

# GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-**

**Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

Dear Members,

Since we will not meet before we serve as hostesses for the Fall District Tour I wanted to clarify what we will need to do:

1. If you plan to attend the meeting on October 29, you will need to let Janet know by October 21 and also you need to indicate your food preferences. Your choices are: A. Ultimate Sub (with everything) B. Turkey and Cheese or C. Veggie Sub.
2. Sheila and Fran will deliver a welcome basket to the hotel on October 28.
3. Club members will meet at Sand Egret Clubhouse, 5800 Aquarius Blvd., Lake Worth (Fran's Club house) at 4 p.m. on October 28 to set up. Cathy and Meg have volunteered to work with decorations and Janet Oliver, Sharon Bounds and Debbie Still have also volunteered to help. Husbands Martin Allen, Gary Green and Jim Ferris have also been volunteered to help with the set up. We can use the assistance of any other club members, also.
4. We will be the hostesses for a dinner at Torero's, 7757 Lake Worth Rd., at 6 p.m. on October 28. If you plan to attend please let Janet or me know beforehand so we have a count for the restaurant.
5. Members will need to be at the club house by 9 a.m. on October 29. Janet will be in charge of

registration with Linda Walker and Janie D'Ambrosia also helping.

6. Suzan Close is in charge of the brunch food and beverages before the meeting. If you are willing to prepare something, please let her know. Janie also volunteered to help with this. Suzan will need some other members to assist also. Fran will provide water and ice.

7. Members will be needed to set up and distribute lunch- Janie has volunteered for this but others will be needed.

8. All members will be needed to clean-up. Kathy Stackhouse and Debbie Still are volunteers there.

Thank you to everyone for volunteering to help. Suzanne, Linda Ferris and I will be out of town from October 8 to 21 but thank you all for coordinating to have everything ready to go. Remember there is no regular club meeting this month.

In Federation Love,

Mary Evelyn

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-**

**Fran Green and Sheila Zile-Pecoraro**

Our guest speaker, Dr. Mary Cauthen, Chief Programs Officer At YWCA.



## **MEMBERSHIP - Meg America and Linda Ferris**

### **Birthdays**

Sept. 1- Nancy Wood  
16- Gay Alexin  
18- Fran Green  
26- Mary Evelyn Mitchell

### **October**

19- Sheila Zile-Pecoraro  
19- Sharon Bounds  
23- Cathy Hopkins  
29- Alice Saroka

### **September Anniversaries**

3- Barbara and Rick Burdette  
6- Donna and Sandy Cohen  
25- Janet and Dan Carlson

### **No October anniversaries**

**Guests** at the meeting: Deb Griffin, Beverly Gallus, Evelyn Bartley

**Painting dinner recap** - Six members enjoyed dinner before the sign Painting at the Downtown Art Factory in Lake Worth.

In celebration of the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment**, we can see "One Half of the People: Advancing Equality for

Women," at the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N. Dixie Highway, WPB. This is across from the Palm Beach County courthouse. Three members went on September 26. It is on display through October 19 if other members wish to see it. Free. Open 10-5; closed Sunday and Monday. This is part of our 3 Brand new Initiatives from GFWC, on celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Right to vote.



**"You Nailed It"**— Two Awards tonight! The first goes to Fran for stepping up to chair the movie and lunch, and the second to Gay for being the greeter tonight.

**Downton Abbey.** Fran has offered to chair this outing. It's nice everyone helps with Membership. Fran and Suzan attended and enjoyed the movie.



**Thanksgiving dinner:** For two years, we have enjoyed a club Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Barbara and Rick Burdette. We don't play Bunco; we just enjoy potluck dinner and fellowship. Barbara has graciously invited us to enjoy dinner again this year at 6 p.m. on **Friday, November 8**. We will do a signup sheet by email so we don't all bring the same thing.

**Holiday Party, Monday, December 2:** Save the date. We are still working on the details since all the restaurants Meg called want 50 people, \$50 for a private room, or some other restraint. Meg plans to have this worked out soon.

**New member:** We welcome Debbie Still into our club family. She was initiated at the September meeting, with Kathy Stackhouse as her sponsor.



