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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for all your hard work in making the Annual District Tour such a success. The meeting ran smoothly, the food was delicious and the decorations were amazing. This was all due your dedication and effort with this event. We are the best club in the district!

There has been some concern about our November meeting date this month. It is the same week as Thanksgiving and several members have expressed wanting to move the business meeting up one week to November 18. Some members are going out of town and others are having out-of-town company for the holiday. This would also push the board meeting up a week. Since Janet and Sharon have already planned a workshop that day, board would have to be later in the day. Please call or text me if you see a major issue with this change, if not the meeting will be on November 18 at the same time and place.

Thank you to all who called or emailed our senators and representatives in response to concerns regarding the Miranda Act and the 3-D gun legislation. Advocating for important issues is the foundation on which our organization was built. Please consider signing up for the "Legislative Action Center" at <http://www.cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app/register?5>

[m+422710](#) or (much easier) search for "Legislative Action Center". On this link the GFWC will send an alert to provide information on legislation you might want to support but no political advice or information.

We have a busy month ahead and I look forward to seeing you at several of the activities planned this month.

In Federation love,

Mary Evelyn



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

Our Speaker for the November meeting will be from the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept.

**MEMBERSHIP - Meg America and
Linda Ferris**

October Birthdays
19 Sheila Zile
19 Sharon Bounds
23 Cathy Hopkins

29 Alice Soroka

November Birthdays

23 Liz Bloser

27 Linda Walker

We are planning our traditional **Thanksgiving Dinner November 8, 2019**. This will be held at Barb and Rick Burdette's. Usually, we have planned a bunco evening but once a year, we want to include the members who are not fond of games. The foods are always great, but laughter and conversation the best. We hope you will come and enjoy the evening with us.

Our **Holiday Party** will be held at the Olive Garden, Lake Worth Road on December 2, 2019. Each member will order from the menu. We hope to see you at this event too.

The next date for events will be 2020 Yikes. Where did the teen years go?



FUNDRAISING

BUNCO - Suzan Close

A **BUNCO fundraiser was held on Friday October 18, 2019** at the home of Suzan & Kenny Close. The food theme was football tailgate food. We met at 6 p.m. for a wonderful dinner prepared by all who attended. We had a great time socializing while we enjoyed the food. We had 6 members, 5 boosters, and 4 guests to attend. We had a lot of fun playing Bunco with 5 winners. We made \$130. Our next Bunco will be after the first of the year. I hope many of you will attend the next Bunco. It is a great chance to bring guests to have a chance to get to know us better.

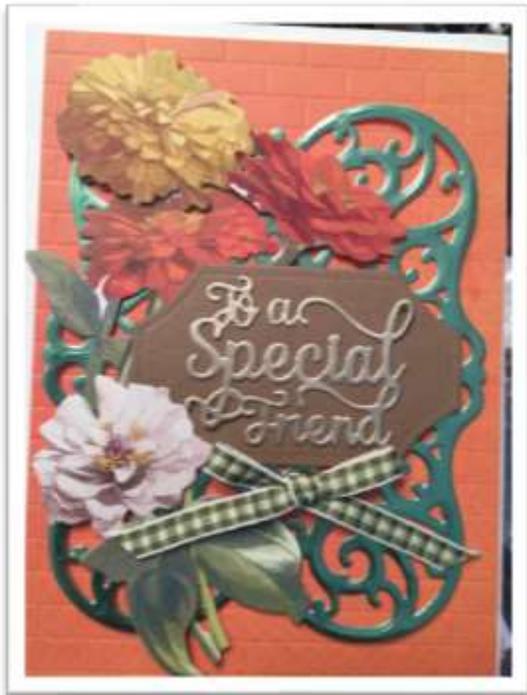
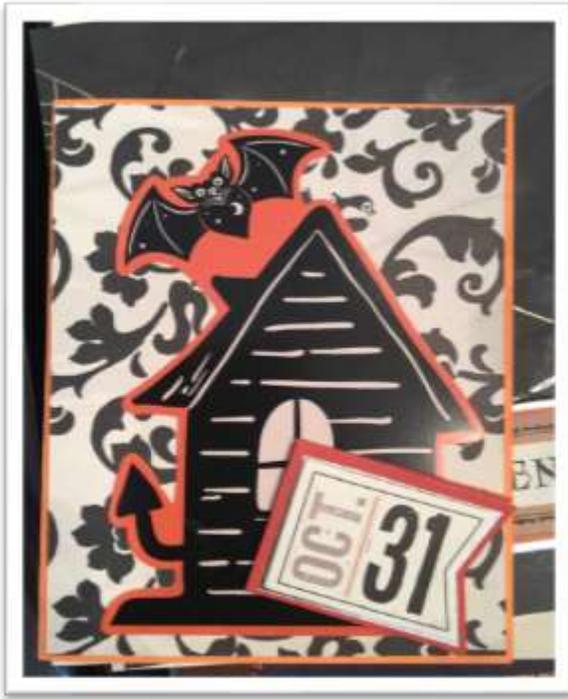




ARTS - Sharon Bounds

We had an amazing morning making Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards followed by a delicious salad lunch! There were 5 members and 3 guests who attended the workshop.

