

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

August 2018

VOL. 18 ISSUE 8



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins

It was so nice to look out at all our club members and see many new members and guests! It's wonderful to see our club growing and know that with new members, there will be new ideas and involvement in our projects where we are helping our community "one project at a time". Welcome to the new members and welcome to all our members at large for being at the meeting to begin the club's busiest time of year. School's "in" and the holidays will soon follow!!! The year is going fast, so hold on to your hats, we will be busy with many projects, many that will need to be finished before the holidays.

Our Membership Committee has been working on our Holiday Banquet set for the beginning of December at Olive Garden. We will be working on pillowcases, adult shirt protectors, breast cancer pillows, VA centerpieces for Veteran's Day and many others. You do not need to sew to participate in these projects; there are lots to do besides sewing! We will also be making dinner for Quantum House. It is a very rewarding project and we get to socialize with the parents and children. So there will be many and other projects besides what we just mentioned. Make sure you look at the upcoming calendars for all the additional projects that will be happening before Christmas.

With the end of the year and the end of our 2 year cycle for officers and Committee Chairmen, it is time to start thinking about what you would like to participate in or chair for the upcoming 2 years. It is very important that as members, you join in with others to work and make our club great. We cannot hope to reach out to the community with our projects without all club members being willing to work together to make it happen. We have a very resourceful, energetic and caring group of women and that is why we accomplish what we do. Let's make sure that we continue as a group, holding each other up joining in fellowship and fun as well as work to "Help our Community One Project at a Time".

In Federation Love,

Cathy Hopkins & Suzan Close
Co-Presidents

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Meg America

Member Peggy Breen spoke about English landmarks and the Royal wedding.



September Ladies Day Out will be on Wednesday Sept. 5, with a tour of the Solid Waste Authority followed by lunch. If you wish to participate and have not yet responded to me, please let me know ASAP. There are liability forms that must be signed and brought with you for the tour.

Welcome to three guests at our August 27 Business Meeting; Jean Allen, Janet Oliver, and Thea Stamets. Jean will be joining our club during the September Business Meeting.



MEMBERSHIP - Janie D'Ambrosio and Fran Green

Birthdays - 9/1 Nancy Wood; 9/16 Gay Alexin; 9/18 Fran Green; 9/26 Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Anniversaries - 9/3 Barb & Rick Burdette; 9/25 Janet & Dan Carlson

There was no actual Ladies Day Out in August; however, five members attended lunch at Rosalita's after the packing and delivery of the school supplies to Home Safe on August 3.



On August 22, three members went to lunch at the Eagle Grill after working at Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies.

FUNDRAISING -

Coupon Books - The coupon books are selling fast. Gay has sold one box of 25 and there are only 10-12 books remaining. If you want a book, please contact Gay or Mary Evelyn.



ARTS - Peggy Breen

The Arts meeting will resume on September 13. An email will be sent out at a later date with details.



CONSERVATION - Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood

RESOURCE DEPOT INFORMATION FROM THEIR WEBSITE

Notice that the items that we have been collecting are no longer listed but we will continue with our regular collection until the end of the year.

Please save your coffee packages. We may do a project with them (or donate to the Resource Center)

The Resource Center also has a RED HOT FINDS BOUTIQUE open to all shoppers selling one-of-a-kind items and newly packaged items that come in as donations.

Donate reusable items to benefit education, the arts and the environment in Palm Beach County.

Resource Depot aims to divert waste that is destined for landfills by collecting, processing and distributing it to people who can use it in education, art, and recreation. Our community and local businesses can reduce the waste stream and also help enrich education and the arts.

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

Things They Love

- **Art** supplies and mediums of all types (in usable condition)
- **Carpet** squares (12x12 or larger)
- **Craft** materials such as buttons, ribbon, yarn or beads
- **Educational** supplies (ex.- tangrams, classroom posters).and supplies in quantities that could benefit an entire class
- **Office** supplies
- **Paper** of all shapes, sizes, types and colors
- **Science** lab supplies and equipment
- **Tiles** and tile samples
- **Wallpaper** sample books
- **Writing** utensils (in working order, please!)

NO ELECTRONICS OR CLOTHING and no BOTTLE CAPS AT THIS TIME.



EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

On July 30, we ordered classroom supplies for the new school year for our adopted 4-year-old class at the Hispanic Resource Center. Teacher Adriana Alvarez for room 106 identified two items for us to order: Magnetic Write and White Adjustable Easel and Community Block Play people. Linda Ferris and Kathy Stackhouse delivered the classroom items on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Teacher Adriana was able to leave her napping 4-year-olds for a picture with us and our delivery. This is the second year that we have ordered items for our adopted classroom.



