



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF INVERNESS



November, 2019 Newsletter

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:



The next issue of the newsletter will be published by the end of February. Please have all notes and photos to me NO LATER than February 14th. It is most helpful if photos are provided in JPEG format and text is provided in Word. If text is provided in PDF format, I have to retype it as I do not have the needed software to edit it. Thank you.

Wishing you all a most blessed, joyful, and safe holiday season.

Barbara Purdell

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President's Message

This year started out with a bang...a summer storm that caused us to cancel our Card and Board Game Luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church. Our New Members Luncheon was a great success. Noreen Elliott and Agnes Kearns, our membership committee, along with all of the board members, provided a beautiful assortment of main dishes and desserts. The clubhouse looked like fall with all the pretty flower arrangements. Our prospective new members seemed to have a great time. Sandra Koonce gave an informal club presentation and various club members joined in to share.

Thanks to Barbara Cooper for taking charge of the Wacky Bingo Luncheon on November 9. (See *Barbara's note to find out just how successful this event was!*)

We are all looking forward to the Dynasty of Fashion show on February 22, 2020, hosted by Wei Wei. The models are excited and I am getting nervous having to wait so long! Thank you all for the enormous preparation involved in making this a special event.

Please do not forget to complete your Volunteer and Service Hour Report for 2019 and bring to the December Luncheon. Also, be thinking about what committees you would like to be on for the next two years.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!

Frances Hamilton

(Note - The Volunteer and Service Hour form can be downloaded from the GFWC site or you can contact Sally Barrow.)

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1916, Inverness, FL 34451

Clubhouse Address:
1715 Forest Drive, Inverness, FL

Upcoming Events:

All activities at the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

December

12/6/2019	9:30 AM	Board Meeting
12/6/2019	10:30AM-12:00 noon	Last Planning meeting in the clubhouse. See note below.
12/9/2019	11:30 AM	Christmas Luncheon Meeting Citrus Hills Country Club
12/11/2019	1:00 PM	Book Club

January

1/8/2020	9:30 AM	Reporting Workshop
1/10/2020	9:30 AM 9:30-11:00	Board Meeting Members bring in Arts & Crafts Entries
1/13/2020	1:00 PM	Regular Meeting Arts & Crafts Show
1/15/2020	1:00 PM	Book Club
1/29/2020	10:00 AM	Meet at Clubhouse for tour of local sites for charities we support.

February

2/7/2020	9:30 AM	Board Meeting
2/10/2020	1:00 PM	Regular Meeting
2/12/2020	1:00 PM	Book Club
2/21/2020		GFWC FL Leads Seminar, Lakeland, FL
2/22/2020	11:30 AM	A Dynasty of Fashions Citrus Hills Country Club
2/29/2020		GFWC FL District 5 Arts & Crafts Festival GFWC Gainesville Woman's Club

Ongoing Activities

3 rd Fridays Starting January 17 th We will continue Planning at the library through the third Friday in May.	10:30AM-12:00 noon	Planning Project for the Homeless Lakes Regional Library on Druid Street (Inverness Library)
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Notes:

❖ From Sally Barrow:

Come celebrate the holidays with the club at Citrus Hills Country Club on December 9 at 11:30. Be prepared to have fun, play games, sing songs – all in time to get you into the holiday spirit. Send your \$18 checks payable to IWC to Shirley Bousquet by Dec. 1. (I made that up.) Be sure to specify if you want fish or beef.

❖ From Anna Murray:

Tickets for "A Dynasty of Fashion: A Chinese Cultural Experience" will be on sale at our December meeting. The cost, which includes dinner, show, door prizes and a fabulous afternoon, is \$40.00. Would make a great Christmas gift!

(A copy of the poster for the show is included at the end of the newsletter on p 10.)

