

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

The year might be winding down but our club's activities are going strong! We have many projects that will come to a close at the end of the year. Two of the projects are the Christmas Pillowcases for Quantum House and Home Safe and the Christmas Shirt Protectors. All of these projects will end with the delivery of the items at the beginning of December. Take a look at the calendar which our Membership co-chairs email to us so that you don't miss any of the projects and activities offered for the month.

Sorry to say, our new projector was ready and willing to show Molly Thistle's presentation regarding Pine Jog's Education Center but Molly's computer just didn't want to play. We were unable to show the slideshow, which was the backbone of her presentation, and she will be coming next year to try again.

Everyone is invited to our Thanksgiving Dinner and get together we will be having on November 16th. This is a potluck dinner and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. This dinner will be at Barbara Burdette's or Suzan Close's house. And don't forget to mark your calendar for the Christmas Banquet on December 3rd. It will be held at the Oliver Garden on Lake Worth Road.

We had 2 new members join our club with an Induction ceremony at the meeting. It is wonderful to see our club growing and we are excited to see what they bring to the club! We would like to encourage old and new members to step in and volunteer! We will be voting for a new slate of officers at the November meeting and it is our hope that you will step up and volunteer if you are asked.

Remember, without our members volunteering and pitching in and doing what needs to be done, we would not be able to help our communities and we would not be much of a club! After all, we are a volunteer organization.

In Federation Love,

Suzan Close and Cathy Hopkins
Co-Presidents





MEMBERSHIP- Janie D'Ambrosio and Fran Green

Happy Birthday to Liz Bloeser Nov. 23rd and Linda Walker Nov. 27th

Welcome to our guest on Oct. 22, Donna Cohen. She participated in our Healthy Babies diaper packing on Aug. 22 and wishes to join our club.

Six members and three guests enjoyed our **Ladies Day Out** lunch on Oct. 3 at the Waterway Cafe in Palm Beach Gardens.



November Ladies "Night Out" will be our Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 16th. Members and all guests are welcome. A list requesting food items was circulated at the Business Meeting and will be sent out via email for those who were not present.

Our **Holiday Party** will be held December 3 at Olive Garden on Lake Worth Road. The cost will be \$25. There will be five choices of entrees. An e-mail will follow with more details.

Get Well Wishes to Fran Green who is recuperating from a knee replacement. Thanks to everyone who has and is providing dinners for Fran and Gary.

Welcome to Jean Allen, our new member who was initiated into the club on Oct. 22.



Also, **welcome to Janet Oliver** who transferred to our club from Port St. Lucie





FUNDRAISING -

Coupon Books – Gay Alexin

There are still 4 coupon books left. Please contact Gay if you would like to purchase one. They make great gifts!

Fashion Show- JeffAnne Pike

Save the date May 11, 2019 for our 4th annual Fashion Show to be held at the Atlantis Country club. This year's theme will be "**Sand, Shells and Ocean Breezes**".

Cathy and Suzan have volunteered to make another quilt to raffle off. If any wishes to help with the quilt, please let one of them know. Chico's of Manalapan has agreed to provide the fashions for the show. Looking forward to working with all the members to make this year's show the best one yet!



ARTS-Peggy Breen

The Art workshop in October was cancelled because of lack of interest in the card-making project.

DATE OF NOV ART MEETING: Nov 8, Thursday 10 AM to 12. Lunch Optional

PROJECT: A CANDLE CENTERPIECE FOR FALL/HOLIDAY

WE WILL BE WORKING ON ASSEMBLING A CANDLE HOLDER WITH AN EVERGREEN BASE.

YOU CAN USE A SMALL WREATH OR A GARLAND THAT WE WILL WIRE TO YOUR CANDLE HOLDER. (The following are some samples)



Materials to bring:

1. A candlestick suitable to attach the wreath or garland and platter if desired
2. A wreath or garland
3. A pair of needle nose pliers/wire cutters to twist and cut wire
4. Floral Materials: 2 bushes of flowers, berries, pine cones, ornaments etc of your choice
Ribbon if desired, candles.

(The candle holder and attached base can be used over and over for fall, holiday and spring arrangements by removing and replacing the flowers, berries etc.

