4,680 children on tours. We began revamping the "Jungle Book" (a house on zoo property) and served as hostesses for Topy the Elephant's birthday party. We sponsored a defensive driving class for the community and participated in a Swim-a-Thon for the YMCA.

An auto accident killed one of our most active members in 1974-1975. A flagpole and bronze plaque were erected in her memory at Dreher Park Zoo, her favorite project. The flag was obtained through Congressman Rogers and had flown over the Capital in Washington, D.C. Our Community Improvement Projects (CIP) was the U.S. Bicentennial and Opportunity House. The Liberty Belles Tea and Fashion show at the Flagler Museum involved nearly 30 organizations and raised \$1,400 for the two projects. We raffled a club quilt and donated blood to the newly formed District Blood Bank. We also did a community survey for the Bicentennial to determine what we should do as a club and also reported to the West Palm Beach City Bicentennial Commission. A paper drive for the Boy's Club netted \$177.

1975-1976 saw us really gear up with a Bicentennial quilt, history books to the West Palm Beach Public Library, beginning the Bicentennial Awareness Awards, Clean up of the Dade County Bank Building and research for the Channel 5 Historical Bicentennial Minutes. In our spare time we became incorporated, wrote a puppet show, held a tennis tournament for Special Olympics, and had a club member elected as board member of Opportunity House. We also bought Opportunity House new bunk beds and started baking birthday cakes for each of the boys there.

Our country's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday finally arrived in 1976-1977, and we researched and wrote a souvenir booklet, had a Bicentennial Tea co-sponsored by Burdines honoring all the Bicentennial Awareness Award winners, decorated the platform for the tall ship, sponsored an art contest for the American Wind Symphony, took our puppet show to several schools and nursing homes and worked to make sure the Freedom Train stopped in our area. We decorated the Opportunity House recreation room and held an open house there. A fashion show at Burdines, a community craft sharing day and a mother's summer survival kit rounded out the year.

In 1977-1978, we continued our support of Opportunity House with one member serving as Chairman of the board and another as Treasurer. We donated \$250 for the boys to take a trip to Disney World and donated money for their Christmas gifts. Both District and State officials awarded our club first place honors for this two-year CIP project, along with \$400 and a silver tray. Our Ways and Means projects for the year included a rummage sale, a meat raffle, and a tasting tea. This tea was our "Golden Jubilee Tasting Tea" celebrating our 50th year as a Federated Club. We invited all past presidents to attend as guests and among the many there were the first, second, and third Presidents from 1927, 1928, and 1929, all of whom still resided in the area.

In 1978-1979 we spent much time and effort working on Ways and Means. We held an International Tasting Tea in the spring, participated in the Royal Palm Festival by selling desserts at the Flagler Museum and held our annual rummage sale. Our Christmas Bazaar was the best ever netting over \$555. For our 1978-1980 CIP theme we chose to direct our attention to children. After a CPR course for members and husbands, we purchased a CPR film to be used in the high schools, donations were made to Opportunity House, and \$225 was given to the Children's Home Society to facilitate the adoption of a Down Syndrome baby. To complete the year, our club co-hosted the 1979 District Arts Festival. One of our members, Linda Cothes, started her term as District 10 Junior Director.

In 1979-1980, we became involved in an anti-shoplifting campaign and created "Pockets", our kangaroo costume mascot. Our participation in parades earned a first place State award and \$300. We also sponsored a Family Fun Fair as a fundraiser and a way of introducing "Pockets" to the public. We purchased two anti-shoplifting films to be used in the schools. Ditty Bags filled with personal items were made for the Domestic Assault Shelter and we also donated \$50 toward a scholarship at Palm Beach Junior College for Women's Resource Center. We served as hostess club for Junior Day this year and our special guests were Congressman Dan Mica and his wife, Martha, a former West Palm Beach Junior Women's Club President. This was the end of Linda Cothes term as JDD.

We continued our shoplifting project in 1980-1981 and sponsored a very successful anti-shoplifting seminar at Palm Beach Junior College. "Pockets" continued to be a popular part of our program and helped us to win first place with our display at the Christmas Bazaar. Another very successful fundraiser was the construction of centerpieces for a political dinner held at The Breakers hotel. Our anti-shoplifting project was awarded first place at convention this year.

In 1981, we held an Easter Egg Hunt for our member's families and made crafts for the Berry Bucket. We also made tray favors for a nursing home and had a large Christmas Bazaar. We sponsored a Halloween Safety Poster Contest for area school children.

The next year, 1982, was a very busy. Membership was increased by 10 women. We held several "girls nights out", had a pool party and other social functions, and were hard at work on all club activities and projects. We adopted a handicapped, pregnant Haitian woman, gave aid to a Nicaraguan family, and decorated a tree at Dreher Park Zoo for the animals at Christmas time. We held a World's Fair Tasting Tea to benefit the Domestic Assault Shelter.

In 1983, we decided to "adopt" the County Home and continue support for the Domestic Assault Shelter. Our Champagne Breakfast Fashion Show was held in May and was a great success. In October, we sponsored a Halloween Safety Poster Contest for area school children. In December, we had a Children's Christmas Party held at the Woman's Club.

Great projects "bear" repeating during 1984, so we continued assistance to the County Home with monthly birthday parties. In addition, we redecorated the dining areas to make them more cheery for staff and patients. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Champagne Breakfast Fashion Show and County Christmas Tree and Bazaar were among fundraisers held to support club projects. To aid Palm Beach County's migrants, we began a yearlong support program for Operation Concern and Soup Kitchen. Our 1984 Club theme of bears was emphasized throughout the year; each member even created her own cross-stitch bear nametag! We capped a full year with a Children's Christmas Party featuring Cheer Bear and Tenderheart Bear, two of American Greeting's Care Bears.

In 1985-1986, we continued to grow in membership and enthusiasm. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Champagne Breakfast and Fashion Show in April was as much fun for members as guests. For our CIP project, we adopted a West Palm Beach family through the Adopt-A-Family Program. We bought tires for their car, clothes for the three children, work uniforms for the mother, and remembered them on holidays with food and toys. We continued to support the Dreher Park Zoo, MAST, and decorated an edible Christmas tree at the Dreher Park Zoo. We continued our support of the Palm Beach County Home with cupcakes each month and various items throughout the year. We made ditty bags for Chosen Children and Domestic Assault Shelter and adopted Faten, a Lebanese child, through Save the Children. We provided assistance for other organizations such as answering telephones at the WXEL Channel 42 telethon, the American Lung Association and MADD. Club members and husbands bowled in the annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Palm Beach County. We sold Gold C Coupon books to raise \$300 for a scholarship to be given away in early 1986. Club members worked hard for another successful Children's Christmas Brunch with Santa and Tenderheart Care Bear. This event raised \$750, which was contributed to our special Junior husband, Steve Stewart, the first heart transplant patient at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Our hard work for 1985 was rewarded at Junior Day in March 1986, when we received 11 District X awards for our reports. At convention in April we were thrilled when the club received the Emmy for Category 2. It was the first time West Palm Beach Junior's won this prestigious award. This culminated in 12 State awards at convention.

West Palm Beach Juniors were busy in 1986-1987, doing many community projects, adding to its membership and adding to their families (four members had baby boys). We spent many hours on projects to benefit children. We landscaped the yard at the Children's Place, a shelter for abused children; we assisted with Child Keyper's International, a network to locate missing children; we bowled to help raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Palm Beach County; adopted Royal Palm School for handicapped kids. We made "honor badges" for the children and provided a Teacher Appreciation Brunch. We also awarded a \$300 scholarship. We answered telephones for Jerry Lewis and WXEL public TV telethons. We contributed \$750 for the protective glass for the Florida Panther exhibit at Dreher Park Zoo. We adopted

Faten, through Save the Children. We began Kids Express, our CIP project, in which we wrapped shoeboxes, filled them with emergency clothing for HRS workers to give to foster parents. We also attended every state and district meeting and we had the most successful fundraiser in the history of our club. We gathered friends and family of club members, and in June we had the program concession at the Palm Beach Grand Prix and raised over \$7,500.

1987-1988 was a special year for Juniors. We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting Junior Day in March. Our theme was "Celebrating Community Service- Past, Present, and Future." Our guest speakers were U.S. Representative Dan Mica and his wife, Martha, president of our club in 1972. A special history was compiled and all past presidents were invited. We had several fundraisers including a "Raiders of the Lost Park" Road Rally, "Brunch with Santa," and a Fall Fashion Fling. Our community projects included Forest Hill High School's Project Graduation, contributing a family of anatomically correct dolls to the West Palm Beach Police Department, and paint murals on the walls at a Head Start Pre-school. We continued our support of local organizations such as the Domestic Assault Shelter, County Home, and American Lung Association through donations of money, needed articles such as toys and clothing, and volunteer hours.

Our most outstanding project was our Blue Dot fire hydrant marker program. By involving local neighborhood organizations and City government, we were able to raise over \$2 to purchase enough markers for the city of West Palm Beach. In March 1988, the state organization recognized our efforts with 15 awards and an Emmy for being the most outstanding club in Category 3. We also received special recognition from GFWC for our Blue Dot project.

1988-1989 found all of our departments busy with their own fundraisers to support their "pet" projects. We worked the elections office, recycled glass, aluminum, plastic and paper, had a drawing for UNICEF, had a drawing for a hand-made wreath, made items for a Christmas Bazaar and sold Gold C Coupon books for a scholarship fund. Our CIP project gave us the most pride. One of our members gave birth to a baby girl with Downs Syndrome. We invited a speaker from the Gold Coast Downs Syndrome Association to educate our members on Downs Syndrome. As a result of our discussions, we chose the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) as our CIP project. We made tote bags and filled them with infant stimulation toys and other things parents could use to work with their babies. Some of the items in the bag were made by members at workshops and some items were purchased. Our efforts were rewarded by the many "thank you" received from the recipient families. We awarded a college scholarship to a young man, supported our zoo, donated a VCR and videotapes to the County Home, and assisted in a fundraiser for a residence for AIDS victims who had nowhere else to live. We catered a cocktail party to acquaint Secretary of State Jim Smith with the restoration of The Armory School of Art and Visual Arts Center. One of our more moving volunteer efforts was helping visitors at the South Florida Fair find the names of family members, friends or acquaintances on a replica of the Wall of Tears Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1989-1990, we worked at the Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament helping the Literacy Volunteers of America. It was a great opportunity for our members to aid this great cause as well as to meet some tennis professionals. We rolled bandages for the White Cross, continued to support the County Home Rehabilitation Facility with their monthly birthday parties and visited area nursing homes on the holidays. Our members were trained and certified in CPR and as volunteers in the Safe Harbor (teen runaway shelter) program. We donated green stamp books for a blind man. Members were highly visible in our community when they worked Sunfest and the Fourth on Flagler. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Road Rally fundraiser was a great success as well as the Fashion Show we participated in with the Boynton Beach Mall, Burdines store. Our club was honored at the Spring Convention with the Emmy Award for its outstanding work in 1988. The highlight of the year, however, came about through our CIP, the tote bags filled with infant stimulation toys, which we gave to the ARC for distribution to new

mothers. TV5 highlighted one of our members as well as our club on their Kelly's Heroes spotlight. It was a thrill to see us on television.

In 1990-1991, we changed the direction of our scholarship. We made our scholarship available to a single working mother who had gone back to school in an effort to improve her situation. We also supported the Royal Palm School with the donation of Publix register tapes, which they were able to use as credit toward the purchase of computer equipment. Our members took squares of fabric, which were designed by students and made a quilt, which hangs in the Royal Palm Beach Library. Members also helped our libraries by putting together flannelgraph stories for their story hours. 1990 was the year of the GFWC Centennial Convention and three club members in New York City represented us! Social issues were of much concern to our members who became involved in writing to our servicemen in the Middle East through Operation Desert Shield. Our members also helped a church in their monthly dinners for People with AIDS. Our continuing project of providing the infant stimulation bags the ARC was acknowledged internationally when one of our bags went to Poland. It was used to demonstrate what could be used in working with handicapped children. Fundraising this year was highlighted by a Christmas Bazaar and Christmas tree give away. Members began with Christmas in July and worked up until the holidays. We made just under \$1,400 from our efforts. Other fundraising projects included the annual Fashion Show with Burdines, yard sales to raise money for Dollars for Delegates and the Road Rally.

1991-1992 was filled with lots of energy and "mileage" as we held our annual Bunny Brunch for area children, decorated an edible tree at the Dreher Park Zoo, adopted a child through Plan International, and awarded a \$500 scholarship to a single, working mother. We were active in participating with the Women in Military Service for American Memorial foundation when we weren't coloring and cutting for our local libraries through our CIP program. We participated in the Palm Beach County Ultimate Garage Sale, visited with our nursing home projects and walk-a-thon(ed) ourselves with American Lung Association, March of Dime's, Special Olympics, and Bike Trek. The year wouldn't have been complete without a "few of our favorite things" when we planned a day of shopping and dining to Bayside in Miami as a membership event.

"Go For The Gold" was the motto of Junior Day 1992 that found us as the hostess club with a theme centered on the Olympics. We were blessed with so many exciting events this year such as officially changing our club name to GFWC West Palm Beach Junior Women's Club, winning the District Spirit Award at Convention, which includes all of District 10. We sponsored a girl's softball team, which included one of our member's daughters, and we held our 1st annual golf tournament at Bink's Forest Country Club, which was a smashing success. Proceeds from this event helped to benefit Harmony House, a local woman's rehabilitation home.

