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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins

Well, April is over and we are fast approaching May and our 3rd Annual Fashion Show and our Club's Picnic. April was another busy month for our Club. After making 38 pillowcases for the Quantum House children, we served 65 dinners for the families and we were praised for our choice of foods (comfort foods) that our members cooked and served. Everyone enjoyed the meal. Dinners at Quantum House are always rewarding but it takes much planning, shopping, and preparing the food for these families. Thank you to all our members that participated in this project. It took a lot of hard work. We had many other projects in April: Earth Day Celebration and Park clean up, picking our Scholarship Winner, cookie delivery, dinners, and all the collections for our charities. We are helping our community and changing lives one project at a time each time we participate in our club's projects. Thank you all for volunteering!

We are so excited for the coming month. The Fashion Show is coming together. It's a sold-out event! If you have door prizes, Silent Auction Items, or Chinese Auction items, please let JeffAnne now. She will be organizing them in the next week. GFWC Florida will be having the Spring Convention May 4, 5 & 6. And Suzan Close and Linda Ferris will be attending. If you

would like to attend the District 10 meeting, May 19, let Janet Carlson know.

Don't forget our Club's Picnic, May 26, at Fran Green's house. Picnic starts at 12 and all are welcome to attend. Cost is \$3 per person. We hope to see everyone there!

In federation love,

Suzan Close
Cathy Hopkins
Co-Presidents



FEDERATION DAY is celebrated on
APRIL 24



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY -
Meg America

The guest speakers at our April meeting were author Donna Carbone and her daughter Jessica. Donna spoke to our group about Jessica and her survival story. Jessica then shared her experience and her story with members. Donna's books can be purchased on Amazon.



MEMBERSHIP - Janie D'Ambrosio and
Fran Green

Our May birthdays are:

- Linda Ferris - May 7
- Tatania Kurbatov - May 8
- Phyllis Gauger - May 28



The annual **CLUB PICNIC** will be at Gary and Fran Green's house at 8633 Egret Isle Ter., Lake Worth, on May 26 at 11:30 am. There will be a \$3 charge per person towards the meat, which the Club will buy. If you haven't already signed up to bring a dish, let Fran know (frangreen@gmail.com) what you will be bringing. Spouses, significant others and guests are welcome!



FUNDRAISING -

Fashion Show - JeffAnne Pike

Our fashion show is just around the corner! It's time to put the final touches on all aspects of the show. I will send out email reminders to those of you who volunteered to help on the day of the show.

Reminders and thanks:

- Liz, Mary Evelyn and Nancy meet at Chico's Friday May 11 at 9 am for your fittings.
- Cathy, Peggy and Janet meet at Chico's Friday May 11 at 10 am for your fittings.
- **All door prizes, raffle items or silent auction items need to be given to me by May 4.**
- Thank you again to Cathy, Suzan, Chris and Meg for the AWESOME quilt that will be raffled off. Tickets are \$10.



- Thanks to Cathy, Suzan, Mary Evelyn and Chris for helping to put together all the favors for the fashion show.



- Thanks to Cathy and Peggy who are working on the table centerpieces.
- Thanks again to Kathy S. for organizing and wrapping ALL the door prizes!
- Your help is needed the day of the show, to help set up so, I am asking all members to be at Atlantis Country Club by 8:30 a.m.

I am so thankful for all the hard work everyone has put into making the planning and organizing of this go so smoothly. I know this is going to be a great show! Couldn't be done without all your help and support!



ARTS - Peggy Breen

Art supplies were provided to Discovery Key Elementary School's Special Education Department. The students were given a butterfly theme as part of a VSA (Very Special Arts) project. These are the posters that were made and the kids making them. They will be displayed at our fashion show.





CONSERVATION - Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood

Please continue to collect items for the Resource Depot and Peggy Adams. Our department donated \$35 to Peggy Adams. They are having a matching fundraising activity so if anyone is interested in contributing, this is a great time to do it.

Nancy and I made a delivery this month.



This information is from the April *GFWC News and Notes*:

Whether it's plastic drink bottles, peanut butter jars, cleaning products, salad dressing containers, or milk jugs, make sure to recycle! Replace disposable plastics that you use in your daily life.

Switch out your grocery bags for tote bags.

Use real silverware instead of plastic cutlery, and don't use plastic straws.