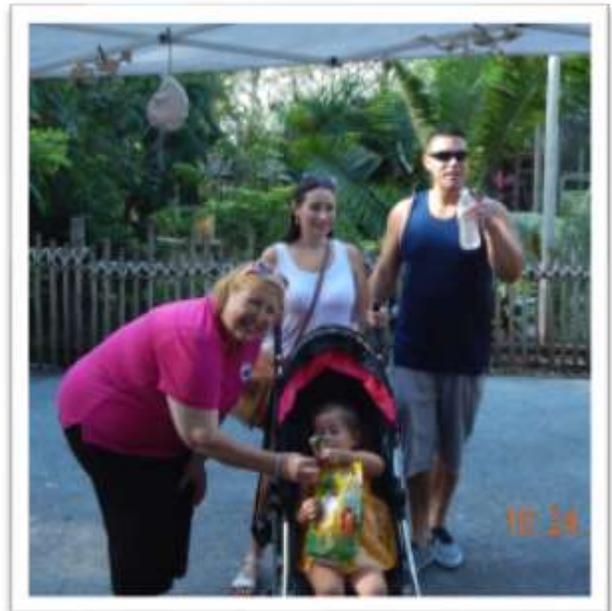




CONSERVATION - Donna Cohen

Boo At the Zoo - On October 25, 6 members and 1 booster attended Boo at the Zoo and handed out candy to the cute trick or treaters. And as usual, lunch at my fav, Gun Club Cafe.







BEE SMART - Conservation will occasionally publish "Bee Smart" articles. The goal is to increase awareness of their importance to us. Proved fun facts and ways to help our bees stay healthy and survive.

Why bees are important to our environment: (first of five reasons)

1. Pollination

What's your favorite summer crop? If you love apples, melons, cranberries, asparagus or broccoli, you should tip your sun hat to our fuzzy, insect friends.

To germinate these plants, it requires the transfer of pollen from the male to the female part of the flower. As bees move from flower to flower in search of nectar, they leave behind grains of pollen, allowing plants to (reproduce) grow and produce food.

Bees earn their reputation as busy workers by pollinating BILLIONS of plants each year, including millions of agricultural crops. **In fact, pollinators like bees play a key role in one out of three bites of food we eat!**

Sharon Bounds (Arts Chairwoman) will provide one of her magnificent cards for all of us to sign. This is a get well card for Rick Lancaster (our Countdown2zero adopted trapper).

Collecting:

- Cat Food for or Trapper team
- Soles4souls- gently used shoes
- Peggy Adams - linen and towels, food
- PBZoo- empty TP and PT rolls

Upcoming:



November 20 - deliver Soles4souls.



EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse

What great presentations ahead!

Join other club members in the finale of the Literacy Coalition of **Palm Beach's Read Together Palm Beach County 2019** on Thursday, November 21 at 6 P.M. You must register at LiteracyPBC.org/event/read-together-pbc/. The selected book *The One-in-a-Million-Boy* will be discussed with author Monica Wood.

An earlier, very special event will be the **Dramaworks staged reading** of the novel on Monday, November 11 at 7 P.M. A superb cast of professional actors breathe life into the prose of this warm and uplifting novel. The place is 201 Clematis Street, WPB. A donation is appreciated for both events. Again, register using the above info.

Many thanks to all the club members who donated books at the August and September meetings. We collected 72 books with an in-kind donation value of \$215.

On Wednesday October 2, two boxes of books were delivered to the Hagen Branch Library for the **Friends of the Library Book Sale**.

The next day, the third box was dropped off at the beautiful **reading room** on the second floor of the Wellington Green Mall near JC Penney's.



Two other education projects centered on our adopted class of three-year-olds at the **Hispanic Human Resource Center**. We donated and delivered eight teaching resources to teacher Eliana Rodriquez from Lakeshore Learning for \$175. We received a pictorial thank you. On Monday October 14, Debbie Still and Kathy Stackhouse made a Halloween visit to room 106. Kathy read the book *The Twelve Days of Halloween* while emphasizing counting skills. Then she read *Thanksgiving At Our House*. Besides a copy of the Halloween book for each student, we left bags of healthy Halloween treats.





Literacy grants have been suspended since the original grant funding has reached its end. GFWC is searching for a new source of funding.



