

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF INVERNESS

## NEWSLETTER



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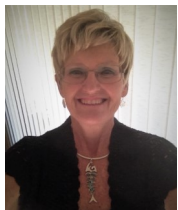
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“WHEREVER THERE IS A HUMAN IN NEED, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KINDNESS AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.” ....Kevin Heath



### Our Presidents' Message



Despite what you see or where you have gone, Inverness Women's Club is still around! Your new board has worked behind the scenes to attempt to set some groundwork for this disturbing new year. Due to the COVID-19, nothing is set in stone.

However, thanks to the help of many people, we have accomplished so many wonderful things. We have donated two trunk loads of sanitizer, shampoos, lotions, washcloths, etc. to our local abused Women's Center. We collected and distributed many magazines and games and puzzles to four different extended care facilities. Thanks to lots of donations and sweat, plus a space large enough to provide social distancing, we had a very successful garage sale which netted our club \$1800.00. Not too bad since we're all behind masks!

With an uncertain future ahead, our goal for the upcoming year is to concentrate our efforts to the people of our community and the organizations that support them. Funds may be limited, but our passion to help our fellow man is unlimited. By the time our first meeting officially arrives, we should be well on our way to establishing a plan that we all can be proud of.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

*Sandy Boyette & Sandra Koance*

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### Upcoming Calendar Events



**GFWC,  
GFWC Florida,  
GFWC District 5,  
GFWC Woman's Club Inverness**

**Jul 25 - Leadership Camp: Virtual Zoom - 10 am-12 pm**

**Aug 1 - GFWC District 5 Summer Workshop High Springs**

**Aug 8 - Leadership Camp: Virtual Zoom meeting 10 am-12 pm.**

**Aug 15 - Leadership Camp: Virtual Zoom meeting 10 am.- 12pm**

**Sept. 14 - GFWC Inverness Womens Club General meeting - 11:00 at Whispering Pines Pavilion Wear Masks**

**Sept. 16 - IWC Book Club or Zoom**

**Sept. 25-27 - GFWC Fall Board**

**Oct. 12 - General Meeting IWC TBA**

**Oct. 14 - IWC Book Club - TBA**

**Oct. 24 - IWC Business Expo Inverness Fair Grounds**

**Oct. 29- Nov. 1st GFWC Southern Region Convention - TBA**

**Dec. 6 - GFWC Florida Holiday Reception -Lakeland**

*Thank You!*



**FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY  
2018-2020 ADMINISTRATION!**

Frances Hamilton-President, Debbie Sargent-Recording Secretary  
Shirley Bousquet-Corresponding Secretary, Noreen Elliott-2nd Vice  
President/Membership, Barbara Rains-Parliamentarian, Bonnie  
Jessee -Treasurer, 1st Vice President/Programs - Sally Barrow



SANDY BOYETTE  
SANDRA KOONCE  
CO – PRESIDENTS

ATTENTION!



### Meetings in a Covid19 World

**Please put our first meeting of the club year on your calendar for Monday, Sept. 14.**

In keeping with the unique situation in which we find ourselves at present, we will meet in the open-air pavilion at Whispering Pines Park. Seating is available, but if you want to assure your social distancing, please bring your own chair.

Our meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and go through the lunch hour, ending at approximately 1:30 p.m. We will take a break a little after noon to enjoy fellowship and lunch. **(Please bring your own lunch!!)**

On the agenda: Awards from last year, Induction of new members, A Covid-19 game Distribution of yearbook materials (list of members and important dates for 2020-21) We have also reserved the Pavilion for our October meeting, which will probably follow a similar time frame.

### Garage Sale Shoutouts

Although many helped in the recent (and very successful) garage sale, a shoutout to a few who were there from start to finish: picking up items, pricing, setting up, selling, tearing down. At the top of the list: **Mary Doolittle** and **Sandy Boyette** who were there every step of the way; **Bonnie Jessie**, who owns the property where we held the sale and cleaned up the grounds and garage before the sale and helped sort clothes (and more clothes); **Katherine Regan**, **Donna Anllo**, **Barbara Weirich**, and **Barbara Hawver** who were workhorses throughout with set-ups and cleanups; **Frances Hamilton** who was there with a wonderful assortment of jewelry that our members had donated.

### Another Garage Sale Planned

There WILL be another garage sale in the future, probably after Christmas. So please save all those things you are still finding that you no longer need. Outdoor things can be stored (if needed) in a shed at the home of **Sandra Koonce**. With essentially no income in the way of rentals, this is one sure way that we have to pay our bills.

### Possible Plant Sale

A few years ago (fall of 2016) a former member, **Caroline Lupo**, who was a professional horticulturist, arranged an "Exotic Plant Sale" for us, held on the day that she moved away to her new home in Georgia. Ever since she left, she has stayed up on our activities and has a number of visits with **Barbara** and **Jim Rains**, who often vacation in Georgia near where Caroline lives.

Caroline has volunteered to work on getting similar plants to those we had before (unusual ones not found in local nurseries), through contacts she still has with area greenhouse owners.

If we get this all worked out, we hope to have the sale the weekend of Oct. 24. We have access to several tents so we can spread the sale out, assuming that COVID-19 is still with us.

On our last sale, we made over \$3,000! Please pencil the weekend in now and expect great beautiful plants to come to patios of Citrus County, including yours!