Use a travel mug instead of getting a coffee cup that has a plastic lid, and use a reusable water bottle instead of buying plastic water bottles.

- When you eat out at a restaurant, bring your own containers for any leftovers you might have.
- While individuals make an impact, corporations leave a much larger footprint. If there's a company who you think could reduce the amount of packaging they use, give them a call and make your voice heard!



EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

Luciano Martinez Founder's Day program
 Ceremony around the Saba Tree at Hispanic Human Resource Center on 1427 S. Congress Ave., Palm Springs. Tuesday, May 1, 9:45 am, at the New Pines, and 10:30 am at Luciano Martinez (next door). Members will then read the "Giving Tree," to the 6 preschool classes. Kathy, Mary Evelyn, Chris, Cathy, Nancy and Linda F are

going. Fran can help but must leave at 11 am This is the 6th consecutive year we have done this Education project. Please wear your pink club shirt for this project.

HOBY is set for Thursday, May 31 at 3:30-6 pm in Oceanview Residence Hall, Palm Beach Atlantic University, 901 S Flagler Drive, WPB. Fran and Chris and possibly Cathy, plan to help Thursday, May 31. Kathy, Linda F and Chris plan to help Sunday, June 3, 10 am to noon, for checkout. Please wear your pink club shirt. If anyone else would like to help, let Linda know. We had 4 members last year for registration. We will get a map for parking and details closer to the date, HOBY personnel told Linda.

Scholarship Winner: Since many members were absent from our April club meeting, we wanted you to hear some info about our **scholarship winner. Her name is Andy Lara.** Andy lives with her Mom in West Palm Beach, and she has no siblings. Andy had the highest grades, highest SAT scores of our applicants. Kathy, Mary Evelyn and Linda F read all the applications, and we all agreed, Andy was our first choice. The education committee thanks Mary Evelyn for helping with this project. Andy comes from Honduras but has attended Palm Beach County schools since first grade. She has a 4.22 grade point average, and plans to attend Palm Beach State College in the fall. She wants to study Business Administration. Andy also met the SAT scores necessary for college readiness, with a 1020 score. Her essay was inspiring, as she talks of the language barrier when she first came to America. Andy is captain of the JV Soccer team, a member of the National Honor Society, and sergeant of Criminal Justice Academy at Forest Hill High School. Andrew Rundle, Instructor for Criminal Justice Academy at Forest Hill HS said "Andy has made a positive and lasting impression on her teachers and peers alike. She is an extremely gifted student who not only has a strong passion to succeed, but possesses the required intense drive to realize her goals." Aexa Kokotoff, guidance counselor, had this to say about Andy:

"Beyond her academics, Andy has found time to gain real world experience by working part time. She is worthy of your scholarship because of her kind and generous nature. I assure you that

scholarship would be utilized in the pursuit of academic excellence by Andy.” Kathy Stackhouse plans to attend Forest Hill High School graduation awards night May 23 to present the club’s scholarship in person to Andy. We hope Kathy can get a picture with Andy, so we can send it to the PB Post.



HOME LIFE - Suzanne Valentage

QUANTUM HOUSE - Suzan Close

On Tuesday April 10, 2018, the GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club cooked and served dinner to approximately 65 people at the Quantum House. The Quantum House is located on the St. Mary's Hospital campus on 45th St. in West Palm Beach. It provides housing for up to 30 families whose children are surgical patients & need to remain close to the hospital as they recover. It is a wonderful place for the family to be together with the comforts of home. The children come to the hospital from all over the world. They are provided dinner each night by various businesses & organizations. We have been participating for many years. When it is our time, we try to serve comfort food we know the children enjoy. The children & parents loved the food. Pictured are Janie D'Ambrosio, Barbara Burdette, Suzan Close, Mary Evelyn Mitchell, Chris Smith, Sara Raber, & Nancy Wood. Sara Raber was a guest of our club who just arrived from Kentucky to help us & take pictures. We had 6 members & 1 guest helped. Cathy Hopkins, Suzan Close & Barbara Burdette provided the desserts. The cost to the club was \$202. We fed approximately 65 people at a cost of \$3.11 per meal.

We also made 38 pillowcases to hand out to the children. The parents said it brings color to a white world right now.





INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Liz Bloeser and Phyllis Gauger

International Dinner - April's International dinner was held at Bolay's restaurant. It was attended by 6 members, 2 boosters and 2 guests.





Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo with **May's International Dinner**, May 10 at 6 pm. Let's meet at Casa Tequila in Wellington, 12795 Forest Hill Blvd. (It's in the plaza with Starbucks, BurgerFi and the new bank being built)



PUBLIC ISSUES - JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

A \$100 donation was made to the **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** organization during the Great Give Palm Beach and Martin Counties on April 24. This day corresponded with Federation Day so it was a great way to celebrate by giving back to the community.

We will have a **VA Centerpiece meeting** on Tuesday, May 22 at my house (JeffAnne's) at 10 am to make centerpieces for both the Memorial Day and 4th of July celebrations at the VA center. We will deliver the centerpieces as soon as they are made and then go out to lunch.

The next **Honor Flight** will be held on Saturday, May 12 at PBI.



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

Our Club In the News

On April 9, **Membership Monday**, our state email, included our Book Fairy project, delivering

books to the laundromat, with the picture of Kathy with the attendant.

Linda also sent a picture and info on JeffAnne's "Random Acts of Cookies" project to **GFWC News and Notes**, our weekly email edition from our national headquarters. They answered my email saying they received the info and pictures, and it was up to the National GFWC Public Issues Chairman to decide to use it. Let's hope she does! I hope each member subscribes to these emails.

Pat on the Back - Goes to Susan Close for the MANY photos she posted from the Quantum House dinner the club made in April.

We had lots of posts from club projects on Facebook during the month, so keep posting!

April is Federation Month and in honor of this, we had a little game called Federation Bingo at the April meeting. Congrats to our winner JeffAnne! She picked a prize from the Federated prizes in Linda's bag. Hope you all enjoyed the game and learned some Federation background.



Signature Project DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Linda Ferris

Birthday Bags - Thanks to everyone who brought items last month for the Birthday Bags. I spent a few hours sorting all the girl and boy items to be appropriate. I bought happy birthday tissue paper for the generic bags, such as sports, Spiderman or princess motifs. Each bag has birthday plates, birthday bags, birthday napkins, party favors or noisemakers, a birthday gift or game and a new book. I shopped for some of the gifts to complete bags, which the club will pay for. Some of the gifts and books were for girl or boy, so each bag was labeled. Most are labeled "boy or girl," and have our club's name on them. Mary Evelyn and I delivered 21 birthday bags April 27 to mark April being Child Abuse Prevention

Month. Harmony House gets more than 150 children in the domestic assault shelter during the year, they said.



Pinwheels for Prevention - Hope you saw our club's Pinwheel Garden on our club's official Facebook page. There were Pinwheels for Prevention gardens at some of the area police departments. Linda saw one on Channel 5 news at Boynton Beach Police Dept. For more info, visit www.PinwheelsForPrevention.org

LEADERSHIP - Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close

The LEADER of the MONTH award goes to Chris Smith for her work on the Quantum House Dinner. She drove her car to many stores to pick up all the supplies we needed the day before the dinner. We delivered them to Quantum House that same day to save storing the food at our own homes. She helped to keep us on track the day of the dinner with all of her assistance. She made my days of work on this project much easier. Thank you Chris!!!





May 22 - VA Centerpiece meeting

May 26 - Club Picnic

May 31 - HOBY

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The **GFWC Florida Spring Convention** will be held May 4-7, 2018 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL. Suzan Close and Linda Ferris will be representing our club at the meeting. There is still plenty of time for others to attend. You can go to www.gfwcflorida.org for the program and more information.

District 10 News:

We have received the call for **The District 10 Spring Meeting for Saturday, May 19, 2018**. The GFWC Women's Club of Delray Beach will be the Host. It will be held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444. The theme will be SHARE A SMILE. Please save the date to attend this GFWC District 10 Spring meeting. Please sign up today if you can attend. It is so close to us we hope many will be able to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 30 - Fashion Show committee meeting

May 1 - Hispanic Human Resource Center

May Day celebration

May 4-7 - Spring Conference

May 8 - Fashion Show committee meeting

May 10 - International Dinner

May 11 - Fashion Show model fittings at Chico's

May 12 - FASHION SHOW

May 19 - District 10 meeting

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