The months of 1993-1994 were filled with many new and exiting projects adding to our members and club activities. We strolled, pledged, adopted, donated, registered, rolled, folded, volunteered, visited, and recycled (everything that wasn't nailed down!) you name it we did it in one form or another. State Convention awarded our club the Category 1 Emmy for being an outstanding club in the State (again), along with many first place certificates for our efforts. Also awarded to our Junior District Director (a West Palm Beach club member) was the Ginny Winesman Leadership Award -how impressive. Our first membership banner was designed incorporating our district and president's themes, which will be utilized as a public relations tool. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament to benefit Harmony House, a women's domestic assault shelter. We organized a community wide yard sale to benefit a young wife/mother left mysteriously paralyzed. She was previously one of our program speaker's for our business meeting.

1994-1995 was certainly filled with unity through diversity as we attended State, District, and local meetings, and various club social events. Our president's club symbol/these were the starfish representing many arms reaching out to our community, which is just what we did. We began the year volunteering at the Serenity Stroll, a walk-a-thon event to raise money for various community charities. We flipped flapjacks at a Rotary Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast, answered telephones for WXEL Channel 42 public television telethon, and grew with the children at Easter Seals Early Intervention Center, participated in a community food drive with the Food for Families Program. We washed cars, folded 1,000 paper cranes, continued our support of the Dreher Park Zoo, and we sponsored an elementary school newspaper subscription. Our club hosted a membership invitational from which we initiated our first mother/daughter members, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Bink's Forest Country Club. Once again we participated in the Palm Beach County Ultimate Garage Sale, Palm Beach County Yellow Feather Awards (a roast to local celebrities) and Palm Beach County Adopt-a-Road program. We toasted the end of our 1994 club year with an International Christmas dinner/secret pal exchange held at the home of our club president. Did I mention that we took home the Emmy award for Category 1 at State Convention (again)?

Membership expansion was our goal for 1995-1996. We concentrated our efforts to bringing in new members. Our first step was to join the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches where we made many business contacts in the community, which paid off in many ways. Working our statewide theme of helping to keep kids safe into our projects, we set up a Neighborhood Pantry in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office in an under-privileged community. We held a Don't Clown Around with Drugs poster contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, we continued our support of the domestic assault shelter and purchased Dolly Downs dolls for the Association for Retarded Citizens. Our members walked in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for breast cancer awareness and worked at the American Lung Association's Bike Fest along with our District 10 clubwomen. With rain threatening to dampen our spirits, we held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the deaf service center, our biggest fundraiser of the year. We celebrated the Centennial of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs throughout the year. Our celebration culminated in our bringing home the Emmy award for year of great work!

The club started 1996-1997 walking in the Race for the Cure for breast cancer awareness. We sponsored Jump for Heart for elementary children, bought an iguana for special needs class, adopted a Fennec Fox and worked Boo at the Zoo, participated in the American Lung Association Bike Trek, helped with the Olympic Torch Relay, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall Exhibit, made library puppets, finished the reading quilt for the library, gave apples for the teachers, awarded a scholarship to a Lake Worth High School senior and more. We attended District 10 Arts Festival in Hobe Sound (where the highlight was performance by Palm Beach County Very Special Arts), and celebrated "Hats Off" at Junior Day in Jupiter. We had a dozen attend FFWC Spring Convention where we brought home the Emmy (AGAIN); and four attended Fall Board. We also attended District 10 Spring Workshop and Fall Tour of Officers. We took our families and friends to see turtles laying eggs, the dog races, and the local basketball and arena football games at the auditorium. We held a "Junior Reunion" at Alleyda's restaurant and we took in three new members. Fundraisers included a golf ball drop, a first-time effort that proved extra successful when the winner (Colette Runge of Clearwater Juniors) donated the \$500 back to us to use for Public Relations/Membership. We also held a golf tourney, sold wrapping paper, Entertainment Books, and participated in Ultimate Garage Sale.

Again in 1997-1998, our focus was on membership. The President's motto, keep growing with new members, keeping seasonal members, and giving of time and us. We helped our migrant family with school supplies, Easter treats, pumpkins and candy at Halloween, and a gift certificate for Christmas. We sold Innisbrook gift wrap; chocolate bars, participated in the Gigantic Garage sale and manned a Coke wagon at a local Wal-Mart. We also purchase books for a new preschool, held a "Say No to Drugs" Poster contest for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students,

worked the Supervisors afflictions office, and worked members' night at the Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park.

Our club celebrated a milestone in 1999, as we officially switched from a junior club to a general club. With all the proper paperwork approved, we were recognized at Convention as the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club. We opened the year with only nine members and we ended with 12. We reported projects in all six emphasis areas, plus fund-raising, programs, leadership, membership and public relations. We were rewarded with four FFWC certificates: membership, leadership, programs, and public affairs. Plus we received honor score. Suzanne Valentage concluded her term on the FFWC Elections Committee. We had made the right decision to become a general club.

We opened 2000 at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at the end of January, visited the Green Market and went see the Manatees. Club members expanded their art appreciation at the Norton Gallery of Art, we went to watch the sea turtles lay eggs, helped with Special Olympics, Solid Waste Authority, and got in touch with our inner child at the Artist Way program. We made bookmarks, baked goodies for a fund-raiser at Animal Rescue, and help count pennies for Meadow Park Elementary. We sponsored a booth at Boo at the Zoo and helped with Locks of Love for cancer patients. We recycled everything we could; we contributed to Goodwill, and suits to Dress for Success program. We sent holiday cards to veterans at local VA hospital and we wrote international pen pals. We went for International dinners. We went to our doctors to check our cholesterol, get mammograms and pap smears, took a CPR course, and cooked with new heart-healthy recipes, which were printed in our monthly newsletter. September marked the beginning of our new club home at Acordia Insurance in downtown West Palm Beach. Our President was appointed FFWC Public Relations Chairman for 2000-2002 Administration. The club contributed to HOBY, UNICEF, Little Achievers Day Care Center, Hacienda Girls Ranch, cancer kids at St. Mary's Hospital, Salvation Army Angels, Women's Memorial in Military Service, Operation Smile, Canine Companions, made 19 lap robes for a nursing home and veteran's hospital, and adopted an Eagle through the Audubon Society in honor of Dr. Janet Williams, our District 10 Director. We also adopted a child through Child Reach and contributed to Channel's 12 Project Thanksgiving. We collected \$1,845 for Easter Seals, with ALL the money going to Easter Seals; collected almost 40 cell phones for the domestic assault shelter; and donated personal hygiene items, too.

We were active in all departments in 2001. We didn't lose any members during the year and took in four new members bringing our membership to 20. Fund-raising activities were successful in two garage sales, 50-50, dollars for delegate events, selling hot dogs at Walmart and Innisbrook gift wrap. Our members enjoyed international dinners each month (and brought friends and family), picnics, art and museum activities. We also gathered personal hygiene items, school supplies and cell phones for domestic assault shelter. We gave goggles to Boggy Creek, beach towels, books, valentines and lap robes to the VA hospital, clothes and games to Hacienda, adopted a child through Child Reach, and we contributed \$300 to educate a girl through CARE and more. Our speakers included the director of the domestic assault shelter, Locks for Love, an artist, a fireman, a sheriff's deputy, a doctor and a woman from the health department. At convention, we were surprised when we received the Outstanding Club in Category 1 for our work the previous year. We attended all FFWC district and state meetings. One of our members served as FFWC Public Relations Chairman.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club was the highlight of 2002. Not only did we receive a special recognition at the FFWC Convention, but we also held a special tea to honor the event. The club again received an award as the outstanding club in the state in our category. The work continued with a garage sale and the constructing of blue bears for children in crisis. We donated to the girls at Hacienda, supported the Special Olympics and Locks of Love, and

donated to the Veterans at the VA Hospital. We held numerous international dinners and fundraising activities included a One Stop Shopping experience.

The twenty-two members of our club not only “grew together” but also spread our efforts to our community in a big way in 2003. We wore hats for a club picture; we made cigar box purses for ourselves and as a fund-raiser. We raised more money with a garage sale and two hot dog sales. We had fun riding the Diva Duck, and attending an international dinner at a different restaurant each month. We cheered the veterans at the Veteran’s Hospital with St. Patrick’s Day tray favors, socks, books, puzzles and toiletries throughout the year and centerpieces for their Veteran’s Day celebration. We wrote over 1,000 thank you notes for Locks of Love. We supplied the troops overseas with items to make their life a little more pleasant. We enjoyed two plays at the Lake Worth playhouse, attended district workshops and the state FFWC convention. We delivered baby bundles for newborns in need and filled shoeboxes with toys for Operation Christmas Child. We read three books for our book club, held a membership tea and gained three new members and developed a web site for the club. We participated in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and worked with the Teacher Resource Center. It was truly a year where we incorporated the community into our “growing together.”

We started 2004 by participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for The Cure, to raise money for cancer research, along with 20,000 others. We supported our local Veterans hospital, with donations of socks, VCRs, puzzles and personal hygiene items and more. We helped sort hair at Locks of Love, a national organization with headquarters in our county. They provide hairpieces for people with cancer. We mailed boxes of goodies to servicemen in Iraq. We donated school supplies, recognized our teachers, had a book exchange and participated in Read Together Palm Beach County. Club members along with students from a local high school made an Aids quilt from denim material. We had our most successful fundraisers in 20 years under the guidance of our fundraising chairman who got us connected with the Shriners, Junior League, and the City of West Palm Beach to bring in more than \$3,000. Of course we sold Innisbrook gift wrap and a few other small fundraisers along the way. One of our members served as District 10 Smile Chairman. She kept us informed of all aspects of the program. Our club participated in all district raffles, buying tickets, and contributing a basket to be raffled at our District 10 Rock and Roll Bash for Operation Smile. We had 18 members and friends attend the bash. One of our members also serves as District 10 Public Relations Chairman. She worked hard to get stories and pictures printed on District 10 clubwomen, including the District Arts winner, District 10 member of the year, LEADS representative and District 10 painting raffle. She also had several articles and pictures printed on our club activities, including our work with Locks of Love, new officers and our club donation to Hispanic Human Resource Council. Having “been there and done that” in regard to hurricanes, our sympathy really went out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We made a donation of \$100 to the GFWC relief fund in 2004 and in 2005 for hurricane victims.

In 2005 we started out with 20 members. Eleven members and five guests participated in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, held on Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach. We took advantage of “Act in October”. We had a membership tea and initiated 6 new members. This is the most we have had in years. We sold beer and wine at Clematis by Night, downtown West Palm Beach, which profited us \$1,300. Our tips were donated to Hurricane Katrina. We again made a donation of \$100 to the GFWC relief fund and for hurricane victims. We voted to give one of our members \$350 to donate through her work. Because she did this, her employer matched her donation and this amounted to \$700 for the victims. We held a 50/50 drawing at each business meeting which we made \$141 profit. We worked 4<sup>th</sup> on Flagler, Honda Classic Golf Tournament, Roger Dean Stadium concession, gates at Sunfest and sold Innisbrook gift wrap. Club purchased membership to National Arbor Day Foundation, donated money to a local elementary school for safety patrol trip to Washington D.C. Club president participated in the Disney Marathon in which she raised money for the Leukemia Society. Club members donated a total of \$510 for that



agency. We purchased a table with chairs for the Hispanic Human Resources day care center; went to different cultural restaurants monthly for International Dinners. Held Ladies Night Out, continued with secret pals and the sunshine basket. Members attended FFWC Convention, Fall Board, and District meetings. The District 10 Operation Smile Fundraising chairman was a member of our very own club; so needless to say, she worked us very hard in fundraisers for Operation Smile. Members and guests participated in the District 10 Rock and Roll Bash in Hobe Sound. This was a fundraiser for Operation Smile. Each club was asked to bring a basket filled with goodies for the raffle. This was a great success and members and guests had a great time. We donated to agencies such as UNICEF, Tsunami victims, collected nineteen Samaritan's Purse Holiday Shoe Boxes, and HOBY. We ended the year with our annual Holiday Party at the home of the President. We exchanged secret pal gifts. Secret pals were revealed.