Also, if you see some unusual plant that you would love to have, write down the name (and price) of the plant and send it to [skoonce@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:skoonce@tampabay.rr.com). Caroline will try to find the plant among her sources and have it available to you for less.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION!



### Members for the New Administration 2020-2022 for GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness are:.

1. President: (Co-Presidents) **Sandy Boyette & Sandra Koonce**
2. 1st. Vice-President ( Programs): **Sally Barrow**
3. 2nd. Vice President (Membership): **Donna Anllo**
4. Recording Secretary: **Mary Anne Gonter**
5. Corresponding Secretary: **Debbie Sargent**
6. Treasurer: **Bonnie Jessee**



**Thank you for serving!**



## RESTAURANT GATHERINGS



Of course, until we defeat the virus and restaurants can reopen and we feel safe to eat together again, our Thursday night dinners are not going to be held.

However, when we resume (probably after Christmas), remember it is a time to bring a spouse, a friend, a husband, or just yourself alone, and come get better acquainted over a casual meal.

**Sue Allen** continues to be in charge of arrangements and is always open to suggestions as to where to go.

**CANCELLED UNTIL WE PASS THE VIRUS**



## PPRESIDENT'S PROJECT CHAIRMAN Marion Gundling



### GF WC PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS FOR 2020-2022

Our state president's project this year calls for us to do things for and in our community. With that in mind, members have sent in numerous ideas of where to help and what projects we might work on that will be for the betterment of our community. We had wonderful input, and, of course, way too many suggestions for what we might be able to do. However, we probably can cover a lot!!

In the coming few weeks the board will decide on several of the suggestions and what we might do, in spite of facing the challenges of togetherness in this Covid-19 world.

Although we have always raised at least \$500 each year for our state President's Project (which includes Operation Smile, Canine Companions, Heifer International, etc.), with this project we can use the same amount of money to (for example): feed a meal to our local firemen or homeless shelter; buy a bullet-proof vest for a local policeman; buy at least one body camera for local officers, start a fund for showers for our homeless population.

The theme, **Love, Respect and Kindness for All** will be addressed in our actions!!

We hope you will embrace the idea of the many little projects (and perhaps one really huge one) and make the coming two years ones where we have a significant impact on our community.



### Love, Respect & Kindness for all

Clubs across the state who are participating in President Dianne Foerster's project will be showcased here with this logo!

*Marion*

## TREASURER NOTES

**Bonnie Jessee**



Hello Everyone!

Hope you all are doing well and hope we will be back to working for our community soon.

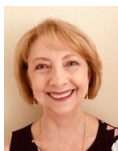
As of 7/8/20 we have on hand \$5,035 in our general account and \$773 in our Building Account.

We made just about \$1,800 on our garage sale!

We are working on a new budget for 2020-2021 and will be presenting it to the members at the September meeting.

*Bonnie*





**GFWC FL MEMBERSHIP**  
**1st Vice President Chairman**  
**Terrie Reese**



## Benefits of Membership

The General Federation of Women's Clubs unites the best and brightest of today's women into a strong coalition, nearly 80,000 strong, that promotes community improvement through volunteer service. The many benefits of belonging to a GFWC woman's club include:

**Strength in unity** – GFWC members gain a stronger voice in shaping public issues through the combined efforts of women serving at the club, district, state, region and national levels.

**Support and encouragement** – GFWC offers members a network of women with similar interests and concerns. Fun, fellowship, and lasting friendships are a big part of the GFWC experience.

**Leadership training and professional development** – Knowledge and experience gained through GFWC volunteer training and community service can help open career doors, enhance a resume, obtain academic credit, or build a new business.

**A varied volunteer menu** – GFWC offers many national resources to help clubs plan and create community service projects in the diverse area of Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, and Health & Wellness. GFWC also supports special programs that raise consciousness about domestic violence awareness and prevention and advocates for children.

**Health and happiness** – Studies show the personal satisfaction that comes from making a positive difference in their communities helps volunteers to live longer, function better, and have lower rates of depression. GFWC clubs and clubwomen are the heart of not only the Federation, but the communities in which they live and work. By *Living the Volunteer Spirit*, GFWC clubwomen transform lives each day, not simply with monetary donations, but with hands-on tangible projects that provide immediate impact. With a grassroots approach that often thinks locally but impacts globally, GFWC, its clubs and members remain committed to serving as a force for global good, as it has done since its formation 130 years ago.



## GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness:



The GFWC Signature Project Standing Committee seeks to make the community more aware of Domestic Violence within our community and identify ways in which the Club can help local Shelters and educate the public. The Project covers not only Domestic Violence, but also Child Abuse and Elder Abuse issues. It addresses Teen Dating Violence and related issues. Each April, we plant a pinwheel garden in honor of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month. **This committee will be supporting CASA.**

**GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship.** As a national leader in the fight to end domestic violence, GFWC will award \$2,500 to help survivors of intimate partner violence obtain a post-secondary education through the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. The scholarship deadline is January 31 of each year. Promoting the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship is a key component to helping us change lives, and we can't do it alone. Spread the word. Visit [www.GFWC.org/Scholarship](http://www.GFWC.org/Scholarship) to download the press release and other marketing materials. For more information contact the GFWC Programs Department at 202-347-3168 or [Programs@GFWC.org](mailto:Programs@GFWC.org).

