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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Dear Members,

Every member should feel proud of the accomplishments of our club last year. Each one of you had a part in our club being awarded "The 2018 Club of the Year - Category 1". We received 8 first place, 5 second place and 2 third place awards, for a grand total of 15 awards in all. Way to go, everyone!

Our Fashion Show is the big fundraising event of the year for us and Jeff Anne and her committee have done a wonderful job in planning and preparing for the big day on May 11. I hope to see all of you and your friends there buying raffle tickets and enjoying the fashions.

We are continuing to work on the 7 Grand Initiatives of the International GFWC President. We have done a great job with a day of service, tree planting, the donating of shoes and Dr. Seuss books as well as projects for women in the military. Having members join the GFWC Legislative Action Center is also one of the Grand Initiatives so please consider joining. You can find information on how to join on the GFWC website.

I am looking forward to seeing you at many of our activities this month.

In Federation Love,

Mary Evelyn

FAMOUS WOMEN

Who am I?

I was a surgeon who was arrested as a spy. For my work during war, I was the first and apparently the only woman to ever be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. I am quoted as saying "The greatest sorrow from which women suffer today are those physical, moral and mental ones cause by their unhygienic method of dressing". I was in favor of wearing men's clothes, for which I was arrested several times. I was a strong supporter of women's rights and attempted to vote. I believed that women did have a constitutional right to vote, but this did not happen in my lifetime. I was honored to be included in the National Women's Hall of Fame. Who am I? Bring your guesses to our June meeting!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY -
Fran Green and Sheila Zile-Pecoraro**

We received thank you notes from the Girl Scouts for our case of cookies donated to the military,

Home Safe for our Pizza party, the VA for the women veterans' tea and from Peggy Adams for our donation in memory of Mary Evelyn's brother.

Our guest speaker was Maura Plante the founder of Living Hungry.



MEMBERSHIP - Meg America and Linda Ferris

Birthdays: Karen Leach, April 13; Suzanne Valentage, April 16; Linda Ferris, May 7; Countess Tatania Kurbatov, May 8; Phyllis Gauger, May 28.

Anniversaries: Cathy & Bill Hopkins, April 14; Alice & Matt Saroka, May 19.

Our **club's family day out April 11** was a visit to the "Twisted" exhibit at the Mounts. We had 4 Members, 3 Boosters, and 1 guest enjoy the unique exhibit, and then we had yummy lunch at Gun Club Cafe.



Our **club's family picnic** is 4 pm Sunday, May 19, at Charlie and Meg America's home. Meg sent out an email before our April meeting, saying the \$3 per person would pay for chicken and pulled pork. Members are asked to bring a pot luck item. Please email her with what you are bringing. This is a good opportunity to bring a guest who might be interested in joining our club. Everyone needs to let Meg know if you attending so she can put your name on the list for the guard gate. They check each car coming in.

At GFWC Florida Convention, we added five new **Boosters**, including Allen Leach, Martin Allen (Jean's husband), Meg's cousin Marie and her husband, plus Peggy Breen. We also renewed several Booster husbands. Our Club Boosters are important to the success of our club projects. The Booster form is on the gfwcflorida.org website, or ask Linda for a form.



At the April meeting, **6 members were recognized**. Mary Evelyn, received her 20-year GFWC membership pin. Liz, JeffAnne, Gay, Cathy, and Linda Walker all received their 10-year membership pins.



“You Nailed It Award” for April goes to Phyllis helping the membership department by being a great greeter for the April meeting. She Nailed It! I hope you are enjoying our greeter as much as Meg and I.

Congratulations to our newest member: Alice Saroka! She was initiated at our April 22 meeting. Her sponsors are Phyllis and Liz. We

look forward to working with Alice on club projects.



A little bit of news about new member Alice Saroka:

Alice's family moved to Florida when she was 4. She has 2 sisters and grew up in North Palm Beach. Alice is married to Matt, and they have 2 boys, plus a daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren. Alice says sports are her hobby, and the best thing she likes about the club are the friendly members.

Member resignations: We received emails from two members, who resigned in good standing from membership in our club this year: Peggy Breen and Connie Tellelx. Hopefully they will rejoin in the future.



