

GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

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"Women With a Purpose Make a Difference"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

Jean Allen (jeanallen@gmail.com)

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Federation love,
Jean

MEMBERSHIP

Cathy Hopkins & Sharron Bounds

(cathyahopkins23@gmail.com & sharonbounds@bellsouth.net)

First and foremost, I want to thank Jean Allen and Sharon Bounds for throwing such a wonderful Christmas/Holiday Party for the club! I believe everyone had a wonderful time. We need to give a special "Thank You" to Martin Allen for the wonderful gifts that the new club members received!

Sorry to say, a few members got colds and/or the flu. Please remember to wash your hands to keep the

germs at bay! Most have recovered. Which brings me to a point we need to address, please, ladies, if you are sick or something is happening in your life that you need a call, etc., to help brighten your day, please, let membership and other club members know. We want to be there for you! This club is about giving back to the community, but the club is also about love and FRIENDSHIP!







**Next Mall Outing will be on Thursday
January 25th at 12 noon.**

Cupcakes left over from the mall birthday celebrations were delivered to HomeSafe for our girls to enjoy!

January birthdays
Jan 8th -Rona Eagle
Jan 27th -Kathy Stackhouse

January anniversary
Jan 31st Averil and Bill Carroll

Mall coffee was December 28, with 11 members and 3 guests. We celebrated December's birthday girl, Deb McCoy's, with cupcakes. Unfortunately, Deb couldn't make it but we did enjoy her cupcakes!



Park Gathering

Our January Park gathering at Samuel J. Ferreri Park will be on **January 9th at 9am**. Please remember to bring a chair and any items to exchange.

Traveling Tea Pot



The new **Traveling Teapot** names were Suzanne Valentage, Barbara Burdette, Sue Kudza, and Terri Calsetta. They will be meeting on January 8th.



ARTS & CULTURE- Phyllis Gauger & Liz Bloeser (REGUAG@aol.com & fauowl1975@aol.com)

EVERYONE, HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAVE A FUN AND A SAFE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION AND A WONDERFUL YEAR IN 2024!

The January **Epicurean Eats** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17**. It will be held at Torero's Mexican Grill located at 7757 Lake Worth Road in Lake Worth Beach. We are going to have lunch at 11:30am. Please RSVP to Phyllis Gauger by January 13.



FUNDRAISING- JeffAnne Pike
japFSU@aol.com

Eleven folks attended our December lunch at Duffy's, nine members and two guests. We were treated to a quick visit from Judy Dugo, a Councilmember from the City of Greenacres who stopped by for a quick hello and Happy Holidays.

Fashion Show update
Tiaras & Tuxes
April 27, 2024

Donation letters are ready and will be sent to members via email after the first of the year. There are three different donation letters. Please read each one, add your information to the letter and use the one that you want for your request.

Tickets will be distributed at the January business meeting.

Flyer will be posted on club FB page and will be available to download to be used as needed.

Bring any items you have for baskets to the Park Outing on January 9th. Items can be brought to any WC function or let me (JeffAnne) know and I can come get them.



Valentines Card Making Class

There will be a card making class on January 24th from 10am-12pm. Valentine's Day cards will be made for Forgotten Soldiers Outreach "we Care" boxes. Sharon Bounds has graciously donated all the cards and embellishments. She has room to seat 12 people. Please let Sharon know if you are interested in attending @ sharonbounds@bellsouth.net

District 10 Arts & Crafts Competition will be held on February 10th. Please finish all projects to be entered by December 31st.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the park outing on January 9th and again at the business meeting.

A separate email will be sent with all the categories listed for you to look over. Please let JeffAnne know which category you'd like to enter. We will have a vote if more than one person selects a category, as we are only allowed to enter one per category per club. With over 90 categories to choose from I know our crafty members will find something to enter!

Arti Gras is coming February 17 and 18. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the January meeting, it is also posted on our discussion Facebook page.

They are seeking 600 volunteers. Details follow in below article.

In appreciation, volunteers will receive a complimentary T-shirt, free admission to the festival on the day of their shift, special parking, and complimentary food and beverages in the designated volunteer area. Students participating in the volunteering initiative will also earn community service credit for their contributed hours.

The 39th Annual ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival is scheduled for President's Day Weekend, Feb. 17-18 at the Gardens North County District Park on 117th Court North.

The festival will showcase a juried exhibition of exceptional fine art and feature live entertainment, a new Culinary Arts Studio, a special Amazon ArtiKids Zone, and the Hanley Foundation Youth Art Competition.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH-

Doris Lofink-McArthur & Mickey Poceous (lohmcArthur@aol.com & mickey8648@aol.com)

12/6 VA Hospital, Doris and Lou delivered 19 lap blankets for cancer patients.



12/19 Club members delivered gifts for 8 girls at HomeSafe.





12/21 Santa brought a stocking with each girls' name on it to our girls at HomeSafe.