**We are proud supporters of the "Citrus Abuse Shelter Association"!**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AREAS



## ART and CULTURE

GFWC's commitment to the arts dates back to 1894 when a literature committee was established. The Committee rapidly grew to encompass programs focusing on arts & music. Club-women became well known for their support of the arts and are credited with helping to establish the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. A goal is to encourage youth and elder art projects and art shows. Members are encouraged and given the opportunity to expand their creative talents and to compete in local, state, and national arts and crafts events. GFWC Florida has partnered with [Arts4All](#). VSA Florida provides meaningful learning experiences that increase artistic skills, foster creativity, promote social skills, and provide new ways of communication. Each year, [Arts4All Florida](#) provides direct services to all 67 counties in Florida and serves over 60,000 individuals with disabilities, as we endeavor to create a world in which the arts are universally accessible.



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH

The **Public Issues Committee** is an outgrowth of the American Citizenship Department established in 1920. At that time club-women were working toward the elimination of racial and religious discrimination. Since 1950, club-women have addressed such issues as health care for veterans, the eight-hour work-day, and child labor laws. Members are concerned about crime, safety, and voter awareness. Today members are concerned about crime, quality education, and home, highway, and community safety.



## EDUCATION and LIBRARIES

In the early 1900's clubwomen supported legislation to improve school conditions and create compulsory attendance laws. In 1904 they helped establish the U.S. Dept. of Education. GFWC is credited with establishing 75% of the public libraries and developing kindergartens in public schools. GFWC is also active in both literacy programs and Learning Disabilities programs. They also sponsor ESO chapters to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement. As a Committee we support the GFWC Partnership with the [Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation \(HOBY\)](#).

The Book Club falls under this committee, as well as Our Little Library.



## ENVIRONMENT

In 1808 the Federation encouraged club-women to protect the environment by establishing committees to gather and report information on environmental needs in their states. By 1900, GFWC was advocating legislation prohibiting dumping in the nation's rivers and in 1902 formed the Forestry and Irrigation Committee to preserve such national treasures as the California redwoods and the Appalachians. The Conservation Department has enjoyed a close working relationship with the National Park Service. Club-women have played an integral role in saving the Florida Everglades and protecting wildlife and safeguarding America's rivers and lakes. They participate in local river clean-up, beautification of our community and recycling programs.



## HEALTH and WELLNESS

Over the years Club-women fought for legislation protecting the rights of mothers and children, informed communities of public health issues and advocated the passage of the earliest Food and Drug Administration. In keeping with history, this committee educates members as to women's health-related issues through support of local and national programs such as [Relay for Life](#), [Easter Seals](#), and the [Ronald McDonald House](#), [Hope Lodge](#), and [Habitat for Humanity](#). The committee offers the opportunity for members to assist nursing homes and to assist local Social Services by donating food, participating in the Operation Christmas Child Program, and purchasing tents, donation pillows, blankets, sheets and "Plarning" plastic bag mats for the homeless. Financial issues such as securing personal identity and making wise choices for charitable donations are also a focus.

## OUR CLUBHOUSE



### IWC CLUB HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

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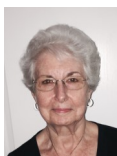
Since September of 2003, when our new club house building was ready for us, our first year's total amount of rental fees was \$95. Our all time high was in 2012 at \$7,859 when a church met every Sunday morning until they outgrew our space. Last year we came close to that amount, mainly because of weekly Weight Watcher meetings which are held every Friday morning and Tuesday afternoon.

The IWC club house is *THE* place to hold Bridal and Baby Showers. In fact, this past year there was a Baby Shower for a lady who had her Bridal Shower here. We'll stay tuned for that baby's first birthday party. Now that's a tradition! Over the years we have booked many various meetings from annual post office gatherings, Mary Kay sales groups, various associations from memorial services, church services, a few weddings, Christmas parties, a 95 year old lady's birthday party and a 10 year old little girl who wanted a birthday tea party. We have the absolute best renters in Citrus County and many repeat bookings.

We charge \$115 for four hours (giving renters an hour ahead at no charge so they can set up). If they need more than four hours the cost is \$25/hr. We also ask that they take home whatever garbage they generate and leave the building clean the way they found it. If they don't want to clean it, there is an extra \$50 charge. The best deal in town!!! Bottom line to renters: respect the care and upkeep of the building. And they do.

So far this year:

- July - one wedding, two Baby Showers, .
- Aug - TBA
- Sep. - TBA



#### Dorothy Stanton, Clubhouse Rentals Chair

(Agnes Kearns is currently assisting Dorothy with opening and closing of the clubhouse, which sometimes requires going to the clubhouse after dark. If anyone would like to help with openings and closings, please call Agnes at 352-344-8368.)

## Happy Birthday!

### July

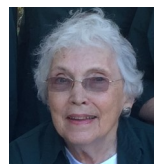
12 Jackie Superson

### August

9 Agnes Kearns  
 20 Donna Anllo  
 22 Marilyn Campbell  
 27 Ella Nardone  
 29 Terrie Thomas

### September

4 Georgia Baum  
 7 Mildred Martin  
 18 Linda Chuckman  
 27 Maxine Henderson



### ART AND CULTURE Debbie Sargent, Chairman

Hi everyone!