In 2006-2007 we held active leadership and memberships programs through the two years. Members were awarded with a Leader of the Month certificate, birthday and anniversary recognition, Ladies Night Out events and membership motivational moments. We were active in all departments, including the FFWC President's Project, GFWC President's Project and Empowering Women. Our membership went from 19 to 24 in 2006, and we ended 2007 with 24, with a long-standing member moving to Ohio. Members agreed the highlight of the two years was making stockings for the troops in 2007, as requested by the American Red Cross, Palm Beach County Chapter. Our club got fantastic Public Relations on this project. We were on four TV stations and *The Palm Beach Post*, as well as included in "Florida Clubwoman" and "GFWC Clubwoman" magazine. Our club was proud to have Linda Ferris, the District 10 Director. We attended all FFWC Convention and Fall Board, all district meetings, and Karen-Lee Donohue attended Southern Region and GFWC Convention both years. We even broke a record for attendance in 2006: We had 12 members attend Convention. JeffAnne Pike represented District 10 at Convention 2006, competing for the Volunteer of the Year. Although she did not win the state honor, she's a big winner in our club. Several members took a day of vacation to attend state meetings and the Annual District Meetings. Our club hosted a district meeting in 2006 and again in the summer of 2007, at the request of the District Director. Both years, our club members participated in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, along with 25,000 other people in West Palm Beach. We were proud to be a part of this project. Other projects included Locks of Love (a nonprofit giving wigs hair to cancer patients where the president donated 13 inches of hair), sponsored a preschool classroom at Hispanic Human Resource Center, beach cleanups, assist the many teachers in our club with school supplies and judging leadership contests. We participated in Read Together Palm Beach County in 2006. We supported our local domestic assault shelter, donated to Dress for Success, donated to the veteran's hospital, filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, participated in the District 10 fundraiser for Hacienda, made flip-flops for Southern Region Conference, and clicked away on Web sites that helped the environment. Our club has monthly newsletters (sent by email to all but one member) and a yearbook. We wear club shirts to projects and have a club Web site that we pay \$200 a year to have a professional maintain. We also rent from the West Palm Beach Garden Club so we can list our speakers in the local newspaper. We held a family picnic in the summer and a holiday party in December at a member's home. Members bought raffle tickets for Operation Smile on a chance to go to Brazil. We contributed \$200 in 2007 for the President's Project: Scholarships for Kids with cancer. The club made money the hard way selling Entertainment Books, Innisbrook gift wrap, working concession booth at local baseball stadium with the Shriners, and holding garages sales. Two long-time members were recognized in 2007; Phyllis Gauger for 25 years in Federation and the Karen-Lee Donohue for 30 years. We hold monthly International dinners at a different restaurant each month, and a separate evening Ladies Night Out. We invite friends and family and enjoy the social time. Ladies Night Out featured a variety of things from plays, movies, watching football games, BUNCO and board games, and even a trip to the Hard Rock Casino. We submitted articles to the Florida Clubwoman and the GFWC Clubwoman magazine. We had several pictures printed in the Florida Clubwoman both years. We have had a very

successful two years. Karen Lee Donohue has also accepted state responsibilities for both years. Our membership has held at approximately 22 members for both years. This year we added two new members and had a membership motivational project where we learned the keys to being a good member by being presented a key each month representing some part of membership. We have a Ladies Night Out each month to help members get to know each other. We have an active Arts Department, participating in the district arts competitions both years. In 2009, we studied art 101 where we learned about various forms of art each month. We have attended numerous plays and concerts during these two years, from plays at the Lake Worth Playhouse to Shakespeare in the Park. This year our conservation department collected items for a recycling organization, The Resource Depot and our conservation chairman attended classes there. She then shared ideas with the club of ways to use items we usually throw away. We have continued to collect used cell phones and empty printer cartridges which go to Dade County recycling. Some of our used cell phones are then donated to victims of domestic abuse. For the past two years we have collected school supply item each month. We have then been able to fill a number of back packs which we donate a Title I elementary school. We have served as judges for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America district competitions. The Greyhound Pets of America have also received donations, including blankets for the dog's bedding. We have carried out various projects with the Veteran's Hospital, including making centerpieces for Veteran's Day and the Fourth of July. We have also made lap robes for the veterans. We made Ugly Quilts to donate to a local homeless program. Our international affairs department has promoted dinners each month at a restaurant featuring food from other countries. We have filled shoeboxes for Operation Child and collected trick or treat funds for UNICEF. We have collected cancelled stamps for Habitat for Humanity, eyeglasses for sending to other countries, Campbell Soup Labels for a migrant school and Box tops for education. We have had publicity in the local newspapers and the Florida Clubwoman. We have had a LEEDS nominee and a volunteer of year nominee for both years. We have attended Convention, Fall Board and many district meetings. Our fund raising efforts have included working at the concession stand at Roger Dean Stadium, selling Innisbrook gift wrap, and "Enjoy the City" coupon books for local restaurants and businesses.

In 2009, we participated in the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure breast cancer awareness walk. Our club registered as a team and we had 15.5 participants! One of our member's grandbaby attended with her mom pushing in a stroller! Members also participated in the Buddy Walk/Down Syndrome and the Autism walk. We recycle empty printer cartridges and used cell phones, recycle items to Resource Depot, participated in a beach cleanup, purchased the Kind News for a local Montessori school for their VPK students. We have two members in our club who are teachers and sponsor the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club at their respective high schools. The FCCLA club is a national student run leadership organization. We collected schools supplies from January to August and donated the supplies to a local elementary school. We participated in Read Together Palm Beach County "The Book Thief". In keeping with the goal of promoting adult reading; we simultaneously read the novel then discussed it at our business meeting. We reviewed the plot of a young orphan girl in Nazi Germany who escapes the reality of her hardened life by reading and must steal books to do so. For three months, members collected children's books for our "Book Fairy Project". The 79 books were delivered to five Laundromats to encourage reading. One club member typed labels with club name and website on the labels were put inside the front cover of the children's books. We had many fundraisers this year. We raised money playing Bunco three times this year, sold tickets to a Flapjack buffet breakfast at Applebee's, making \$500 from our profits, worked the concession stand at Rodger Dean Stadium in conjunction with Shriners during the baseball preseason Spring Training. We sold Innisbrook gift wrap, and "Enjoy the City" coupon books. Our profit from each book was \$8 we made a total of \$240. We also sold Eli's Garden all natural bar soaps which come in 18 different scents. We helped the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office with their fundraiser at the "Cars of Dreams Museum" in North

Palm Beach. We participated in many other great projects this year that we will continue into the next year.

2010 was another busy year for our club of 21 members. We walked in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and participated in Buddy Walk. We raised funds with an Applebee's breakfast, yard sale, Bunco, raffles and by selling Innisbrook gift wrap and "Enjoy the City" coupon books. We worked with the Shriners at Roger Dean Stadium concession stands. We participated in community projects by placing children's books in Laundromats, having a beach cleanup and donating school supplies to an elementary school. We recycled and donated items to the Resource Center and we also recycled old cell phones and printer cartridges. We collected items for The Greyhound Pets of America. The Veteran's Hospital was a big focus for the year. We made and donated centerpieces for three holidays and constructed 13 quilts for women veterans who were mothers to be. Toiletries were also collected for the VA. We filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and UNICEF trick or treat boxes. We donated money to Haiti for fresh water and other uses. We purchased Girl Scout cookies to be sent to the troops. We learned about art with "Art 101" questions at meetings. We made artful bras for a state project and participated in the district arts competition. Ladies Night Out events that help us to get to know each other better are scheduled each month. This year, they included visits to the Norton Art Gallery and the Jupiter Lighthouse. We had an officer installation and Holiday Party. We were honored to have members who were nominees for the Palm Beach Leadership award and GFWC District Volunteer of the Year. We attended many district meetings, convention, and Fall Board. We had one member run for a GFWC state office and we had 3 members serving on state level GFWC Florida. The most outstanding event of 2010 was our selection as the GFWC State Outstanding Club in Category 1.

2011 saw our 21 members working in many directions. Our fundraising efforts included Bunco parties, two garage sales; work with the Shriners at Roger Dean Stadium and our participation in Sunfest. We sold Innisbrook gift wrap and "Enjoy the City" coupon books. We Raced for the Cure in January. We entered the District Arts competition. On a visit to Hacienda Girl's Ranch, we were able to deliver the school supplies and towels which we collected. At the Holidays, instead of exchanging gifts with each other, we asked each member to donate at least one \$10 gift card, and we were able to donate \$310 in gift cards for the girl's use. We made a delivery of children's books to the Laundromats. We made dinner for the families at Quantum House, a home for the families of children in a local hospital. Participation at Quantum House enabled us to donate a tree to their butterfly garden in memory of one of our deceased members. We were pleased to receive a state award for our donation. We learned how to make tie die scarfs, candy centerpieces and Holiday towel angels at workshops given by our arts chairwoman. Participation in Very Special Arts included a poster display at our club meeting from ESE students at a local high school. We supplied the material for their posters and awarded each of them a blue ribbon and pizza party for their efforts. We visited the Busch Wildlife Reserve. Recycle bags were given to each member to remind them to recycle. We took a CPR class at a local church. We held a membership tea which resulted in 7 new members for the year with two additional women to be added in 2012. This made up for the members we lost. We donated large filled bags to the Veteran's Hospital for their mothers to be. We also made centerpieces for the VA for 3 holidays. A box was shipped to a woman serviceperson overseas in our name. Ladies Night Out was scheduled for each month and among other events, we took a day cruise, visited the Hard Rock Casino and spent time at the local greenmarket. We held a beach cleanup and celebrated Earth Day with a picnic and park cleanup. We donated KIND news to a local school. We collected 32 pairs of shoes for Soles for Shoes. We wrote and mailed "Shots by Two" reminders. We began the process of being declared a 501 c3 organization. We worked at Locks of Love; we held a club picnic and Holiday party. We filled Shoeboxes for Operation Child and Trick or Treat Boxes for UNICEF. Our dog toys from T-shirts were a successful project. We held a workshop to make them, donated some to the Animal Rescue shelter and sold some. We are proud to have 3 members serving at

the GFWC Florida state level. We attended convention, Fall Board, and many district meetings.

In 2012 with members we had an active year. We had members going and Ladies Day Out events to help members get to know each other better. Our Ladies Day Out activities included a tour of the Palm Beach County Historical Society, a trolley tour of downtown West Palm Beach, a visit to the Norton Art Gallery to tour the gallery and a later visit to see a Corning Glass Blowing exhibition. We shopped at the local green market, had a game night with potluck dinner, walked on the beach and visited the Busch Wildlife Preserve. We attended a Shakespeare by the Sea production and we held a club picnic including prospective members. We had two very successful pancake breakfasts, played Bunco three times, had two Pampered Chef parties and sold "Enjoy the City" coupon books. Our Arts Department was pleased to have 3 members win awards at the District Arts competition. We collected many items, aluminum tabs, Campbell Soup labels, eyeglasses and box tops for education. We collected 57 pairs of gently worn shoes for Shoes for Souls and recyclable items to be donated to the Resource Depot for use in craft projects. We participated in a park cleanup for our Earth Day/Arbor day celebration. We read *Last Train to Paradise* as a part of Read Together Palm Beach County. We appreciated the efforts of our members who are teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and again at the beginning of the school year. Children's books were collected and distributed to local Laundromats. We donated school supplies and backpacks to three local elementary schools. For Christmas, we adopted a family at an elementary school and were able to buy every item on their wish list. To fund this project, we collected approximately \$250 at our holiday party. We contributed to this project instead of buying gifts for each other. Hacienda House continued to receive our support through our donation of beach towels and pillows. Our club supported Quantum House through the preparation of dinners for the families who live there while their children are in a local hospital. We made dinners on two different occasions and also made 57 decorative pillowcases to be given to the children who are patients at the hospital. Several times during the year members worked at Locks of Love, measuring hair and writing thank you notes. We continued our monthly international dinners. Working with the Palm Beach Gardens Women's Club, we provided items for the Hispanic Human Resources Child Care Center during the year. We also donated birthday bags for the children in the Domestic Assault Women's Shelter. One of our favorite projects is Operation Christmas Child and we again filled shoeboxes with toys and small items for children all over the world. We distribute and fill our UNISEF boxes at Halloween. The Veteran's Hospital has been a project that we have continued to work with. We made centerpieces for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veteran's Day and collected toiletries, books and magazines for them throughout the year. The women veterans who are soon to be mothers received 20 "mommy bags" filled with personal items from us and we were also able to donate to them 20 buckets filled with much needed cleaning supplies at Christmas. We collected women's clothes which we were able to donate to a women's shelter. The Forgotten Soldiers received donations of items for the military overseas from us as well as two financial donations to assist with shipping of the items. The district Volunteer of the Year was a club member and we were pleased to be named the Outstanding Club in Category 1 for 2011. Our club programs during the year have been varied and have covered such topics as container gardening, vehicular homicide, water management, audiology, book writing, federation and healthy heart information.

In 2013 we increased our membership to 25. Our Ladies Day Out events help members get to know each other better. Our Ladies Day Out activities included a tour of the Palm Beach County Historical Society, a trolley tour of downtown West Palm Beach, a visit to the Norton Art Gallery and a later visit to see a Corning Glass Blowing exhibition. We shopped at the local green market, had a game night with potluck dinner, walked on the beach and visited

the Busch Wildlife Preserve. We attended a Shakespeare by the Sea production and we held a club picnic including prospective members. Other Ladies Day Out activities included breakfast after participating in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a historic walking tour of Palm Beach, visit to Lake Worth Street Painting, dinner at a Food Truck Invasion and a movie and dinner. Fundraising is a big part of our club work. We had two very successful pancake breakfasts, played Bunco eight times, had Pampered Chef parties, One Thirty-One Party and sold "Enjoy the City" coupon books. Our big project was the compiling and publishing our club cookbook "*Sharing our Culinary Treasures*" which we continue to sell. Our Arts Department had members participate in the District Arts competition. We attended classes in painting and pottery making. We collected many items: aluminum tabs, Campbell Soup labels, eyeglasses and box tops for education. Our Conservation Department collected gently worn shoes for Shoes for Souls and recyclable items to be donated to the Resource Depot for use in craft projects. We participated in a park cleanup and visit for our Earth Day/Arbor day celebration. We read with Read Together Palm Beach County. We adopted a new school, Crestwood Middle. We appreciated the efforts of our members who are teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and Teachers at our adopted school at the beginning of the school year. Children's books were collected and distributed to local Laundromats. Barton Elementary School was our adopted school in 2012. We donated school supplies to them. For Christmas, we adopted a family at Barton and were able to buy every item on their wish list. We received 464 books from First Book. We donated some of these books to children at Easter Seals and the Hispanic Human Resources Child Care centers and we have books remaining for next year. We received a \$200 grant from GFWC which we are using to pay postage on the books. We gave gift certificates to the girls at Hacienda Girls Ranch instead of giving gifts to each other at Christmas. Our club supported Quantum House through the preparation of dinners for the families who live there while their children are in a local hospital. We made dinners on three different occasions and also made 57 decorative pillowcases to be given to the children who are patients at the hospital. Several times during the two years members worked at Locks of Love, measuring hair and writing thank you notes. We continued our monthly international dinners, enjoying such varied food as Cuban, Italian and Greek. We donated birthday bags for the children in the Domestic Assault Women's Shelter in 2012. One of our favorite projects is Operation Christmas Child and we continued to fill shoeboxes with toys and small items for children all over the world. We also donated sandals, stuffed animals and washcloths to them in 2013. We distribute and fill our UNISEF boxes at Halloween every year. The Veteran's Hospital has been a project that we have continued to work with. Both years we made centerpieces for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veteran's Day. We collect toiletries, books and magazines for them throughout the years. The women veterans who are soon to be mothers received 20 "mommy bags" filled with personal items from us on four different occasions and we were also able to donate to them 20 buckets filled with much needed cleaning supplies at Christmas 2012. We collected women's clothes which we donated to a women's shelter. The Forgotten Soldiers received donations of personal items for the military overseas from us as well as three financial donations to assist with shipping of the items. Our members continue to participate in state leadership roles as state financial manager, public issues collaboration chairman, education program chairman, communications chairman and state leadership chairman. The district Volunteer of the Year was a club member and we were pleased to be named the Outstanding Club in Category 1 for 2011 and 2012. Our club programs during the year have been varied and have covered such topics as container gardening, vehicular homicide, water management, audiology, book writing, federation and healthy heart information. Our club programs during the two years have been varied and have included identity theft, dogs for veterans, and distinguished young woman of tomorrow, genealogy research, and Palm Beach County history, getting rid of clutter, mental health services and others. Our new officers began 2013 with the slogan "A CLASS Act" and we tried to be just that. As M & M (Membership and Me) club members wore their favorite sports team shirts to a business meeting. Six booster members were installed during the year making a total of nine for the club. Members learned to make their own paintings and pottery at special classes. Exceptional