❖ CRAZY WACKY BINGO REPORT

by Barbara Cooper, Sandy Boyette and Linda Chuckman – Chairmen

Please know that I am very grateful to each of you who helped make our Crazy Wacky Bingo a huge success with a profit of \$1,050. Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined our profit to reach that amount. We didn't scrimp anywhere but it all evolved into a day of fun with many Bingo winners and ticket holders going home with beautiful (and in some cases) WACKY gifts. I don't want to name each of you for fear of missing someone, but I am truly grateful for all the hard work you each put into making this an outstanding event. *(See photos p. 8)*

❖ Note from Barbara Cooper to her planning group re: change in date/place for meeting (See Ongoing Activities):

I will still be emailing all of you and keeping us all together. The Library has offered to have us there and I feel it will be more convenient. See you all in a week. Barbara Cooper, 341-0204

- ❖ From Sue Allen:
A GFWC Jr project is to supply Dr. Seuss books to as many children as we can. So, can you donate a Dr. Seuss book?

- ❖ From Sue Allen:
Members: We have new brochures and business cards to hand out. Make sure you pick up a few and be ready to give to a prospective member. Write your name on the back of the business card with your phone number and hand out with the brochure. The brochure will help explain what GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness, is all about!



- ❖ New Website – Sue Allen
Right now, our new website is under construction. We hope to have it up and running before the first of the year. This website will be as user friendly as we can make it. You can expect to be able to go to other sites right from our own site through links. You will see GFWC history, our calendar of events, who we are, membership form, renting form, scholarship form, where to donate, pictures etc. We have a new domain which is easy to remember: www.gfwcinvfl.org and it will be ours as long as we need it. It will be a way for us to go

right to our website and do our reports through a link to www.gfwcflorida.org or you will be able to go straight to www.gfwc.org and find out more information from our Federation.

When it is time to launch the site, I will let you know. We hope it will be to your liking and you will use it often to get information.

- ❖ From Debbie Sargent:
Business Expo – September 7, 2019
Several club members assisted in setting up a table with information about our club. Members were on hand to talk to many people about GFWC IWC. Several were interested in rental of the clubhouse.

- ❖ Corrections to member information in the yearbook:
Pauline Stasick – correct email is pstasick52@gmail.com.
Mary Doolittle – correct phone # is 352-726-3589.
Adele Wardrop – correct phone # is 352-344-0280.
Georgia Baum – correct birthday is Sept.4.

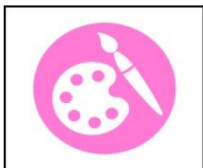
- ❖ Marge Kapphahn, a member of our club for 25 years, and an honorary member, passed away November 17 at the age of 100. If you would like to read her obituary, go to the Davis Funeral Home website (www.chasdavis.com), click on Citrus County Obituaries, and search by last name. Thanks to Maxine Henderson and Sandra Koonce for passing on this sad news.



- ❖ At the November meeting, Terrie Thomas alerted us to the need of supplies for our clubhouse. For this Shower of Staples, please bring any of the following to the January meeting.
 - Paper Towels, sectioned – High Priority
 - Toilet paper
 - Small plastic trash bags
 - Tall white kitchen bags
 - Pump hand soap



Community Service Program Areas:



ART
Debbie Sargent, chair

The art show is at our regular meeting in January. We would love to see how crafty you are! Do you paint, sew, needlepoint, etc.? Photographs are also welcomed be it scenery, portrait, nature, or feature story. All entries must have been made during the 2019 year. Call Sally Barrow or Debbie Sargent for more information.



CONSERVATION
Linda Chuckman, chair

Soles for Souls – Collection will be at the February club meeting. Any type of flat-soled new or gently used shoes may be donated.



EDUCATION
Terrie Thomas, chair

Classroom volunteers and mentors are GREATLY needed at both Inverness Primary and Forest Ridge Elementary Schools! Per both principals (Kay Harper/IPS & Michelle McHugh/FRE), the participation of classroom volunteers and mentors has decreased over the past several years----and there is such a need. If you are currently volunteering or mentoring at either of the schools, or if you are interested in beginning service to our community as a volunteer or mentor at either of these schools, do let Terrie Thomas know.