Happy Summer! I know we are all waiting to get out and get involved again. Well, while we are waiting are you creating? Have you been painting, oils, watercolors? Are taking your favorite Photos? Framing them 8X10? making Jewelry, knitting, crocheting, and crafting? I know you have time!! Reminding you now and probably again. Remember we have an Art show in January and then if you win we take your project to District 5 Art and Craft Festival which will be in Crystal River in the Spring! Then, the Big Show at Spring Convention! So what are you waiting for? Get Busy! We always have a great showing and many of us have been lucky to go and win at Convention!

Debbie



# Upcoming Events

# Book Club

# This and That



The 19th Amendment was ratified on **August 26, 1920**, and prohibits state and federal governments from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of their sex.

Do you get News and Notes from [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) ?



## GARDENING?

**Please Recycle your flower pots !**



As you buy new plants for your garden, will you save the black plastic pots (or any plastic pot) so several of us can start some cuttings for our next garage sale? They can be brought to the clubhouse at any time and put at the back of the building, near the A/C units.

Call **Sandy Boyette** at 937-346-4383, if you will, when you leave some there.

## Newsletter Editor Sue Allen Reminder:

The next issue of the newsletter will be published by October. Please have all notes and Photos to me NO LATER than **Oct 8th**. It is most helpful if photos are provided in JPEG format and text is provided in Word. If text is provide in PDF format, I have to retype it as I do not have the needed software to edit it.

Thank you,  
Sue



## Book Club: Angie Mayo



**Last discussion: May book**—*Eleanor Oliphant* by Gail Honeyman. A fictional and somewhat humorous story about a socially awkward woman named Eleanor, who comes out of her shell with the help of a stranger.

**On May 13<sup>th</sup>** the Book Club, restricted by Covid-19, met successfully via Zoom. Fifteen members participated. During this meeting, the members discussion centered around the questions that were emailed in advance of the meeting. Members also submitted via email their comments. Most of the group enjoyed the quirky character of Eleanor Oliphant and would recommend the book, but to some the book didn't live up to the marketing hype.

Also, during this meeting five out of the nine books, which were voted on for the new Reading List by email prior to the meeting, were assigned a month and a facilitator.

The books selected for the 2020-2021 year are:

- September: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
- October: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
- November: *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
- December: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Mary Benedict
- January: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
- *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
- *Daisy Jones & the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende



*The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

**September book**—*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. A contemporary murder mystery novel in the style of classic British crime writer Agatha Christie.

If anyone wishes to join any of the discussions, please let me or our Book Club secretary, Katherine Regan, know and we will notify you of future meetings, whether they will be by Zoom or at the clubhouse. As of now, our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**



## WEBSITES Sue Allen



### Do you know our Websites?

Did you get our "Cheat Sheet" how to work the page? **Check out what is new!**

**Here they are:** GFWC Inverness Club: [www.gfwcinvfl.org](http://www.gfwcinvfl.org)  
GFWC FL State: [www.gfwcflorida.org](http://www.gfwcflorida.org) GFWC Washington: [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

**Please visit them often!  
That is who we are!**



# Membership

# Programs



**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Donna Anlo**  
**2nd Vice President**



## Bring in New Members! How? Try This.

This month's peer-to-peer "Each One Reach One" focus is on Getting to Know Someone.

We often meet new people at our Clubs, Church, through work, or on a day to day encounters while out and about. But how do you break the ice and build a rapport when meeting someone new? A simple conversation starter uses acronym F.O.R.M.

**F** – Family, Friends - (Married Kids, Kids, Grandkids? Where are you from? Do you have relatives in this area?)

**O** – Occupation - (What to you do, do you enjoy it, how long?)

**R** – Recreation - (What do you do for fun, travel, hobbies?)

**M** – Message – (This is your opportunity to share Your GFWC volunteer experiences.)

The Better You Get at **F.O.R.M.** The Better You Will Do!

**Let all try to bring in new women to our wonderful working Club!**

## Members,

Please send me now all your information so we can **update** anything that may have changed. **Address? Phone? Email?** As we get into the new administration we need to check and make sure we have a good list. Yearbook, Treasurer, Presidents, Board, Newsletter, and State will need these at sometime. Email me at [dmfa66@gmail.com](mailto:dmfa66@gmail.com) Also is there anyone you have ask or may ask to come into the Club? Would you like me to send an invite to? Let me know. Thank you and stay safe!

With Love, Respect, and Kindness for all,

*Donna*



**PROGRAMS**  
**SALLY BARROW**  
**1st Vice President**



## These are strange times...

In the spring, I gladly accepted the nomination to be your First Vice President in charge of programs for the third term. Again, I was set to set up the programs for the coming year. Well, with the virus lurking, it was impossible to ask others to come in to talk to us, especially when we don't know when and if we will meet again. It has been decided by the board that we have no programs until at least January 2021. When we meet in the fall, our programs will be informal activities lead by club members. I am always open for suggestions and will set up programs for the winter and the spring if circumstances change.

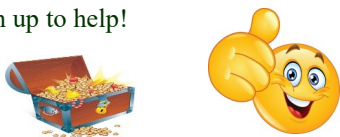
Please contact me with your ideas.