Also, on July 30 this education chair completed and mailed the evaluation form for the GFWC Literacy Grant that we received last fall. I was able to list and explain how we spent the \$200. Then on August 1, 2018, I filled out an application for another GFWC Literacy Grant. Hopefully, we will be successful in securing another grant for our efforts in 2019.

Linda Ferris will deliver eight new Dr. Seuss books to Fall Forum for one of the current initiatives. We ordered two copies of eight titles from First Book Marketplace and will save the second set of eight new books for Read Across America on March 2, 2019.

Remember to vote for your favorite book as part of *The Great American Read*. PBS will air the second episode on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8 pm. The remaining six episodes will continue on consecutive Tuesday nights until the finale on Tuesday, October 23.

ESO - We are excited so many members want to join ESO, our reading sorority. Linda will register everyone at Fall Board and pay the \$5 each for members to join this year. Linda will fill out the paperwork to register our new "pledges," as well as deliver the \$5 for our existing members. Linda will email new forms for you to use after Fall Board. Don't use the previous forms from other years, or the one Linda sent few weeks ago. It was incomplete. If any member wants to join, who did not give Linda \$5, let her know and she can pay your \$5 to register you at Fall Board, and you can reimburse her at the September meeting.



HOME LIFE -

Members volunteered their services today helping sort and pack diapers at Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County.





Quantum House dinner is proposed for 11/ 28 tentatively. We will be working on **sewing pillowcases for them on September 27** at the home of Suzan Close at 1 pm.

Christmas Adult Shirt protectors will be made on October 9 at my home at 1 pm. We will be giving them to the Finnish American Nursing Home. More details will be announced by email closer to the date. We were given a lot of Christmas fabric

to use. Please save these dates, if possible, to help us out with these worthy projects.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Liz Bloeser and Phyllis Gauger

The **August International Dinner** was held at the Metro Diner in West Palm Beach.



Free the Girls - please donate new bras as part of a unified collection. Please get them to Suzan Close prior to fall board.

Operation Christmas Child - if you would like to fill a shoebox for a child overseas please bring them to the October meeting for Linda Walker to deliver. Guidelines and additional info can be found on the Samaritans Purse website. www.samaritanspurse.org

September International dinner - we will delve into the Asian persuasion at Lemongrass Asian Bistro located in Wellington next to the Paragon Theater on Thursday, September 27 at 6 PM.



PUBLIC ISSUES - JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

JOIN US
WELCOME HOME 80 WWII & KOREAN WAR VETERANS
FROM THEIR
HONOR FLIGHT
IN WASHINGTON, DC

Palm Beach International Airport
2nd Floor, Concourse A/B

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
7:20PM

Shake hands with heroes.
Bring your flags, cheers, signs, friends,
family and love!

Honor Flight
SOUTH FLORIDA

WWW.HONORFLIGHTSEFL.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HONORFLIGHT

Members stuffed back packs donated by The First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach with school supplies and delivered them to the children at Home Safe.



Forgotten Soldier Collection for September will be Ramen Noodles. Cathy delivered the individual drink mixes collected at the August meeting.

This was a suggestion for a project from GFWC—it would be a great project not only for members of the military but also for police/sheriff and fire fighters.

"Thank You, Your Bill Has Been Paid."

A little generosity can go a long way. When members of the military wear their uniforms in public, they are often met with salutes and kind words. But you can take it a step farther! You can't put a price tag on the time, effort, and sacrifices that members of the military make, but you can still give back. Show your gratitude for a soldier by paying for their restaurant bill. Your club can make "Thank You, Your Bill Has Been Paid" cards at a meeting and have everyone take some to keep in their purse. Next time you see a uniformed soldier at a restaurant, you can tell the waiter you'd like to pay for the soldier's meal. It will mean the world to them to know that their time, efforts, and sacrifices have been acknowledged.

The card itself can include a longer message thanking them for their service. Presenting the soldier with a handmade card is a personal touch that not only shows GFWC gratitude in action, but also shows to the soldier that your club's appreciation for members of the military is not a one-time event but something you've dedicated yourselves to. Exhibit the kindness of strangers

and make "Thank You, Your Bill Has Been Paid" cards in time for Veteran's Day this fall when you might be likely to see past and present members of the military eating with their family. Paying for their bill is sure to touch their hearts and show them how appreciated they are by their community. And who knows, they might just pay it forward and help someone else, creating a GFWC domino effect of good deeds!



