

GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

Jean Allen (jeanallen@gmail.com)

November was a month of contrasts in our family. On November 5th we welcomed our third great grandchild, a beautiful little baby boy named Carson. I am truly blessed to be able to hold a new generation in my arms. Then on November 22nd we lost our lovely grand dog Knox who had been with us for nearly 15 years. They really are a part of the family, and he will be missed. Then more good news my grandson Thar asked his girlfriend to marry him. He is in the air force and is posted to South Korea so we had to wake up at 1.30am to watch his proposal streamed live. She said **yes**. They then shocked us by announcing that great grand baby number 4 will arrive in April It's a girl.

I truly hope everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving and you all managed some family time.

As we look forward to the next holidays in December, we are still a very busy club making final donations and deliveries.

It is great to hear members talking about new projects and events for the new year. I am really looking forward to our holiday party and enjoying friendships and fellowship with my federation sisters.

In Federation Love

Jean

GFWC Florida Webinar Series 2023-2024

Hosted by Communications/PR,
Membership & Leadership Committees



SEPT. 6	7PM ET: LEADERSHIP Leadership training for club CSP Chairmen; how to utilize support available from GFWC Florida & GFWC <small>Presented By: Leadership Committee</small>	JAN. 3	7PM ET: REPORTING Tips for tracking reporting data and sharing impact-driven accomplishments; review GFWC & GFWC Florida reporting due dates <small>Presented By: First Vice President Dara Bergdoll</small>
OCT. 5	7PM ET: MEMBERSHIP How to encourage member participation in committees and new projects <small>Presented By: Membership Committee</small>	FEB. 7	7PM ET: WEBSITE DESIGN How to build a free website using several popular website builders <small>Presented By: Communication & PR Committee</small>
NOV. 1	7PM ET: TECH TIPS: QR CODES & TECH SOUP How to create a QR code and how to utilize discounts available from Tech Soup <small>Presented By: Communication & PR Committee</small>	MAR. 7	7PM ET: STEPPING INTO LEADERSHIP Stepping into Leadership <small>Presented By: Leadership Committee</small>
DEC. 14	7PM ET: FUNDRAISING Fundraising ideas and tips from successful club events <small>Presented By: Fundraising Chairman Metris Batts</small>	MAR. 26	7PM ET: BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES Bylaws and Standing Rules guidance for clubs <small>Presented By: Kelly Holmes, Teddy Hulse, Dara Bergdoll, Shannon Bailey</small>

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-

Mary Evelyn Mitchell

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Our guest speaker was Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar, Executive Director and Founder of the **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Organization**. Our club has been supporting this organization for more than 10 years.

We will have a 'We Care' packing event early 202.

A donation, from the club, was presented to Lynelle.

Pictured is Lynelle holding the 'We Care' box and the contents.



MEMBERSHIP

Cathy Hopkins & Sharon Bounds

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Gee! It won't be long before it's Hanukkah and Christmas. Our annual Holiday Party will be by December 12th. Make sure that you have RSVP'd and sent in your money to attend. Jean and Sharon have a wonderful party planned for all of us! We hope all the new members will make an effort to attend and join in the fun.

Nov 14th Park Gathering had 6 members and 1 guest showed in the rain to exchange items for the projects and then we all went home.

Our next **Park Gathering will be Jan 9** at Samuel J. Ferreri Park in Greenacres at 9:00 am.

The Mall Coffee on Oct 26 was attended by about 15 people. We had lunch and celebrated October birthdays.

The next **Mall Coffee** will be **Dec 28** at 12:00 at the Wellington Green Mall.

Barbara & Rick Burdett welcomed us into their home Nov 10 for our **Thanksgiving Dinner**. We had 17 members and 6 Boosters attend.





In appreciation for all the work Barb & Rick do for the dinner we gave Barb a beautiful Orchid.

November's Traveling Teapot luncheon was at Don Ramon's and attended by Fran Green, JeffAnne Pike and Phyllis Gauger. Shakearah Rolle was unable to attend, but was there in spirit!



December's teapot names are: Suzanne Valentage, Barbara Burdett, Sue Kudza, and Terri Costella.