Education high school students participated in a poster design contest will awards for all. In 2013, our Education Department was able to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a local young woman with outstanding scholarship and community participation. We gave books to the VA mothers to be. We volunteered at four different local schools. We donated used cell phones to a local Domestic Abuse. One of our big projects was the construction of 50 dresses for the Dress a Girl Around the World organization. We purchased all the supplies and sewed the dresses which where were sent to an orphanage in Haiti. We also sent 18 pairs of boy's shorts boys to the orphanage. We were pleased to be named the Outstanding Club in Category 1 for 2011 and 2012. We received our 501c3 status at the end of 2013, ending a two-year pursuit of that goal, which really ended our year on a high note.

2014 was another successful year for the club. Our Arts Department made vests for visually impaired children, saw exhibits at the Norton Art Gallery and the Four Arts, had a walking tour on Palm Beach, entered District and State Arts and Crafts competitions, painted pottery and made centerpieces, wreaths and stamped stationery. For Conservation, we collected plastic bottle tops, donated to ACT Trees, had an Earth Day Celebration and learned from speakers from the Solid Waste Authority and South Florida Water Management. We donated books we had obtained from First Books to Children at Easter Seals, the Hispanic Human Resources Center, Safe Place and the VA Women expecting a child. We distributed books as Book Fairies to Laundromats on four different occasions, donated scholarships to two graduating seniors and received a GFWC National Literacy Grant. We held a book discussion on *The Language of Flowers* and donated school supplies to a middle school and the Resource Depot. Quantum House was a favorite project for our Home Life Department. We prepared dinners for the families there three times. We also made pillowcases for the children who are patients there. We made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for an inner city aftercare. We collected jackets for children who needed them. We participated in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and saved card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch. One of our favorite activities for the International Outreach Department is our international dinner each month at different restaurants. We raised enough money for two Operation Smile surgeries. We donated bras to the Free the Girl project and also donated flip flops and shorts to an orphanage in Haiti. We knitted scarves for the Christmas at Sea program. We collected eye glasses and cases for third world countries. The local VA hospital has always been an organization we have enjoyed working with and we continued with making centerpieces for Memorial Day, July Fourth, and Veteran's Day. Our Mommy Bag project continued with two deliveries of bags to the expectant VA mothers. We participated in Wreaths Across America and met returning Honor Flights. We also wrote thank you notes to the veterans on the Honor Flights and sent items to the Forgotten Soldiers, including hand stamped stationery. We found a fun way to raise money with our bi-monthly Bunco games. We sold out of the cookbooks published by the club and had great sales on mixed bags for one of the most successful fundraising years we have had recently. We had a wide variety of programs at our business meetings, including speakers on heart health, canine companions and Operation Christmas Child. Our membership chair planned a "ladies day out" each month and we went to such varied places as the zoo, the Science Museum, Diva Duck and a trolley tour of West Palm Beach. We added several new members and ended the year with 29 members, the largest number of members we have in recent years. One of members is serving as District 10 director this year. We had the District LEADS candidate and the District Volunteer of the Year. We had a mini LEADS workshop at a business meeting and we strive to plan and carry out a well-planned agenda for the year. We were the outstanding club in the state in Category one. We are hoping for an even better 2105.

Our club continued on in 2015 with another busy and successful year. Our Arts Department had many workshops for our members, and a different project was made each time. Floral baskets, seashell mirrors, fall table centerpieces, mosaics with tile, and paintings on glass made us really crafty this year. We had six members who entered items in the Arts and Crafts Competition. We all collected plastic caps for Caps of Love, learned about

hydroponic gardening by visiting a local grower, and we donated items to the Humane Society and Peggy Adams Rescue League. The Education Department obtained books from First Books which were donated to a local elementary school, Easter Seals, Hispanic Human Resources, and mommy bags for the baby shower for the ladies veterans. Over 250 books were donated to local Laundromats as Book Fairy Distributions. We read to children at Easter Seals in honor of Dr. Suess' birthday. Makeup was collected and donated to a local high school Drama Department. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to a senior at a local high school. We participated in a book discussion as well as celebrated International Literacy Day. We continued our tradition of preparing dinner at Quantum House three times during the year. We were honored as their Outstanding Non-profit Volunteer Group at the annual award ceremony. Half of our club members participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This has become an annual tradition of our club, which is always followed by brunch at a local diner. Hats were decorated for the children at St. Jude's Hospital, which is now one of GFWC's partners. In addition, we saved card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch. Jackets and sweaters were collected for elementary school children and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were made for an after-school program. Many of our members were red in honor of National Wear Red for Heart Health. It was a banner year for our knitting members as we donated 22 scarves and three hats for our International Outreach Christmas at Sea Program. We held our International Dinners throughout the year at various restaurants. We collected bras for the "Free the Girls Project. We held a workshop where dresses were made for the orphanage in Haiti. Thirty six dresses were made. Over 1,000 cancelled stamps were collected for the Holocaust Project, which were hand delivered by one of our members. Shoe boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child. We continued to make centerpieces for the VA Hospital as well as collect toiletry items to be given to the veterans. We made "Mommy Bag's" for the pregnant veterans for their baby showers which are held twice a year. A case of Girl Scout cookies was donated to our servicemen serving overseas. We worked at the travelling Viet Nam Memorial Wall. We met the Honor Flight at Palm Beach International Airport and one of our members was an escort. We donated 16 backpacks to Home Safe. Donations were made to Wreaths Across America and one member personally visited their headquarters in Maine. We had a table at the Women's Expo at our convention center explaining what our club does and how to become a member. Our speakers this year were mostly our talented and professional club members. Our fundraising included many nights of Bunco, selling Mixed Bag items, and our coupon books. With one of our members being District Director, we supported her by attending many district and state meetings. We were thrilled to receive the award for Outstanding Club in the state for Category 1. We had a member as the District LEADS nominee and another member represented us as a Jennie June candidate, but because of the vast competition, we were disappointed that neither won for the state. Our club will continue to move forward with our projects and make 2016 another great year!

2016 was another successful year for our club. Our Arts Department had five workshops for our members. Items were made that could be used in the home. Our club had six entries in the District Arts Festival from our creative members. We partnered with a local high school art teacher to provide items that could be used by the students in their art projects. We continued to collect plastic caps for Caps of Love as one of our Conservation projects. We toured the Peggy Adams Humane Society and donated blankets, towels, and sheets as well as dog and cat food for this worthy cause. In addition, we donated four Play Yards for their kittens. We took a tour of the Mounts Botanical Garden, celebrated Earth Day, and visited the Manatee Lagoon at the FP & L plant. Big Dog Rescue also received a donation of blankets, towels, and rugs from our club. Our Education Department obtained grants to purchase books from First Books, which are put in the Mommy Bags for the VA showers, as well as given to our adopted class at the Hispanic Human Resource Center. Our club participated in the annual "Read Together Palm Beach County" and the ESO Program of GFWC. Members participated in the Delray Reads and partnered with Crestwood Middle School to provide needed supplies. Hundreds of books were placed in local laundromats as part of the Book Fairy Project. Twice this year our club prepared dinner at Quantum House

and handmade pillowcases were given to each of the children. One member brought her greyhound for the children to see. Our annual participation in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was done in January. Two of our members prepared peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the after-school care program. Greeting card fronts were collected for St. Jude and new cards were provided to the American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes Program for veterans to send to their loved ones. Adult shirt protectors were made and given to the local nursing homes with much appreciation. Our knitting members continue to provide scarves for our International Outreach Christmas at Sea Program. Eighteen scarves and one cowl were donated this year. We also collected slightly used bras for the "Free the Girls" Project and shoe boxes were filled and donated for Operation Christmas Child. Our Public Issues Department continued making centerpieces for the VA Hospital for Memorial Day and Veterans Day as well as donating personal hygiene items for the veterans. "Mommy Bags" were provided to the pregnant veterans for the showers that are held twice a year at the VA. Backpacks for the children at Home Safe were filled with school supplies. We partnered with First Presbyterian Church and fifty bags were donated to Home Safe. Our club adopted the girls at the facility and provided holiday gifts for them. The club donated wreaths to Wreaths Across America for the local veterans cemetery, as well as members. The biggest accomplishment for this year was hosting a fashion show at the Atlantis Country Club. It was a big undertaking with all of our members contributing towards its success. In addition to this fundraiser, we held several Bunco Nights and sold Around the Town coupon books. With Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention being our Signature Project, we provided birthday bags to Harmony House, a local shelter. The speakers this year covered a variety of topics. We learned about estate planning and had a Facebook tutorial. Speakers from Guardian Ad Litem, Home Safe, and the Sheriff's Office on Domestic Violence Awareness gave us a better insight of local organizations that take care of children and adults with concerns. One of the speakers, a nurse navigator, explained how she follows a person with cancer from the time they are diagnosed until they are cancer free. Our reward for organizing and participating in these great projects was that we received the Outstanding Club in Florida in our category for the seventh year in a row. We also received many awards at Spring Convention for all of the hard work and dedication we put in during the year. As a topper, Mary Evelyn Mitchell was selected Outstanding District Director. Our club can be proud of all of these accolades!

Our club motto in 2017 was "Changing Lives One Project at a Time". Our Arts Chairman held workshops for members to attend, we did flower arranging, made jewelry, wreaths, and the favors for the Fashion Show; we also had 3 members submit entries into the GFWC District 10 Art Competition. We partnered with a local high school's art teacher to provide art supplies to be used in the classes. Our Conservation Chairman had members collect items for Peggy Adams' Humane Society and other animal shelters; where we donated blankets, sheets, towels, dog and cat food. Members donated recycled items collected throughout the year to the Teacher's Resource Depot; we partnered with GFWC in the National Bird Counting Program, which included an Origami Pigeon we made to participate in the Lost Bird Project; and we celebrated Earth Day by having a picnic in the park. Our Education Chairman obtained grants to purchase books from First Book, which were put into the Mommy Bags for the women veterans, given to the Hispanic Human Resource Center, and donated to Harmony House, a Domestic Violence Shelter. Members participated in the annual "Read Together Palm Beach County", Delray Reads, and the GFWC ESO Program; and we also participated in the "Book Fairy" project, delivering hundreds of books to Laundromats. We supplied tissues, plastic bags, and other items to teachers at a local middle school for the beginning of the year; we served refreshments at their "Sunshine State Readers" Assembly, donated movie tickets for top readers; and we also donated candy for a reading assembly where they guess the number of candies in a jar. Teaching materials were donated to the Hispanic Resource Center; we were also invited to their Center to help celebrate their Founder's Day by reading to the classrooms and donating books. Our Club partnered with South Florida HOBY and helped with the registration process for their leadership seminar; and we collected books for resale for Friends of the Library. Our Home



Life Department furnished peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from January thru May to an after-school program; we participated in the Susan G. Komen, "Race for the Cure" to support breast cancer awareness; card fronts were collected for St. Jude's hospital; and members donated sneakers to the "Dunk Your Kicks" program, an organization for pediatric cancer patients and research. Our Club partnered with GFWC Cranston Community Women's Club by donating matching funds to the West Palm Beach Food Bank to replenish supplies lost by the hurricane. Our club purchased, prepared, and served dinner for approximately 75 people staying at Quantum House, which is housing for families whose children are being treated at St. Mary's Hospital. Our International Outreach Department filled 25 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and paid for the shipping of these boxes; we collected new and slightly used toys for a Jamaican Christmas outreach by partnering with a local church; club members knitted scarves for the Seafarers Organization for Christmas at Sea; we collected clothing for Haiti and Puerto Rico for hurricane relief efforts; and we participated in the "Shots @ Life" National Call-In Day to support legislation concerning this well needed program. Our Public Issue Department made centerpieces for the VA Hospital's nursing home for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July; we also donated personal hygiene items for homeless veterans; we provided "Mommy Bags" for women veterans at the baby showers sponsored by the VA; we partnered with a local church who donated 35 backpacks which we filled with school supplies for the children at Home Safe; we also adopted the girls who live at the Home Safe facility and provided each girl with Christmas presents that were bought with donated money from the club and additional funds donated by club members; and supplied the girls with a pizza night. The club donated wreaths for "Wreaths across America", and we donated monies for the National USO Rack Pack project sponsored by the National GFWC. We baked 11 turkeys for a local Community Center to service Thanksgiving dinner to the local community. Our members also served dinner for the local Sheriff's Department and cleaned up after. Club members donated items each month to be given to the "Forgotten Soldier Outreach" which sends these items to deployed soldiers. We donated one case of Girl Scout Cookies to the military; we also delivered home-baked and delivered cookies to several Fire Departments and Sherriff's Departments to show our appreciation for their services. Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Program is our signature project. We provided birthday bags to Harmony House, a local shelter, in which we include plates, cups, napkins, games and gifts in a gift bag for each birthday child, all they need is the cake. One of our club members created "Purses with a Purpose", so we collected purses and put hygiene items in them for the women who leave home with nothing and live at Harmony House Shelters; and also donated clothing for the women and children at the shelter. We support the Guardian Ad Litem Program and donated pinwheels for "Pinwheels for Prevention of Domestic Violence"; we also tied purple ribbons around a palm tree for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fashion show was a great success! Other fundraising projects included, Bunco nights, "Save Around Palm Beach" coupon book sales, and jewelry sales by partnering with individual sales people to help the club raise funds. Each month we had Ladies Day Out and International Dinners, which were always a great success. We tried new restaurants with new cultural foods, go to the movies, and view our world differently by having outings to places we normally don't go to. Our last function was the Holiday Party which was nice to celebrate the holidays with our members. We were well represented by our club members in all the District, State and National meetings. The President's Project this year was Hacienda Girl's Ranch, we donated \$5 for each member for "Helping Hands" project and contributed money raised at Bunco to fund the "Knights of a Thousand Dinners", both of which was to raise money for the ranch. Besides monetary gifts we donated sheets, towels and other items to be used by the girls. We had the privilege of being honored at a luncheon by the Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution where we received the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Certificate of Award for Excellence in Community Service. This was a great honor and we hope to continue reaching out to our community with more projects to honor this award.

