

# GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

## Changing Lives One Project At A Time

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins**

Our club was very busy in February with going to the Mounts Building for the "Arts from the Sea" exhibit (which was fantastic. If you didn't get to go and see the sculptures, there is still time), stuffing and delivering Mommy Bags for the Women Veterans, and the cookie baking and delivery. A number of members also when to the Garden Club luncheon that included a presentation on bamboo, which was very informative and the luncheon was very good. And of course, we had the International Dinner and the Ladies Day Outings. It was a great month.

March has geared up to be just as busy. We hope that everyone will take time and sync your calendars to the club calendar so that you may attend as many of the functions as you can. It will be interesting riding on the Brightline Train to Ft Lauderdale and having lunch there. Don't forget about Bunco this month, too. We just named a few things that are going on this month so check your calendars!

The Fashion Show is moving along and is asking for door prizes and raffle items. What do you have at home that you can re-gift? Don't we all have something to give? Let JeffAnne know what you have and make arrangements to get the item to her or bring it at the next meeting. We are

counting down and all need to step up and deliver! March 8<sup>th</sup> we will be making the favors for the Fashion Show. It will be at Cathy Hopkins' house at 10:00 am. As always, lunch afterwards. Hope to see you there, the more the merrier!  
Yours in Federation Love,

Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins  
Co-Presidents



### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Meg America**

Our February speaker was Roxanne Jacobs, Executive Director, Grandma's Place.



## FUNDRAISING -

### FASHION SHOW

Don't forget to promote our Fashion Show!



## MEMBERSHIP - Janie D'Ambrosio and Fran Green

**Happy Anniversary** to Meg and Charlie Lockmiller on March 14.

Contributions are being collected for a memorial donation for Barb Burdette's mother. Charity chosen is First Care Women's Clinic.

**Ladies Day Out** - March Ladies' Day Out will be on Tuesday, March 27. We will be taking the Brightline Train from West Palm Beach to Ft. Lauderdale, having lunch, etc. So far we have 14 people going. More information via e-mail to participants.

Pat Bassett is no longer a member of the club as she has moved out of the area.

Good to see Karen Leach at our February meeting. She and Al finally made it to Florida!

Members were given 5 tickets to sell at our February meeting. If anyone needs more tickets please let me know.

Thank you to Kathy Stackhouse for volunteering to wrap all our door prizes. Members, please give any door prizes you wish to donate to Kathy.

We are still in need of raffle and silent auction items, please ask for a donation when you visit a restaurant, your hair or nail salon, etc.

Cathy Hopkins and Peggy Breen will chair the making of the favors and centerpieces.

**BUNCO** - Our next Bunco fundraiser will be on Friday, March 23 at the home of Barbara and Rick Burdette. A sign-up sheet will be sent out via e-mail.



## ARTS - Peggy Breen

Members met at Smarty Plants Nursery on Dixie Highway to see a large variety of plants, fairy gardens and many great spring planting ideas. The following week they met again to make their fairy gardens.



The **March Arts workshop** will be on Thursday March 7 at 10 a.m. at Cathy's house (922 Belmont Dr., WPB 33415). We will be making favors for the fashion show. Everyone's help is needed as we need to make 140 favors!



## CONSERVATION - Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood

Four members attended the Oleander Garden Club's luncheon where the guest speaker was from Tropical Bamboo and Nursery and spoke to us about all the different varieties of bamboo and how well they grow in our area and their many uses.



Nancy and Mary Evelyn delivered Nancy's new car FULL of items to the **Resource Depot**. They are always very appreciative.



Please continue to collect for them and also **Peggy Adams Animal Rescue**. We hope to make a delivery there next month.

### Recycling quiz: True or False???

1. Plastic bags DO NOT go in the blue or yellow recycling bins.
2. The recycles I put in my blue or yellow bins are just mixed with trash later anyway.
3. A lot of my household trash can be recycled.
4. Recycling is the least important of the 3 R's-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
5. There are no/little economic benefits of recycling

Answers are available on line at Solid Waste Authority or at the next meeting.

We are planning a **beach clean-up at the Lake Worth Pier Beach on April 7**. We will meet at 10 a.m., clean up the beach and then have lunch. We hope you will plan to attend.