*Sally*

# Ongoing Activities

## Fundraising Committee All Members

Very soon we will be planning the 2020-2022 fiscal year. New Administration, new fundraisers, new Standing Committees and new President's Project. We follow the State and Federal GFWC Years. So Ladies if you have any new ideas that you think would be good fundraisers for the next two years. Please let the Board know. We are open to good money making ideas. All Members are on the Fundraising committee. So when they are planned be sure you sign up to help!



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UPDATE

Angie Mayo



Our **Little Free Library (LFL)** continues to see moderate but steady activity. During our May meeting, the following members volunteered to monitor and maintain our LFL. These are **Linda Chuckman (June), Barbara Cooper (July), and Katherine Regan (August)**.

## UPCOMING BOOK LOVERS DATES:

July 30: Paperback Book Day  
August 9: National Book Lovers Day  
September 6: National Read-a-Book Day



## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Rosalie Matt  
Chairman

The GFWC Women's Club Of Inverness chose a community project to improve the mental well being of our local citizens during the Pandemic. Since events are being canceled due to safe distancing, our members found time to discover hidden treasures in our storage areas. Donating games, magazines and puzzles that we don't use anymore had a two-way advantage...to remove them from our homes and find another home for them. These items were gathered by our Health & Wellness Committee and delivered to nursing homes, rehab and assisted living and care centers.

The delighted recipients were: Avante Nursing Home in Inverness; The Grove Rehab Center in Hernando; Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Lecanto; and Cypress Cove Care Center in Crystal River. The timing was perfect since those items are in much use during this time of quarantine. Thanks to our generous members who contributed, the gifts were very much appreciated.

Wear your Mask! Wash your hands!  
Be Safe! *Rosalie*



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH Barbara Cooper Chairman



## PLARNING

Our GFWC Inverness Plarning Group was started in August of 2017 by Barbara Cooper. We met at our Clubhouse until December 2019. In January we were invited to meet at the Lakes Regional Library of Inverness in order to illustrate a broader enthusiasm to the public of Citrus County. However, due to COVID-19 we haven't met since. Our members have either worked from home or stopped temporarily. Our goal has been to make 3' x 6' mats in order to help keep our homeless off the ground and dry. Over the past three years we have had over 60 members come and go. Together I would guesstimate we have donated over 80 mats for the Family Resource Center to distribute where needed. Also, we have been able to collect styrofoam coolers, sleeping bags, tarps and tents to further our mission. When the time is right we hope to resume.

## SHOWER

An interest of mine is that during the next two years we formulate an idea to assist the homeless of Citrus County by providing an additional shower. Currently there is only one shower available in the whole county and that is maintained and provided by the Family Resource Center. If you would all like to look at an interesting video of what started in San Francisco checkout [www.lavamaex.org](http://www.lavamaex.org)

Unfortunately, right now they have had to discontinue their services due to the virus. Our small club couldn't sponsor something this extravagant but it sure would be a blessing if the \$\$\$\$ fell out of the sky to provide a bus this wonderful.

## VETERANS

Working toward helping the Purple Heart organization in some small way.  
Pending.

*Barbara*



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**ENVIRONMENT**  
**Linda Chuckman**  
**Chairman**



## Plastic Caps and Lids Collection

More than 300,000 tons of plastic are estimated to be littered or inadequately disposed each year. IWC members have an opportunity to help address this problem and to assist a local school at the same time. Crystal River Elementary, in conjunction with their PTA and Ecology Club, is collecting plastic caps and lids. These will be recycled into buddy benches for the school's playground. Our club will be supporting the school's efforts by contributing to their collection. Please save your plastic caps and lids during the summer months so that they can be recycled to help CRE reach its goal.

### *What caps and lids are being accepted?*

Acceptable caps: Milk jug/creamer caps, detergent, non-pump hairspray, toothpaste deodorant, drink caps such as water, soda, sports drinks, etc., spray paint, flip tops (i.e. Ketchup) ointment, baby food, shampoo and conditioner caps.

Acceptable clean plastic lids: cottage cheese, yogurt, sour cream, Cool Whip, Pringles, nuts, butter, spices, plastic jar lids (mayonnaise, peanut butter).

**\*\*Please make sure all caps and lids are clean.**

*Linda*



**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES**

## Annual Scholarships



The club's annual scholarships of \$1,000 went to the following young ladies:

**Kelly Harper**, Citrus High School with a GPA of 4.0, who plans to attend Oklahoma State University where she will major in Agri-business/Pre-Law.

**Maeve Ellen McDougal**, Seven Rivers School with a GPA of 4.17, will attend Berry College in Georgia and will major in Nursing.

**Catalina Figueroa**, Citrus High School with a 4.24 GPA, will attend Florida State University and plans to major in Music.

In ordinary years, the awards to the recipients would have been recognized at our annual May meeting, which, of course, did not occur because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Terrie Thomas, Education chair**, also presented the annual outstanding Girls' Scholastic Athlete winner, (Chronicle scholarship of \$500) in a virtual ceremony in May.



### **Covid-19 Installation Ceremony**

**Our Masked Ceremony** installation of our new Administration was not what we would have liked, but it was done beautifully by **Barbara Rains** with the **Rose Ceremony** in front of others who were seated 6ft apart.