5. You can also get plastic candle holders at the craft store and put on Styrofoam base for less expensive base.

I will supply wire and tools if you do not have wire cutters. I also have 1-1/2 inch ornaments.

******PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY MONDAY NOV 5**

****if you will be attending the meeting so I can have adequate materials and working space to assemble arrangements. Thank you.



CONSERVATION-Mary Evelyn Mitchell and Nancy Wood



The **International GFWC President** has introduced as one of her 7 Grand Initiatives the planting of 1,000 trees by clubs all over the world. Please consider where you could plant a tree at home or in our community. Trees make a nice Holiday gift for someone who likes plants!

Memory for Memory is a local organization that securely recycles unwanted or unused electronics and converts donated items into revenue to help find a cure for, or to help those impacted by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Pickups can be arranged by visiting memoryformemory.org/ to schedule a pickup.

The November club meeting will be our **last collection** of items for Peggy Adams and the Resource Depot. If you have items, please bring them to the meeting.

Celebrate America Recycles Day 2018 by refreshing your memory about what can be recycled. Also, the Solid Waste Authority is celebrating America Recycles Day 2018 with a special event at the SWA Education Center. If you did not attend our Solid Waste Authority tour this is your opportunity to experience the tour, recycling games, free document shred and various vendors on Saturday, Nov. 17, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The SWA Education Center is at 6751 Jog Rd. WPB.

which is to promote children's literacy. We purchased the selected book *Maybe Something Beautiful* and read to Adriana Alvarez's four year old class on Thursday, October 25. We left Halloween treat bags for the kids to take home.

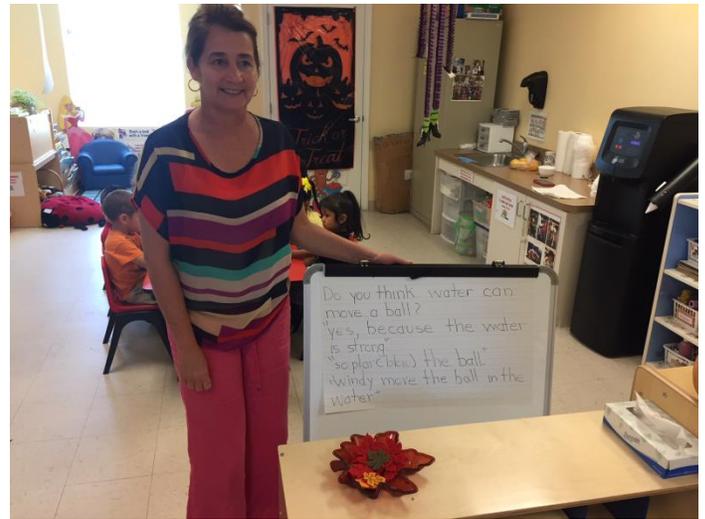


EDUCATION- Kathy Stackhouse and Linda Ferris

Linda Ferris and Kathy Stackhouse participated in another national event, Read for the Record,



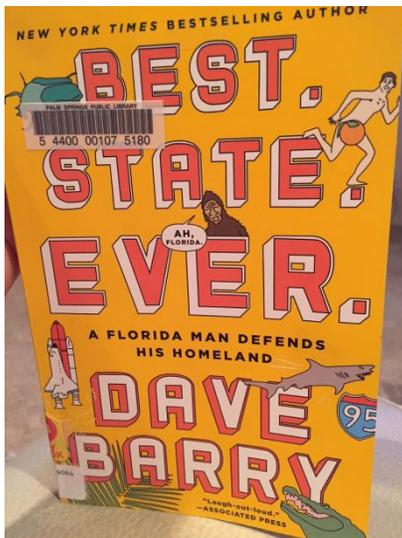
Pictured below is teacher Adriana Alvarez with the white board the club purchased for her classroom.



After six months and eight television programs, PBS concluded its national literacy campaign, **The Great American Read**, on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. In this finale the top voted book *To Kill a Mockingbird* was announced as America's best loved book. Members will be asked to share their participation in this grand literacy effort.



Members are urged to read Dave Barry's *Best. State. Ever.* The finale for this **Read Together Palm Beach** is Wednesday, November 28. Registration begins November 1.



Please bring your books to the next meeting or Christmas party. These will be taken to the Palm Beach County Library for the annual book sale in January.

