

# 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**

Half the year has flown by. We are in the summer months and many of us have flown the coop and left for summer vacations. So----We had a small attendance at the June meeting. We had a great speaker, Jennifer Silliman from Healthy Mothers: Healthy Babies. She gave us several ideas for projects in the future for Home Life, which any of us will be able to do. It's exciting that we will be able to branch out and help our community in new projects. Of course, we have all the projects that we participate in by giving our time, supplies, and monies. It's wonderful to know that we are helping people and we are making a difference. This is the second year that we have been able to help HOBY with registration for the Leadership Conference. We also were able to help with check-out of the students and see part of their program. The HOBY staff was very impressed by our willingness to come and help. Our speaker in July will be a young lady from HOBY. The coming month, July, we will be stuffing back packs for Home Safe. The packs have been donated by the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach. Also, in July we will be stuffing the Mommy Bags for the women vets for their semi-annual Baby Shower given by the VA in August. Please check your July calendar for upcoming events so that you will be able to participate in the projects. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!! Have a fun and safe holiday and we will see you at the July meeting on July

23 (It's early this month) or before when we work on the upcoming projects.

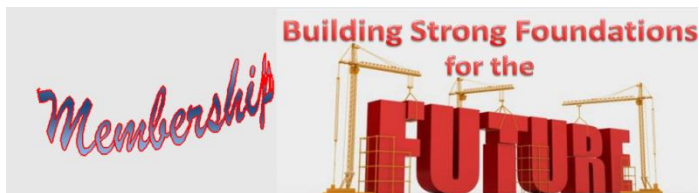
In Federation Love,

Co-Presidents  
Suzan Close  
Cathy Hopkins



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

Jennifer Silliman spoke about Healthy Mother's, Healthy Babies at our June club meeting.



## MEMBERSHIP- Janie D'Ambrosio and Fran Green

### Birthdays

July 8 Meg America

July 25 Connie Tellux

### Anniversaries

July 3 Suzan and Kenny Close

July 17 Phyllis and Mike Gauger

**Ladies Day Out** - On June 19, eight members and one guest went to Picasso's Pottery Painter and lunch after at Chili's. It was really a fun time.







**July Ladies Day Out** will be a lunch and movie on Tuesday, July 24. We have found out that the remake of Mamma Mia will be on screen then and that will be the movie. Lunch details later.

We look forward to **installing** Sheila Zile-Pecoraro and Sharon Bounds as members at our July 22 business meeting.



## FUNDRAISING -

### Fashion Show Recap - JeffAnne Pike

WOW- what can I say! Thank you to everyone for making this year's fashion show such a success. We raised over \$6,200!! Simply Amazing!

A special thanks to:

- My committee members: Liz Bloeser, Janet Carlson, Suzan Close, Phyllis Gauger, Cathy Hopkins and Linda Walker - I couldn't have done this without your suggestions, help and support.
- Everyone who sold tickets - we were sold out weeks before the event!
- All the members who helped secure door prizes, raffle items and silent auction items.
- Kathy Stackhouse for wrapping all the door prizes.

- Cathy Hopkins, Suzan Close, Meg America and Chris Smith for making that AMAZING quilt!
- Our models: Liz Bloeser, Peggy Breen, Janet Carlson, Cathy Hopkins, Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood.
- Phyllis Gauger our incredible MC-you are the bomb!
- Janet Carlson for creating and printing the programs
- Everyone who worked on the favors and Cathy Hopkins for the design and cutting everything out so it could be put together.
- Liz Bloeser for donating all the tea bags for the favors.
- Peggy Breen and Cathy Hopkins for the centerpieces.
- Suzan Close for remembering the club banner!
- Everyone who came out Friday night to help set up.

If I forgot anyone or anything please forgive me.

*It was my honor to serve as your chairperson!*

**AND.....**

**Mark your calendars now as next year's Fashion Show will be on Saturday May 11, 2019**

I will again be your chair and once I get back into town will start the planning process. I hope I can count on everyone's help again this year! If you have an idea for a theme or any suggestions just drop me an email!



**CONSERVATION** - Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood

**Best recycling tips from our club members:**

1) Turn off water when brushing teeth.

2) Freeze leftovers and veggies that are "going bad" in a bag and make soup when you have collected enough.

3) Use a container to toss in junk mail- scrap paper so you can recycle or recycle envelopes from junk mail for grocery lists and to hold coupons.

4) Use rags instead of paper towels. Purchase a set of cheap washcloths for small cleanups.

5) Save fabric remnants for quilts and pillows.

6) Use ammonia in water to cut grease like magic when cleaning.

7) Donate old clothing to the Salvation Army or some organization you know will use them wisely.

8) Donate towels, sheets, blankets and small rugs to Peggy Adams or Animal Care and Control.

**We are planning a field trip** to the Solid Waste Authority in the near future and will have more information at the next Meeting.



**EDUCATION** - Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

**First Book** contacted me in early May about a special offer to purchase some selected titles for only shipping costs. I was able to purchase 20 copies of a preschool book *Old Tracks, New Tricks*. These books will be given to our newly adopted class of four-year olds at their July graduation from the Hispanic Resource Center. The 22 copies of *The Little Elephant Who Wants to Fall Asleep* will be saved for the February 2019 Women's Veteran baby shower or another project that before that date. The total cost for the 42 books was \$28.60.

