

GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

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Changing Lives One Project At A Time

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins

With summer almost gone, most of our members are once again with us. We have missed everyone that has been absent during the summer and are very glad you are home safe and sound. It's wonderful to be able to report that we have 2 new members! They are Sharon Bounds and Sheila Zile-Pecoraro. We all welcome you to the club and know that you will enjoy the many projects we will be doing this year.

Our guest speaker for July, Cameron Pirozzi, a HOBY Ambassador Alumni was wonderful and explained to everyone just what HOBY was all about and how the organization affected the lives of the students involved.

People have returned from vacations and are now getting ready for the school year. Although most of our club members no longer have children in school, we have grandchildren that are starting the year and one of our main projects, Home Safe, have our 8 adopted girls at the Lake Worth facility and other children living at Home Safe's other facilities, getting ready for school. We have been collecting school supplies to fill the back packs donated to us by 1st Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. An email will be sent out giving the date and time we are stuffing and delivering the packs.

Wow, we are gearing up for the year and haven't really stopped during the summer. We had

Mommy Bags stuffed and delivered to the VA as well as centerpieces for the 4th of July. We had great Ladies' Day outings, the last being lunch and the movie "Mama Mia 2". We had International dinner in June at Beauty and Beef, which was reported as delicious. And just recently a number of club members worked together and made 40 adult shirt protector (bibs) for a nursing home! Great work, club members! It is really wonderful belonging to a club that is willing to work together and so we are "changing lives one project at a time".

In Federated Love,

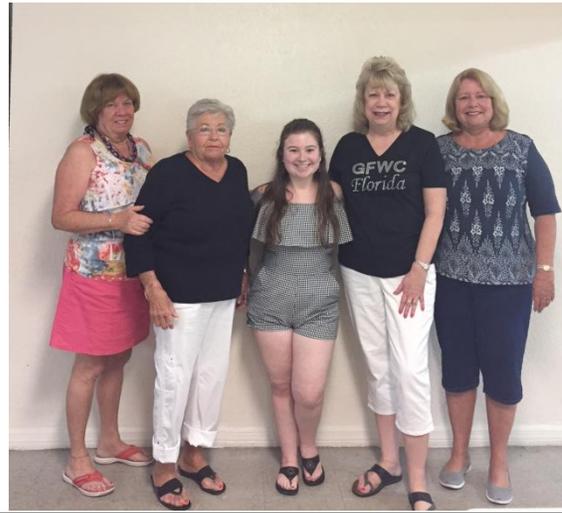
Suzan Close
Cathy Hopkins
Co-Presidents



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY -

Meg America

Our guest speaker for July was Cameron Pirozzi, HOBY Ambassador Alumni. She is senior at Benjamin School. Cameron said HOBY stresses students are leaders of today! As opposed to graduates who are told they are leaders of tomorrow.



MEMBERSHIP - Janie D'Ambrosio and Fran Green

Happy Anniversary to Karen and Al Leach on August 24.

Happy Birthday to Janie D'Ambrosio on August 30.

Congratulations to Sharon Bounds and Sheila Zile-Pecoraro, our two new members. Their initiation took place at our Business Meeting, July 23. Welcome to the Club!



Pictured below are the members who helped out with the HOBY South Florida Leadership Seminar last month.





Ladies Day Out - Ladies Day Out was held on July 24. Nine members and two guests had lunch at California Pizza Kitchen. Three additional members joined the group to attend the movie "Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again."



FUNDRAISING -

SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, May 11!



CONSERVATION - Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood

We delivered several bags of supplies to Peggy Adams and also contributed \$30 toward their dog and cat supplies. We didn't bring home another dog but Nancy did look at the cats!



Recycling information: Some of the more difficult household items to recycle can be recycled at special SWA locations throughout the county. These locations can be found on the Solid Waste Authority website. These recycle items are:

- 1) Electronics, VCR, printers, computers, etc.
- 2) Used cooking or motor oil
- 3) Batteries- auto- throw away alkaline and recycle lithium
- 4) Fluorescent bulbs
- 5) Paints and coatings- empty spray cans can go in garbage

Prescription medicine and used needles and sharps should go to designated health centers listed on the county health department website.

Some of the please "No's" to recycle are shredded paper, plastic eating utensils, straws, coat hangers and light bulbs. SWA motto is "when in doubt, throw it out" (or ask if it can be recycled!)



EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

As part of the GFWC Florida Book Heroes Project, the club donated 46 new books to young readers this month. 22 copies of Disney's *Come Swim With Me* was given to the new mothers-to-be for the Women Veteran's baby shower.

Linda Ferris and Kathy Stackhouse visited Adrianna Alvarez's four-year old class at the Hispanic Resource Center on Monday, July 16. They left 20 copies of the book *Old Tracks, New Tricks* for the class of 4-year olds who will be graduating the center on Tuesday, July 24.



Judy Pierman, HHRS director.



Graduating class



At our July meeting, Kathy gave club member Suzanne Valentage six new books to present to her new family member expected this fall.

ESO - It's time to renew our membership in GFWC ESO, the reading sorority. It's \$5 a year, and we have a new state chairman. Linda F. will collect \$5 from club members at the August meeting who want to join, and take it to Fall Board.

PBS will air the second episode of *The Great American Read* on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 8 pm and the remaining six episodes will continue on consecutive Tuesday nights at the same 8 pm time. The "Grand Finale" airs Tuesday, October 23.