FUNDRAISING - JeffAnne Pike

May 11 and our Fashion Show fundraiser is just around the corner!

All tickets and money need to be turned in ASAP. Seating charts need to be completed. As of today, we have 143 seats to assign! Way to go ladies!

Please let me know if you have any donations of raffle or silent auction items by May 5.

Those of you who took quilt tickets to sell, please bring the money and raffle tickets on the day of the show.

I will need all the help I can get on Friday May 10 from 4-7 pm to set up for the show.

On the day of the fashion show please be at Atlantis Country Club no later than 8:45 am. Thanks to all who signed up to be runners and sellers at the show, and of course to our models!

Thank you again for all you have done to help make this a great fundraiser!

BUNCO - Bunco was held at the home of Susan and Kenny Close. The food theme was Mexican in honor of the upcoming Cinco de Mayo. Six members and 5 boosters attended this fundraiser.



ARTS - Sharon Bounds

Arts chairman Sharon Bounds, held a card making workshop where members and guests made cards for Mother's Day, Father's Day,

graduation, weddings, birthdays and get well wishes. Sharon supplied all the materials and it was enjoyed by all. We had a pot luck salad lunch after we were done creating!



CONSERVATION - Donna Cohen

Up Coming events:

May 1 – 10 am Plant a tree at HHRC for Arbor day and celebrate Luciano Martinez's Birthday (joint project w/Education)

May 2 - 1:30 pm at Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society meeting with Volunteer manager to discuss possible service projects.

May 22 10 am Pine Jog Center (Summit Blvd) "Million Orchid project" Tour of the propagation lab and gardens.

We are collecting the following items. Please bring to the June meeting.

Wands for Wildlife

ZooKeeper Goodie Bag: sunscreen, lip balm, insect spray, protein bars bandanas(July delivery)

Empty TP and PT rolls

Soles4Souls

Peggy Adams (June delivery)



EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse

Club Scholarship 2019 - Forest Hill High School's senior class of 2019 provided us with many superior candidates for the 2019 GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club Memorial Scholarship.

We had a challenging task to select the best awardees but two young ladies submitted excellent applications which specifically displayed their talents and achievements.

Both students are in the top 5% of the class of over 600 students, are IB diploma and Bright Futures candidates, hold leadership positions in National Honor Society and Key Club, and are actively involved in their school and local communities.

The first senior recently decided to attend New York University and pursue media/communications. Her school activities included Sophomore and Junior Board, Newspaper Club, Environmental Club, Coding Club, and Book Club. Her service hours were spent volunteering at Garcia Pharmacy, Palm Beach County Main Library, and Westgate Recreation.

In her application essay, she chose to describe an issue of concern and its importance to her. She chose the headlining issue of school safety to demonstrate her thoughtful and strong writing style.

For these many reasons, we are proud to present the first of our two \$1000 scholarships to Danisbel Herrera.

Our second winner will attend the University of Central Florida. She plans to study Biological Sciences and become a neurologist. Besides her academic pursuits, she is captain of the varsity cheerleading squad and competes competitively.

Her community service hours include making toys for the Humane Society, participating in food drives for area families, fundraising for Capes for Kids, sorting items for the Key Club's Food Pantry, making care packages for a homeless shelter, and helping teachers in the World Class Academy.

When writing her essay, she chose to write about a person who has had a significant influence on her life. She selected her IB History Teacher Mrs. Skowron. She credits this educator in making her both a better learner and community member.

With these strong academic and personal skills, our second scholarship winner from GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club is Danielle Negrón.



We received the following note from one of the scholarship recipients:

Dear Mary Stackhouse,

I am writing to express my gratitude towards the women's club for my scholarship. To be honest, I didn't know much about the club prior to receiving the scholarship, but I was very impressed yesterday. As soon as I arrived, the members were rushing around, setting up and discussing past and future projects. Based on the conversations around me, the club seems to take on many tasks that greatly benefit the community. I am inspired by the club and all that you do for others in need. As if that wasn't enough, you also raise money to support students such as myself and Danielle (the other scholarship recipient), who are working hard to pay for our education. I find your work very admirable!