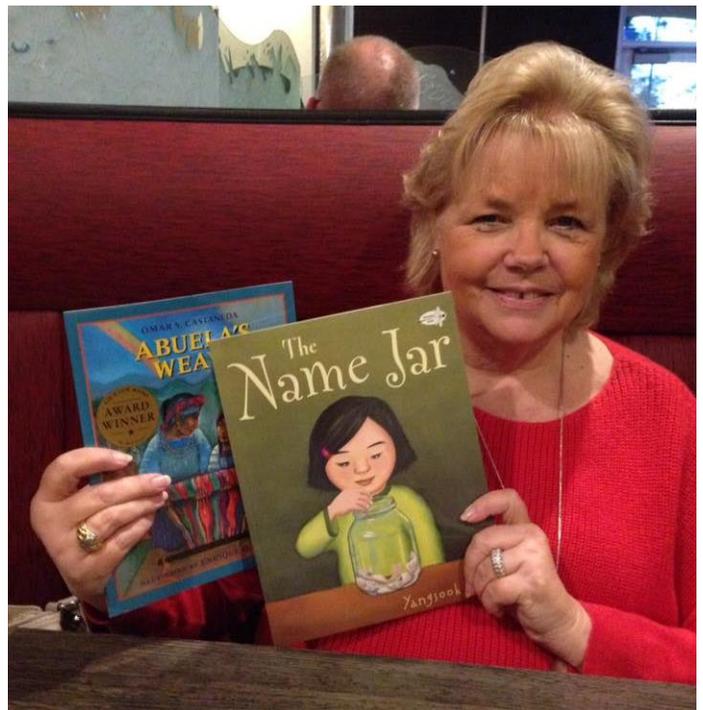


### EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

With funds from the **GFWC grant**, we are able to continue purchasing books for two of the club's projects. Your education chair ordered 35 new and highly rated books from **First Book**

**Marketplace** for \$74. These books were selected not only for content, but also books for boys and girls. These will be placed in the backpacks and birthday bags.

Thanks to GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, Crestwood Middle School's Reading Coach Debbie Still has some new read aloud books. These two titles are recommended reading by the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County for Pink Shirt Day, an annual anti-bullying campaign – this year's theme is "Many Cultures, One Community".



Club members wear pink in support of Pink Shirt Day, an anti-bullying day sponsored by the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. The Literacy Coalition's Pink Shirt Day is celebrated throughout the county on Wednesday, February 28, 2017. We will send in our club picture to the Coalition to show that we support their efforts to address bullying through reading.



discovering what it means and what it takes to lead others. More than 10,000 students across the country will join the seminars for 3-4 days of fun and engaging leadership training this spring. Learn more and register by March 4 at [www.HOBY.org/Direct-Registration](http://www.HOBY.org/Direct-Registration)



## HOME LIFE - Suzanne Valentage

There will be a **pillowcase making workshop on Saturday March 24** at 10 a.m. at the home of Cathy Hopkins (922 Belmont Dr., West Palm Beach, 33415). We will be donating the pillowcases to the children at Quantum House when we make dinner for the families in April. You don't need to be able to sew to help; we need cutters and ironers as well.



## GFWC Partner Spotlight: Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership



Our partner, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), is now accepting registrations from parents and organizational partners for the State Leadership Seminar. This means you may now directly register selected students! The seminar is for high school sophomores interested in



## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Liz Bloeser and Phyllis Gauger

**International Dinner** - Our February International dinner was held at Pei Wei Asian restaurant in Wellington.





The **International Dinner for March** will be held on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at O'Shea's Irish Pub in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. We'll meet at 6:15 p.m. The restaurant is located at 531 Clematis St. in downtown West Palm Beach.

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## **PUBLIC ISSUES** - JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

Members (JeffAnne Pike, Cathy Hopkins, Phyllis Gauger, Fran Green and Chris Smith) baked and bagged cookies as part of our "Random Act of Cookies" project. The cookies were delivered to the Sheriff's Department on Jog and the Beeline Hwy and the Fisher House at the VA center for the families staying there to enjoy. Thanks also to Suzan Close, Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Barbara Burdette for baking cookies for this project



JeffAnne delivered 32 boxes of envelopes to **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach**. The club will be donating single use shaving cream packets next month.



Our guest speaker from **Grandma's Place** shared with us they are always in need of certain items. After looking at their list on line I am asking everyone to bring either paper towels or paper plates (large or small) to our next meeting. We have some backpacks, washcloths, toothpaste, and soap left over from previous projects that will also donate.

**Random Acts of Cookies:** As requested, we will make a **cookie delivery** to the fire and sheriff department in March. We will meet at JeffAnne's at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28 to individually bag the cookies. We will deliver them to the Mangonia Park Fire Dept and the Mangonia Park District 2 Sheriff's station. If you cannot come that day, please bring your cookie donation to the business meeting Monday, March 26.



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris**

**Facebook Postings:** Please remember to post ALL club projects on your personal FB page. JeffAnne and Phyllis can then post them on our Official FB Page. You can also post on our Club's Discussion Page, and they can copy to our Official Page.

**Pat on the Back:** Congrats to JeffAnne for earning the Pat on the Back for January/February.

**Promoting our Fashion Show:** You can use PR to sell Fashion Show tickets. I posted the flyer to my FB page, and JeffAnne in turn posted it on our club page. Many members shared it to their page. Way to go ladies! That's great PR! Don't forget to post the Fashion Show flyer if you have a bulletin board, window or other venue.

**In the News:** I will be sending out info about our Fashion Show and Brunch to the local weekly newspapers, as well as the Palm Beach Post closer to the May 12 date. Last year, we had a story printed in the Wellington Town Crier, Lake Worth observer, Palm Beach Post, and the event was listed in the calendars of Florida Weekly and Coastal Observer. If you know of another outlet, please let me know.