A February Membership Teas as discussed.

December Birthday
8th Deb McCoy

There are no anniversaries in December

Next **Mall Coffee** will be **December 28th** at 12 noon at the Wellington Mall food court.





FUNDRAISING- JeffAnne Pike
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Fashion Show—April 27, 2024 **Tiaras and Tuxes**

We will have the following ready to be emailed out before the end of the year:

Donation letters- we will have a couple to choose from

Flyer for fashion show- to email or post

At the January meeting I will begin to ask for volunteers to contact specific companies for donations.

Remember to think about items we could use for our baskets—don't re-gift---donate!

Tickets will be distributed at the park gathering in January and at the business meeting.

When we all work together, amazing things can happen!



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

November's Epicurean Eats was attended by 9 members and 2 guests.



Our next Epicurean Eats will be on **December 20th at 11:30am** at the Duffy's Restaurant
6864 Forest Hill Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33413
Please RSVP to Phyllis if you will be joining the group.

A monetary donation was made to the Royal Palm School as part of the Very Special Arts program.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH-

Doris Lofink-McArthur & Mickey

Poceous (lohmcArthur@aol.com & mickey8648@aol.com)

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach

Doris and Mickey made a delivery to FSO. Included in the donations were assorted items for the "We Care" boxes as well as 150+ thank you notes for the soldiers!

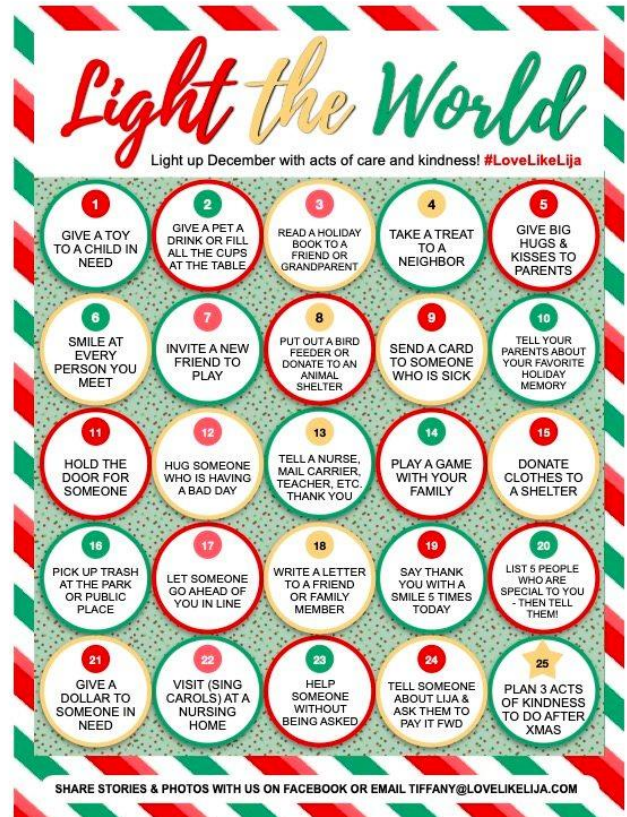


If anyone is interested:



We received a grant from Love Like Lija Foundation to make the holidays a little brighter for the girls at HomeSafe.

Below is a way we can give back to the foundation.



Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child

Club members delivered 27 shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. Pictured with members is the organizer for Lake Worth Christian School. They have filled 3 trucks already and expect to fill 2 more! Our donation is part of the 30,000 boxes donated just from our area!



ENVIRONMENT- Donna Cohen

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Resource Depot

Donna made our final delivery for the year. Members donated a total of 6 bags and 3 boxes of items for recycling at Resource Depot. Our items will be used in a multitude of art projects. Trash to Treasures, Waste to Wonder!





EDUCATION & LIBRARIES-

Cindy Jones (cindyACWC@gmail.com)



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK:

Prize for the best holiday outfit!

Please wear closed toed shoes for your protection.

December 9: Please be there by 4:30 pm. (Set up begins at 3:30 pm.)

Books will be given out around 5 pm-9 pm unless we run out of books.