I am extremely grateful for the invitation to the meeting on April 22 and for being the recipient one of your \$1,000 scholarships.

I wish you the best of luck in future projects!

Warm regards,
Danisbel (Dani) Herrera



HOME LIFE - Suzan Close

The date for the **Quantum House Dinner** has been set for Wednesday, May 29, 2019. That will give us Tuesday May 28 to shop for the food. At this time, they are remodeling the first 10 bedrooms & adding 13 bathrooms. They are averaging 50 residents right now with about half

children. We are in the process of making pillowcases for all the patients & their siblings. The pillowcase workshop was held at Suzan's house on April 23 at 1 pm. We had 6 members present to help. We completed 23 pillowcases & 7 ore partially completed. We also completed 22 Smile bags for Operation Smile under International Department. I want to **thank** all those who made this a successful day of sewing.



There were 4 members who went volunteered at Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies on April 12, 2019. They had fun sorting baby clothes to give away to moms in need. Thank you for participating.



Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

- There will be a box at each meeting to deposit items for Operation Christmas Child, should you wish to participate in the group shoe box effort. If you want to fill your own shoe box, that is great as well. For ideas on what to collect, see www.samaritanspurse.org



Operation Smile (GFWC President's Project) -

Our Smile Bag workshop took place at the home of Suzan Close on April 23. Five members participated and I am pleased to report, we completed 22 Smile Bags.



I am collecting the following items to fill the bags:

- Small Shampoo (Screw Cap Only)
- Small Comb (No Rat Tails)
- New Wash Cloths
- Small Bar of Soap
- Small Square Mirror (Approx. 3" X 3")
- Child Size Toothbrush
- Small Toothpaste
- Thin 8 ½ X 11 Coloring Book
- 8 Pack of Crayons
- Small Stuffed Animal (Beanie Baby Size)

April 27 was Nation Drug Take Back Day. If you missed the day you can visit PBCDrop.org for more information to find out places where you can still drop off old medications.



May is Melanoma & Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

We have at least one member who recently had a melanoma removed. Gary Green's sister died at a young age from melanoma. Please remember to protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen, hats & clothing that has a high SPF rating when you are out in the sun. Also remember to get yearly checkups with your dermatologist.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Linda Walker

International Dinner: The location of our May dinner has been changed. The dinner will be at Rosalita's Tex-Mex Grill, 5949 South Congress Avenue, Atlantis, FL 33462, on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend no later than April 30th so that I can secure the reservation.

Thanks to all who participated in the workshop, and to those who have donated items. Should you wish to learn more about this project, Operation Smile's website is www.operationsmile.org and www.operationsmile.org/content/smile-bags.

Christmas At Sea - I am thrilled to report that Jean Allen has knitted 21 hats and 6 scarves which I will send to Christmas at Sea in early May. If you are interested in this organization, their website is www.seamenschurch.org and/or www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea. If you would like to participate, let me know and I will be sure to furnish the patterns. I will make another donation in September.



PUBLIC ISSUES - Cathy Hopkins

Random Acts of Cookies - Members baked, bought and bagged cookies for our April Random Acts of Cookies project. We made a delivery to the PBSO and the community outreach and media relations division. Our next stop was the School District of Palm Beach County dispatcher office. They were so excited we recognized them! Our last stop was Station 93 of the Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue. We were the most excited as Donna and I got to sit in the front seat of the fire truck! We can never figure out who

gets more out of this project the recipients or the members!

Random Acts of Cookies was a really fun time. Hopefully, you will be able to come sometime if you haven't been already. Ask Donna and JeffAnne, they crossed something off their bucket lists they didn't even know they had on them!