**Membership Monday:** I sent a picture of Linda Walker holding several purses to Membership Monday, our weekly email from GFWC Florida. I

hope they print our info about Purses with a Purpose. Last time, they cropped out the members in the picture. This time, I tried harder to find a way for them to print it with our member in the picture.



## **Signature Project DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION** **Linda Ferris**

**Thank you!** "Purses with a Purpose," was a great success, thanks to the members who donated 42 purses, and one wallet. Linda Walker and I delivered the purses March 2, along with a box of a dozen shoes and one new sweater. The purses were beautiful, and included classy brands such as Prada, Kate Spade, 3 Coach, and goodies like Vera Bradley, Liz, Nine West, and more. There were at least 3 purses that were brand new. The ladies at the shelter will love them. Thank you for your generosity!





## Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

In February, it's difficult not to think about love when Valentine's Day is around the corner. With romance on everyone's mind, it's an opportune time to acknowledge that not all love is healthy or safe. That's why February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. It encourages us to become educated about the signs of emotional, physical, and verbal abuse in teenage relationships so we can help prevent it. The Department of Justice reports that the highest rate of intimate partner violence is experienced by girls and women between the ages of 16 and 24. Often teenagers don't recognize the signs, and even when they do, many of them are fearful to tell anyone. It's crucial that we open the dialogue so teenagers can understand what's not acceptable in a relationship and can feel more open to seeking help. As you learn more about domestic violence and campus sexual assault, please use the [GFWC Signature Program Action Guide](#) and the [GFWC Campus Sexual Assault Action Guide](#) to guide your next steps. You can also wear orange to promote Teen Dating Violence Awareness Day on February 13 and share photos on your social media pages and the GFWC App with the hashtags #Orange4Love and #teenDVmonth. It's up to us to make sure teenagers and young adults can recognize the signs of an abusive relationship and aren't afraid to speak up. Take this month as an opportunity to learn the ways dating violence can manifest. Talk to the teenagers in your life about what they should expect in a relationship and what they can do if those expectations are being violated. Above all, make sure they understand that violence has no place in any relationship and that there's support and resources available to them.

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**Birthday Bags:** For our March club meeting, please bring birthday plates, birthday napkins, cups, birthday favors, and a game/toy for a present that will be placed in a BIG Birthday Bag. Remember they are for the children who are having a birthday while in a domestic assault shelter. Don't bring generic or single colored plates and napkins. They should say Happy Birthday. I want to deliver the Birthday Bags in April, to mark Child Abuse Prevention.

**Join my committee:** I would love to have club members help me with this important department. Let me know if you'd like to help plan projects.

## LEADERSHIP - Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close

Our Leader of the Month was JeffAnne Pike for her work organizing the Mommy Bags and Cookie Deliveries. Great job!



The GFWC Florida Spring Conference will be held May 4-7<sup>th</sup> at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando. This is when clubs will be honored with awards for all their hard work throughout the past year. At this meeting they will be installing the 2018-2019 Executive officers. You have one month to decide you are going, although we need a head count way before the deadline (don't know the exact date of deadline but will keep you posted when the call arrives). You need to reserve your room and tickets to the dinners before the deadline). We will let you know the date through e-mail (such a wonder). The club will pay for your registration fee but members are responsible for their meals and room.

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### District 10 News:

GFWC District 10 will have the Arts & Crafts Meeting on March 10, 2018. If you are bringing your art entry, put it by your door so no one forgets it. The Meeting will be held in Jupiter. If you plan on going, get with Suzan or Cathy to car pool or let them know you can drive.

The GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club will be holding a "Fries of March" Dinner on March 17 starting at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse. A \$10 donation is suggested as we support our member Karina Villegas, a member of the US Women's Sledge Hockey Team, ([uswomensledgehockey.org](http://uswomensledgehockey.org)) raise funding for the team's competition in Europe in June. Unlike Men's Paralympic sled hockey teams, the women on the team bear the brunt of the expenses. If you would like to donate to our fundraiser, please send a check made out to GFWC SRJWC, donation for Karina Villegas, 952 US 1, Sebastian, Florida 32958

### PERSONALS

I want to again thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts, cards and donations in my Mother's name. She was in a women's club for years and knew the "treasures" that are found in the friendships made. I too am blessed through your friendships.  
Barbara

Thank you again for all the calls, text messages and visits after my surgery. I especially love the Calla Lilly plant as they are my favorite!! Janet

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 5 - Last day to sign up for train ride**
  - March 8 - Arts workshop- Fashion Show favors**
  - March 10 - District 10 Arts and Crafts meeting**
  - March 13 - Fashion Show Committee meeting**
  - March 18 - Board Meeting**
  - March 22 - International Dinner**
  - March 23 - BUNCO**
  - March 24 - Pillowcase workshop**
  - March 26 - Business Meeting**
  - March 27 - Ladies Day Out- train**
  - March 28 - Cookie Delivery**
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# ONE

One tree can start a forest.  
One smile can begin a friendship;  
One hand can lift a soul;  
One word can frame the goal;  
One candle can wipe out darkness;  
One laugh can conquer gloom;  
One hope can raise your spirits;  
One touch can show you care;  
One life can make the difference,  
BE THAT ONE TODAY.



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