**Left to Right: Barbara Rains, Sally Barrow, Donna Anllo, Bonnie Jesse, Sandra Koonce, Sandy Boyette and Debbie Sargent**

**SUNSHINE**  
**Georgia Baum**  
**Chairman**



Still healing, Dorothy and Will Stanton, needing prayers. Georgia will be in rehab for 4 days to correct medicines. Also, the broken leg that Zana Ennis experienced some time ago has not healed properly. If you know of anyone else, please let Maxine Henderson know if anyone is ill until Georgia is back at home. Maxine will be sending cards.



## FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: MARY ELLEN BROCK



Dear Members,

It is so hard to believe that this is the last *News & Notes* article that I will be sending you. The time has just flown by, but so much was accomplished as time was hurrying by for us.

### 7 Grand Initiatives - Each with a Goal of 1,000:

- **Martin Luther King Day**—1,461 projects were completed.
- **Women in the Military**—1,989 projects were accomplished.
- **Legislative Action Center (LAC)**—2,776 members have joined since July 1, 2018.
- **Million Dollar Club**—\$236,134.34 through the Million Dollar Club for the Capital Campaign.
- **Arbor Day**—28,783 trees were planted.
- **Dr. Seuss Books**—74,736 Dr. Seuss books donated to local/state and DC schools and children centers.

**Soles4Souls/Nike Program**—117,360 pairs of shoes donated.

### Brand Initiatives - Each with a Goal of 1,000:

- **100th Anniversary of the Right to Vote**—1,007 celebratory projects are in place to celebrate in August, 2020.
- **Miranda's Law**—8,947 contacts were made with U.S. Legislators on September 23, 2019, urging passage of Miranda's Law.
- **3D Gun Safety Act**—7,633 contacts were made with U.S. Legislators on October 23, 2019, urging passage of the 3D Gun Safety Act.

**GFWC's Legislative Blitz** on April 24, 2020, Federation Day, U.S. Senators and Representatives received **8,261 contacts** from members urging passage of Miranda's Law and the 3D Gun Safety Act. And the numbers are still coming in from states. Over 41,000 contacts to congressmen regarding the 3D Gun Bill, Miranda's Law, ERA, Women's History Coin Act, and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) brought the name of GFWC to the forefront **JOB WELL DONE.**

Now as we close the book on the 7 Grand Initiatives, I can now devote my time to reading Dr. Seuss to the original "7 Grand." I thank you for taking my dreams and turning them into overwhelming successes due to your efforts. I thank you for the laughter and fun when we have been together as those special memories are so very dear to me. I thank you with all my heart for making the 2018–2020 Administration, Our "One Moment in Time," so much more than I ever, ever dreamed it would be. Know that we may part now, but you will always be with me in my heart.

Much Love, *Mary Ellen*



P.S. As a final farewell, we ask that you raise a glass of your favorite liquid with a virtual toast with the 2018–2020 Executive Committee to a Last Salute to the joys of the 2018–2020 Administration and a Welcome to the 2020–2022 Administration.

**GFWC District 5 News**  
**GFWC District 5 Director**  
**Becky Culver**



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### **Yearbook Needs**

Because of the shutdown of our local businesses due to the coronavirus, and the financial losses most have incurred, we decided not to pursue advertising revenue this year. Due to the loss of that revenue, which usually pays for the printing of our yearbook, we will be printed an abridged book this year, which will be ready at our September meeting.

### **Picture and Bio Updates**

Although updated pictures and bios will not be in your September book, we would like to go ahead and prepare for when we have the money available for printing. So, please, get someone to take a good photo (mug shot) of you ASAP and forward it via email to Sandra at [skoonce@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:skoonce@tampabay.rr.com). Also, please look at the biographical information that was written and update the information.

## Award Winning Story by Angie Mayo

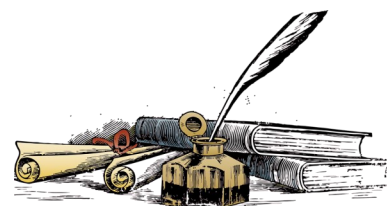
This is the original Word file Angie Mayo submitted to *The Florida Writer*. (The magazine is published six times a year and it's the official magazine of Florida's Writers Association. Prior to each issue, they put out a request to writers from all of Florida to submit stories or poems based on designated themes. And she was really thrilled to be picked.) **Congratulations Angie! You are an amazing talent!**

Here is her story!



### An Unusual Pet

By Angie M. Mayo



I heard the tapping noise the first night in our new house. It had a rhythm to it... tap, tap... tap, tap...

I listened while I lay in an unfamiliar, stark bedroom. I reached for my sleeping companions, but they were not beside me in the bed—my dolls were not unpacked yet. I was five years old, and I felt lonely. Because of my father's job, we had moved from Puerto Rico to Venezuela

The rhythmic sound persisted, but eventually, I fell asleep. By morning, the noise was gone. I mentioned nothing about it to my parents.

The second night, after the house was dark and still, the same noise started again and it sounded close. Curiosity forced me to leave the safety of my bed. Opening my bedroom door, I called, "Mami, are you there?" No response. Only my father's thunderous snoring resonated from my parents' room at the end of the hall.

I followed the tap-tap noise, which led me to the bathroom next to my room. The light from the street lamppost shone through the small window and allowed me to see the metal floor drain cap moving. It was being pushed up at a regular beat. Something was trying to get out. I got closer. A pair of glossy eyes fixed on me. They reminded me of those of the green iguanas in Puerto Rico. I grew up with them; they roamed in our backyard. Nothing to fear. With a sigh of relief, I returned to my bed and made plans for my newfound pet.