HOME LIFE - Suzan Close

Quantum House dinner will be December 3, 2019. We will meet at 3 p.m. to prepare the food and be ready to serve at 5:30 p.m. We already have the pillowcases ready to give out. We are sticking to our same menu as much as possible. I will need 5 or 6 members willing to help that day. GFWC Palm Beach Gardens club will also send 5 or 6 members to assist. They will also share the cost with us. Please let me know if you will be available to help. Jean and I will be helping for sure. It is one of our favorite club projects. We will finalize details at our November meeting.

Breast Cancer Awareness month was the month of October. Members were reminded to get their mammograms on a yearly basis. We wore pink on October 28, 2019 to emphasize our support of those who have had breast cancer.



November is World Pancreatic Awareness month. The national recognition day is November 21 2019. I'm sure all of us have known someone who had this terrible disease. Common symptoms are persistent stomach pain, mid-back pain, unexplained weight loss, new onset diabetes and yellowing of the skin or eyes. The problem is often we ignore these very symptoms. It is getting national attention since Alex Trebek, the host of Jeopardy has been diagnosed and sharing his experiences. Please share these facts with others. You can Google pancreatic cancer for more information.

Thanksgiving: I would like to see us collect non-perishable food to donate to needy families. We can collect at our Thanksgiving dinner on November 8 and also at our meeting. Turkeys are always really cheap at this time of year so I am willing to donate 2 frozen turkeys and you can bring the food for sides. I have a source that will be glad to see they go to needy families. We will also be donating money to **Food for Families**. Please remember that Thanksgiving is truly a time to be grateful for family, friends, health and everything you can think of in your life. It would be a good month to do a gratitude journal each day. You could even do it on your phone in your memo or notes. Today I am thankful some of my Home Ec teacher friends, JeffAnne, and Mary Evelyn, invited me to a GFWC membership tea about 8 years ago. Since I joined, I have met so many wonderful women and made new lifetime friends. Needless, to say I also found many activities to do in my retirement years. Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Linda Walker

CHRISTMAS AT SEA - (Seamen's Church Institute (SCI). I have a large bag of hats and scarves provided by Jean Allen and Gay Alexin. If you wish to participate in this project, that would be great! I will be mailing the items out the last week of November.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Can be viewed at samaritanspurse.org. Our workshop will be on Friday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m. at my house, 8411 Theresa Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33472. I have received the preprinted shoeboxes and the labels for this project and will have everything ready for our stuffing event. We have plenty of washcloths, soaps, and toothbrushes, but could still use some small toys such as dolls, soccer balls with pump, toy trucks, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, socks, hats, sunglasses, shirts, and shorts. Should you prefer to fill your own box on your own, but would like for the club to pay the \$9 postage, please make arrangements to get your boxes to me. I will deliver all of the boxes on November 18. I look forward to seeing many of you on November 15 and once again, thank you one and all for your participation in this very special project!

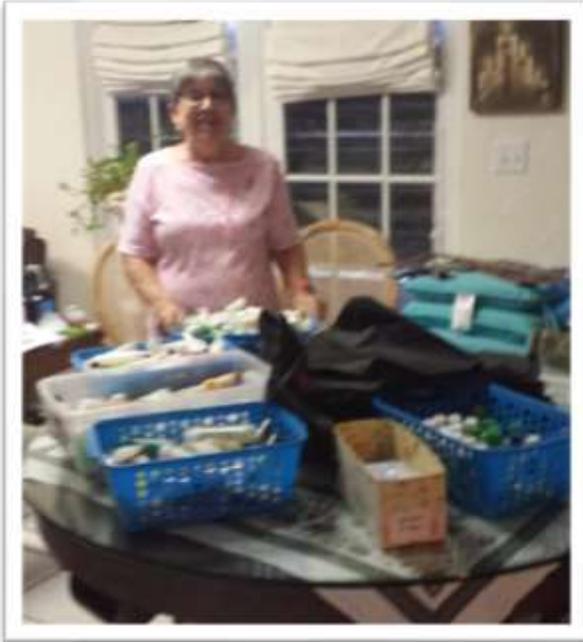
INTERNATIONAL DINNER - We will have our International Dinner at Chris' Taverna (Greek Cuisine), 6338 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, Florida 33463 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12. This restaurant is located at the Southeast corner of Jog Road and Lantana Road. Please let me know by November 10 if you plan to come so they can prepare for us. The food is great and it should be a good time.



PUBLIC ISSUES - Cathy Hopkins

On October 8, 5 members met at Cathy Hopkins' house and stuffed 49 bags of socks, face rags and hygiene items for the **homeless Veterans**. We delivered them the same day and 4 of us went to lunch after at Cracker Barrel. The participation for this project was wonderful and my daughter was able to donate the bags we used from discarded advertising from her work.