Here's a little bio about Debbie:

**Birthday:** March 26

**Family:** Partner – Bob

Son – Dustin – lives in West Palm

Sister – Susan – lives in Austin

Brother – Randy – lives in San Francisco

2 American Eskimo dogs – Sugar and Snuggles  
1 tabby cat – Mulligan and 1 Scottish Fold cat  
Smokey

**Where you grew up:** I was born and raised in Sedalia, Missouri. Lived there 18 years then went to college in Kansas City and lived in Kansas for the next 18 years.

**Education:** BS in Elementary Education from the University of Mo. at Kansas City; Specialist degree in Reading from The University of Kansas; Masters in History and English from the University of Kansas.

**Employment:** Retired 1 year.

Taught school for 20 years in Kansas

Taught school for 27 years in Florida (Boca Raton and Royal Palm Beach)

Taught school for 1 year in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

**Hobbies:** Needlepoint, crochet, reading

**When did you move to Florida?** 1989

**One thing you like about the club:** I love the women. What a caring and fun group.

**What project do you like to participate in our club?** Everything I've done I've really enjoyed. Especially love the education projects and helping animals.

**Other:** Member, Elder, and Clerk of Session at Palms West Presbyterian Church



## FUNDRAISING

### BUNCO- Suzan Close

We are planning the next Bunco for Friday October 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. We will do a Tailgate meal in honor of football season. Wear your favorite jersey or shirt & come have a good time. It will be at Barbara Burdette's. The address is 9501 Lantern Bay Circle, in Baywinds development, West Palm Beach. We had more guests than members last time so be sure to invite all those who might enjoy this activity. Please let Suzan or Barbara know if you can come by October 10. She will need a list for the gate. Suzan's cell is 561-329-8874. Barbara's cell is 948-988-9029 or home 561-514-1902. If

you don't get the email signup sheet please call me.

### **PURSE FUNDRAISER-Linda Ferris**

We saved a purse, from our donations to the Domestic Assault shelter. After asking the member who donated it, and she agreed we could use it as a Dollars for Delegates fundraiser. Linda Ferris will sell \$5 tickets on a Dooney & Bourke Saffiano Leather Shoulder Bag, Geranium color, with matching wallet, billfold and keychain. Linda will have raffle tickets are club events, and pick the winning ticket at our holiday party. It sold for more than \$287. Here's a picture.



### **COUPON BOOKS - Gay Alexin**

We still have 13 coupon books left to sell. Please see Gay if you want one.

### **FASHION SHOW - JeffAnne Pike**

Save the Date- May 9 for our Fashion Show fundraiser.



### **ARTS - Sharon Bounds**

Card making class Wednesday October 2, 10-12 followed with a salad lunch! We will be making Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Cards! I have 4 confirmed still time to come! Please

remind me if you are coming and what you are bringing.



### **CONSERVATION - Donna Cohen**

Meg America presented Wilson Williams with a gift certificate to his favorite breakfast spot as a thank you for his work on our Everglades Eagle. Pictured below is Linda Ferris, with our eagle, at Fall Board.



Two club members and 1 guest went to the PBZCS and painted boxes to be used as enrichment presents for the weekends reptile event. We had lunch and enjoyed the zoo. We also donated our 4<sup>th</sup> bag of enrichment items (empty TT and PT rolls).





Donna mailed 10 used/cleaned mascara wands to **Wands For Wildlife** in North Carolina. These wands will be used to care for injured and orphaned wildlife. We will continue to collect used mascara wands

Our **Soles4souls** delivery is rescheduled for October. We currently have 36 pairs of shoes.

Please continue to support our **Countdown2zero** Trapping Teams by collecting "Fancy Feast - flaked fish and shrimp" cat food. To date we have donated 116 cans of cat food!