# **GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Inc., and it shall be located in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.
- Section 2. This club will be a per capita dues paying member of the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.
- Section 3. The GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Inc. shall be a non-profit organization.

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Inc. shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall otherwise comply with any requirements for classification as an exempt organization under such section.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Two (2) classes: Full and Associate.
- Section 2. Full members shall be inducted into the club at a regular business meeting upon completion of requirements in A and B.
- A. Membership application requirements:
1. An applicant must be sponsored by one full member.
  2. Only applicants 21 years of age and older will be considered.
  3. Applicants must attend two business meetings prior to initiation.
  4. Work on two club projects.
  5. She shall be a registered voter in Palm Beach County.
  6. Attend a member orientation session.
  7. She must pay dues prior to initiation.
- B. Full membership duties
1. Payment of annual dues.
  2. She shall attend two-thirds (8) of the business meetings and shall not miss more than two (2) consecutive business meetings.
  3. Work on club projects and submits monthly hour sheets.
  4. Work on fundraisers during the calendar year.

### **Associate Membership Requirements**

- A. She shall pay annual dues plus \$25.
- B. She shall be involved in as many club projects as her schedule permits
- C. She will not be included in quorum count at monthly meetings.

- D. Associate membership status will be determined by the Executive Board.
  - E. A member can move from part-time to full membership status upon determination of the Executive Board.
  - F. She will be entitled to all club publications.
- Section 3. Associate Membership shall be reserved for full members in good standing who find it necessary to be released from the responsibilities and privileges of full membership. She shall have the same privileges as a full member (excluding voting privileges) but is not required to fulfill full membership duties.
- Section 4. Resignation of membership must be submitted in writing to the President and then be voted on by the general membership for acceptance. This procedure is necessary to remain in good standing with the club for future reinstatement.
- Section 5. A member of any Federated Woman's Club may transfer to the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Inc. upon presenting her credentials from her federated club. Payment of any additional dues will be decided by the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of the club shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Adjustments may be made to reflect club membership.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and shall be empowered to transact any and all business of the club.
- Section 3. The immediate past President shall serve as an honorary officer of the Executive Board.
- Section 4. The divisions shall consist of Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues. Each chairman shall report to her designated officer.
- Section 5. Each chairman and each officer shall keep procedure books of her committee activities. This information shall be given to the new committee chair at the close of the fiscal year.
- Section 6. A member who finds it necessary to resign her membership of a board position must notify the president in writing before the next board meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The Membership Chairman shall prepare a list of members eligible for nomination to office to be presented at the October meeting.

- Section 2. Eligibility for President shall include having been a full member in good standing for one year, and having served as an elected officer for the period of one year. Eligibility for other elected officers shall include having been an active member in good standing for the current year.
- Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members. The president shall appoint a chairman from the Executive Board. The remaining three (3) members shall be nominated by the general membership at the October meeting.
- Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the November meeting to prepare a ballot of all interested candidates, at which time they shall obtain the proposed candidate(s) acceptance for that prospective office(s).
- Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall mail or email the proposed slate of officers to the members no later than one week prior to the November meeting.
- Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of officers at the November meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this time. Voting shall take place at this meeting.
- Section 7. Election shall be by written ballot and decided by simple majority. If there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by acclamation for that office.
- Section 8. Officers are to be elected at the November meeting for a term of two year commencing at a January installation. All officers may serve unlimited consecutive two (2) year terms.
- Section 9. An officer-training workshop shall follow the election of new officers; it shall precede officer installation. This workshop shall be chaired by the outgoing president. Current officers and newly elected officers must attend.
- Section 10. Outgoing chairmen shall meet with incoming chairmen prior to the January meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings. She will serve as club delegate at all District, State, and General Federation meetings. She will be the official representative of the club in the community. She is a member ex officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint all division chairmen and any special chairmen she deems necessary. She shall send names of the newly elected officers immediately after election to the District and State officers, as required by the FFWC. She shall keep an inventory of all club property.
- Section 2. The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. She shall be Membership Chairman. She shall notify all members when they fail to meet any of the full membership requirements. She shall conduct a compulsory orientation class for new members and shall be responsible for the new member initiation ceremony. She shall contact all members whose dues are delinquent.

- Section 3. The Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the First Vice President in her absence. She shall be coordinator of all fundraising events. She shall be Ways and Means Chairman and shall chair a minimum of one (1) major fundraising project. She shall be responsible for the selection of chairmen for all of the fundraising events.
- Section 4. The Third Vice President shall perform the duties of the Second Vice President in her absence. She shall be responsible for the selection of the monthly hostesses and shall be the Hours Chairman. She shall be Installation Chairman and Reporting Chairman.
- Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full and accurate record of all Executive and General meetings. She shall assist the President in preparing the agenda of the meetings. She shall serve as club historian, unless otherwise appointed by the President.
- Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence of the club and she shall be Program Chairman and editor of the monthly newsletter, unless otherwise appointed by the President.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall be Budget Chairman. She shall collect all dues and all funds belonging to the club. She shall notify members of all delinquent bills. She shall keep the accounts and report receipts and disbursements at each club meeting. She shall pay all bills accrued by the club subject to the approval of the Executive Board before payment is made, with the exception of expenditures authorized in advance. All checks in payment of bills must be signed with any two signatures of the Treasurer, the President or another executive board member. An annual report of the expenditures and receipts of the club will be given at the January meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FINANCE**

- Section 1. The Fiscal Year shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- Section 2. The Budget Committee shall be the Treasurer, immediate past Treasurer, Second Vice President, President, and the immediate past President.
- Section 3. The Budget will be prepared by the Budget Committee and presented at the January meeting for approval by the membership. Officers and division chairmen shall contact the committee with budget requests prior to the Budget Committee meeting.
- Section 4. Dues for full time members shall be determined by the Budget Committee, and shall be no less than \$50. Dues for Associate members will include an additional \$25 per year or no less than \$75.
- Section 5. All dues to the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Inc. will be due in February and will be delinquent the fourth Monday in March at which time membership will be forfeited.

Section 6. Members who have been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues and approval of the Executive Board. Members who resigned in good standing may be reinstated upon payment of annual dues and approval of the Executive Board.

Section 7. All outstanding bills shall be paid within 30 days of completion of any project.

### **ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS**

Section 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be held on the fourth Monday of the month, with a minimum of nine meetings per year. Meetings scheduled on holidays or other conflicting dates will be rescheduled by the Executive Board.

Section 2. A meeting of the Executive Board shall be held each month preceding the regular meetings. Any board member who misses three meetings of the Executive Board during the year without reasonable excuses creates a vacancy and her status as a board member shall be reviewed.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President upon written request of five or more members. Only the business for which the meeting is called may be conducted at the special meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the members by the telephone committee or by email. Special board meetings may be called by the President.

### **ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the following procedures will apply: if the vacancy occurs with less than half the term remaining, the President shall appoint a member to fill the position. If more than half the term remains, the Executive Board shall elect a member to fill the position.

### **ARTICLE X - DELEGATES TO DISTRICT, STATE, AND GENERAL FEDERATION FUNCTIONS**

Section 1. Dollars for Delegates.

- A. All money raised from the Dollars for Delegates fundraiser(s) will be equally divided among those qualified delegates in the following order:
  1. Hotel accommodations.
  2. Travel expenses.
  3. Other (luncheon/banquets).
- B. A qualified delegate shall be defined as one who attends all necessary meetings and workshops.
- C. All unused funds remaining in the Dollars for Delegates fund will be held in reserve for future federation functions.

Section 2. The Operating Fund shall cover the following:

- A. President's expenses.
  - 1. Hotel accommodations.
  - 2. Travel expenses.
  - 3. Official representation at banquet/luncheons.
  - 4. Registration.
- B. Registration for delegates at state meetings.
- C. One-half of expenses for delegates for district meetings.
- D. Arts entry fees.

Section 3. Costs accrued at Convention or Fall Board (hotel accommodations, gas, and/or required luncheon meals) shall be divided equally among attending members.

## **ARTICLE XI - QUORUM**

Fifty (50) percent plus one (1) full time members of the club at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum. Fifty (50) percent plus one (1) full time members of the Executive Board at any regular or special meeting of the board shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS**

The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the club, only if the amendment(s) have been read at the previous meeting and a copy of the amendment(s) have been distributed to each voting member prior to the meeting when it comes to ballot.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

In case this corporation wishes to dissolve and by due process of law shall dissolve, all assets of whatever nature, or their equivalent in value, which remain after the just debts and liabilities of this corporation have been satisfied, shall be used for such educational or public purpose or purposes, within the State of Florida, as will complete or continue undertaking for the public benefit which have already begun by the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, and any remaining assets shall be distributed for purpose or purposes within the scope of Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3). No part of the net income or earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual member or be distributed to its members or officers.

## **ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

"Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority of the club.

## **STANDING RULES**

1. It shall be the policy of this club to endorse only such measures as shall promote general welfare.
2. It is the duty of every member of the club to notify the Membership Chairman of any change of address or telephone number.
3. Each member is required to serve on a Hostess Committee during the year with the exception of the President.
4. The entire membership will be required to participate in the Club's Community Improvement Project (CIP), which shall be a priority over other division projects.
5. All hour sheets and accurate reports of club activities and meetings (excluding the monthly business meeting) shall be turned in to the Third Vice President. Hour sheets are due on a monthly basis. Reports shall be turned in at the meeting immediately following the completion of the project.
6. It shall be the policy of this club to endorse only such fundraising as shall promote the general welfare of the club or other civic or community groups and organizations and refuse to support fundraising for personal gain.
7. Members unable to attend a business meeting or other club function should notify an Executive Board member.
8. It shall be the policy of the club to refuse to endorse or oppose political candidates.



## 2017 PROGRAMS

JANUARY	Planning for 2017
FEBRUARY	Program: Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Speaker: Jennifer Paciletti, JFK Nurse Practitioner
MARCH	Program: Slide presentation on the wild life in Palm Beach County Speakers: Cliff Burke, Wildlife Photographer
APRIL	Program: Florida Pipeline Speaker: Diana Rice  Federation Quiz, Linda Ferrid
MAY	Membership Cookout
JUNE	Program: Domestic Assault Shelter Speaker: Dr. Mary Cauthen, Director
JULY	Program: Human Trafficking and Shop 501 Speaker: Laura MacFarland
AUGUST	Program: Peggy Adams Rescue League Speaker: Kim Hanson
SEPTEMBER	Program: Butterfly Gardens Speaker: Milly Sims
OCTOBER	Program: Hacienda Girls Ranch Speaker: Nick Genosky, Children's Home Society
NOVEMBER	Program: Discussed the book <i>A Man Called Ove</i> , Read Together Palm Beach County Speaker: Club Member Kathy Stackhouse
DECEMBER	Dinner and Holiday Party

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

**2017 - 2018**

Co-Presidents	Suzan Close/Cathy Hopkins
1 <sup>st</sup> V.P. (Membership)	Janie D'Ambrosio/Fran Green
2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P. (Fundraising)	Open
3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P. (Reporting)	Open
Treasurer	Janet Carlson
Recording Secretary	Mary Evelyn Mitchell
Corresponding Secretary	Meg America

## **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN**

**2017 - 2018**

Arts	Peggy Breen
Conservation	Mary Evelyn Mitchell/Nancy Wood
Education	Kathy Stackhouse/Linda Ferris
Home Life	Suzanne Valentage
International Outreach	Liz Bloeser/Phyllis Gauger
Public Issues	JeffAnne Pike
Leadership	Suzan Close/Cathy Hopkins
Newsletter	JeffAnne Pike
Scrapbook	JeffAnne Pike
Yearbook	Janet Carlson
Public Relations	Linda Ferris
Programs	Meg America

## **DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTIONS**

### **ARTS**

Use your creative talents to develop your interests in literature, arts and crafts and the performing arts.

Projects include: participation in district arts competition, learning about art history to appreciate the arts more fully, music appreciation, craft projects to support community projects, attending local theatre productions and attending local art museums.