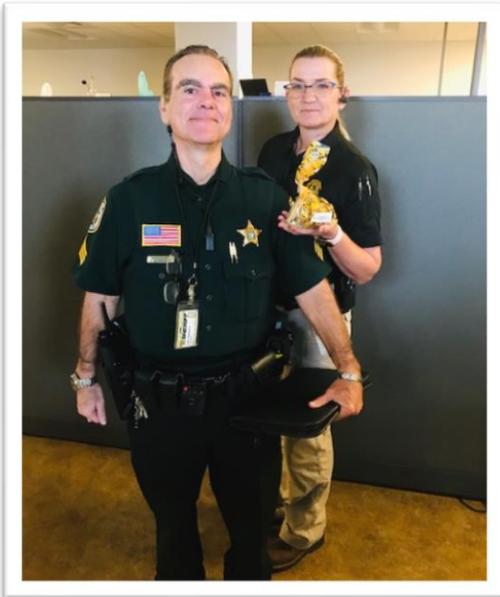


It was a pleasure seeing you all today. I want to thank you and your staff for your highly commendable kind act. The District 5, West Detention Center Deputies and I really enjoyed the homemade fresh cookies. Please convey my gratitude to all those that were involved in making this possible.

We received a thank you note from Deputy Torrence for our cookies that he took out to the deputies in Belle Glade!

Very Respectfully,
DS Kenneth Torrence





Forgotten Soldiers Outreach - Thank you for bringing in foot powder for **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** to be used in their "We Care" packages they ship to the military serving overseas. I know it was hard to find, but you did it!

Our June collections will be feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads).




**Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. and
 Palm Beach Memorial Park
 14th Annual Memorial Day
 "A Day To Remember"**
**May 27, 2019
 11:50am ~ 1:00pm**
 Palm Beach Memorial Park
*Emcee Mr. Jim Sackett, Former News Anchor
 Keynote Speaker: Major General Wayne P. Jackson*

 POW/MIA Tribute Wreath Presentations
 Patriotic Music Military Speakers
 USVII Submarine Torpedo Dove Release
 Complimentary Hot Dogs & Chips




Our new project, **Homeless Vets**, is off to a good start. We collected white crew socks for the bags we are going to be giving them. In June, please bring large wash cloth size wet wipes. You can purchase them at Big Lots for \$1 a plastic container, which holds a lot of cloths.

Thank you all for being so giving and bringing in the items we need for the above projects we do for the Veterans and current soldiers. They appreciate them!

Honor Flight - The Honor Flight on April 13 was well attended by our club and 6 other clubs from District 10. We had 7 members and 1 booster greet the returning Vets.



Next Honor flight is May 11th, same day as our fashion show. Our Junior 10 District Director Jeanne Tekada will be a guardian on this flight



MAY 11 OPERATION HOMECOMING

JOIN US

**WELCOME HOME
 82 WWII, KOREAN &
 VIETNAM WAR
 VETERANS FROM
 THEIR HONOR FLIGHT
 IN WASHINGTON, DC**

**8:20PM
 ARRIVE EARLY**

**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL
 AIRPORT
 2ND LEVEL, CONCOURSE A/B**

**BRING YOUR FLAGS, SIGNS,
 FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHEERS &
 THANKS.**

**QUESTIONS? CALL GAIL AT 561-523-8187
WWW.HONORFLIGHTSEFL.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HONORFLIGHT**

We will be **Making and Taking VA centerpieces** for Memorial Day on May 15. Meet at Cathy Hopkins house at 10 am to make them, we take them, and then have lunch.

A number of members are interested in attending **CPR classes**. I will be looking into having classes so as many as wants to can attend. Please email me at hopycat23@gmail.com if you are interested. I think if I have a number who would like to take it, I will get a better response from the people I ask about giving the class to us.

Thank you for all the support that you are giving for Public Issues. I am hoping to get a number of projects going that we can all enjoy doing and not just donating items for the vets.



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

Thanks to all who posted on **Facebook**. We had Random Act of Cookies, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Birthday bag donations, Conservation reminders and more. Everyone gets a thank you for posting....and please keep posting and get our club's name out in the community.

One member had a chance meeting with a media member of the sheriff's department, and through Random Act of Cookies, got us some publicity. The **Pat on the Back** goes to JeffAnne. Great PR!

Fashion show PR - I sent out many emails on the Fashion show to several publications, and it was printed 3 times in April in "Notables," calendar section of the weekly society supplement in The Palm Beach Post. Look for the Fashion Show info in April 26 Lake Worth Observer. I also got a confirmation they would print it in the Coastal Star May edition, and Florida Weekly, which comes out each Thursday. Hopefully, the Wellington Town Crier will also print it; they did last year. I sent it to Kevin Thompson for his Monday column on Lake Worth

Beach Mondays, in the Palm Beach Post, and he said he would print it April 28. I included a picture of our quilt since he has used a picture in past years.