Bonus: You will be able to see the tree lighting!

Location:

Samuel J. Ferrari Community Park.

2905 Jog Road

Greenacres

(It's where we meet for our park gatherings.)

4:30pm-9pm

Hispanic Human Resource Center (HHRC) Little Free Library:

We are in the final stages of completing our Little Free Library for HHRC. Ribbon pulling date: TBA on Facebook and email.

Perpetual book drive for Little Free Libraries:

Please collect new and use books for children and adults. We cannot accept religious books. Books must be in good condition without tears and free of mold and smoke.

I am collecting **toys for Greenacres Fire Rescue**. They are giving unwrapped toys for children and siblings at Palms West Hospital on Christmas Day!
Please bring: to Holiday in the Park and/or Christmas Party.

I am looking for additional committee members for 2024 for the Education department and Fire Rescue Scholarship.

Volunteer duties include: creating scholarship, possibly filling Little Free Libraries and planning our activities within the budget.

Please contact me a at: CindyACWC@gmail.com.



ESO-

Don't forget to turn In your reports to state and remember to send Suzanne your numbers.



HEALTH & WELLNESS- Meg America (megusa9988@gmail.com)

First off, thank you for all the well wishes. I am fortunate that the doctor did not find any cancer. Sharon, you are Johnny on the spot with lovely cheer-up cards.

We will be delivering:

Food Bank – 86 placemats
Finnish American Nursing Home – 51
bibs, 14 quilts
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies -
delivered 11/27/23.
4 baby quilts,
14 baby blankets,
1 onesie,
43 burp cloths,
5 doll quilts.

12 Diapers
4 Wipes
3 Formula
10 Pairs of children's shoes
2 pair of fuzzy slippers



The plan for delivery: We will set a date before the end of the year. We plan to do a drop off and photo op. Lunch can also be factored into the drop. Remember all of you worked on these in some way.

We will continue with our Health Challenge. Some may not be interested in participating and receiving the emails. I will send out an email. Please respond NO, and I will do my best to remove your name from the list each month.

Club members delivered 46 hats, 7 scarves to the Christmas at Sea/Mariners Organization.



Health and safety tips for the holidays

1. Wash your hands often.
2. Manage stress; take breaks if you get overwhelmed.
3. Don't drink and drive.
4. Be smoke free.
5. Prepare and store food safely.
6. Eat healthy and stay active.

Most of all enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!!



PUBLIC RELATIONS – Linda Ferris

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GFWC Rebranding- New look came out of GFWC Headquarters this month with emblem and words in one logo. It was on GFWC News and Notes and GFWC Florida Clubwoman email. If you want one, go on GFWC.org to get it.



GFWC Florida Clubwoman email continue to include our club's project, including the following:

Oct. 30—Advocates for Children Sparkle contest with Jean and Janet Portnow, 25 pjs and \$25 gift card to Grandma's Place.

Nov. 6— Trunk or Treat book giveaway Cindy organized with Annette and Debbie

Nov. 13— Pajamas and Diapers, toys to Harmony House, that Sharon and I delivered.

Nov. 20— Group shot of 150 homemade Holiday cards for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

Nov. 27— Mariner's at Sea, knitted scarves and hats made by club members

Facebook — Lots of FB posts this month, including:

Jean posted hats and scarves to Mariner's, Annual District meeting in Stuart and District Membership challenge, Doris posted Dress for Success drive, Mickey posted the Forgotten Soldiers donation and The Honor Flight, Donna posted the donation to Resource Depot and Soles for Shoes, Cindy posted for Greenacres drive and holiday park book giveaway, JeffAnne Posted Samaritan Purse. Phyllis posted the Epicurean Eats at Hillary's, Suz V posted ESO historical photo.

Pat on the Back — I want to thank Phyllis and JeffAnne for all the posting on our club's official Facebook page. This is not our Discussion page that any member can post. Lots of competition this month for Pat on the Back and we have two winners.

First, to Phyllis for putting our new GFWC Branding logo on her personal page, saying she is proud to be a 41-year member!

And the second Pat goes to JeffAnne for the awesome monthly newsletter that promotes our club. This is an outstanding tool for promoting our club and its activities.



GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAM- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention-
Linda Ferris (lindaferri7@gmail.com)

Thanks to awesome committee members for their help this year: Shakearah Rolle, Debbie Still, Deb McCoy, Janet Portnow and Linda Walker.

GFWC Florida Sparkle Challenge:

Our club participated in the GFWC Florida Sparkle Challenge during the week of Oct. 24. Our club's Ex Bd asked me if we could use our pajama delivery for our entry since it had to be with an agency that housed abused children. We donated 25 pair of new pjs and \$25 gift card to Grandma's Place. Jean, Janet Portnow and I delivered the donation on Oct. 25, and took pictures with Roxanne, the director.

There were 17 clubs who participated in the challenge. We did not win the challenge, GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club won, and they got a \$100 check for CASA Pinellas for their partnership in the challenge. CASA is same as GAL program in PBCo.



Pajamas, diapers delivery to Harmony House.

On Dec. 6, Sharon Bounds and I delivered 34 pair of new pajamas, 378 diapers, which is more than \$100 worth, baby books and several toys. Some committee members and president Jean were not available that day. They asked for diapers.



PJs to Aid to Victims of Domestic Assault (AVDA)

We have 10 pair of new children's pajamas to deliver to them in Delray in December.

Dress for Success

Doris and Mickey delivered clothes and purses to the Dress for Success organization.



Dress for Success December fundraiser:
BOGO sale of ALL clothing, shoes, handbags.
Saturday, Dec. 9, 12- 5 p.m.
2459 S. Congress, Suite 204, Palm Springs



ONE DAY ONLY BOGO SALE OF DESIGNER AND COUTURE CLOTHING, SHOES, AND HANDBAGS



Saturday, December 9th

Public Shopping Hours: 12 PM - 5 PM

The Dress for Success Boutique

2459 South Congress Avenue – Suite 204
Palm Springs, FL 33406
(Between Forest Hill Boulevard & 10th Ave)

LEADERSHIP- Jean Allen
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Webinar- Dec 14th Fundraising sign up through the clubwoman or Florida website

Leads candidate- we need a volunteer to attend this training in Lakeland the date is March 2nd

All our chairwomen need to look at what money is left in your budget and make donations or purchases.

Start to think about yearend reports

There will be a challenge for the clubs to work on a joint project.

New member challenge-Marylou is taking the lead.

New Member Leadership Project- MaryLou Samaras

We need people to buy a few items For the GFWC Florida challenge for kids that are taken from their homes.

We need duffle bags (you can get them at Walmart or Target. Pajamas, socks, slippers, small blanket, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, soap, a game, a stuffed animal, word search books, sticker books, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils. A lot of these items you can get at the dollar store.

If anyone has questions, they can call me at 912 655 1815

I am looking forward to working with a lot of you!



DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Annual District Meeting

Hobe Sound Women's Club hosted the meeting in Stuart. We had a full house with 60 women participating representing 12 clubs.

Our state President, Linda O'toole and President Elect, Sara Dessureau were present. Jerry Kodeyker was elected as the new District 10 Director. She will be installed in Orlando in April.

Some clubs sold crafty wares. I do not know how much they made but the profits were to be used for Sara's installation in April.



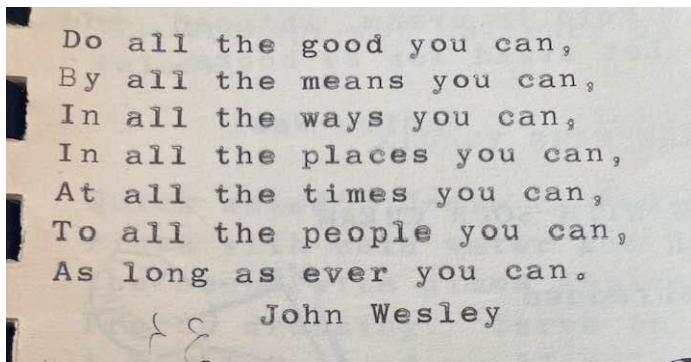


Four members attended the **Tea fundraiser**, sponsored by the Jupiter-Tequesta WC and JT-JWC and the Palm Beach Gardens WC. Pictured with our members is Janet from the PBG club. Our members are proud to support our District 10 sisters.