### **CONSERVATION**

The purpose of this department is to inform and educate the members and the community about the preservation of our natural resources.

Projects include: Keep America Beautiful, learning to “live green,” Humane Society Support, recycling, and use of materials, and solid waste management issues.

### **EDUCATION**

Increase awareness of issues including literacy and learning disabilities in our community.

Projects include: FFWC State Mentoring Project, supporting our teachers, helping FCCLA clubs, collecting Campbell soup labels and General Mills box tops, and Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Foundation.

### **HOME LIFE**

The emphasis is on issues that impact family economics, substance abuse and health issues.

Projects include: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Locks of Love, helping the homeless, encouraging members to live a healthy life style, Hacienda Girls Ranch, helping Quantum House, Greyhound Pets of America, Canine Companions, and Special Olympics.

### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

Promote understanding among various international cultures.

Projects include: UNICEF, CARE, Operation Smile, Plan USA, support for the Hispanic Human Resources Council, International dinners, baby bundles for migrants, HEIFER International.

### **PUBLIC ISSUES**

Promote awareness of issues such as crime prevention, keeping children safe, hurricane awareness, victim rights, support for our military and veterans, and home and vehicle safety.

Projects include: Veterans Hospital donations, domestic assault shelter, donation of cell phones to local law enforcement offices, children in crisis, and support for our military troops.

## **GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING CLUB HOURS**

1. Travel time for "in city projects" -- actual time spent.
2. Travel time to any Federation meeting, including meeting -- 5 hours maximum per day.
3. Department and committee meetings and preparation time.
4. Telephone calls and/or emails -- time necessary to discuss club projects only.
6. Newsletter -- hours worked.
7. Submitting articles to newsletter -- hours worked.
8. Attending a Non-Federated meeting as a club representative -- hours worked.
9. Attendance at club socials -- (includes Ladies Night Out).
10. All phases of preparation work for club socials and fundraising projects -- hours worked.
11. Officer's time in carrying out duties -- hours worked.

## **GFWC FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS HEADQUARTERS**

4444 Florida National Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33813  
Phone (863) 647-2642  
Fax (863) 648-1010  
Email: GFWCFlorida@aol.com

Federation Song: Suwannee River  
Organized February 21, 1895

Admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs January 25, 1898  
GFWC is one of the World's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women's  
volunteer service organizations.

### **Directions to FFWC Headquarters**

FFWC Headquarters is located in south Lakeland, just off South Florida Avenue. Club women are always welcome to visit. Tours can be scheduled.

#### **From Interstate 4:**

Exit 1-4 at US Highway 98 and turn south. Continue on the same street (which becomes South Florida Avenue), through the downtown area, past South Gate Shopping Center and the Sheraton Hotel, approximately 8 miles. At first traffic light after the Sheraton, turn right onto West Highland Drive. Turn immediately to the left at Florida National Drive. Headquarters will be on the left.

OR

Exit Toll Road #570 and travel South Florida exit. Turn south onto South Florida Avenue. At the first light after the Sheraton, turn right onto West Highland Drive. Turn next left at Florida National Drive and Headquarters will be on the left.

#### **From Highway 60:**

In Mulberry, turn north onto SR 37, which becomes South Florida Avenue in Lakeland. Go approximately 6 miles and turn left at West Highland Drive. Turn immediately to the left onto Florida National Drive. Headquarters will be on the left.

## **GFWC INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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## **FFWC and GFWC MEETING DATES**

**2018 - 2019**

February 16-17, 2018  
LEADS Seminar  
Headquarters, Lakeland

May 4-7, 2018  
Spring Convention  
Rosen Plaza  
Orlando

June 22-26, 2018  
GFWC Convention  
St. Louis, MO

September 21-23, 2018  
Fall Board  
Rosen Plaza, Orlando

**GFWC FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
2016-2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Teddy Hulse*	tedhulse@aol.com

**CHAIRMEN OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  
2016-2018**

**Arts**

<b>Chairman</b>	Jeanette Basil	jeanettebasil@bellsouth.net
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**Conservation**

<b>Chairman</b>	Cheryl Lunn	lunnfamily@comcast.com
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**Home Life**

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**International Outreach**

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## **Public Issues**

**Chairman** Marguerite Robinson mrobinson689@gmail.com

### **President's Project "Hacienda Girls Ranch"**

**Chairman** Julia George gfwcjulia@yahoo.com  
**District 10 Chairman** Eleanor Foisy rafoisy@bellsouth.net  
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## **Communications, Identity & Public Relations**

**Chairman** Mary Crawley Rhodes crawley20@hotmail.com

### **Community Improvement Program**

**Chairman** Laurie Auth rauth1@tampabay.rr.com

## **Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness**

**Co-Chairman** Kay Taylor kaytaylor13@verizon.net  
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## **ESO**

**Chairman** Lucy Ann Wines lawines@tampabay.rr.com

## **Fundraising**

**Chairman** Michele Small mksmall@hotmail.com

## **JENNIE Awards**

**Chairman** Penny McLane pgelephant@aol.com

## **LEADS**

**Chairman** Carol Weaver vicar1127@aol.com  
**Co-Chairman** Teddy Hulse tedhulse@aol.com

## **Leadership**

**Chairman** Beverly Payne bspayne@bellsouth.net

## **Membership Monday**

**Coordinator** Adele Van Sciver ayvansciver@gmail.com

## **Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness**

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## **Leadership**

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## **Membership Monday**

**Coordinator** Adele Van Sciver ayvansciver@gmail.com

## **Newsletter/Yearbook**

**Chairman** Janie Ade jadeafo@aol.com

## **Programs**

**Chairman** Libby Sewell libbysewell55@gmail.com

## **Scholarship**

**Chairman** Candi Aubin aubin5@aol.com

## **Webmaster**

**Chairman** Sara Castelli webmaster@gfwcflorida.org

## **GFWC FLORIDA DISTRICT 10**

### **District 10 Director**

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### **District 10 Junior Director**

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### **District Secretary**

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### **Chaplain**

Honey Duncan

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### **Arts**

Vacant

### **Conservation**

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### **Education**

Cynthia Hall

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### **Leadership**

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### **Membership**

Vacant

### **Public Issues**

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### **ESO**

June Roman

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### **President's Project**

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### **Parliamentarian**

Ted Hulse

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## DISTRICT 10 CLUBS

### **Women's Club of Belle Glade ~ Federated 1927**

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, October-May

Fax: 561-996-8333

Club President: Sandra Chamblee, 1045 Tabit Rd., Belle Glade, FL 33430

Email: [sandrachamblee@ymail.com](mailto:sandrachamblee@ymail.com), Cell: 561-449-6042

### **Boynton Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1911**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 1010 S. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Club Phone Number: 561-369-2300

Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

Club Website: [www.boyntonwomansclub.com](http://www.boyntonwomansclub.com), Club Email: [bwc1909@gmail.com](mailto:bwc1909@gmail.com)

Club President: Michele Walter, 11242 Quail Covey Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33436

Email: [mcwalter4@gmail.com](mailto:mcwalter4@gmail.com), Cell: 314-306-4490

### **GFWC Casuarina Woman's Club of Lantana, Inc. ~ Federated 1966**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 1200 W. Drew St., Lantana, FL 33462

Meeting Dates/Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Club Website: [www.casuarinawomansclub.org](http://www.casuarinawomansclub.org)

Club President: Christine Burtch, 721 South 11<sup>th</sup> St. Lantana, FL 33462-4303

Email: [dragonwing58@aol.com](mailto:dragonwing58@aol.com), Cell: 561-596-1896

### **GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach ~ Federated 1924**

Club House Meeting Address: 505 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Delray Beach, FL 33445

Meeting Dates/Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Club Website: [www.gfwc-delray.org](http://www.gfwc-delray.org), Club Email: [gfwc-delray.org](mailto:gfwc-delray.org)

Club Co-President: Joann Haros, 2320 S.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., #204, Delray Beach, FL 33445

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### **GFWC District 10 Directors Club ~ Federated 2003**

Meeting Dates/Times: Lunch time - twice a year at District 10 meetings

Club President: Doris C. Karlik, 4640 Holly Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Email: [DLKarlik@aol.com](mailto:DLKarlik@aol.com), Home: 561-622-4410, Cell: 561-762-0094

### **Woman's Club of Fort Pierce, Inc. ~ Federated 1913**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 2408 S. 29<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Pierce, FL 34945

Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

Club Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3794, Fort Pierce, FL 34948

Club President: Jerry Koedyker, 109 SW Gettysburg Dr., Port St Lucie, FL 34953

Email: [jerry@marykay.com](mailto:jerry@marykay.com), Cell: 804-731-6119

### **GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club ~ Federated 1947**

Meeting Address: Abundant Life Church of God, 4968 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach, FL

Meeting Dates/Times: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month

Club Co-President: Suzan Close, 6303 North San Andros Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Email: [sewclose@comcast.net](mailto:sewclose@comcast.net), Home: 561-798-6383, Cell: 561-329-8874

Club Co-President: Cathy Hopkins, 922 Belmont Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Co-President Email: [hopy23@bellsouth.net](mailto:hopy23@bellsouth.net), Home: 561-512-3573

**GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1992**

Club Mailing Address: P.O. Box 8042, Hobe Sound, FL 33475-8042  
Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Club Website: [www.hobesoundwomen'sclub.org](http://www.hobesoundwomen'sclub.org)  
Club President: Brenda Lowe, P. O. Box 1347, Hobe Sound, FL 33475  
Email: [lovymiller@gmail.com](mailto:lovymiller@gmail.com), Home: 772-634-0194, Cell: 772-247-7119

**Indian River County Federation of Women's Clubs ~ Federated 1915**

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in April and October  
Club President: Jane Croy, 749 S. Fischer Circle, Sebastian, FL 32958  
Email: [paaicroy@att.net](mailto:paaicroy@att.net), Home: 772-589-8849

**GFWC Juniorette Club of Jupiter-Tequesta ~ Federated 1992**

Sponsor Club: Jupiter-Tequesta JRWC  
Club Advisor: Sheryl Molter, P.O. Box 3238, Tequesta, FL 33469  
Email: [moltergfwcfl@gmail.com](mailto:moltergfwcfl@gmail.com), Home: 561-719-6816

**GFWC Jupiter-Tequesta Junior Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1964**

Meeting Address: 400 Seabrook Rd., Tequesta, FL 33469  
Meeting Dates/Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, September-June  
Club Website: [www.JTJwc.org](http://www.JTJwc.org), Club Email: [info@JTJwc.org](mailto:info@JTJwc.org)  
Club President: Bonnie Larson, 19 Laurel Oaks Rd., Tequesta, FL 33469  
Email: [happy2bhealthy@gmail.com](mailto:happy2bhealthy@gmail.com), Phone: 561-262-3686

**The Woman's Club of Jupiter-Tequesta ~ Federated 1930**

Meeting Address: Jupiter Community Center, 210 N. Military Trail, Jupiter 33458  
Meeting Dates/Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, October-May  
Club Email: [gfwcjupitertequesta2017@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcjupitertequesta2017@gmail.com)  
Club President: Jeanne Takeda, 5353 Parkside Dr. SR 119, Jupiter, FL 33458  
Email: [Jtakeda@fau.edu](mailto:Jtakeda@fau.edu), Cell: 561-339-0920, Fax: 561-799-8721

**The Woman's Club of Lake Worth, Inc. ~ Federated 1914**

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Club President: June Evans, 145 Atlantis Blvd., Apt 106, Atlantis, FL 33462  
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**GFWC Okeechobee Junior Woman's Club**

Club President: Alex Tijerina 1903 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974  
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**GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club ~ Federated 1967**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 33714, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420  
Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Club Website: [www.pbgwomansclub.org](http://www.pbgwomansclub.org), Club Email: [gfwcpbgclub@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcpbgclub@gmail.com)  
Club President: Carol Renick, 1121 Vintner Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
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**GFWC Florida Past Director of Junior's Club**

Meeting Dates/Times: Meets @ State meetings  
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**GFWC Port St. Lucie Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1976**

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month

Club Website: [www.gfwcportstluciewomansclub.com](http://www.gfwcportstluciewomansclub.com)

Club President: Mary Jane Searfoorce, 669 SE Stow Ter., St. Lucie, FL 34984

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**GFWC Woman's Club of Boca Raton, Inc.**

Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month

Club Website: [www.gfwc-boca.org](http://www.gfwc-boca.org), Club Email: [www.bocaratonwomansclub.org](http://www.bocaratonwomansclub.org)

Club President: Gwen Herb, 2403 NW 30<sup>th</sup> St., Boca Raton, FL 33431

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**GFWC Sebastian River Juniorettes ~ Federated 1993**

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**GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1977**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 952 U.S. Highway 1, Sebastian, FL 32958

Meeting Dates/Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Club Website: [www.gfwcsebastianjrs.org](http://www.gfwcsebastianjrs.org)

Club President: Heather Brott, 1229 Calusa Dr., Sebastian, FL 32976

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**GFWC Sebastian River Parliamentary Club**

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

Club President: Tracy Russell, 420 Quarry Lane, Sebastian, FL 32958

Email: [trixruss420@bllsouth.net](mailto:trixruss420@bllsouth.net), Home: 772-643-2869

**GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1994**

Meeting Address: GFWC Sebastian River Jr WC Clubhouse, 952 US 1, Sebastian, FL 32958

Meeting Dates/Times: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

Club President: Sara Dessureau, 3936 Southwind Dr., Melbourne, FL 32904

Email: [sarad6595@gmail.com](mailto:sarad6595@gmail.com), Cell: 772-584-0363

**Woman's Club of Stuart, Inc. ~ Federated 1914**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 729 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994

Meeting Dates/Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, September-May

Club Phone: 772-288-3227

Club Website: [www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com](http://www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com)