With no friends in my new neighborhood, the prospect of having a pet comforted me. My main concern: I had to feed it. Since iguanas love bananas, I planned to smuggle one from the kitchen in the morning and stash it in my room until nighttime. I thought best not to tell my mom about my recent friend. My mother didn't appreciate animals in the house.

The third night, my reptile friend returned. Every time the drain cap lifted, I threw a little piece of banana down the crack. This nightly adventure repeated itself for more than a week.

Then, one evening, my parents went out to attend a party. They would not be back until the early hours of the morning. They left Toribia, our cook, to babysit me. Toribia, a native woman of formidable size, scared me. She had taken charge of our house and not even my mother would dare stand in her way.

When I heard the drain cap tapping that night, I tiptoed out of my bedroom, banana in hand. While in the process of throwing banana pieces down the pipe, Toribia stormed into the bathroom. "What are you doing out of bed and what are you doing with that banana?"

Caught red-handed, I confessed.

"A pet? You have a pet who lives in the drain? You're in a lot of trouble, little girl. Out, right now." Saying that, she scooped me up with her colossal arms. Even in the semi-darkness of the bathroom, I could see Toribia's face glowing with anger.

Next, like a commando on a mission, she grabbed a chair and placed one of the legs on top of the drain cap to hold it down. "We're safe now," she proclaimed with satisfaction.

*Safe? Safe from what?* I wondered as I dozed off to sleep. But I was sure my parents were going to hear about this.

The following morning, a man was crouched in my bathroom working on the floor. I watched with dread as he secured the cap with additional screws.

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# Beware of Phone Scams

## CONT: From Page 9 Angie's Story

My mother took me to the living room. She sat in the oversized armchair, put me on her lap and explained. "Darling, we're now in Venezuela, a country with many kinds of snakes. Sometimes the snakes get inside the pipes under the floor. The one in your bathroom is very dangerous. Stay away from it. It's a *mapanare* and it likes to come out at night to eat. But it doesn't eat bananas."

"So, it can't be my pet, *Mami*?" Tears rolled down my cheeks.

"We'll buy you a puppy. How's that?"

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MEMBERS!

# ATTENTION



### If you get a call from these numbers, don't answer !!!

To play it extra safe, Steinberg recommends never answering or returning a call from a number you don't recognize. If you actually know the person, they can always leave a voicemail. "Remember that it's unlikely that someone you do not know—who is in distress at a location with which you are not familiar—would dial a random number in another country and ask you to help them," he says. "They would call the police."

Although the area codes 473, 809, and 900 are the biggest culprits of scams, it can't hurt to be wary of calls from numbers with the following international area codes.

### Scam phone numbers: International Area Codes With a +1 Country Code

242 — Bahamas

246 — Barbados

268 — Antigua

284 — British Virgin Islands

345 — Cayman Islands

441 — Bermuda

473 — Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique

649 — Turks and Caicos

664 — Montserrat

721 — Sint Maarten

758 — St. Lucia

767 — Dominica

784 — St. Vincent and Grenadines

809, 829 and 849 — Dominican Republic

868 — Trinidad and Tobago

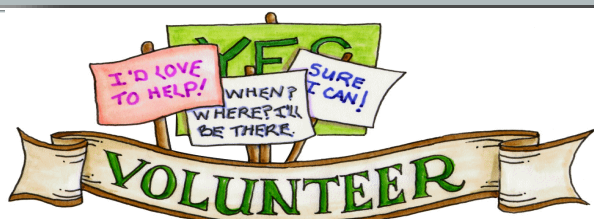
869 — St. Kitts and Nevis

876 — Jamaica

Next, read about these online scams you need to be aware of and how to avoid them.



\*Also beware they are using our 352 numbers so you will answer!



In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

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## GFWC Parliamentary Pointers

by GFWC Parliamentarian Deen J. Meloro



Two events happened recently that affect the way GFWC, as well as GFWC States and clubs, operate.

Our International President Mary Ellen Brock sent a letter to all State Presidents giving them permission to not use *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* when making decisions about voting. **Mary Ellen told the State Presidents she trusted them to be fair and to do what is best for their members.**

The second event was on March 13 when the President of the United States declared a national emergency, and on March 15 when he advised we should not gather in groups larger than ten.

**The health and well-being of our members is a prime concern, and this should not be over-ridden by adherence to *Robert's Rules*.**

During this national emergency, I would advise clubs to use the methods we have available to us **to vote from home: email and snail mail, whether or not they are in your bylaws.** The process would be to send the slate, as determined by the Nominating Committee, to all members and ask if there are any further nominations. This is the equivalent to taking nominations from the floor, and nominating someone is a privilege of membership. You would then send another communication with the slate, and any further nominations, and ask members to vote. Do not give members a lot of turn-around time; it's just not needed. If you have proposed amendments to the bylaws, those can be sent out with the slate. However, if there is going to be discussion on any of them, it would be better to wait to vote on them until you are in a regular meeting. If you have the email address of all or most of your members, it would save time and money to use email. Any member who does not use email should be afforded the courtesy of snail mail.