ESO: As you fill out your ESO reading forms, hold onto them until the end of November. Our ESO state chairman was affected by the hurricanes, and needs some time to respond to you. A reminder to send ALL the forms about the books you read this year before Dec. 31, so our club gets credit for this year. I will need the total number you reported for my state report. Our club has a record 13 members!



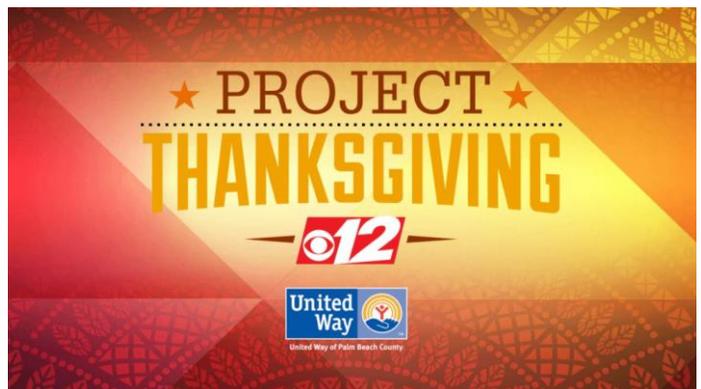
HOME LIFE- Suzanne Valentage and Suzan Close

Due to scheduling conflicts in November we have decided to postpone our Chef for a Day meal for Quantum House until after the holidays. So far we have completed **33 pillowcases** to

give to Quantum House the beginning of December so the children can enjoy them over the holidays. We need a few more, but should be able to complete them before then. There were 4 members at the workshop on September 27th, 2018. They were Linda Walker, Nancy Wood Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close. Thank ladies for a job well done!

The Adult shirt protectors workshop had to be postponed to a later date in November since I (Suzan) got sick. If you are willing to help with that project, please send me a text or email. I am available on Tuesday 11/13 or Tuesday 11/27 or both may be needed. We should have enough donated fabric for all to have one but that is about 40. I would love to deliver them by December 1st. We will work from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your help with this project, Suzan

Members wore pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Our club will again made a donation to **Project Thanksgiving and Food for Families.**



RACE FOR THE CURE- Janet Carlson

It's that time of the year again, team has been set up. The link to register is <http://komen.southflorida.org>.

Team name is GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club. Please email me should you have any questions.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH—Liz Bloeser and Phyllis Gauger

Samaritans Purse Operation Shoe Box



Linda Walker will deliver the filled shoeboxes during the week of November 12th. Please contact her if you still have a shoebox to donate. The club will pay the \$9.00 donation per box.



PUBLIC ISSUES- JeffAnne Pike and Cathy Hopkins

Cathy and JeffAnne delivered deodorant to the **Forgotten Soldier's Outreach** and will be collecting instant Hot Chocolate and Coffee packs for November.



"**Random Acts of Cookies**" will be packed and delivered October 30th. Bake those cookies and be at JeffAnne's at 10:00 am!

There will be a make and take **VA Veteran's Day centerpiece** meeting on Tuesday November 6th. We will meet at JeffAnne's (4288 Edward Road) at 10:00 am to make the 12 centerpieces and then deliver them to the VA.



A motion was made to purchase 2 wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" program. If you purchase 2 wreaths the 3rd one is free. Please let Janet know by November 30th if you plan on purchasing a wreath for Wreaths Across America so she can order the wreaths all together on line.

The laying of the wreaths at the South Florida Cemetery will be on December 15th at 12 p.m.

Eight pillowcases will be made for the girls at Home Safe. These will be given to the girls when we give them our holiday gifts.

VOTE November 6th

A handout was given to all members explaining the Amendments to the FL Constitution which will be voted on at the November 6th elections and all members were encouraged to vote.



PUBLIC RELATIONS- Linda Ferris

Facebook: I know some of our members are not on social media, but it is a very effective way to get our club name out in the community. I appreciate ALL members who take time to post our club projects on Facebook. Be sure and use our complete club name.

I also THANK YOU for talking about our club. Remember the **GFWC Challenge** I gave you at

the September meeting to talk about our club to someone new each week. We don't want GFWC to be the best kept secret! I was impressed by the number of members who participated, as reported at our October meeting.