This coming month, November 2 is the next **Honor Flight**. If you have never been to see the veterans return from their day in Washington, you are missing a wonderful experience for you and for them as you cheer them as they come from the plane! You can meet at Rooney's at the airport around 7 pm and join other club members as they wait for the plane to arrive.

Veteran's Day in November 11 and we will be making **centerpieces** for the VA on November 5 at 10 am at Cathy Hopkins' house and then proceeding to the VA to deliver them and then go to lunch for whoever can come. Please let me know if you are going to help with the centerpieces by text or email. I would love to have anyone who would like to put the centerpieces together. It's pretty easy and fun.

It's that time of year again...time to cook turkeys for the **Greenacres Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. Please let JeffAnne (561-329-1289)

know by November 12 if you are willing to cook one or more turkeys. Pick up will be Friday, November 22 and return day is Wednesday November 27. We have done this in the past and hope many of you will consider helping again.

We have once again been asked to volunteer to serve the food again this year for the 2019 **Sheriff's Office District 16 Holiday Party** scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 7-10 pm. The hours for volunteer would be the same as last year (6:30-9:30 pm). Please let JeffAnne (561-329-1289) know if you are willing to volunteer. We need between 8-10 members.



ESO - Linda Ferris

Have you submitted the books you have read to Stephanie Cantrell, our state ESO chairman? When you have complete 5 books in a category, you can submit a form. Mine have been in potpourri category, but I have read several biographies this year, and hope to complete it by December. If you need a form or more info on ESO, let me know.



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris

Facebook: Lots of posts of club activities, including Boo at the Zoo, the Annual District 10 meeting and more. I love it when a memory pops up on your personal page, and you share a club project from past years. Keep spreading the word about our club!



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

Members wear purple in support of Domestic Assault Awareness month.



DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Our club the hosted the District 10 Annual District Tour October 28 and 29. Dinner on Monday night was delicious and the meeting on Tuesday was attended by 65 members from clubs around the district. Sharon Oliphant, GFWC FL State President and Shannon Bailey, GFWC FL Director of Jr Clubs were our guest speakers.







District 10 Happenings:

Fall Colors

Luncheon & Fashion Show

Presented by

The Boynton Woman's Club

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 11 a.m.

At Benvenuto Restaurant

1730 North Federal Highway

Boynton Beach, Florida

Fashion Coordinator, Toby Dale, will present the latest fashions from local boutiques.

Tickets are \$45

Reservations: 561-369-2300 or
BWC1909@gmail.com

Stuart Tour of Homes, Sunday, Dec. 8,

\$45, 12 to 6 p.m.

772-288-3227

womansclubofstuart.com; WCStour@gmail.com

PERSONALS

Mary Evelyn, you were great at putting this whole event together after Cathy and I agreed to do it. We didn't have any idea what a huge job it would be for you. You were great at leading and guiding us in all the protocol for being successful. We couldn't have done it without your leadership!

I have to thank Janet for shopping with me for the food on Monday. I know it took a lot of time to do all the financial matters related to this project.

When Mary Evelyn asked me to head up the Continental breakfast for the GFWC District 10 Fall Tour, I knew I would need a lot of help! It has been amazing how willing everyone was to help. The following women made or bought food to bring; Meg, Barbara, Suzan, JeffAnne, Linda F., and Cathy H. Jean cut up the lemons and fruit at home. JeffAnne took care of buying the tablecloths, pitchers and many other accessories needed. She also helped when I had a question on what was needed. Many members donated coffee pots, coffee, tea bags, serving platters, bowls & utensils. I really believe everyone did something to help make it a success.

Fran and Gary Green really did a lot by getting the facility, helping set up, getting there at 7:30 on Tuesday morning. Gary also picked up all the lunches from Publix and delivered them to us at the clubhouse. After it was over, Gary and Martin made sure everything was put back & the floor cleaned at the end of the meeting. Our Boosters, Kenny Close, Gary Green, Martin Allen and Jim Ferris were all there to help get it set up on Monday afternoon.

I just want to say how proud I am to belong to a group who can work together to accomplish such a huge project!!! Thank you everyone for making GFWC District 10 Fall Tour a success.

Thanks again, Suzan Close

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd-Tree Give Away
Honor Flight
November 4th-Standing Rules Committee Mtg.
11:30
November 5th-VA Centerpiece workshop
November 8th-Club Thanksgiving Dinner
November 11th-Wreath Workshop
Board Meeting
Dramaworks presentation
November 12th-International Dinner
November 15th-Shoebox packing
November 18th-BUSINESS Meeting
Shoebox delivery
November 20th-Soles4souls delivery
November 21st-Read Together PBC final event
November 22nd-Turkey pick-up
November 27th-Turkey return
November 28th-HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Looking ahead

December 2nd-Holiday Party
December 3rd-Quantum House
December 5th-Sheriff's Dinner

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