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

Facebook: Please continue to post our club projects on Facebook. Phyllis said we had three inquiries from our official FB page, and we had one guest, Thea, at the August meeting. Yea, she wants to join ESO!

The Pat on the Back this month goes to Janet Carlson for posting several events on FB and including the complete name of our club in her post.



Signature Project DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION Linda Ferris

We will collect items for **Harmony House**, our local domestic assault shelter at the September meeting. **Purses with a Purpose**, will help women who need a purse. You know how a new purse makes you feel good. We will also collect shoes. Please bring new or gently-used purses and shoes. Ask your friends if they have some. We will also collect children's pajamas. Any size PJs will do, but please only new ones.

LEADERSHIP - Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close

The GFWC Fall Convention will be held September 21-23 in Orlando, Florida. Linda Ferris, Cathy Hopkins, Mary Evelyn Mitchell & Suzan Close will be representing our club at the meeting. Please think about attending with us. The call for the meeting is out and we have reserved 2 rooms. If you are interested please let us know. They are asking for new bras to give to the Free the Girls project. We were asked to bring new Dr. Seuss books which Kathy & Linda have already purchased. Also, school supplies are needed.

Congratulations to our Leader of the Month, Mary Evelyn Mitchell! She received this award for her hard work and dedication on the filling of 39 back packs for the Home Safe children. She planned, shopped & organized the project with the help of other members to make this a great project.





President's Project: Operation Smile

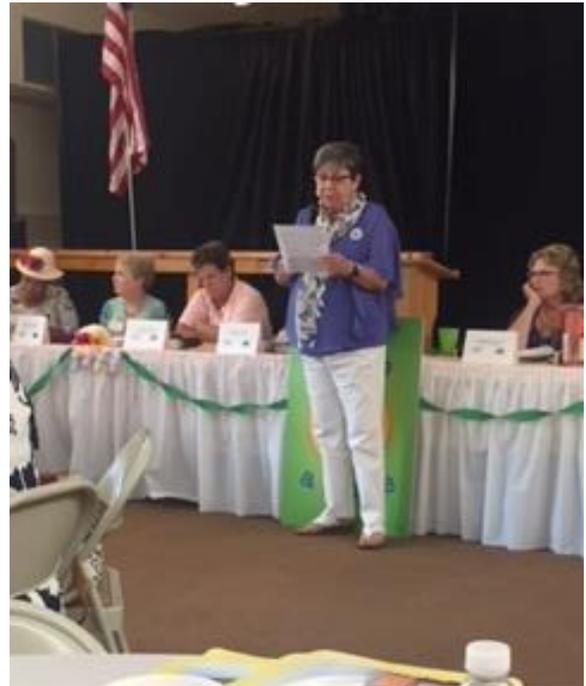
October 5 is International World Smile Day. We have been asked to take a club picture with our poster & post to the District 10 Facebook page and also to our own page. They are asking us to donate \$520 a year toward the State goal of \$250,000 needed to fund an entire Operation Smile trip. There are other things we can also do to help over the next 2 years.

District 10 News:

The District 10 Summer Meeting was hosted by the GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club on Saturday August 25, 2018. It was held at the First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, 10100 South Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. Registration began at 9:30 am with light refreshments. The registration included a delicious lunch. The meeting was attended by Suzan Close, Janet Carlson, Suzanne Valentage, Linda Walker & Linda Ferris. The program was on Membership & Protocol Procedures. There were reports given by all the District 10 Department Chairs.



Co-President Suzan Close participating in the 2-minute President's Brag Time when she told the group all the activities and projects our club has participated in since the last district meeting.



PERSONALS

Welcome to our guests, so glad you attended our meeting and we certainly hope to see you again. Thea and Janet, glad you joined Liz and I for dinner before the meeting. Let's do it again next month.
Phyllis

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 1 - Honor Flight

September 5 - Ladies Day Out

September 13 - Arts Workshop

September 17 - Board Meeting

September 21-23 - Fall Board

September 24 - Business Meeting

September 27 - Pillowcase Workshop

September 27 - International Dinner

Newsletter Editor:

JeffAnne Pike

japFSU@aol.com

561-329-1289

GFWC Greater West Palm Beach

Women's Club

PO Box 16311

West Palm Beach, FL 33416

For more information Contact:

JeffAnne Pike

561-329-1289

Like us on Facebook: **GFWC Greater
West Palm Beach Women's Club**

Visit our webpage:

gfwc-wpbwomensclub.org