Continue collecting:  
 Used TP and PT rolls  
 Shoes  
 Mascara Wands  
 Items for Peggy Adams Animal Rescue



## EDUCATION - Kathy Stackhouse

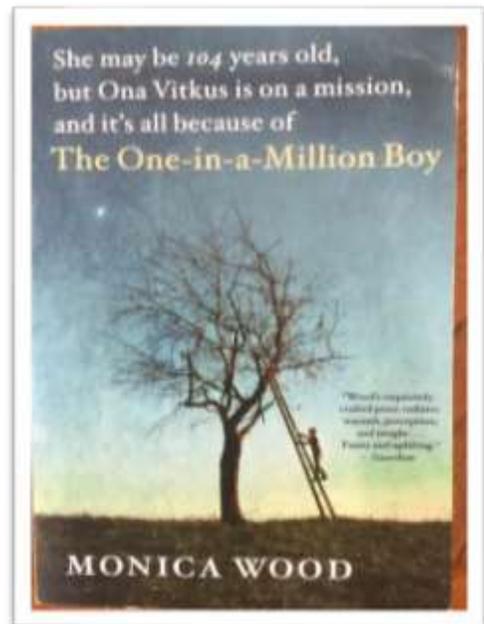
On Wednesday, September 11 members Linda Ferris, Kathy Stackhouse, and prospective member Debbie Still visited our adopted class at the Hispanic Resource Center. This group of three-year-olds is the youngest group we have had in a few years and we did not know what to expect. New teacher Eliana Hernandez and her assistant had the class well under control. The children gathered on their story time rug to listen to Kathy read them the book *Be Kind*. Then we gave each child a decorated canvas book bag

which contained a pull-up flap book *The Lion Guard*.



To promote club publicity, your education chair has purchased a book stamp for the used books we collect and donate. The stamp reads: Donations from Education Committee, GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club, P.O. Box 16311, West Palm Beach, FL 33416. I will collect books tonight and at our November meeting.

**Fall 2019 Read Together Palm Beach County**  
 Join club members and adults throughout the county in reading *The One-in-a-Million Boy*. Book discussions, events, and celebrations will be held during the campaign. The Read Together finale with the author will be Thursday, November 21 at the Harriet Himmel Theater at 6 P.M. The book may be purchased at the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. Most of us find it easier to order for our e-reader, order online, or secure at public library.



**The Literacy Coalition** also announced that the children's book *Thank You Omu!* By Oge Mora is this year's selection for the Read for the Record Campaign. With the Read for the Record, thousands of adults will read the chosen book to children across the county on a single day, which is November 7. **Registration opened September 25, so go to Delray Reads 2019** and sign up. Debbie Still and I have already registered for Banyan Creek Elementary and have declined to attend the breakfast.

9. They will be given to new mothers who come in for supplies.



**HOME LIFE - Suzan Close**

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.** Please consider wearing Pink to our October 28 dinner & preparation for the District meeting the next day. We would like to take a picture together. We have at least 5 or more who are breast cancer survivors. I am celebrating 27 years as of September 9. No one is immune from this cancer. Please be faithful to get your mammograms each year. I will bring a purple scarf to remember the Domestic Violence Awareness Month for Linda.

**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County** - Janet Carlson & Linda Walker delivered 3 knitted blankets, 37 knitted or crocheted caps & 33 headbands on September



A workshop was held at the home of Suzan Close to make **shirt protectors** for the ROYAL PALM SCHOOL for the severely handicapped students September 12, 2019. Linda Walker's neighbor is a teacher at the school. She asked Linda if we would make the shirt protectors if she got the

fabric. Linda said yes. Then the teacher found out the school wouldn't pay for the fabric. She considered buying it herself until she found out how much it would cost. I looked in our fabric stash and found enough to make 31 to give her. They are rather plain but free to them & us. It took about 25 yards so at 3.50 per yard it would have been \$87.50. It takes about 1 hour for each one. Since we had donated thread & Velcro leftover, they cost us nothing. We had 5 members & 1 guest who participated that day. Thanks to all of them. They were Mary Evelyn Mitchell, Nancy Wood, Barbara Burdette, Linda Walker, Suzan Close, and Evelyn Bartley.



**Quantum House Dinner** is officially set for December 3, 2019. The GFWC Palm Beach Gardens will be partnering with us on that project. The Jupiter Juniores want to help next time. They have a schedule conflict on December 3. Please put this on your calendar. More details at the November meeting. We already have 50 pillowcases made to take.



## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - Linda Walker**

Each month, I will feature a few of our International projects for our new members. **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** was started in the 1930's by Dan West, a Midwestern farmer who ladled out cups of milk to hungry children on both sides of the civil war, when he realized what these

families needed was "not a cup, but a cow." The idea of giving families a source of food and education rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued over 70 years. Our donation of \$50 for a "Hope Basket" has been sent this month to Heifer International. This basket will include rabbits and a starter flock of chickens, which provides eggs and protein for nourishment and boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring. These animals reproduce often, so families will soon be able to Pass on the Gift to neighbors making our gift even greater. For more information, go to [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org).

**CHRISTMAS AT SEA** - (Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) promotes the safety, dignity and improved working environment for the men and women serving in North American and International maritime workplaces. We sent a large box of beautifully knitted hats and scarves (21 hats and 8 scarves) thanks to Jean Allen. If you would like to participate in this project, please let me know. I will send you all the specific details. You can also get patterns and details at [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org) and/or [www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea](http://www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea).

I plan to mail another package in December. Jean Allen is willing to host a class on knitting. If you would like to learn, please contact Linda Walker and we will coordinate a date and time for this.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Can be viewed at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). I have ordered preprinted shoeboxes for this project and will have everything ready for our **stuffing event on Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.** In the meantime, please bring small toys such as dolls, soccer balls with pump, toy trucks, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, socks, hats, sunglasses, shirts, shorts, and/or skirts to each event you attend until the 26<sup>th</sup>, or bring them on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 during the collection week which is November 18 through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you one and all for your participation in this very special project!

Club members donated to the **Guatemalan-Maya Center** in Lake Worth. We were able to deliver 68 lbs. of white rice, 33 lbs. of dried pinto

beans, 8 lbs. of dried black beans, 4 lbs. of navy beans, 5 lbs. of assorted red beans and lentils, 14 cans of black beans, 9 cans of red beans, 2 cans of chick peas, 36 3 oz. packs of Ramon Noodles, 104 packs of baby wipes, 15 containers of baby formula, 2 boxes of cereal, 2 large jars of peanut butter, 2 rolls of paper towels, 6 1 lb. packs of yellow rice, 18 small bags of chips, Pringles, 21 Fiber One Brownies and 3 frying pans. Thank you to all who participated on such short notice. Shown below are Frank O'Loughlin, Executive Director of Guatemalan-Mayan Center, Linda Ferris, Linda Walker, Donna Cohen and Lucia Barnes, Administrative Assistant of Guatemalan-Maya Center.

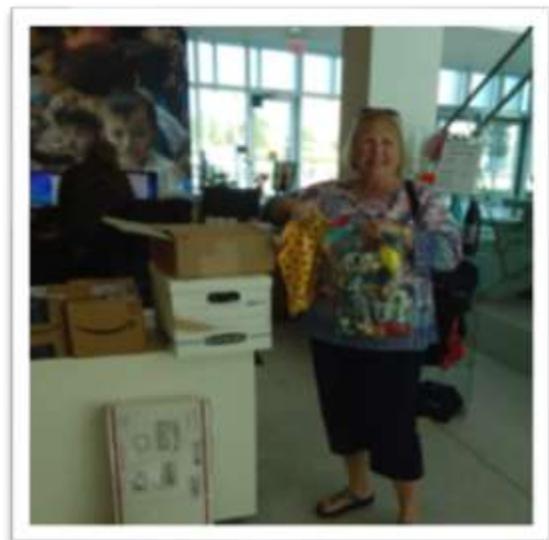


They gave her a sample so our club can make these! They got to meet with Greta Boyd, our GFWC liaison. She'll be at our convention in April. Bill and JeffAnne also go to have our pictures taken with the smile Lay's potato chip bag and meet the department who designed them.