BOOK CLUB
Angie Mayo, chair

At November's meeting, the Book Club members enthusiastically discussed the beautiful and poignant book by Delia Owens, *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Now, for December's meeting, they are reading an equally engaging and moving story, *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Tara, a girl born in the mountains of Idaho to a survivalist family that shuns education and mainstream society, breaks free from them to achieve knowledge and education. As you read this woman's empowering story, you'll understand why she says, "You can love someone and still choose to say goodbye to them."

We welcome you to join our meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 p.m. for the discussion of *Educated*. It will enrich your holiday season.

Also, we invite you to check out the **Little Free Library**, which offers books both for adults and children. It stands outside by the entrance of IWC's clubhouse, accessible not only to our members but to the entire community.

(See photos provided by Sue Allen on page 7. Sue also notes that you may donate books for the Little Free Library by bringing them to Angie Mayo.)

January book: *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Angie Mayo, Book Club Chairperson



HOME LIFE
Rosalie Matt, chair

Sue Allen reminds us of the need to use tick repellents. She has a recipe using essential oils that I'm sure she would be glad to provide to anyone who would rather not use a commercial product. She has had the recipe for a while and is not sure of the source.



PUBLIC ISSUES
Barbara Cooper, chair

VETERANS DAY REPORT

Our Veterans Day float was a complement to the parade and if I do say so I...we all looked pretty darn good. Gary Cooper and Dennis Cleerdin put "the pedal to the metal" in their efforts to help us create a good-looking float. People were beginning to stake out a seat along Main Street at 8:45 a.m. as we were driving to the High School to get into line. Kids and adults of all ages lined the streets with smiles and tears as they waved their flags. We waved ours along with them. Courthouse Square was filled with on-lookers who were awaiting the Memorial Services to be held once the parade ended.

Eighteen of us enjoyed lunch at Angelo's afterwards and then attended our monthly GFWC Inverness Woman's Club monthly meeting at our Clubhouse.

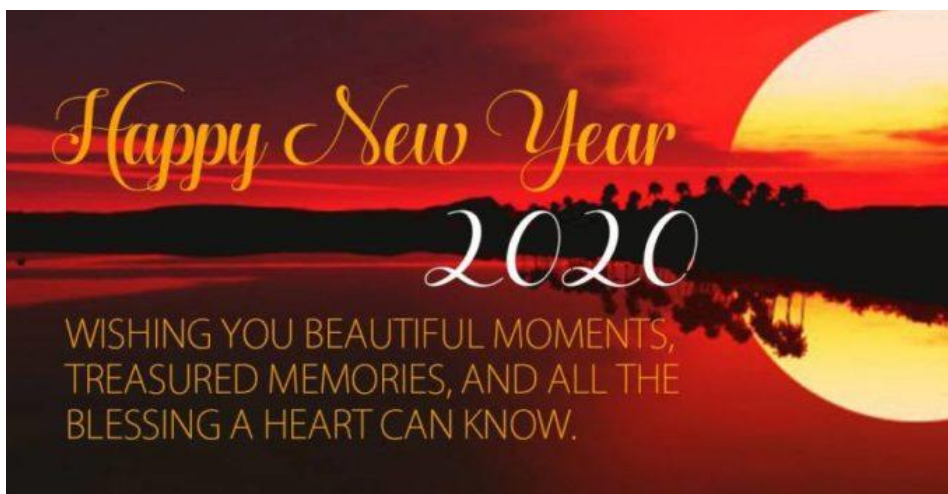
(See parade photo on page 8.)



STATE PRESIDENT'S
PROJECT
OPERATION SMILE
Harriet Mirabella, chair

Harriet provided a table with materials promoting Operation Smile that was on display in Cadence Bank for three weeks in September. Information about club membership was also made available

Members are encouraged to continue sewing projects for Operation Smile at home as there will no longer be sewing gatherings at the clubhouse. Final collections for the project will be in May.



