

# GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

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**"WE PUT LOVE IN ACTION THROUGH SERVICE"**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -**

**Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

Dear Members,

I hope all of you are enjoying the Holiday Season and looking forward to a Happy New Year.

January is report time and I am planning to have a Reporting Workshop at my home on Tuesday, January 7. at 1 p.m. Many clubs do not write reports but there are two reasons why I think it is a good idea. GFWC Florida compiles all the individual reports and presents a state summary which is really impressive. It gives people who are not familiar with GFWC some idea of the many projects that clubs all over the state carry out. Also, as a club, we work very hard and it is nice to be recognized for that work with awards at state convention. Anyone who would like to learn about reporting is welcome to come to the workshop, but I especially hope to meet with any Department Chairs or others who will be responsible for reports and might need assistance.

I have been in contact with the Guatemalan Maya Organization and hope to soon have a list of possible projects for our Martin Luther King Day of Work. They did remember us- thanks to the great work of Linda Walker in leading a collection of food that was needed last summer after the hurricane.

I hope you all are looking forward to a busy and fun 2020 club year.

In Federation Love,

Mary Evelyn

**Congratulations to Donna Cohen- our Volunteer of the Year!**



**MEMBERSHIP - Meg America and Linda Ferris**

**Holiday Party/dinner:** We hope you enjoyed the club's holiday dinner at the Olive Garden. We had 23 members and 5 guests (including our District Director Carol) attend. Sorry about the confusion at the end that caused some members to stay later than they wanted to settle their bill. We checked with management about writing names when they take dinner orders, and they said it would be impossible. However, everyone

was happy ordering what they wanted, and the cake Meg ordered from Publix was delicious! We took the leftover cake to Quantum House the next day, and they enjoyed it!

### Holiday Party in Pictures





**Birthdays:** Suzan Close, Jana. 3, Kathy Stackhouse, Jan. 27  
January Anniversaries: none

**New members:** At our January 27, 2020 meeting, we plan to initiate Bev Gallus, Deb Griffin and Evy Bartley. We will have an orientation for them in January, after we set a date convenient for all.

**January Members/Guests Day Out:** Would you like to go to the West Palm Beach Greenmarket on Saturday, January 4? We can meet at 10 a.m., and enjoy the vendors, and have lunch/breakfast if you wish. We will send an email closer to the date.

**Traveling Teapot:** Jean Allen will be contacting members to begin our "Traveling Teapot" project, where 3 members will join her for tea and conversation. She explained the project at our December holiday party. In February, four other members will meet. We hope members will enjoy getting to know one another.



**Ideas for 2020:** We would love your input on membership ideas for the new year. If you have an idea for a monthly project, or something at the meeting, or just something you like or don't like, please email Meg and Linda. Our membership is only as strong as our members. We thank you for participating in membership activities this year! Happy New Year!



## FUNDRAISING - JeffAnne Pike

We raised \$120 total in our purse raffle, with Kathy Stackhouse taking home the purse. We sold \$95 worth of tickets, and had \$25 in contributions. The money will go toward **Dollars for Delegates** to offset the expenses of those attending GFWC Florida state convention.



## ARTS - Sharon Bounds

I want to thank everyone for attending my Arts programs and helping me with ideas! Especially to Janet for work with the Stenciling class and the wreath classes.

I am planning a Valentine card class in January but don't have a date yet. I may do the class over 2 days so more can participate!  
Thanks, Sharon Bounds



## CONSERVATION - Donna Cohen

Pictured below are the **cage covers and cat food** donated to our trappers

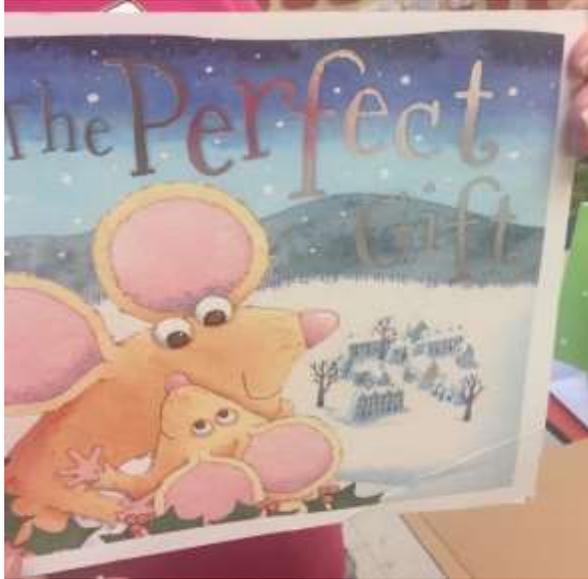


Janet Blackford Carlson and Donna Cohen dropped off cookies for the **Children's Christmas Party at the Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen.** Pictured is Ryan Okrant, project organizer!





## EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse



Registration for The Presidents and Their First Ladies Dramatically Speaking performances of George H.W. and Barbara Bush opens Monday, December 16 at 10 A.M. [www.pbclibrary.org/presidents-2020](http://www.pbclibrary.org/presidents-2020). Seats fill quickly at the many locations for dates January 6-25, 2020.