**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.

**GFWC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT-OPERATION SMILE** - Club member JeffAnne Pike and her booster husband Bill made a stop at Operation Smile Headquarters in Virginia Beach. They delivered 22 smile bags and a monetary donation of \$240 to pay for one surgery, Bonus gift was a tour of the facility! Wendy Ladley, the Donor Operation Associate took them on the tour. This place was AMAZING! They were taken into the store room where all the medical supplies are donated and packed to go on the missions. They then visited the rooms where volunteers put together the smile bags, store and bag the hospital gowns and put the arm bands together.







## PUBLIC ISSUES - Cathy Hopkins

### Random Acts of Cookies- Donna Cohen

Special thanks to Cathy Hopkins for scheduling this on 9/11. Random Acts of Cookies Recap/Special 9/11 Remembrance 6 members participated in the delivery of cookies to two fire stations and 1 sheriff's office.

First stop PBC Fire Rescue Station 33. The firemen came out to meet us as they had no idea why 3 carloads of ladies in hot pink T-shirt were there. We explained our RAC project as well as special remembrance of 9/11. They wanted to move their fire truck out so we could get some great pictures. I asked if I would ride in it as it was moved out of the garage. Firemen said yes and when he realized how excited I was he offered to drive around the station with the lights and siren on! They really loved the cookies and I will never

forget my fire truck ride 

WPB Fire Rescue Station 2. A very large facility on Dixie Hwy. One of only 4 stations in the county to have a HazMat vehicle and response team. Most of the firefighters were preparing lunch and were very happy that we had brought dessert. They gave us a very informative tour, and on the way out, they explained that a special exercise was happening in the training tower. Four members of their RIT teams in full gear were climbing the stairs in the exact number of flights as the World Trade Center all the while listening to the original dispatch of the NYFD on 9/11. They do this exercise several times a year.

PBC Sheriff's Office - Pine Trail Center. Small mostly fingerprint and paperwork office. Super nice group and very surprised and appreciative of cookies and acknowledgement of them.

Sheila delivered our extra basket of cookies to her local fire station.





**Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** - Thank you to all the donated hot chocolate/coffee individual packs. We will be collecting individual wet wipes for the next meeting.

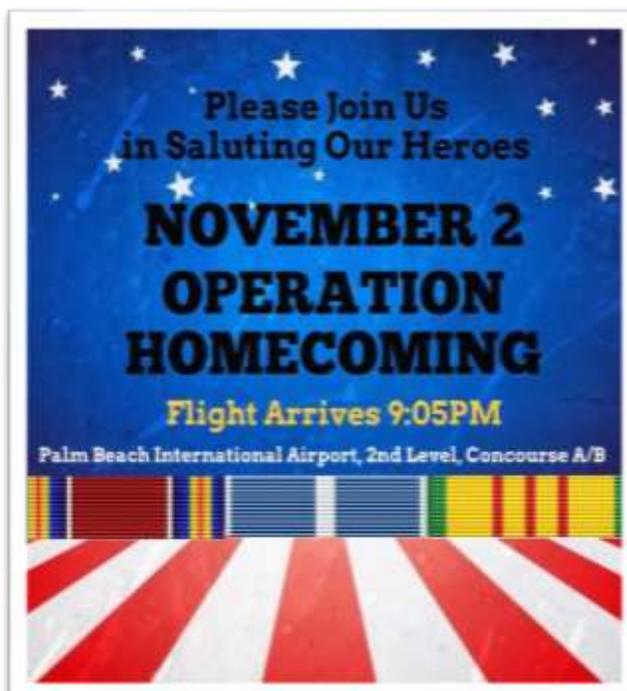


**Homeless Veteran Project** - We will be meeting at Cathy Hopkins' house to stuff bags for the homeless on October 8 at 10 am. We will then deliver the bags to the VA and go to lunch.



Please, keep in mind that **Wreaths Across America** is coming up. Please let the club know if you donated wreaths.

**Veterans' Day** and **centerpieces** for the VA is coming up in November.





## **PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris**

**Membership Monday** - Our club was included with two pictures in the Membership Monday email on September 9, with our members with 10-year pins, Mary Evelyn's 20-year pin, and our Booster's getting certificate. And we were included in the September 16 email for our donation to Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth picture of Linda and Donna with the director, Father Frank and his assistant. I hope everyone is subscribing to Membership Monday.