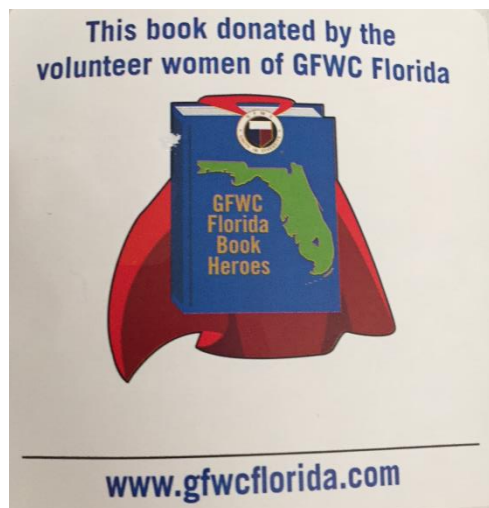




Heroes sticker with our club's name. Kathy plans to use the labels on the books we will donate to our Hispanic Human Resource Center preschool class in July.

**HOBY** - Club members (and one Booster member) assisted with HOBY South Florida Leadership Seminar which our club members helped at check in and check out. They had 94 sophomore students who are now HOBY ambassadors.

I announced the **Great American Read** in April and was excited to share this summer project. But, after the May 22 Kick-off program with Meredith Viera, I could not find the dates of the remaining shows. I finally found out that PBS will continue the programs in the fall. Right now, you can review the list of 100 books and vote online at PBS. You can also like the FB page to get updates. Also join the book club and participate in book discussions. We can read, think, and talk about books for months. Join the national literacy movement.



**Book Heroes** is the new focus area of the GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs, and will be reported under Education. To help us participate, I bought a roll of stickers at convention for us to use for our book donations. The goal is to donate 20,000 books during this two-year Administration. We will put a smaller sticker under the Book





## HOME LIFE - Suzanne Valentage

Suzan Close is showing club members pillows that we will consider making and donating to breast cancer surgery patients. These pillows help ease some of the discomfort after surgery.



Our plan, in the next few months, **is to make pillowcases** for Quantum House and the girls at Home Safe. Our club received a donation of holiday fabric to be used for this project.



## PUBLIC ISSUES - JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

Request was made **for collection of School Supplies and Mommy Bag items**. We can still accept any items for both of these projects. We would like members to donate a piece of gently used jewelry for the Mommy Bags and any school items but especially spiral notebooks, erasers and pencils. If you want to give anything special for the girls we have adopted, use your own judgment as to what they need.

We will be **stuffing Mommy bags on Saturday, July 7** at Cathy Hopkins house at 10 am with lunch following. This is early so that it is done before her shoulder surgery.

Stuffing Back Packs will be announced when we have the back packs and items to stuff.

We will send an e-mail to all and keep you in the loop.



## PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

**Facebook:** Please continue to post our club projects on Facebook. This gives our club recognition in the community.

**Pat on the Back:** Congrats to our two members who received the Pat on the Back for June:



JeffAnne for posting on FB the VA centerpieces and posting 42 pictures from the Fashion Show; and Kathy Stackhouse for speaking at the scholarship award ceremony at Forest Hill in front of more than 500 people and getting a picture of our scholarship recipient Andy Lara with the framed certificate.

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

Linda Ferris

**Grandma's Place collection:** Since many members were on vacation for our June club meeting, we will continue our collection for Grandma's Place until the July meeting. Please watch for 2-1 items to save money when shopping at the grocery store. I found 2-1 Peter Pan peanut butter. The list of needed items was included in Co-president Suzan's what to bring to the June meeting email. Thanks to the members who did contribute at the June meeting. You might remember earlier in the year, when the director of Grandma's Place spoke at our club meeting. They are an emergency over-night shelter for abused children, located in Royal Palm Beach. JeffAnne and I made a delivery earlier this year. We may want to make a motion at our July meeting to spend money on items for Grandma's Place.

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## **LEADERSHIP - Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close**

The State meeting was held May 4-7, 2018 in Orlando. Thank you for sending Linda Ferris & me to represent our club. I was so proud to accept the many awards your volunteer service earned and the Award for best club in Category 1. Everyone working together to help others "One Project at a Time" is what won the award. The District 10 Leadership Meeting was attended by Cathy Hopkins, Suzanne Valentage & Linda Ferris. The District 10 goals for the GFWC State

President's Project, Operation Smile were presented. We are to raise \$20 per member this year. The overall goal will be for the state to raise the money needed for a complete Operation Smile Trip. You will be hearing much more about this as we move through the year. There are also other ways we can participate.

Thank you, Suzanne for serving as District 10 Public Issues Chairman for the years 2018-2020.

Leader of the month is Fran Green for hosting our club picnic. She had help from Janie in planning & setting up. We have to thank Gary too for helping with everything.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to our very own **Karen Leach** who was installed as State President of Rhode Island. She was officially installed in front of the entire delegation at the International Conference held in St. Louis, June 22-24.





We are very proud to claim her as one of our own!

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

July 7 - Stuff Mommy Bags  
July 12-15 - Shakespeare Festival  
July 16 - Board Meeting  
July 19-22 - Shakespeare Festival  
July 23 - Business meeting  
July 24 - Ladies Day Out

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