Club Email: [info@womansclubofstuart.com](mailto:info@womansclubofstuart.com)

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**GFWC Treasure Coast Women ~ Federated 1980**

Meeting Address: Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month

Club Email: [flamingosam@yahoo.com](mailto:flamingosam@yahoo.com)

Club President: Sandie Davis, 6355 Parklane Ct., Vero Beach, Florida 32967

Email: [flamingosam@yahoo.com](mailto:flamingosam@yahoo.com), Home: 772-569-8895, Cell: 772-559-9342

**GFWC Vero Beach Woman's Club, Inc. ~ Federated 1915**

Clubhouse Meeting Address: 1534 21<sup>st</sup> St., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Meeting Dates/Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, October-May

Club President: Susan Heath, 43 Ipanema Way, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Lynn Cline**  
**2014-2016**

*It is a new beginning Let us Define Ourselves*

*In Order to be our true selves, we have to start getting to know ourselves to sort through all our layers of self-defeating habits of thought and action. We have to separate all the different voices in our minds. We have to stop judging ourselves long enough to see why God placed us on this earth to complete his work. We are his gift to the world. There is no one else like us.*

*We are his chosen one. In Sifting through all our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, we begin understanding who we are right now and see how we got here and why.*

*We can start seeing ourselves as whole, complete human beings with mind, bodies, and spirits. We can stop defining ourselves with our past mistakes. We can let go of all our old negative tapes. Inside each of us is a perfect spirit. It guides us away from the ranting of our ego, toward the peace and joy of our best, highest, and true self.*

*We are Gods child and he loves us. Have faith in him and he will see us through. Bless you and keep you wrapped in his arms now and forever.*



## CAPSULE HISTORY OF GFWC

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) - the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational women's volunteer service organization - was founded in 1890. GFWC traces its roots back to Jane Cunningham Croly, an accomplished New York newspaperwoman, who wrote under the pen name of Jennie June. Indignant that she and other women were denied admittance to a banquet honoring Charles Dickens in 1868 at the all-male New York Press Club simply because they were women, she determined to organize a club for women only. The name chosen for this club was Sorosis, a Greek word meaning "an aggregation; a sweet flavor of many fruits." Although the founders originally supposed they were starting a new movement, they became aware over the years of the existence of other women's clubs that had formed independently to meet the needs of women in the expanding country.

As Sorosis approach its 21<sup>st</sup> year, Mrs. Croly proposed a conference in New York that brought together delegates from 61 women's clubs. On the last day of the conference, the women took action to form a permanent organization. A committee to draft a constitution and plan of organization to be ratified the following year was chosen, with Sorosis President Ella Dietz Clymer as chairman. The constitution was adopted in 1890, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs was born. It was chartered in 1901 by the U.S. Congress.

Ella Dietz Clymer gained a particular place of honor in Federation history as the author of the GFWC motto, "Unity in Diversity." Speaking to the delegates at the first conference, she said, "We look for unity, but unity in diversity. We hope that you will enrich us by your varied experiences..." The aptness of the motto is evident in the diverse interests of GFWC members, who have implemented a broad range of programs and projects tailored to meet the needs of their communities. It set the tone for the flexibility that has allowed GFWC to grow and adapt to the changing and diverse lifestyles and concerns of women throughout a century of volunteer work.

At first, women's clubs joined the General Federation directly, but they later came into membership through state federations that had begun forming in 1892. GFWC also counts international clubs among its members. Although women's clubs were founded primarily for self-education and development for women, gradually the emphasis of most local clubs changed to one of community service and improvement. GFWC programmatic areas of activity include the arts, conservation, education, home life, international affairs, and public affairs, and various special projects. The Federation also has a distinguished record of legislative activity on issues of historical importance, beginning with the establishment of a national model for juvenile courts and service in the forefront of the conservation movement resulting in the establishment of the first Forest Reserve in 1899. GFWC turned the tide for passage of the Pure Food and Drugs Act, and supported legislation for the eight-hour workday and the first child labor law. In addition, as early as 1944, GFWC endorsed a resolution supporting equal rights and responsibilities for women.

The Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC), established in 1984, consists of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Archives and Library. The archives contain hundreds of linear feet of GFWC's records dating from 1890 to the present. State federal and local club histories supplement the archival holdings, as do international clubs' materials. The WHRC Library is a special collection devoted to women's history with an emphasis on women in volunteerism. The WHRC provides access to materials for research by GFWC members and staff, students, scholars, and the public. The small banding together of existing clubs that began in 1890 has grown into the largest organization for women volunteers in the world. GFWC now numbers 270,000 members in 7,000 clubs across the United States, with additional millions of members in 40 countries.

## FEDERATION FACTS

### Motto

Ella Dietz Clymer, President of Sorosis, addressed delegates to the 1889 organizational meeting calling together members of women's clubs. "We look for unity, but unity in diversity; we hope that you will enrich us by your varied experience, and let us pledge ourselves to work for a common cause, the cause of united womanhood throughout the world." Her memorable phrase, "Unity in Diversity," was adopted as the official motto of the General Federation in 1957.

### Emblem

The General Federation had not long been underway when the question arose about what distinguishing emblem its members should wear to recognize each other. Dr. Leila G. Bedell of the Chicago Women's clubs recommended at the 1892 convention that "some simple badge be designed which all could obtain and wear."

A committee was named with Jane Cunningham Croly, GFWC founder, Charlotte Emerson Brown, first GFWC President; and Jennie de la M. Lozier, of Sorosis, as members. They chose a design that incorporated a rising sun as the symbol. There is no record that the design was ever endorsed by either the convention or board of directors, but when the Council met in 1893, the pin was already in distribution. The pin was blue and silver with a background of terra cotta.

When Alice Ames Winter became president in 1920, she was dissatisfied with the rising sun symbol, saying, "We decided that the sun had risen and that the time had come" for a new emblem that more nearly represented the mature organization. Accordingly, a new design, submitted by Douglas Donaldson, was approved in 1920. The design shows a crusader's shield, signifying enlightenment, emerging from the darkened world, which is represented by a black center; the band encircling the center signified eternity; a fully risen sun on a field of blue, for Purity and blue for Constance - surrounded by the letters GFWC and the motto *Unity in Diversity*.

### Logo

The logo was designed during the 1982-84 administration. It incorporates the emblem and a large letter "V" for volunteer. It was adopted as the official logo at the 1983 international convention. The GFWC Standing Rules state that, "The GFWC emblem and/or logo shall appear on all GFWC literature."

### Flag

The GFWC flag is blue with an embroidered Federation emblem in the center. It was unfurled for the first time at the Golden Jubilee celebration in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on May 19, 1941.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION ON FREQUENTLY USED MOTIONS

<b>Action Denied</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Sample Writing</b>	<b>Votes Required</b>
Introduce business	Main motion	I move to donate \$500 to a homeless shelter	second-majority
Change or modify a motion before adoptions	Amend	I move to amend by striking \$500 and inserting \$600	second-majority
Have a few members study or take charge of a matter	commit (or) refer	I move to refer the motion to a committee to be appointed by the chair to investigate and report with a recommendation at the next meeting	second-majority
Postpone deciding	postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone consideration of this motion until after adoption of the budget.	second-majority
Change rules of debate temporarily on this motion	limit or extend limits of debate	I move that the debate be limited (or extended) to five minutes on this motion.	second - 2/3 no debate
Stop debate and have a vote taken immediately	Previous question	I move the previous question (or) I move to stop debate.	second - 2/3 no debate
Set aside a matter to take care of an emergency	Lay on the table	I move to lay the pending motion on the table.	second - majority no debate
Reopen consideration of a motion that has been tabled	take from the table	I move to take from the table the motion regarding the donation of \$500 to the homeless shelter.	second- majority no debate
Protest about the noise, heating, ventilation, etc.	question of privilege	I rise to a question of privilege. May we open the window?	No second or debate chair decides
Have a short intermission	Recess	I move to recess for ten minutes, (or) I move to recess until we obtain a quorum.	second - majority no debate
Close a meeting	Adjourn	I move to adjourn.	second - majority no debate
Set a time for a continuation of the present meeting	fix the time to which to adjourn	I move that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet again at 7 p.m. tomorrow.	second - majority no debate
Verify a voice vote	division of the assembly	Division (or) I call for a division.	no second or vote no debate
Do something against the rules or take up a question out of proper order	suspend the rules	I move to suspend the rules that prevent our completing action on this item before adjourning.	second - no debate majority for standing rule; 2/3 for rule of order
Allow members an opportunity to reserve an affirmative vote taken on a motion	Rescind	I move to rescind the vote adopted at the last meeting to donate \$500 to the homeless shelter.	second - 2/3 or majority with notice
Allow member to take another look at a decision they made	Rescind	Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider my vote on the motion to buy a television.	second-majority

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES DEFINITIONS

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:** Constructive and ethical practices used to encourage and facilitate orderly and effective transaction of business in deliberative assemblies under the established rules of parliamentary law and the unwritten laws of common sense, courtesy, fairness, and co-operation. Decisions are made by the majority. Protection of the minority is provided.

**THE HOUSE** - The organization - the assembly.

**THE MEETING** - The gathering of the members.

**THE CHAIR** - The presiding officer - usually the president.

**TO ADDRESS THE CHAIR** - To speak to the presiding officer, addressing him or her, "Mr. President" or "Madam President", or "Mr. Chairman" or "Madam Chairman".

**TO OBTAIN THE FLOOR** - To obtain the right to speak, permission, and recognition are given by the Chair. No one may speak unless given the floor by the Chair.

**PRO-TEM** - For the time being - acting in place of - (e.g. Secretary pro-tem).

**EX-OFFICIO** - An ex-officio member of a committee is a member who is so designated in the Bylaws, by virtue of office (usually the president). There is no distinction between an ex-officio member and any other member of a committee except that where the president is designated "ex-officio" she should not be counted in the quorum. The ex-officio member has every privilege, the right to make motions, to debate and to vote.

The President is NOT an ex-officio member of committees and has no right to attend committee meetings unless the Bylaws of the organization give that privilege.

**QUORUM** - The least number of members that must be present at a meeting in order to transact business (the number that constitutes a quorum should be stated in the Bylaws. If it is not, it may be determined by the assembly. Under most authorities the quorum is a majority of the entire membership).

**QUORUM OF A COMMITTEE** - Majority of the entire committee, unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** - An adviser to the presiding officer, usually an authority outside the organization asked to sit in at meetings to advise the president. Never say: "The parliamentarian rules." The president makes the rulings. The parliamentarian may be a member of the organization especially with small clubs (i.e. 200 members or less) and civic organizations.

**MINUTES** - The record of business of each meeting kept by the Secretary (should be a permanent record).

**TO MAKE A MOTION** - To propose that a certain thing be done by the organization. Stated "I move..."

TO SECOND - To assure a second person's interest in voting on a motion just made necessary for most motions to bring the matter before the House for consideration. Stated: "I second the motion." (No recognition from the Chair necessary to second a motion).

THE QUESTION - The matter before the House for consideration.

TO AMEND - To move to change or modify a motion under consideration.

TO BALLOT - To vote by casting of ballots (secret vote).

TO ADJOURN - To dismiss or end a meeting.

#### VOTES -

Majority Vote - Anything over half of those present and voting.\*

Plurality Vote - Highest number of those present and voting.\*

Tie Vote - Same number for and against.

Unanimous Vote - No one dissenting (taken by consent).

Voice Vote - "Ayes" and "Nay's".

Standing Vote - Counted vote.

Ballot Vote - Secret vote.

Roll Call Vote - Voice vote by calling roll of members.

Proxy Vote - Vote cast for another by authority given. No allowed unless provided in Bylaws.

Voting by Mail - Method must be proved in rules (must not be confused with proxy voting).

\*Unless Bylaws or Rules require majority vote of all present or of entire membership.

AGENDA - Items to be discussed in meeting under "Order of Business".

DIVISION OF ASSEMBLY - When there is doubt as to accuracy of an announced vote, any member or the Chair may call for a rising vote. A counted vote; may be ordered by a majority vote or by the Chair.

DIVISION OF A QUESTION - Dividing a question to consider one part at a time when a motion has been made containing several parts relating to the same subject.

CONSIDERATION SERIATIM - Consideration of a section by section or paragraph by paragraph to perfect each before voting on whole questions.

PRESIDENT'S VOTING "PRIVILEGE" - The right to vote is not denied the presiding officer. In a Ballot Vote - The president votes as any other member when the Polls are open and CANNOT VOTE TO BREAK a tie. In a Voice Vote - The president may vote to make or to break a tie.