**Facebook** - Lots of Facebook posts this month, including our Random Acts of Cookies, donation to Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth, International Dinner, HHRC Book Donation with Kathy and new member Debbie Still and me. Donna posting our Zoo contributions and knitted baby blankets, caps and headbands donation in connection with DAR. Members attending the DAR Constitution luncheon, upcoming card making class, members making signs at Downton Art Factory. Phyllis posted several times during September to our official club FB page. We thank her for continuing to do this each month.

**Pat on the Back** this month goes to **Linda Walker**, who posted the project on Facebook, and friends, as well as members, participated. Linda posted a list of all the items, along with pictures. This gave our club tremendous recognition in the community, as well as inviting her friends to join us.

**Donna Cohen** won the Pat on the Back for August, but since she wasn't at the meeting, I want to give her Pat on the Back.

**JeffAnne** posted pictures of the club's donation to Operation Smile, and several pictures of the Op Smile building, she wins the **October Pat on the Back**. Since we are not having an October meeting, I am including it here. This was wonderful publicity of our club, and a great project all clubs in Florida are participating.



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

**Grandma's Place:** Special thanks to Janet Carlson for delivering our club's donation of food and paper products in August, including the \$40 from the club treasury. Thanks to everyone who donated items for Grandma's Place, a temporary shelter for abused children. Their director spoke at a club meeting last year. Grandma's Place posted a picture of Janet with all the goodies on their Facebook page, and I shared on my page. This is great PR for our club, too.



**"Purses with a Purpose" collection:** Thanks to everyone who brought a purse this year, which we donated to our speaker. We had a total of 36. We have truly made a difference to a woman in a battered shelter. Hope you all enjoyed our speaker, and learned a lot about the Harmony House program, and all the services offered to abused women.



**Elder Abuse:** In the GFWC top 10 projects on the website, they talk about **Preventing Elder Abuse**, especially in Institutional Settings, especially nursing homes, assisted living homes, and hospitals. As some elders become more frail physically they are less agile to stand up to bullying or fight back if attacked. Some face isolation, so you can help by visiting them. While in the facility, note the cleanliness, staff demeanor, food quality and wellbeing of the friend you are visiting. Do not hesitate to let your concerns be known to management.

## LEADERSHIP - Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Cathy Hopkins was our leader of the month for September.



Donna Cohen received her Leader of the Month certificate for August.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** Please bring a purple shirt to the October 28 afternoon setup for the Annual District meeting we are hosting. I want to get a picture since wearing Purple was requested by the DV state chairman.

**Prevent Child Abuse America** is the partnership for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. I was reading the chairman's Fall Board bulletin, and learned about this partnership. We did one project this year, Pinwheels for Prevention. This organization is our nation's oldest and largest non-profit organization dedicated to the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect. Through their 50-state chapter network and evidence-based programs, they help prevent abuse and neglect before it can begin by helping to strengthen families, support communities and foster safe, stable and nurturing relationships. They remind us a report of Child Abuse happens every 10 seconds in our country. They suggest we advocate for local and national policies that promote child well-being. Be watchful, and if you see something, say something. Florida Abuse Hotline is 1-800-96-ABUSE.



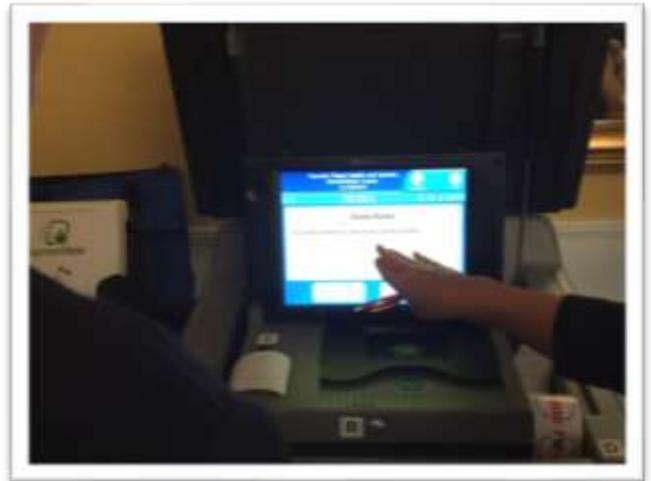
**Department chairmen** and others who will be writing reports (yes, it will soon be that time) are encouraged to check out the GFWC Florida website for bulletins from the various departments. This will tell you what the state chairmen will be looking for in the reports and remind you of what to report. Please consider signing up for the "Legislative Action Center" at <http://www.cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app/register?5&m+42271> 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.

