



NEWSLETTER



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"Volunteers are Love in Motion."



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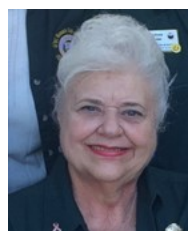
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President's Message

Welcome

New

Members !



Ladies,

I am looking forward to our Dynasty of Fashions and hope and pray that it is a **HUGE** success! Please remember that our **District 5 Arts & Crafts in Gainesville** is on **February 29th** . There is a \$15 charge for the luncheon. Let's all support our winners and have a great turnout. It's always a fun time. Also bring in your shoes for Conservation project."Soles4Souls"

March is a big month for us. We have our **Card and Board Games on March 14th** and I will do a "Mystery Trip" on **Friday March 20th** followed by lunch. Let's not forget our **Garage Sale on March 25th through 28th**. Please go through your house and what you do not want may be just what someone else is looking for. Let's make our club a great success..

"Charity sees the need not the cause."

In Federation love,
Frances Hamilton

Upcoming Events

February Clubhouse:

7th Board meeting: 9: 30 am
10th Regular meeting: 1:00 pm
12th Book Club: 1:00 pm

February Other:

Planning Project for Homeless 3rd
Friday 10:30 am until noon

Weight Watchers Meeting every
week: 4:30 –to 7: pm, on Tuesday 6:00
to 8 pm Friday

22nd Dynasty of Fashion Show 11:00
am doors open , Lunch, Show, prizes,
11:30 -3:00 pm.

29th GFWC District Arts Show 9:00
am to about 3:00 pm Gainesville
Woman's Club

March Clubhouse

6th Board meeting: 9: 30 am
9th Regular meeting: 1:00 pm
11th Book Club: 1:00 pm
13th Operation Smile 1:00 pm

March Other

14th Cards and Games Luncheon—
from 11:00 to 2:30 at First Presby-
terian Church

Planning Project for Homeless: 3rd
Friday 10:30 am until noon

Weight Watchers Meeting every
week: 4:30 to 7: pm Tuesday; 6:00 to
8 pm Friday

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Notes from Newsletter Editor

Reminder:

The next issue of the newsletter will be published by the end of April. Please have all notes and Photos to me **NO LATER than April 2** . 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 Allen



Upcoming Events

March Cont.:

Planning Project for Homeless:

3rd Friday 10:30 am until noon

Weight Watchers Meeting every

week: 4:30 –to 7: pm Tuesday;
6:00 to 8 pm Friday

20th - Mystery Trip ???

Meet 10:00 am at Clubhouse.
Members and friends welcome!



25, 26, 27, 28 Annual Garage Sale: Bring Items Wed, 9-5 Pricing: Thurs 9-4; Sale days Friday and Saturday

April Clubhouse:

10th Board meeting: 9: 30 am

13th Regular meeting: 1:00 pm

Shower of blessings for CASA

15th Book Club: 1:00 pm

22nd Bonanza Games 4:00 pm

Bring boards and chips to play—
Light Supper

Planning Project for Homeless:

3rd Friday 10:30 am until noon

Weight Watchers Meeting every

week: 4:30 –to 7: pm Tuesday
6:00 to 8 pm Friday

Ongoing Activities

MEMBERSHIP

Noreen Elliott



Welcome new members!!!!

We are so happy to have you in the flock of
GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness Women!

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**Please add these to your yearbook !
We are growing our "Tree"!**

Notes

Restaurant Gatherings



Sue Allen

All are welcome to join us as we support our community restaurants. Bring a friend, relative, husband. Or come alone.. This month, February, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays we are gathering at "Angelottes". at 4:30 p.m., **Please let me know if you are coming so I can make the reservations** for the right amount of members. **Thank You.**

**Hope to see you
all there!**



Traveling?