Other PR for the club: we were included in Membership Monday email on April 10 for our Random Act of Cookies donations to the first responders, and April 22, for our **Birthday Bag** donation to the children in the local domestic assault shelter. I also sent a different picture of the birthday bags of Mary Evelyn to the Volunteers in Action blog of GFWC News and Notes email that comes out each Thursday. Hope they use it!

I sent a picture of our **Scholarship winners**, pictured with Kathy and Mary Evelyn, to the Palm Beach Post and they answered my email, saying it would be in the Sunday, May 5 Accent section of The Post. Watch for it!

Federation Awareness - To celebrate April as **Federation Month**, I hope you enjoyed the history of our GFWC emblem. Congrats to the prize winners: Jean Allen, Donna and Suzan. Thank to everyone for your knowledge of Federation!



ESO - Linda Ferris

I hope we can have a book luncheon meeting in June to discuss books we are reading. **ESO, our reading sorority**, is reported to a separate state chairman, so it's not under Education. Everyone is free to join ESO, let me know. We reported 13 members last year. If you are reading a great book now, drop me an email, and I'll share with the club.



GFWC SPECIAL PROJECT - Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention- Linda Ferris

Birthday bag delivery - On April 18, Mary Evelyn and I delivered 40 Birthday Bags for the children at the local domestic assault shelter. They filled my entire backseat in my van, along with the third seat and trunk area. Mary Cauthen, DV director said they really appreciate the bags and there are 200 children who come through Harmony House during a 12-month period. Thanks again for all the donations you gave, and we bought needed items to fill the 40 bags, which is more than our 20-22 bags.



Pinwheels for Prevention - Thanks to Jean Allen for picking up the free Pinwheels at Convention luncheon, and thanks to Cathy Hopkins and JeffAnne for getting the Pinwheels for Prevention sign from HomeSafe, and Cathy asking the minister if we could plant our Pinwheels for Prevention Garden here at the church. Special thanks to Liz, Alice and Cathy for helping to plant the garden, which was difficult with the "compact dirt." We thank Cathy for moving them outside the fence. This national

project is done in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month.



one is different and they are all beautiful. Jean, you are so talented! I know these hats and scarves will be greatly appreciated by the men and women serving in North American and International maritime workplaces. What a fabulous donation. Thank you Jean!

Linda Walker

A HUGE thanks to Cathy, Suzan and Meg for finishing our opportunity drawing quilt. It is



beautiful!

Thank you to all the members who have helped and worked so hard on selling tickets, securing door prizes, raffle and silent auction items. Another huge thank you to Kathy Stackhouse for wrapping the over 50 door prizes!

You guys ROCK! Love, JeffAnne

LEADERSHIP - Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Congratulations to Linda Ferris for being chosen Leader of the Month for April. She collected supplies, filled and delivered 40 birthday bags for children at the local Domestic Assault Shelter.

Our Spring GFWC District 10 meeting will be in Ft. Pierce on May 18. We have several people attending what should be a good meeting hosted for the Ft. Pierce Women's Club.

PERSONALS

I want to personally thank Jean Allen for knitting 21 hats and 6 scarves for Christmas at Sea. Each

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1 - HHRC Founders Day
- May 8 - International Dinner
- May 8 & 9 - Models to Chico's
- May 10 - Set up for fashion show
- May 11 - FASHION SHOW
- May 11 - Honor Flight
- May 15 - VA Centerpiece make & Take workshop & lunch
- May 18 - District 10 Spring Meeting
- May 19 - Club Picnic
- May 22 - Orchid Project
- May 27 - FSO Memorial Day event
- May 29 - Quantum House

State Leadership Conference review in pictures

Saturday

Friday

Donation of books



Group dinner



Linda and Mary Evelyn being recognized for
their combined 50+ years of federation
membership



First Award





1st Place Newsletters



1st Place



Saturday Banquet
Mary Evelyn being recognized as our
Volunteer of the Year.

Sunday 1st Place Public Issues



1st Place Public Relations



Outstanding Club Category 1



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