Members are in office as soon as they are elected. An Installation is really just a party, or a celebration. It is not needed to put someone in office. It's a shame that our outgoing and incoming Presidents may/are not going to be given the happy occasion to show how the club/District/State feels about them, but perhaps that can be done when regular meetings resume. **You do not have to wait until face-to-face meetings begin again to have your new officers take office.**

Best of luck to all our members as you deal with this once in a lifetime challenge. Feel free to call, (201) 573-1643, or [email](#) to this Parliamentarian with questions.



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## GFWC Song

In 1922, Katherine Lee Bates' "America the Beautiful" was chosen because it "is a song of dignity and beauty, easily sung, and reflecting the true spirit of America and the ideals of the Federation".

**America the Beautiful** Words by  
Katharine Lee Bates, Melody by  
Samuel Ward



## Symbolism of GFWC Emblem, GFWC Flag GFWC Flower



GFWC's emblem depicts a circular band signifying eternity. In the center of the circular band, the crusader's shield emerges from a darkened world (represented by the field of darkness), which represents enlightenment. The enameled colors—red, white, and blue—are the colors of the United States of America. The red implies courage, the white equals purity, and the blue stands for constancy.

The official GFWC flag is blue with an embroidered Federation emblem in color in the center. The flag was unfurled for the first time at the Golden Jubilee celebration in Atlantic City, NY on May 19, 1941

The red rose was officially adopted at the council meeting in Milwaukee, WI, May 1940. It was selected from suggestions submitted by various clubs. In 2001 a rose was developed in honor of GFWC and Jane Crowley.

# GFWC Helped Win The Vote For Women



## Suffrage at 100: The GFWC Clubwoman as Suffragist



In GFWC threw the weight of its millions of clubwomen behind the American suffrage movement. Their endorsement of the 19th Amendment helped to lend credibility and momentum to a movement that had been stalling just a few years earlier. Clubwomen across the country marched, protested, and advocated to help ensure the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.



Learn about a few of GFWC's most illustrious advocates for the vote below!

### Julia Ward Howe

Born in New York City in 1819, Julia Ward Howe became one of the 19th century's most influential women. A writer, abolitionist, suffragist, lecturer, and clubwoman, Julia Ward Howe surrounded herself with notable writers and creators from a young age.

In 1862, Howe's poem "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was published for the first time in *Atlantic Monthly*. Battle Hymn is still considered the Civil War anthem of the Union and is Howe's best-known publication. After the war, Howe helped to establish and lead major women's organizations, including GFWC. Other groups Howe helped to establish include the New England Suffrage Association, the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, and the National Woman Suffrage Association.

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### Eva Perry Moore

Eva Perry Moore dedicated her life to club work and the advancement of women. Moore was a charter member of the Wednesday Club in St. Louis and served as its president from 1892–1894. Moore also served as the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs' President from 1901–1906, and as GFWC International President from 1908–1912. Additionally, Moore served as President of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (which later became the AAUW) and of the National Council of Women. As GFWC President, she focused on education, public health, and children's issues.

Moore also used her position as a leader in women's issues to advocate for suffrage. In 1906, as president of the Association of Collegiate Alumni, Moore spoke at the National American Woman Suffrage Association convention alongside Susan B. Anthony. At the Convention she insisted that "We have no platform unless it is the care of women and children, and the home, the latter meaning the four walls of the city as well as the four walls of brick and mortar."

### Anna Pennybacker

Anna Pennybacker, who is pictured above sitting beside Eleanor Roosevelt, was an accomplished suffragist, educator, author, peace activist, and clubwoman. Born in Virginia, Pennybacker moved to Texas at an early age where she had an indelible impact on Texas history and education.

Pennybacker worked as a teacher in Texas and published *A New History of Texas* in 1888. The textbook was used in state curriculums for over forty years. In 1894, Pennybacker established the Tyler Woman's Club, one of Texas's first clubs. From 1901–1903 Anna led the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and from 1912–1916 she served as President of GFWC.

Pennybacker lectured extensively throughout Texas to promote women's education and suffrage. From 1919–1920 Pennybacker also served as an associate member of the Democratic National Committee, where she formed an influential and lifelong friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.



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# IWC Covid-19 Projects



Rosalie Matt, Debbie Sargent, Sandra Koonce

## Collection of Magazines

**Rosalie Matt, Debbie Sargent and Sandra Koonce** show off the trunkful of magazines and puzzles that members donated on a spur-of-the-moment request. At the same time, another trunkful of items was donated for CASA. **Debbie** delivered her trunkful to CASA; **Rosalie** spent several days delivering from her trunk to area assisted living facilities.



Mary Doolittle

## OUR GARAGE SALE

**Mary Doolittle**, who spearheaded the recent garage sale, shows off some of the items that were donated to the successful fundraiser.



Frances Hamilton

**Frances Hamilton** shows off the array of jewelry just before sales began. Members were generous with necklaces, watches, and pins as well as earrings. Sales of jewelry alone brought in over \$200.



Donna Anfio

**Sandy Boyette** took a few minutes to show off some of the treasures that we gave up so others could enjoy!!



Sandy Boyette



Bonnie Jessee

**Bonnie Jessee**, along with the whole work crew, sorted clothes by sizes to make them more readily accessible to shoppers. In spite of many, many purchases, we have A LOT of clothes awaiting the next sale (whenever that happens!)



Katherine Regan

**Katherine Regan** looks over some of the items that were on display on an outside patio.





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