Thanks, Mary Evelyn

## Who Am I?

I was the only woman to found a major American city. I was in dire financial straits when my husband died. I had to run a boarding house until I inherited enough money to invest in real estate along a major river, which was only a wilderness of scattered farms at the time. It is a popular myth that I sent Henry Flagler a bouquet of orange blossoms and oranges after a North Florida freeze in order to persuade him to invest in my location. However, I did convince him to expand his railroad to the area where I lived by presenting him with land near the mouth of the river. Who am I?

Club members attended a **luncheon of the DAR** where one of our members, Sheila, is the Regent of the local Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter. Several of our club members are also members of this organization. Voting machines were on display at the luncheon. Wendy Sartory Link, supervisor of elections, was the guest speaker.





### **Standing Rules Committee: Linda Ferris, chairman**

Our club's Standing Rules were written many years ago, and need to be updated, as many are no longer applicable. When we updated our club's Bylaws couple of years ago, we did not tackle the Standing Rules. According to Robert's Rules of Order, Standing Rules refer to such matters as the time monthly meetings are held, and matters that might need to be frequently changed. Some suggestions we should discuss is when members join after June 30, should they pay \$50 dues or half of that? If a member cannot attend a district meeting, should she reimburse the club \$8 or the entire \$18? If a business will not accept our sales exemption, should the club reimburse the member for the sales tax? Please think about things that can be interpreted in two or more ways. If you have suggestions, send them to one of the members of the committee. Thanks to Kathy Stackhouse, Linda Walker, Fran Green, Mary Evelyn Mitchell for volunteering to be a member of the Standing Rules. We will meet sometime after our Annual District 10 meeting. Our goal is to present our recommendations at the November meeting.

### **Fall Board - Linda Ferris**

I represented our club at GFWC Florida Fall Board in Orlando, September 20-22. If you read the Membership Monday email Sept. 23, you saw some of the highlights of the weekend. And if you were on Facebook, you saw many more pictures. There were many posts from members throughout the state. Phyllis incorporated the

Post from my personal page into an invitation to the meeting on our club's official Facebook page today. Thanks Phyllis.

The theme of Fall Board was "Saddle Up for Smiles," which incorporated our two-year President's Project, Operation Smile, and gave it a country spin. We also wore club shirts Saturday during the day, and I received compliments on our hot pink shirts. We also had a Scholastic Book Fair, to mark the "Book Heroes," theme of our state Director of Junior Clubs.

We heard about the 7 Grand Initiatives, and how they were so successful the first year, our international President has new number goals. With 3 additional Initiatives added, we will have a busy year.

Saturday night, we all donned our best western wear, and thanks to Cathy Hopkins' hat and vest, I fit right in. At the tables, there was cowboy bling, including our flashing light rings. Friday, we dressed in cocktail wear, to welcome the GFWC National Director of Junior Clubs. Sunday Junior Luncheon had a tribute to Sesame Street, with toddler books on the tables. We may want to use similar books when we host the District 10 meeting in October since the theme is children's basics of ABC/123.

I registered our 2018 scrapbook in the annual scrapbook contest, but sorry, we did not win. There were 20 entries, including digital and traditional. I also delivered our painted Eagle for the Everglades project. Thanks, Donna, for leading our club to participate in this project. I think the chairman said there were 40 eagles, but someone else said there were 50. Some were adopted by the club submitting them, or the artist who painted them. Some were in traditional colors, some had neon colors, one had feathers, many were painted bright colors that sparkled. I thought our eagle, which Donna named "Forest," since they asked for a name, was the best! They did not choose a winner, and the state Conservation chairman plans a color brochure to get them all adopted for \$500 each. A company is supposed to match the sum; thus raising lots of money for Everglades Restoration.