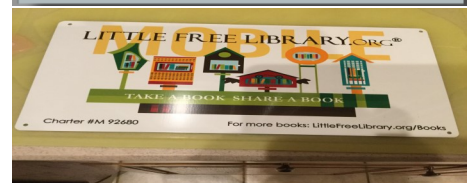
Women's History Month Event

Join us for our Annual Women's History Month Event on March 5, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. As the centennial of the 19th Amendment approaches, the Women's History Month Event will focus on celebrating the history that led to its passage. GFWC is proud to have endorsed women's right to vote in 1914, and to have counted a multitude of suffragists among our ranks. This Women's History Month event will be dedicated to celebrating those who helped to ensure that our voices are heard.

The event will be held at Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC. Light refreshments will be served. Register Now

Why? Just in case you are traveling you could attend! This is a heads up as to what we will be celebrating this year!

From GFWC News and Notes



ATTENTION!



Book Club Angie Mayo Chair



Discussion:

When We meet again, by Kristin Hamel A Historical/ Fiction/Romance

We welcome you to join our meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AREAS



ART

Debbie Sargent Chair

Art and Craft Festival at Gainesville Woman's Club will soon be here. Please sign up with Shirley Bousquet when "The Call" comes out from District 5 Director. Bring your check made out to GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness to our next February meeting on the 10th. Come and support all the winners from our Club! Good luck Ladies!



Public Issues

Barbara Cooper Chair

In January The Inverness Planners met at Lakes Regional Library. There were several who cut, folded, looped and a few crocheters. **Our next** get together will be at **the Library on Friday, February 21st from 10:30 – Noon**. Hope you can join us **every third Friday**. We are missing several of our former members. Hope you can rearrange your schedule so you can rejoin us. Thanks to all who faithfully save bags.



Conservation

Linda Chuckman Chair

Our first ever Soles4Souls collection!
Please bring in your shoes this month!

Shoes that are accepted: *More Info: Page 5*

Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops, just as long as they are new or gently-worn.



International Outreach

Harriet Mirabella Chair

President's Project: Operation Smile



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 Feb. 10, 2020. Thank you all for working so hard!

Operation  Smile



Education

Terrie Thomas Chair

NIHAO—The Education Committee is "claiming" DYNASTY OF FASHIONS: A CHINESE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE"! Much research and planning is going into this Saturday, February 22nd event at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club—which is an exhibition of Chinese fashion representative of several dynasties as well as of recent decades. Beautiful authentic clothing, vases, lanterns, fortune cookies, chop sticks—and much more will symbolize and celebrate the Chinese Year of The Rat—or the Mouse, if you prefer! The Ancestral Emperors would be proud!

Our GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness 2020 Scholarship Application is in the Guidance Offices of the respective schools, and is on our new fabulous website as well!



Domestic Violence

All Members

The National Organization's signature project is working in issues involving victims of abuse, human trafficking and domestic violence.

**We are proud supporters of the
Citrus Abuse Shelter Association?**



Home life

Rosalie Matt Chair

Shower for CUB Citrus United Basket:

Please bring in food items. Any kind of Boxed or Canned items. **Bring for February General Meeting**



Treasurer Notes-Bonnie Jessee

At the end of January, 2020, we have a balance of only \$933.02 in our regular account and \$774.45 in our building account. It seems more is going out than coming in but I'm optimistic that our fundraisers in the next coming months will bring us back to having a more robust account balance. The Receipts & Disbursements tally provided by the accountant will be available to members at the next meeting on February 10, and will be posted on the bulletin board. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns,

Upcoming Events

Ongoing Activities

Notes



By News & Notes January Issue

Over the next six months, *News & Notes* will feature a monthly column which explores suffrage and the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

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 ?

Cards and Games Luncheon Fundraiser March 14th

It will soon be time for Cards and Games again. Remember we do this to help keep our Clubhouse in good order. When you are called to bring a dish to pass and buy a ticket, please do so .The cost is \$12.00. Sell some tickets. This is a **fundraiser** and the **best food** in town!

