

**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2017**

Cathy Hopkins, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The devotional, "The Empowered Woman", was read by Phyllis Gauger. Members were led in The Pledge of Allegiance and the Women's Club Collect by Meg America. There were 16 members and a quorum present. Three guests were present. Our guest speaker was Cliff Burke, Wildlife Photographer, who explained his photography techniques and shared his beautiful pictures with us.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** **Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

The February 2017 minutes were approved by the board as corrected. Copies of the approved minutes will be sent to any member requesting them.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** **Meg America**

The April speaker will be Diane Rice from the Palm Beach County Clean Up Organization. Thank you letters were received from: Palm Beach Lakes Arts Department for donations received, from Forgotten Soldiers for donations to "We Care" packages, the Veterans Hospital for women's baby shower donations and the Girl Scouts for cookie donation.

**TREASURER:** **Janet Carlson**

The March treasurer's report was approved as presented. Members were reminded that monies are due for club shirts and the District Arts meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** **Fran Green/Janie D'Ambrosio**

Eight members enjoyed a March Ladies Day Out to the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden with lunch afterward. The April Ladies Day Out will be an April 7 visit to the Delray Affair. The club picnic will be at the home of Gary and Fran Green on May 6 beginning at noon. Members are asked to pay \$5 for meat products and sign up to bring a dish. April birthdays were Karen Leach and Suzanne Valentage. Cathy and Bill Hopkins celebrated their wedding anniversary in April.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:**

The March 17 Bunco fundraiser was attended by 10 members, 8 boosters and 6 guests. Funds raised were \$220. The next Bunco will be in May with a Mexican theme. Phyllis Gauger presented the fashion show committee report. All members were asked to participate. Any gift certificates or special items received should be reported and given to Janet Carlson. Members volunteered for specific duties the day of the show. Each member has received 5 tickets and must list ticket number and name of purchaser in order to insure table seating together. Phyllis requested that members use social media to advertise and the fashion show committee will meet in two weeks.

**ARTS:** **Peggy Breen**

The March flower arranging workshop at Peggy's home was attended by 4 members. The April 13 workshop will be at Peggy's at 10 a.m. and will be making fashion show tea bag table favors. Result of the club's 4 entries in the District Arts and Crafts competitions were 2-1st place and 1- 2nd place and 1- 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**CONSERVATION:** **Nancy Wood/Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

One member attended the Hometown Habitat Program. Flyers were distributed for the SWA Soiree. Members were given origami passenger pigeon sheets and asked to make the bird, register at the Lost Bird Project and bring the pigeon to the next meeting. The club will celebrate Earth Day on April 28 at Okeeheelee Park. We are continuing to collect items for the Teacher's Resource Depot.

**EDUCATION:** **Kathy Stackhouse/Linda Ferris**

Since committee chair Kathy submitted a GFWC Literacy Grant Evaluation a month ago, she was able to submit another application to national GFWC for a literacy grant on March 26. Linda Ferris, who served as contact person with Forest Hill High School, and Kathy met to review the scholarship applications and supporting material. They decided to award the 2017 Greater WPB Club Scholarship to Madison Buckmaster. Madison

has an outstanding high school record: SGA President, ROTC member, Cheerleading captain and National Honor Society member. She has a 4.47 GPA and is 20<sup>th</sup> in her graduating class. She will attend the University of Florida. She had an outstanding essay and over 910 community service hours. Six members are scheduled to serve refreshments at the Crestwood Sunshine State Readers' assemblies on April 4, 5, and 6. While there, we hope to collect used books for the Book Fairy Project and recognize Debbie Still, a high impact teacher. The collecting of box tops for Crestwood Middle School Reading Dept. will continue.

**HOME LIFE:****Suzanne Valentage**

Deb Durand will continue to collect card fronts for St. Jude's hospital. She would like them counted and in baggies. Nancy Wood and Mary Evelyn will continue to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the aftercare students until May. Janet Carlson reported that one large box filled with used sneakers was picked up by Fed Express to be shipped to Dunk Your Kicks for Cancer organization. There is still one more box to fill.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:****Liz Bloeser/Phyllis Gauger**

Eight members and 3 guests attended the March International Dinner at Brogues.

**PUBLIC ISSUES:****Jeff Anne Pike/Cathy Hopkins**

Four members donated and delivered 18 suitcases, tote bags and other miscellaneous bags to Home Safe. Three members delivered 45 boxes of drink mixes and snack bags to Forgotten Soldiers. Individual tissue packages were collected for the Forgotten Soldiers March delivery. The April collection will be individual oatmeal or grits packets. Fifty individual bags of cookies were delivered to Fire Department Station 33 and the Sheriff's Department. The next cookie delivery will be May 2 at 10 a.m. Eight members wrote USO letters and thirty-five dollars in phone cards was donated. Fifty dollars was donated to Flags for Fallen Vets.

**SPECIAL CHAIRMAN-**

**GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention      Linda Ferris/Deb Durand**  
Members were thanked for the donations to Harmony House for the Birthday Bags. There will be a new book in each bag, also. Members were reminded that April is Child Abuse Awareness month. A contribution of \$25 will be given to Pinwheels for Prevention- Prevent Child Abuse in America.

**LEADERSHIP****Cathy Hopkins/Suzan Close**

Jeff Anne Pike was selected Leader of the Month for her leadership on the cookie project. Five members attended the District 10 Arts and Crafts Meeting. Five members are planning to attend the GFWC State Convention. Suzan Close presented a list of items requested for contribution at the convention. The Boynton Beach Mad Hatters tea on April 12 was announced.

**NEWSLETTER:****Jeff Anne Pike**

Deadline for the newsletter is April 1.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Website- Janet Carlson announced that the website is 80% completed and requested pictures to add to the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The following motions were passed by the club:

1. The club will donate \$125 for Dollars for Delegates to pay for the Saturday lunch of the five club members attending the April state GFWC Convention.
2. The club will purchase a \$25 Publix gift card for the Guardian ad Litem collection for birthday bags at the April state GFWC Convention.
3. The club will pay \$50 for a ¼ page ad in the April state GFWC Convention program to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Fashion show fundraiser will be mentioned in the ad.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Mary Evelyn Mitchell*, Recording Secretary