## HOME LIFE - Suzan Close

On December 3, 2019 our club partnered with the Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club for the **Chef of the Day** program at Quantum House. Quantum House has rooms for 30 families whose children are recovering from surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. They travel here from all over the world. Each night a club, organization or business provides a free meal to the families. We had 7 members from our club and 5 members from the Gardens club, including our District 10 Director Carol Renick, prepare dinner for almost 70 people. We also gave out 46 handmade pillowcases to all the children at the house. Our menu included Ham, Marinated chicken legs & thighs, Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Macaroni & cheese, Tossed salad, Slaw, Fresh whole fruit, and Hawaiian rolls. A large variety of homemade holiday desserts were provided by the GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club. The families appreciated the meal we provided so much that they wanted us to come every night! This project makes everyone who works on it feel like we have really made a difference in their life that day. We look forward to doing at least 4 dinners next year.







place for the seamen and mariners from various ships to have a place to come rest, call home, eat, and socialize. The items are given to the seafarer's at Christmas. They receive a ditty bag with a hat, scarf & cowl plus other items. They are used to help them stay warm. Jean Allen and Gay Alexin were two of the knitters this year. Jean wins the prize for the fastest knitter ever!!! Suzan is able to deliver them for free when she visits her son in Merritt Island. Let's keep knitting!

Debbie Still and Kathy Stackhouse made a delivery to **Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies** of donated children's items.



Race for the Cure is January 25, 2020. Don't forget to register early for the best price. Contact Janet Carlson for more information regarding our club's team.



## **PUBLIC ISSUES - Cathy Hopkins**

Members once again were servers for the District 16 Greenacres Sheriff's Department Annual Holiday Recognition Party. This is the third year we have participated.



## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Linda Walker**

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Suzan and Kenny Close delivered the **knitted scarves, caps and cowls** to the Canaveral Port Ministry in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The center provides a





**Random Acts of Cookies** - Club members made and donated cookies for our Random Acts of Cookies project. Members delivered the cookies to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department correctional officers at the jail, Palm Springs Police and Palm Springs Fire Department. Chief Deputy Michael Gauger and CERT officers gave us an informative tour of the jail. Cathy got to sit in the "hot seat" to be checked for metal contraband and Phyllis is with Lilly, the dog dog.





**Home Safe** - Club members purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts for the six girls living at Home Safe. Included in the gifts was a gift certificate for a pizza party with cookies!



Our picture was used on the Home Safe Facebook page and web site!



up some at the dollar store or drug store if you want to support this project.

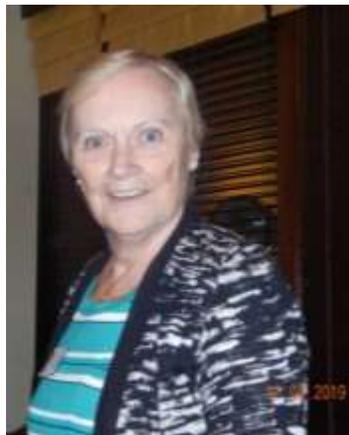
**Birthday Bags:** At our January 27 meeting, we will start collecting items for the birthday bags for the children in the domestic violence shelter. If you have birthday plates, birthday napkins, birthday cups, birthday favors, and toys, board games or craft items, please bring them to the meeting. Kathy Stackhouse will order a new book for each bag, and the bags will be labeled age appropriate, boy or girl, or either.

**LEADERSHIP - Mary Evelyn Mitchell**  
**Congratulations to Jean Allen our LEADS nominee for 2020.**



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris**

**PR Works:** Thanks to everyone for thinking PR this year for our club projects, and getting our club's name out in the community. Everyone posted on their own FB page, and used our club's discussion page to plan and advise. Special thanks to Phyllis and JeffAnne for keeping our club's official Facebook page in the news; to JeffAnne for the best newsletter, which also goes to state officers as well as members; and to Janet Carlson for maintaining the club's Website.



## **PERSONALS**

**Invitation:** American Association of University Women (AAUW) is honoring Judy Pierman of the HHRC, on February 8, 2010, at Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens. This is a luncheon and auction gala. Tickets are \$70, and the money supports the Doris Karlik scholarship, as well as other women and girl's groups that AAUW supports. If you want tickets, send a check to Ann Hutchins, PO Box 14836, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Deadline is January 24. Sorry no phone number was listed. Kathy and Linda have registered to attend, since they work with Judy at our adopted class at HHRC.

**Reports:** We will be doing reports now until January 31. We may send some emails to get info, so please answer them. We report all our club projects we did in 2019 in some GFWC



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

**Mascara:** Do you have some mascara samples you will not use? Please bring them to the January 27 meeting. We found out the Harmony House women most requested item is mascara, according to a board member. You can also pick

department, along with number of members participating, hours spent, money spent from the treasury and in-kind donations. Yes, it's a lot of work!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- January 4<sup>th</sup>- Day Out at Green Mkt.
- January 6<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- Presidents and First Ladies presentations
- January 7<sup>th</sup>- Report writing workshop
- January 13<sup>th</sup> - Fashion Show Committee meeting
- January 20<sup>th</sup>- MLK Day of Service
- January 20<sup>th</sup>- Board Meeting
- January 25<sup>th</sup>- Race for the Cure
- January 27<sup>th</sup>- Business Meeting

**WISHING EVERYONE A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**HAPPY HANUKKAH**



and a

**HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR**



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