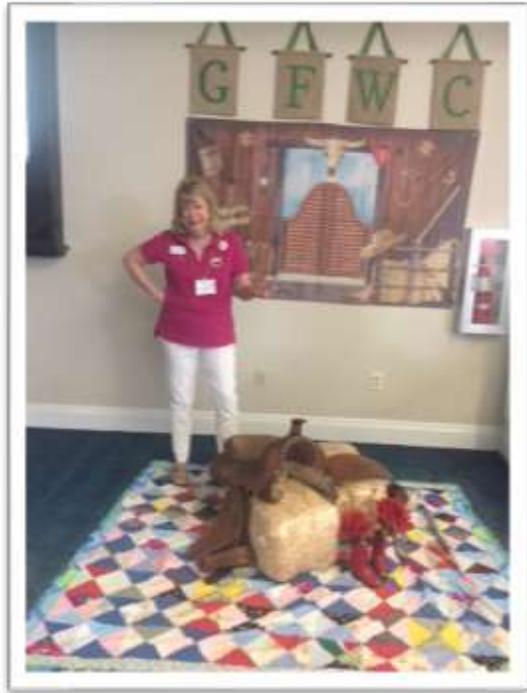
I went to the District 10 get together Friday night after dinner and business meeting. It was fun to see all our friends in District 10, although attendance was down. I did sit with three members from Palm Beach Gardens at three meals, and we all sat with Sebastian WC, plus one member of the Jupiter-Tequesta Woman's club at the Saturday western dinner.

I fulfilled my state job as GFWC FL Elections Committee Chairman on Friday night, by announcing those members running for office at the Spring Convention, and holding a meeting for candidates and committee members Saturday morning.

Traditionally, Fall Board doesn't attract as many members as Convention, when we celebrate our accomplishments from the previous year. We had 404 attendees this year. We also recognized the Jennie Award nominees, with five clubwomen nominated by their clubs. Our club did not nominate anyone this year.

I went to as many workshops as possible, including membership, leadership, International Outreach that included the President's Project, Education, Conservation, Women's History Workshop, and the Reporting Workshop. Yes, I came home tired. I shared some of the info from the workshop with our club chairmen, although there were few handouts. There are bulletins from each chairman on the [GFWCFlorida.org](http://GFWCFlorida.org) website. Go to the home page, and click on Member Resource for general info, and click on Program Areas for the six major departments. State Chairmen prepare a bulletin for each state meeting, and there are three posted now.





She loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. She was loved by every student she ever had over the years and all her teacher friends. She will never know how many lives she touched and were made better for knowing her. Rest in Peace Chris. Love, Suzan

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Card Making Class**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> - Homeless Project**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>- BUNCO**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>- Board meeting**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm Set up for meeting**

**6:00 pm Dinner for visiting FL GFWC**

**State Officers**

**October 29<sup>th</sup>- District 10 Fall Meeting**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>- Honor Flight**

## **PERSONALS**

### **Christine Smith –September 24, 2018**

It has been one year since my dear friend and GFWC Greater WPB Women's club member, Chris Smith died suddenly. I had known of her since 1986 when she was teaching my son, Brian at Twin Lakes High School. She had 2 daughters, Traci & Tara who were friends with Brian & he spent time at her home. She also had a son Robert. Then we taught together for 3 years at Woodlands Middle School on Lyons Road 2005-2008. We became closer friends as I tried to help her recover from the sudden loss of her husband about 3 years ago. As she started to come to club meetings & activities, she slowly seemed to be able to live again. She was a great asset to our club in the short time she was a member. She loved to read & do every craft there ever was to do. I am never able to have people come sew without thinking of her. She appreciated everyone's kindness in our club. She took me to the eye doctor for a checkup one day at Bascom Palmer. We were there for 3 hours. As we were leaving, there was a bad storm. We got in the elevator & the power went off. Everything about the whole situation just struck us as funny. We were laughing so much that they were worried about us. They kept telling us help was coming. It's a fun memory.

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