Pat on the Back: Congrats to Suzan Close for getting the Pat on the Back, for taking great action photos of the club's pillowcase workshop. Thanks to JeffAnne for posting them on our official!

The Florida Clubwoman, our state online magazine, will feature District 10 in November. I submitted many pictures and info about our club projects. I will alert you by email when it is available.

Membership Monday: I sent pictures and info of our club's pajama delivery and 'Read for the Record' at HHRC Oct. 25 to Membership Monday. I hope they use them. They have included several this year, but some have not been used.

News and Notes: I sent a picture of our pajama donation marking Child Advocacy Week, to our national weekly email group. This is the third one I have sent this year. Let's hope the third time is the charm, since it has not been used during the past year.

Hispanic Human Resource Center said they would use a picture on their Facebook page of Kathy Stackhouse and I reading to our adopted class of 4-year olds for 'Read for the Record,' Oct. 25. Let me know if you see it on FB.



Signature Project DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
Linda Ferris

For those who missed our October meeting, our club made a difference during **Domestic**

Violence Prevention and Awareness month.

The first week in October, Linda Walker and I delivered “Purses with a Purpose” to Harmony House. We gave them 30 purses and 6 billfolds/clutch and 1 tote page. Also this month, Janet Carlson and I delivered 35 pair of shoes, 6 bags of clothing, plus dress/work clothes on hangers, and two large bags of hygiene items to AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Assault), in Delray Beach. They were thrilled to get our donation, and I hope we can continue to help them.

Thanks to everyone who wore **purple** to the October meeting; this is an emphasis area for reporting.



Child Advocacy Week: Linda Walker, Sharon Bounds and I delivered the children’s pajamas Oct. 24th, to Harmony House, our local domestic violence shelter, to mark Child Advocacy Week. Due to your VERY generous contribution, along with the \$100 from club treasury, we delivered 41 pjs! Our donation of new pajamas will bring a smile to a child. We took pictures with Mary Cauthen, director of domestic violence services, and posted them on our official club FB page, our own FB pages, and in this newsletter. Thank you for participating!





LEADERSHIP: Cathy Hopkins and Suzan Close

Linda Ferris received the **Club Woman of the Month** for her project for Domestic Violence in which she delivered purses and personal hygiene items to a Domestic Violence shelter. Linda created this project of "Purses with a Purpose".



Congratulations Linda Walker is our candidate for the **LEADS** program.

Reminder that GFWC Florida is urging each of us to become more active in legislation and public policy. Consider signing up at the Legislative Action Center:

<http://www.cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app/register?5&m=42271>

District 10 News:

The **District 10 Tour of Officers** will be held on November 10th. If you are interested in attending please let Janet Carlson know by November 1st so she can send in the registration.

District 10 **Public Issues chair Suzanne Valentage** asked that we bring any type of cards (note cards, blank, holiday, birthday, etc) to the November meeting. These cards will be given to **Fisher House** for the families to use.

PERSONALS

Thanks to Cathy and Suzan for the Leader of the Month certificate for chairing the "Purses with a Purpose," project to help the women in the domestic assault shelter. This award is for ALL members since you all contributed the great purses and wallets to make it successful! Love, Linda

Linda Walker: Thanks for agreeing to representing the club as LEADS representative. We appreciate you submitting all the paperwork, and agreeing to attend the weekend workshop.

JeffAnne: Welcome back from your endless vacation! We missed your smiling face, although you worked very hard on our club's monthly newsletter while on vacation.

To ALL members: When Mary Evelyn calls (or emails) to ask what club job you'd like for the next two years, please volunteer for something! A club is only as successful as its members!

Breast Cancer Prevention Month: Hope everyone had a mammogram this year. Anyone who had one in October gets extra kudos!

Barbara Thompson, member of Palm Beach Gardens WC passed away. Services to be announced next month.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 30th - Random Acts of Cookies delivery

November 3rd - Christmas Market Place - Convention center

November 6th - VOTE

November 6th - VA Centerpiece make and take meeting

November 7th - Delray Reads

November 8th - Centerpiece meeting

November 10th - District Tour of Officers

November 16th - Thanksgiving Dinner

November 17th Recycle Day SWA

November 19th - Board Meeting

November 22nd - Thanksgiving Day

November 26th - Business Meeting

December 3rd - Holiday Party - Olive Garden

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