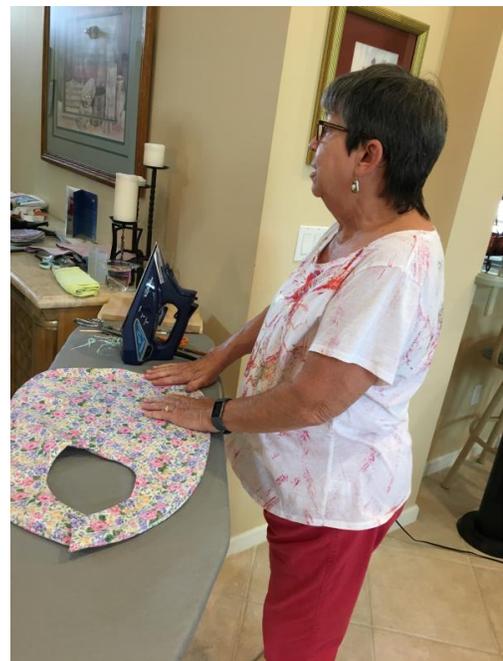
HOME LIFE

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies – Janet Carlson

We are all set to volunteer at Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies with their diaper distribution at their Greenacres location on Wednesday, August 22. We will meet at 4601 Lake Worth Road in Greenacres. I will send out an email about the time.

Our Home Life project for this month was to make adult shirt protectors for a Finnish American Nursing home. They were in bad need of these to protect their clothing. They are not provided by the home. On Tuesday, July 23, Chris Smith & Suzan Close spent 3 hours ironing & cutting out 41 shirt protectors. On Wednesday, we had a group of five come together to sew them together. We spent about 3 hours that day and got 10 completed and all the rest started. The members attending were Mary Evelyn, Chris, Fran, Jean, and Suzan. On Thursday August 24, Meg, Chris & Suzan worked to complete the rest of the shirt protectors in another 3 hours. It took about 35 hours all together to make them. Fran will deliver 41 Adult shirt protectors to the home on August

1. The workshop was held at the home of Suzan Close.







INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Liz Bloeser and Phyllis Gauger

International Dinner:



On August 23 our International Dinner will be held at the **Metro Diner** located:
1560 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



PUBLIC ISSUES - JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

Janie, Chris, Suzan, Mary Evelyn and Cathy stuffed the Mommy Bags to be donated for the baby shower to be held for women veterans at the VA center.



Chris, Suzan and Cathy delivered the Mommy Bags to the VA.



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

Facebook: Please continue to post our club projects on Facebook. This gives our club recognition in the community. Thanks to JeffAnne and Phyllis for reposting events on our

“official” Facebook page. We didn’t have too many posts on Facebook this month.

Pat on the Back this month goes to goes to Cathy Hopkins, for posting pictures from the Mommy Bag workshop at her house PLUS pictures of the delivery at the VA Medical Center.

Great PR for the month: We were featured in Membership Monday, on July 23, for our club donation of 19 new books to the Hispanic Human Resource Center pre-school graduation class. This is the class we adopted. I sent the picture of Kathy reading to the children and a copy of the new Book Hero book plates to Membership Monday.

I also sent pictures of members working HOBY to Membership Monday a couple weeks ago, but it has not been featured there.



Signature Project DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Linda Ferris



Grandma’s Place collection – A **BIG** thank you goes to Janet Carlson, for offering to deliver the items, since I am leaving town on vacation. She also shopped for the \$30 worth of items to supplement our donations. Thanks to everyone who brought items last month and tonight. I know Janet would appreciate a member going with her. See her to arrange a date for delivery. We continued our collection for items for Grandma’s Place until the July meeting to allow more participation, since many members were not at the June meeting.

GFWC Florida President’s Project-Operation Smile



July is National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month

Looking for ways to remain an active volunteer this summer? You can take action for National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month! Children born with a cleft lip or cleft palate, two of the most common craniofacial abnormalities, can face trouble feeding and speaking, as well as social stigma. Cleft abnormalities are common in the United States, but children born in developed countries usually get early care. Operation Smile helps make sure children in all countries can have access to safe surgery. Here are a few ways you can spread awareness and make a difference this month by supporting Operation Smile:

- Collect items they need urgently, such as travel-sized toothpaste, coloring books, puzzles, and more.
- Sew Smile Bags and fill them with personal care items and toys so that each child who has undergone surgery can have a care package.
- Collect office supplies necessary for the medical record office that is set up during medical missions.
- It may be hot now, but surgery patients can always use a blanket for warmth and comfort. You can knit, crochet, quilt, or tie blankets that will make patients feel secure. Don’t forget to follow Operation Smile’s size and material guidelines.
- Create Smile Splints (formerly No-No Armbands) that help keep patients from pulling at their stitches after surgery.

LEADERSHIP - Cathy Hopkins and
Suzan Close



Congratulations to our **Leader of the Month, Cathy Hopkins**. She received this award for her hard work and dedication on the Mommy Bags for expectant women veterans. Cathy worked despite getting ready to have shoulder and Carpal tunnel surgery in a few days. She is now recovering and will be doing therapy for many weeks. We wish you a speedy recovery!

The GFWC Fall Convention will be held September 21-23 in Orlando, Florida. Please think about attending with us. The call for the meeting with all the details will be out soon.

District 10 News:

The District 10 Summer Meeting will be hosted by the GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club on Saturday August 25, 2018. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, 10100 South Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. Registration will begin at 9:30 am with light refreshments. The registration will include lunch. If you did not sign up at our July Meeting, there is still time to decide to join us. The members cost is \$8. If anyone else wants to go to the District meeting in Hobe Sound, please let Janet Carlson know by August 10 so she can send in the registration and check. She will be away and wants to get the check out in the mail. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 20 - Board meeting

August 22 - Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

August 23 - International Dinner

August 25 - District 10 Meeting @Hobe Sound

August 27 - Business Meeting

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