Members, we are all suppose to support this. Bring friends, husbands, neighbors and eat and play any kind of games or cards. Many members bring their friends play bridge, Mexican Train, Hand & Foot,, Mahjong, etc.. If you don't know how to play a game we can teach you! Ask friends you do things with to come and enjoy!

Make sure food is delivered to the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, off 44 going east, by 11:00 a.m. Luncheon is at 11:30. Cards & games after lunch until 2:30 p.m. See you there!!!



IWC Art Show Report

Sandra Koonce, Communications Chairman



Great Participation in our local Art Show – Now winners on way to District competition

Our club's leading artisans came through again with several blue ribbons but were challenged this year by some new participants. Each of the participants explained their entry and details about how it was made or where the work was done while pictures of each were displayed via a projector. Angie Mayo garnered three blue ribbons with a beautiful necklace, a stitched pillow and a painted bowl. The judges gave blue ribbons to Ella Nardone's pine needle woven basket and to a photo of a bottle bush tree.

One of our new members, Audrey Bunchkowski, won with a beautiful watercolor painting. Sandy Boyette entered a photo on canvas, a new category, and received a blue ribbon. Sally Barrow's photography skills won blue ribbons for a scenic picture as well as for a portrait of a man holding a sextant in his hand. An enhanced picture of a stork with its shadow won a blue ribbon. Art coordinator Debbie Sargent said there were many other categories that could have been entered and encouraged members to see where they might be able to showcase their particular talent. All the blue ribbon winners will compete at the District 5 art show in Gainesville

See You There!



GFWC - GFWC Florida & GFWC District 5 Calendar 2020

Feb. 21-22 - GFWC LEADS - Lakeland FL

Feb 29 GFWC District 5 Art and Crafts Festival, Gainesville Woman's Club.

Apr. 24 - GFWC Federation Day

May 14 - 17 -Annual Convention, Orlando, FL.

June 27—30 GFWC Convention,



WEBSITES Sue Allen

Website

Do you know our Websites? Did you get our "Cheat Sheet" how to work the page?

Here they are:

Inverness club: www.gfwcinvfl.org
GFWC State: www.gfwcflorida.org
GFWC Washington: www.gfwc.org



SUNSHINE Georgia Baum Chairman

Nancy Pekins - at home

Mary Doolittle - Had another spell

Zana Ennis - broken leg

OUR CLUBHOUSE



At the **November Board Meeting**, our clubhouse “**Girl Fridays**” (Deb Sargent/ Pauline Stasick) announced that the house was in desperate need of staples, such as paper towels, toilet paper, plastic trash bags, etc. **Terrie Thomas** volunteered to kick off a “**Shower For Our House**”. Therefore, in consultation with the above members relative to the specific needs, a list was composed and distributed. Members were to “shower” the house at the **January meeting**. It was very successful because members were quite generous, and all of the needs were met.

IWC CLUB HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Just to let you know ...

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 to 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 \$95 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:

January: 3 Baby Showers, 1 Memorial Service, 1 Fourteenth Birthday Party, Weight Watchers.

February: (so far) – 1 Church service and 2 Baby Showers

Dorothy Stanton, Clubhouse Rentals Chair



At our February 10th General Meeting:

Two chances for helping others:

1. Our first ever Soles4Souls collection (see information below)
2. Our annual day to help CUB (Citrus United Basket) restock their shelves (be as generous as your pocketbook and heart allow!)

The **Soles4Souls** project redistributes the shoes to those in need through direct donations and micro-enterprise partners. People in many poverty-stricken places (Honduras, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala, Haiti, the United States and more) benefit from this project, which recycles thousands of shoes that would otherwise end up in our landfills. This is a Conservation project (under the leadership of our Conservation Chair, Linda Chuckman.)

Please note the following:

Shoes that are accepted:

Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops, just as long as they are new or gently-worn.