PERSONALS

Karen Leach and Debbie Still, we are all keeping you in our thoughts and prayers for speedy healing. We can't wait till you can join us again in person! Love, your Federation Sisters



Season's Greetings!

I'm performing at a Holiday Concert for The Choral Society of the Palm Beaches next month in West Palm Beach and would love to invite GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club!

I sing soprano in the Choral Society of the Palm Beaches. We are a 50 member male and female group. Some women actually sing tenor, usually a male voice part. Our artistic director is quite accomplished: Voice professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University, Director of Music Ministry for Lakeside Presbyterian Church and has even sung baritone with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

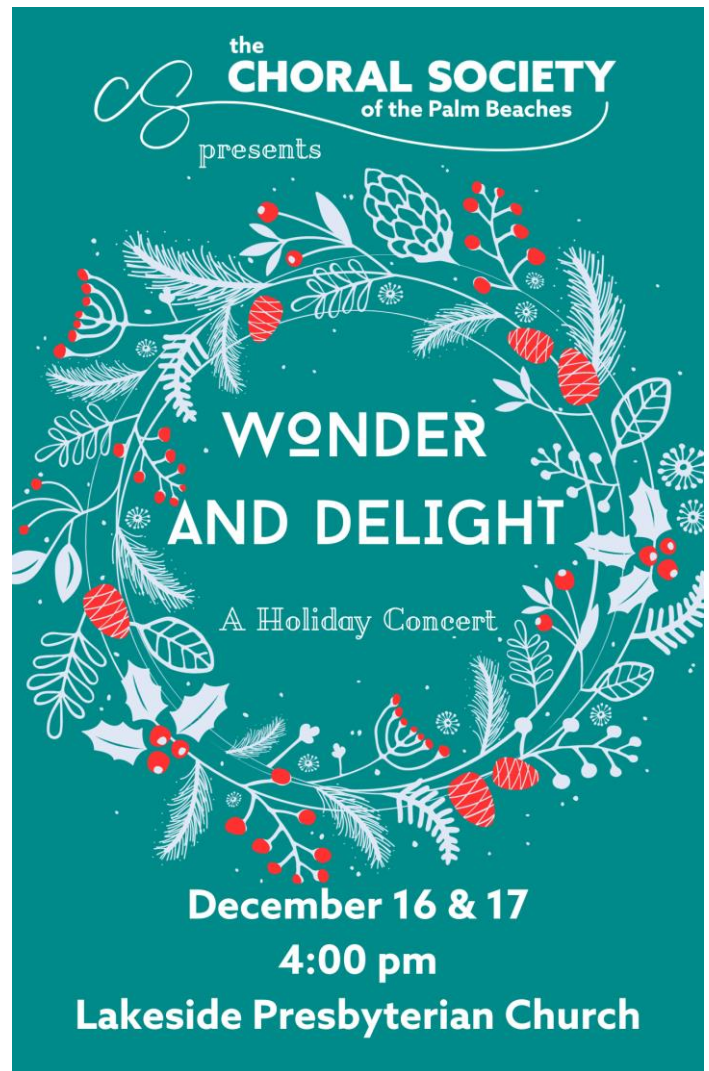
We will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria, secular Holiday tunes and Let There Be Peace On Earth.

An orchestra will accompany us as well. It will be a beautiful and joyful event.

The tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased online at <https://choralsocietypalmbeaches.org>

Location is
Lakeside Presbyterian Church,
4601 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach.
Dates: Saturday 12/16 & Sunday 12/17
Time: 4-6. Intermission with bake sale
for refreshments.

Below is the invitation,
Debbie Holland



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7th- Happy Hanukkah

December 9th-Holiday in the Park

December 9th- Dress for Success
Sale

December 12th- Holiday Party

December 14th- Fundraising Webinar

December 20th- Epicurean Eats

December 25th- **Merry Christmas**

December 28th- Mall Outing

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