Photos of Club Activities

Article in the Citrus County Chronicle

A6 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

Inverness GFWC member celebrates 90th birthday



Special to the Chronicle

Ella Nardone, a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness, was honored during the club's September meeting on the occasion of her 90th birthday. An active member of the club for over 25 years, Nardone has headed up several major projects and has served as a trustee for the club. Two other active 90-year old club members were also recognized at the meeting; Georgia Baum, who was 90 a few days before the meeting, and Dagmar Lucente, who passed the 90-year mark several years ago. The three are examples of why it is often said that those who are active in club work and those who volunteer tend to live longer and healthier lives. Local women who want to make their lives more meaningful (and possibly live longer) are invited to join GFWC. For more information, call 352-634-4216.



HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF TO THE BAHAMAS

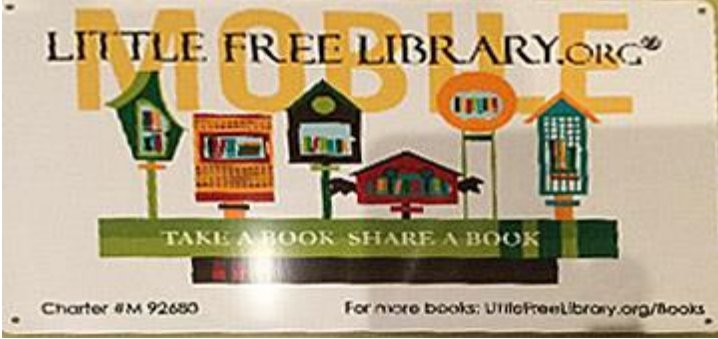
Many thanks to the twenty (20) members who donated to our spontaneous Hurricane Dorian Relief effort to the Bahamas project recently! Lots of the requested items were collected, including water, clothing and non-perishable food stuff. A grand "shout out" to Georgia Baum who "co-chaired" the drive, and whose garage we took over. She even enlisted members of her family in collecting items and helping in other ways.

On October 2, retired Fire Chief, Ted Holmes (Washington, D.C./Jacksonville, Florida), picked up our contributions and delivered them to the distribution center which was located at The New Church Without Walls. Word has reached us in writing that our load has reached the Bahamas, and was received with great appreciation! Kudos to Sally Barrow who not only contributed, but came to take pictures for the Chronicle. And thanks to Sandra Koonce for composing an appropriate "story" for newspaper publication.

~ Terrie Thomas



Terrie Thomas sponsored a lunch with all the foods Michelle Obama's grandfather, Southside, served when she was growing up on the south side of Chicago. Afterwards Terrie led the group in a robust discussion of Michelle Obama's best-selling biography, BECOMING. Absent from the picture are Sally Barrow and Linda Chuckman.



Sue Allen and Angie Mayo with the Little Free Library outside our clubhouse



Crazy Wacky Bingo November 9, 2019



GFWC Inverness Woman's Club Float - Veteran's Day Parade



IWC members attended and staffed a table at the dedication ceremony of Liberty and Wallace Brooks Park and The Depot on November 16th in Inverness.

Miscellany

Both of these items are from Sue Allen.




Everyone can make a difference!

- Notice a family in distress
- Offer a helping hand
- Give an hour of your time
- Connect families to resources
- Talk about healthy child development

PreventChildAbuseFL.org

Pinwheels for PREVENTION
Florida Department of Children and Families
Office of Prevention Fund of Florida



Incredible

When I woke up this morning I asked myself, "What is life about?" I found the answers in my room... The fan said, "Be Cool." The roof said, "Aim High." The window said, "See the World!" The clock said, "Every minute is precious." The mirror said, "Reflect before you act." The calendar said, "Be up to date." The door said, "Push hard for your goals." The floor said, "Kneel down and pray and be thankful for what we have."

The GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness
Presents
"A DYNASTY of FASHION
A Chinese Cultural Experience"

by Wei Wei Ritzhaupt

February 22, 2020

Doors Open-11:00 a.m.

Lunch-12:00 p.m.

At: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
505 E. Hartford St., Hernando, FL

Donation-\$40 per person
(lunch & Show)

For tickets and information
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