Band donated shoes:

Please help ensure that pairs of shoes stay together. You can do this by

- 1) placing a rubber band around shoes,
- 2) using twine or strong string to tie the shoes together.
- 3) tying the shoelaces together.

Anything that connects the matching shoes in a donation is considered "banding shoes".



On Going Activities

Planners in Action

Mats, a tent and a Styrofoam cooler being delivered to the Family Resource Center in January 2020



GET INVOLVED
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

Photos



Another great time will be coming up soon on the 22nd of April at 4:00 p.m. Sign up for the game and light dinner Cost \$7.00. Learn to play Bonanza! All are invited! Husbands, neighbors come alone, bring a friend! It is fun!

Ask Barbara Cooper 352-341-0204



THE COLORS THEY WORE



We will be celebrating Birthday of the 19th Amendment (Women's Right to Vote) this year. These are the colors they marched in. Will we dress march this year? Lets plan it!

More Notes

Fundraising Notes "Dynasty of Fashions"

"A Dynasty of Fashion, A Chinese Cultural Experience," our major fundraising event, will be presented on **February 22, 2020**. This is just a few weeks away so we hope all our members have their tickets and have invited as many people as possible. We have extended the deadline for tickets to **February 10**.

This show will be a very unique presentation of historical Chinese culture and fashion that took place during the succession of Dynasties that ruled China.

The outfits are all colorful and very beautiful, some will have very intricate headpieces to accompany that particular outfit. Our models are going to look gorgeous and the whole show will be fabulous.

Come and enjoy!

Anna Murray & Sue Allen



Happy Birthday!

February

10 -Wei - Wei Ritzhaupt
21 - Sue Allen

March

1- Bonnie Jessee
3 - Anna Murry
17 - Beverly Black
30 - Zana Ennis

April

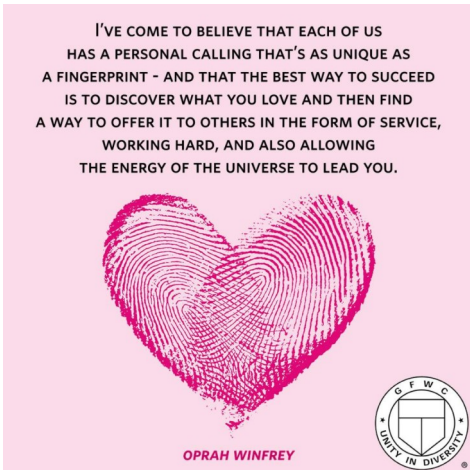
24 Mary Doolittle
24 GFWC Federation Day

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Noreen Elliott Membership Chair and new member MaryAnne Gonter .



**Mary Doolittle,
Barbara Hawver
Chairman**

Ok Ladies it is time to sign up and help Mary with another successful Garage/Yard Sale.! Please try to price all your small /big items. This will make it easier for the working ladies. Have all items to the Club-house by the March 25th. If you have already cleaned out your house you can call Georgia Baum at 352-726-7566 as she has gracefully given her garage for storing some things.

Got Jewelry you want to get rid of? Please bring. Please bring all things that are workable. Make sure the clothes are wearable and clean .

Remember this function takes place two days , March 27 & 28. We work setting up March 25 & 26. Sign up to help a few hours at February Meeting on the 10th.



Noreen, Elliott, Amalia D. Schulist, Delores Lane, Audrey Bunchkowski, Barbara, Weirich, Noreen Zembko, Mary T. Wingett,

**From the
Nominating Committee**

Agnes Kearns

It is time again for the forming of the new administration for the next two years. The committee has been working hard to fill every spot. Where will you now work in the Club? What is your passion for volunteering? There are many areas to choose from. A sheet will be circulating at the Feb. Meeting. Please sign up where you feel you would like to serve.



Wei Wei Ritzhaupt showing two of the costumes that will be in the Dynasty Show

**WE NEED
YOU!**