Planning a delivery for Forgotten Soldiers in January. Discussing projects for Valentine's Day



ENVIRONMENT- Donna Cohen
[\(222donna222@gmail.com\)](mailto:222donna222@gmail.com)

On December 19, the State of Florida approved funding for the permanent conservation of 5,058 acres across three properties within the Florida Wildlife Corridor. This is a big step toward protecting and ensuring the safety of the Florida panthers.



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES-

Cindy Jones (cindyACWC@gmail.com)

Cindy Jones and soon to be member, Marie Delfino-Johnston show off the PBC Literacy Coalition's generous donation to our Club's Little Free Library. The ladies also received a tour of the facility.

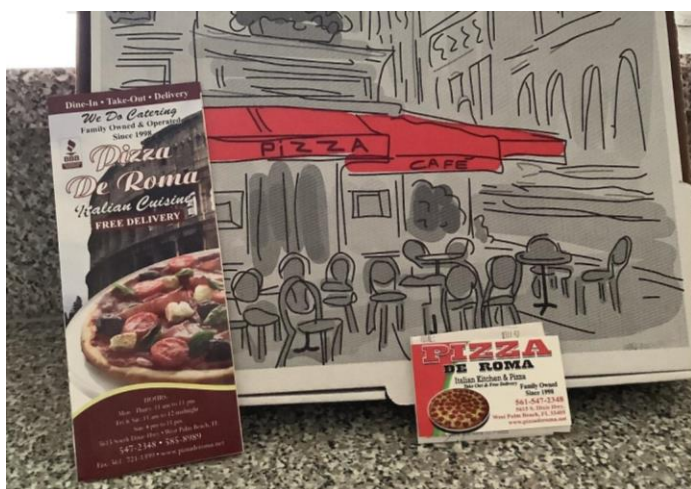


We donated money to the Loggerhead Marine life Center and Soles4Souls.

We will be donating a Pizza Party to the Palm Beach Zookeepers as a big thank you for all the do to protect and conserve our wildlife.

We will present the pizza party gift certificate to the zookeeper on January 3rd at 12:30. Please meet at the Palm Beach Zoo. Contact me for details and please wear your club shirt.

The gift certificate is to Pizza De Roma (the keepers favorite pizza place). They will schedule their party once things settle down and promise to send pictures.



Keeping our LFL Full!



Members and boosters handed out over 1,000 books during Greenacres Holiday in the Park Event!



Members stuffing stockings with gifts and books for the children in our adopted classrooms at HHRC.



Members delivered filled stockings to the students in our adopted classrooms.





ARTZY Evening at City Hall Event Information

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024

Time: 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: City Hall, 5800 Melaleuca Lane,
Greenacres, FL 33463

Please be there at 2:00pm for set up!

Little Free Library Ribbon Pulling: TBD

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Please continue collecting new and used books to support Greenacres, Lake Worth and HHRC Little Free Libraries.

SCHOLARSHIP

If anyone would like to be on the paramedic/firefighter scholarship committee, please contact CindyACWC@gmail.com.



ESO- Suzanne Valentage

We're all getting ready to wrap up 2023 and celebrate the holidays. As our club year is coming to a close, please report the books you have read to the state ESO Chairman, Stephanie Cantrell, at ESO@gfwcflorida.org.

Let me know the number of books you are reporting for our club year-end reports.

If you have any questions or need report forms, please contact me.

Thank you to all those who have submitted their reports. You've done a great job but there's still time to report more books read.



HEALTH & WELLNESS- Meg

America (megusa9988@gmail.com)

The Health and Wellness Committee completed another year with many donations. We can look forward to 2024.

Nearly all the members completed the Health Challenge, and we expect more members to join us this time. We had a variety of goals that the members set for themselves.

We delivered many supplies to Healthy Mothers/ Healthy Babies, The Finnish / American Nursing home, The Food Bank, Christmas at Sea, and many other organizations.

The Finnish / American Nursing Home delivery



Soup Kitchen delivery



Our nurses will continue with the health tips. We hope you use them.

Happy New Year. Let's hope we all remain healthy.



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Linda Ferris
[\(lindaferri7@gmail.com\)](mailto:lindaferri7@gmail.com)

Thanks to everyone for posting projects on **Facebook** about our club. We are getting known in the community for our great club projects because of you! Please continue to post on your personal Facebook page, as well as our club's Discussion page. Thanks to JeffAnne and Phyllis for posting on our Club's official Facebook page.

Your **Elevator Speech** about our club was inspiring to hear, and I hope you continue to use one in 2024. If you haven't composed your elevator speech (two sentences about our club and your favorite project), I hope you do this in 2024. I love hearing about how you used your Elevator Speech!



GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAM- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention- Linda Ferris (lindaferriis7@gmail.com)

Thanks to awesome **committee members** for their help in 2023: Shakearah Rolle, Debbie Still, Deb McCoy, Janet Portnow and Linda Walker. You all were wonderful to work with.

Thanks to ALL members who supported and donated to our DV projects in 2023. Some of them include: Birthday Bags for the children in domestic assault shelter; food items, paper products, auction basket and new pajamas for Grandma's Place; new pajamas for children in Harmony House domestic assault shelter, along with diapers and toys for them; and "Purses with a Purpose" for women in domestic assault shelter. We also donated club money to Harmony House, Human Trafficking Coalition of Palm Beach County, and Grandma's Place. These are just some of the projects this year.

I also appreciate those members who joined in deliveries to our agencies. I love our club projects and look forward to working with every member in 2024. Happy New Year!

LEADERSHIP- Jean Allen
(jeanallen@gmail.com)

Anyone who will be submitting reports from their department needs to attend this workshop.

If the link does not work, you can register at [GFWC Florida](#).



Woman's Club Reporting Webinar

3 JANUARY 2024 7pm ET



**REGISTRATION
CLICK HERE**

**New Member Leadership Project-
MaryLou Samaras**

Hi Ladies I've been in contact with a Sargent from the Domestic Violence department. We are looking at supplying the AVO . This is the Aide for Victims of Domestic Violence and we are looking to deliver the 13 bags with supplies

on Thursday Jan 11 2024 at 11am. We are still working together and if the date or time changes, I will let you know I am still collecting items if anyone needs me to pick up items from you.....just let me know I would like to thank so many of you that have donated items and bags and beanie babies and a lot of hygiene items You are an awesome group of ladies Thanks for all you do to help MaryLou Samaras 912 655 1815 MLSamaras@yahoo.com Sent from my iPhone

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Save the Date:
February 10, 2024
District 10 Arts & Crafts Competition/ Meeting

This will be held in Jupiter and more information will follow. You will bring your crafts with the papers properly filled out and your bees you earned over the 2 years. We will have a simple craft for you to do. We will do this while the judges are judging the craft projects which were properly submitted. Yes! We are going to make it easier for Sheryl this year.

CAMP BOGGY CREEK- Cindy Jones,
President's Project District Chair

SNEAKERS

We continue to accept used sneakers to raise funds for Camp Boggy Creek.

SHEETS

We continue to accept TWIN BED SHEET SETS for Camp Boggy Creek.

Thank you, Jean, for your BEARY good determination to sew a gazillion Bears for Camp Boggy Creek! Your incredible dedication to this project has made many children BEARY, BEARY happy.

PERSONALS

Santa's visit with the girls at HomeSafe was my personal Christmas gift. To see the girls surprised look, when Santa walked into their space, they were surprised and perhaps unaccustomed to having people come in person. It took them a moment to respond to Santa's "hohoho".

Mickey prepared a stocking for each of the girls, which also surprised them by not expecting a gift before Christmas. They were very pleased.

The last girl to visit with Santa said she had never seen Santa or talked to him before. She hugged her stocking but did not look at what was in it, she was totally awed by the presence of Santa and that he gave her his undivided attention. Santa could not have been happier either, as he was making up stories about the reindeer and kept embellishing them, all because the girl kept staring at him fascinated by his presence.

I know all the gifts that they will receive from our club will be very appreciated especially since Mickey took such care to follow their wish list. We are grateful to LoveLikeLija for their grant.

Giving us an experience that we will always remember. Glad to have had this opportunity.

Mickey, Doris and booster Lou

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It was so wonderful to see everyone last night! Jean and Sharon did a fabulous job of putting it all together with the help of various others. The food was delicious! The best part for me was just being together with the best group of women friends ever! We are all different but manage to work & play together in harmony.

When we got home about 11:00 p.m., I was finally able to open the envelope that Cathy gave me. I was totally blown away by the many lovely comments & very generous gift. Thank you so much for everything!!! As you know I am trying to fit my sewing room into a much smaller space, so the gift will help me add storage & supplies.

I loved making ornaments for you to enjoy and think of the JOY you have brought into my life. My new address is 6034 Trieda Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940. My cell is 561-329-8874. We are at the Viera Blvd. exit off I-95 about one & a half miles to the west. Call & we can do lunch if you are up this way. I will see you at the Fashion Show in April if not before.

Love to all,
Suzan Close

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1st - Happy New Year

**January 3rd - Palm Beach Zoo Pizza
gift delivery**

January 8th - Tea Pot Lunch

January 9th - Park Outing

January 10th - Budget Meeting

January 11th - Bag Delivery for AVO

January 15th - Board Meeting

January 17th - Epicurean Eats

January 18th - Fashion Show

Committee Meeting

January 22nd - Business Meeting

January 24th - Card Making Class

January 25th - Mall Outing

**January 29th - ARTZY Evening at City
Hall**

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Wishing you and yours a



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