# **MEET OUR MEMBERS**

**GWFC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB ROSTER**

**GAY ALEXIN** **832-4603 HOME/445-6719 CELL**  
**836 Biscayne Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

*Club Member Since:* 2002  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - September 16  
Originally from Hornell, New York, moved to Florida in 1972  
*Email:* (home) gaalexin@att.net  
*Occupation:* Office Assistant  
*Special Interests:* Football FSU; baseball Dodgers  
*Favorite Color:* Blue  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Easy listening  
*Other Organizations:* None

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**MEG AMERICA** **471-9998 HOME/386-8046 CELL**  
**7027 Elkhorn Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

*Club Member Since:* 2012  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - July 8; *Anniversary* - March 14  
Originally from upstate New York, moved to Florida in 1978  
*Email:* megusa51@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired Teacher  
*Family:* Husband, Charlie; son, Mike; daughter, Alison, grandsons Craig, and Seth  
*Special Interests:* Reading, sewing (quilting), and gardening  
*Unique Collections:* David Winter cottages, and Buyers Choice dolls  
*Favorite Color:* Bright colors  
*Favorite Type of Music:* All but Jazz  
*Other Organizations:* Landscape Committee HOA and Master Gardener

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**PAT BASSETT** **601-8068 CELL**  
**296 Saratoga Blvd., East, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

*Club Member Since:* 2013  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - July 11; *Anniversary* - August 8  
Originally from Maine; moved to Florida in 2002  
*Email:* (work) patricia\_bassett@pba.edu  
*Occupation:* Educator  
*Family:* Husband Bruce; daughter Marjorie; grandchildren Isabel and Victoria; son Nathan; grandchildren Isaac, Andrew, and Alleyah  
*Special Interests:* Online Education  
*Unique Collections:* Salvation Army Carolers  
*Favorite Color:* Plum  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Contemporary Christian  
*Other Organizations:* Professional

**LIZ BLOESER** **791-4490 HOME/252-6389 CELL**  
**178 Par Dr., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411**

*Club Member Since:* 2007  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - November 23  
Originally from Reading, Pennsylvania moved to Florida in 1965  
*Email:* FAUOWL1975@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired CPA  
*Family:* Son, Ron; daughter, Kathy; granddaughter, Brooke, grandson, Michael  
*Special Interests:* Reading and family  
*Unique Collections:* N/A  
*Favorite Color:* Turquoise  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Light rock and country  
*Other Organizations:* Women of the Western Communities

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**PEGGY BREEN** **432-5115 HOME/385-7455 CELL**  
**3808 Cypress Lake Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33467**

*Club Member Since:* 2014  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - June 5  
Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania moved to Florida in 1982  
*Email:* pbreen3383@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired  
*Family:* Four children, 7 grandchildren  
*Special Interests:* Crafts, florals, jewelry  
*Unique Collections:* Dolls, Nutcrackers  
*Favorite Color:* Aqua  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Oldies  
*Other Organizations:* None

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**BARBARA BURDETTE** **514-1902 HOME/240-988-9029 CELL**  
**9501 Lantern Bay Circle, West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

*Club Member Since:* 2013  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - June 16; *Anniversary* - September 3  
Originally from Michigan  
*Email:* signladybb@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired teacher  
*Family:* Husband, Rick; daughter, Kathy; sons, Michael, Ken; grandchildren, Lucy and Ian  
*Special Interests:* Sign Language, gardening  
*Unique Collections:* N/A  
*Favorite Color:* Purple  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Christian, especially the National Christian Choir  
*Other Organizations:* Family Church, Palm Beach Gardens



**JANET CARLSON**  
**67 W. Plumosa Lane, Lake Worth, FL 33467**

**906-9690 CELL**

*Club Member Since:* 1983  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - February 25; *Anniversary* - September 25, 2015  
Originally from Dumont, New Jersey; moved to Florida in 1979  
*Email:* jan33406@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired from the School District of Palm Beach County  
*Family:* Husband, Dan; Daughters, Stacy and Heather; grandsons, Tyler and Blake  
*Special Interests:* Reading, shopping, traveling, cooking, and family  
*Unique Collections:* Lladros  
*Favorite Color:* Red  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Light rock and country  
*Other Organizations:* None

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**SUZAN P. CLOSE**  
**6303 N. San Andros, West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

**798-6383 HOME/329-8874 CELL**

*Club Member Since:* 2011  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - January 3; *Anniversary* - July 3  
Originally from Henderson, Kentucky, moved to Florida in 1986  
*Email:* sewclose@comcast.net  
*Occupation:* Retired teacher, currently substitute teacher  
*Family:* Husband, Kenny; daughter, Patti; son, Brian  
*Special Interests:* Machine embroidery and sewing  
*Unique Collections:* Thimbles  
*Favorite Color:* Seafoam green  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Christian and easy listening  
*Other Organizations:* Grace Fellowship Church

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**JANIE D'AMBROSIO**  
**3226 Jog Park Dr., Greenacres, FL 33467**

**968-8133 HOME/309-3542 CELL**

*Club Member:* 2006 - returned in 2015  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - August 30  
Originally from New Jersey, moved to Florida in 2001  
*Email:* Janiedfl@gmail.com  
*Occupation:* Retired  
*Special Interests:* Golf, bridge, and traveling  
*Unique Collections:* Lladro's, Hummel figurines and plates  
*Favorite Color:* Blue  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Broadway show tunes and Great American Songbook  
*Other Organizations:* None

**DEB DURAND**  
**2436 Circle Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

**252-3447 CELL**

*Club Member:* 2010  
*Personal:* Birthday - April 22; *Anniversary* - July 4  
Originally from Minnesota; moved to Florida in 1992  
*Email:* (home) wpbdehome@gmail.com  
(work) Deborah.Durand@integratedgenetics.com  
*Occupation:* Genetic Counselor  
*Family:* Husband, Bill; Daughter, Kjirsten  
*Special Interests:* Travel, exercising, and cooking  
*Unique Collections:* None  
*Favorite Color:* Teal, purple, and orange  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Jazz, Pop  
*Other Organizations:* Nat'l Society of Genetic Counselors, American College of Medical Genetics

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**LINDA FERRIS**  
**7699 Nemec Dr., S, Lake Clarke Shores, FL 33406**

**642-7474 HOME/601-7978 CELL**

*Club Member Since:* 1984  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - May 7; *Anniversary* - June 22  
Originally from West Virginia; moved to Florida in 1973  
*Email:* lkferris7@bellsouth.net  
*Occupation:* Retired Journalist for the *Palm Beach Post*; professional volunteer  
*Family:* Husband, Jim  
*Special Interests:* Volunteering, reading, traveling, cooking, movies, and playing poker  
*Unique Collectables:* Quit collecting, trying to downsize  
*Favorite Color:* Sky blue and red  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Rock 'n' roll, easy listening, some of today's pop  
*Other Organizations:* Friends of Paula W. and Guardian ad Litem

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**PHYLLIS GAUGER**  
**14482 Autumn Ave., Wellington, FL 33414**

**793-5299 HOME/386-9494 CELL**

*Club Member Since:* 1982  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - May 28; *Anniversary* - July 17  
Originally from Pennsylvania; moved to Florida in 1972  
*Email:* reguag@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired flight attendant for Delta Airlines  
*Family:* Husband, Michael; daughter, Amanda; son, Michael  
*Special Interests:* Travel, diabetes awareness, spa days  
*Unique Collections:* Angels and greyhounds  
*Favorite Color:* Purples, greens, and blues  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Oldies and country  
*Other Organizations:* Founding board member of Forever Greyhounds and 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. of Women of the Western Communities

**FRAN GREEN**

**968-5117 HOME/351-0437 CELL**

**8633 Egret Isle Terrace, Lake Worth, FL 33467**

*Club Member Since:* 2012  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - September 18; *Anniversary* - February 15, 1975  
 Originally from Maine; moved to Florida in 1962  
*Email:* frangreen@gmail.com  
*Occupation:* Retired dental hygienist  
*Family:* Husband, Gary; son, Andy; daughter, Megan; grandchildren, Drew, Marbella, Evan, Milana, Claire, and Micah  
*Special Interests:* Travel, reading  
*Unique Collections:* Sea Glass  
*Favorite Color:* Aqua  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Oldies and Bosa Nova  
*Other Organizations:* Daughters of the American Revolution

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**CATHY A. HOPKINS**

**512-3573 CELL**

**922 Belmont Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

*Club Member Since:* 2009  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - October 23; *Anniversary* - April 14  
 Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; moved to Florida in 1972  
*Email:* hopy23@bellsouth.net  
*Occupation:* Retired  
*Family:* Husband, William; daughter, Stacy; son, William; grandsons Landen and Reese  
*Special Interests:* Quilting, water colors, crafts, beading and embroidery  
*Unique Collections:* "Brown Bag" Cookie Presses  
*Favorite Color:* Teal  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Christian and oldies  
*Other Organizations:* Quilters Guild

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**KAREN LEACH**

**401-254-2611 HOME/401-749-2894 CELL**

**3652 Alder Dr., Palm Club West, Apt. #D-1, West Palm Beach, FL 33417  
25 Pawtucket Ave., Bristol, RI 02809**

*Club Member Since:*  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - April 13; *Anniversary* - August 23, 1969  
 Born in Providence RI, began coming to Florida in the 90's  
*Email:* Sackett159@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired teacher, principal and special education supervisor  
*Family:* Husband, Alan; Son, Alan Jr.; Daughter, Jennifer; grandsons, Alan III and Albert  
*Special Interests:* Gardening, preserving/canning, grandchildren, theater, walking my dog, fishing, boating, sitting on the beach  
*Unique Collections:* None  
*Favorite Color:* Red  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Broadway tunes  
*Other Organizations:* GFWC in Rhode Island, retired teacher's union of RI

**MARY EVELYN MITCHELL** **967-5358 HOME/762-8254 CELL**  
**2382 Edgewater Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

*Club Member Since:* 2000  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - September 26  
Originally from Mississippi, moved to Florida in 1970  
*Email:* FACSMEM@gmail.com  
*Occupation:* Retired high school teacher  
*Family:* Sons, Philip and Matthew; daughter-in-law Erin  
*Special Interests:* FSU Football, gardening, decorating, sewing  
*Unique Collections:* Thimbles, apples  
*Favorite Color:* Red  
*Favorite Type of Music:* All kinds  
*Other Organizations:* None

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**JEFF ANNE PIKE** **966-5600 HOME/329-1289 CELL**  
**4288 Edward Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406**  
**Mailing address: P.O. Box 19368, West Palm Beach, FL 33416**

*Club Member:* 2001  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - June 22; *Anniversary* - June 16  
Originally from Long Island, NY, moved to Florida in 1971  
*Email:* JAPFSU@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired high school teacher  
*Family:* Husband, Bill; son, James; daughter, Samantha; grandson Cal  
*Special Interests:* Reading, camping, and FSU football  
*Unique Collections:* Gourds and pencils  
*Favorite Color:* Red  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Country  
*Other Organizations:* FSU Alumni Assoc., Camping Clubs (FMCA, Rovers)  
*Other Organizations:* Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida

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**CHRIS SMITH** **790-4989 HOME/317-4691 CELL**  
**629 Whipporwill Rd., West Palm Beach FL 33411**

*Club Member:* 2017  
*Personal:* *Birthday* – February 19  
Originally from Long Island, NY; moved to FL in 1959  
*Email:* csauntysimon@aol.com  
*Occupation:* Retired Teacher  
*Family:* Three children, 6 grandchildren  
*Special Interests:* Beadwork, Crochet, Knit, Read, Stained Glass, Sewing  
*Unique Collections:* Perfume bottles, santas, crystal  
*Favorite Color:* Orange  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Anything but Rap  
*Other Organizations:* none

**KATHY STACKHOUSE**

**791-0626 HOME/315-1600 CELL**

**9095 Baybury Lane, West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

Club Member: 2013  
 Personal: *Birthday* - January 27; *Anniversary* - June 12  
 Originally from Ohio; moved to Florida in 1976  
 Email: kathystac@comcast.net  
 Occupation: Retired teacher  
 Family: Husband, Dave; son, Ray  
 Special Interests: Reading, walking, swimming  
 Unique Collections: Red birds, Cardinals  
 Favorite Color: Yellow  
 Favorite Type of Music: Anything my husband plays  
 Other Organizations: Daughters of American Revolution

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**CONNIE TELLEX**

**818-0483 CELL**

**849 SALEM LANE, LAKE WORTH, FL 33461**

Club Member: 2017  
 Personal: *Birthday* - July 25  
 Originally from Ancon, Panama, Canal Zone; moved to Florida in 1969  
 Email: cct725@aol.com  
 Occupation: Dental Hygeniest  
 Family: Son, Chris; Wife Kellye; Daughter, Brittany  
 Special Interests: Travel, theatre, sports  
 Unique Collections: None  
 Favorite Color: Yellow  
 Favorite Type of Music: All  
 Other Organizations: None

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**SUZANNE VALENTAGE**

**772-286-7194 HOME/561-352-9650 CELL**

**2746 SE Stonebriar Way, Stuart, FL 34997**

Club Member Since: 1985  
 Personal: *Birthday* - April 16  
 Originally from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan; moved to Florida in 1982  
 Email: (home) suzval@yahoo.com  
 Occupation: Legal Assistant  
 Special Interests: Traveling  
 Unique Collections: Cookbooks, but I don't cook!  
 Favorite Color: Red  
 Favorite Type of Music: Jazz  
 Other Organizations: None

**LINDA WALKER**  
**8411 Theresa Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33472**

**236-5637 CELL**

*Club Member Since:* 2000 - returned in 2008  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - November 27  
Originally from New York, moved to Florida in 1957  
*Email:* lindamc5913@comcast.net  
*Occupation:* Retired legal assistant  
*Family:* Daughter, Alison; son, Christopher; grandson, Reese  
*Special Interests:* Cruising  
*Unique Collections:* None  
*Favorite Color:* Green  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Oldies and Jazz  
*Other Organizations:* Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

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**NANCY WOOD**  
**2466 Circle Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

**967-4522 HOME/891-6310 CELL**

*Club Member Since:*  
*Personal:* *Birthday* - September 1  
Originally from Michigan, moved to Florida in 1962  
*Email:* elm147@yahoo.com  
*Occupation:* Retired  
*Family:* Daughter, Carrie; grandson, Beau  
*Special Interests:* Orchids  
*Unique Collections:* Cookbooks  
*Favorite Color:* Purple  
*Favorite Type of Music:* Beatles  
*Other Organizations:* None

# FORMS





**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB**  
P.O. Box 16311  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

**MOTION REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_

I move that " \_\_\_\_\_  
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Action:

Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_  
Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

Divided \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Mover \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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**MOTION REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_

I move that " \_\_\_\_\_  
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Action:

Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost \_\_\_\_\_  
Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

Divided \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Mover \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded \_\_\_\_\_