

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF INVERNESS

NEWSLETTER



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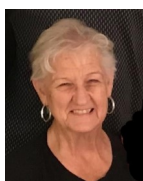
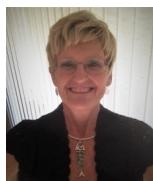
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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill



Our Presidents' Message



Happy New Year to one and all!

In spite of wearing masks and talking to one another by looking at computers, we made it through the craziest year of our lives. And, in spite of the challenges, we did a grand job.

Thanks to all of us working together we helped make some shut-in residents feel loved as they received our magazines, puzzles, and cards.

We expressed our thanks to front line workers who helped us through these strange times.

We made money the hard way...by working a garage sale and the challenges it presented.

We participated in a county wide fitness challenge. and won! Aren't we grand?

The support and fellowship our club has to offer was used over and over to help members who were, and still are, experiencing difficult times. It may have been a card, a phone call, or a surprise visit to someone, but it was freely given. That caring and support will help us travel the year ahead and continue to come out on top!

We will still have to brainstorm new ideas and keep our belts tightened, but the light at the end of the tunnel will be brighter because we have each other! And hopefully, no masks or Zoom meetings for much longer. Thank you all for your work behind the scenes. Our club couldn't have made it without YOU.

Love, Respect, and Kindness

Sandy Boyette & Sandra Koonce

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Upcoming Calendar Events



JANUARY

- Jan 8 - Board Meeting - Zoom 10:00
- Jan 11-General Meeting - Zoom 1:00
- Art Show and winners
- Jan. 13 - IWC Book Club - Zoom 1:00

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 - Board Meeting - Zoom - 10:00
- Feb 8 - General Meeting -Zoom -1:00
- Program: Whalen Jewelers
- Feb 10 - Book Club - Zoom 1:00
- Feb 12 & 13 - District 5 Art Show
- Bring items in for judging. Place TBA
- Feb 14 - **Happy Valentines Day!**

MARCH

- Mar 5 - Board Meeting - Zoom - 10:00
- Mar 8 - General Meeting - Zoom -1:00
- Mar 10 - Book Club - Zoom - 1:00
- Mar 13 - District 5 Art Show, Crystal River - TBA
- Mar 17 - **Happy St Pat's Day**



MARCH 8



What We Do

What We Will Do



ATTENTION!



Collections for January:

Bring to the clubhouse the day after our meeting (Tuesday, Jan 12, from noon to 2 p.m.)

Bring: all bottle caps you've collected

Bring: food items for Citrus United Basket (be as generous as your budget allows – as you know, there is a REAL Need)

Bring: Your Service Hour reports!

Please fill out the Service Hours sheet provided for you (as best you can). If you need another copy, get in touch with Sandra. Return it in any of these ways:

1. Via mail (to Sandy Boyette)
2. Via email (to Sandy Boyette)
3. To the Clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 11 between noon and 2 p.m.

Collections for February:

Bring to Clubhouse after our meeting (TBA).

Bring: Any items for President's Project for abused Children "*Jessie's Place*" .

Bring: Valentines for First Responders and Nursing Homes.

Bring: Magazines, Puzzles, cards, etc. for Assisted Living Residents

Collections for March:

Bring to Clubhouse after our meeting (TBA).

Bring: Small suitcase, backpacks, (New or Used) for children entering Foster Care System.

Bring: any item for President's Project for abused Children "*Jessie's Place*"

No Garage Sale in March

The board this week voted that we would not hold the scheduled March garage sale (as that would give us THREE during this club year.) Instead, the next garage sale will be scheduled for November of this year (2021).

Proposed Take Out Dinner

Our co-presidents, Sandy and Sandra, have been cooking meals together for another organization for the last three years, serving approximately 50 people each month. They have proposed that they use their skills to cook a take-out dinner in April (date to be announced) as a club fundraiser. This would be a meal for which tickets are sold in advance TO JUST OUR MEMBERS (and friends, if friends are interested). This will NOT be a spaghetti all-you-can eat type of fundraiser, but a satisfying, tasty chicken dish with at least two sides and dessert. Stay tuned for

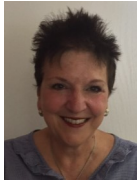


*In a world where you can be anything,
be kind. not for ourselves, but for others.*

Living the Volunteer Spirit



President's Project Restaurant Gatherings Treasurer's Notes



PRESIDENT'S PROJECT CHAIRMAN
Marion Gundling



GFWC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

The GFWC Inverness Women's Club has put forth great effort to support the GFWC President's Project. We can be proud of our efforts to support the special needs within our own community. Specifically, we participated and placed first in the **Citrus County Wellness Challenge**.

We also participated in a Day of Service and caring by donating or purchasing items as a group at the **Key Center** on December 3rd. Lastly, our first delivery of several boxes containing much needed items for **Therapy Boxes** were delivered in December to **Jessie's Place**.

Thank **You** everyone for your support of this project. It has become even more apparent to me that it is the little things that can cumulatively make a **BIG** difference.

We are collecting the following items:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Postage/stamps | Positive Affirmation Cards |
| Emotion/feelings flash cards
Teens | Progressive Muscle Relaxation Cards for kids & Teens |
| Index Cards | Pan/cake sets of washable paints |
| Paintbrushes | Washable markers |
| Colored pencils | Crayons |
| Coloring books | Construction paper |
| White paper cardstock | Journals |
| Gel pens | Pencils |
| Pencil sharpeners | Multicolored modeling clay |
| Playdough | Scented items (stickers, scented markers) |
| Stress balls | Small stuffed animals |
| Small mirrors | Balloons |
| Bubbles | |

Have a safe and healthy New Year!
With Love, Respect and Kindness, Marion



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 Covid19), 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

TREASURER NOTES

Bonnie Jessee



Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2020, our balance was \$4,148.94 in our main account and we still have \$773 in our building account. We are expecting to have an automatic withdrawal of \$1,220.26 for half-year payment of property insurance (will be deducted by the end of this week). Happy to report we have received our first check for proceeds from TerriLynn sales in the amount of \$377 which does not include sales in December, so hopefully we'll have another sizeable deposit from them soon. We should continue to encourage sales of TerriLynn products to our friends, families and other contacts as much as we can...this is proving to be a great funding source during these tough times. Thanks to all and feel free to contact me with questions.

With Love, respect, and Kindness,

Bonnie



An Eagle Scout project, the box is made from a recycled newspaper distribution box.

The board has agreed to place a box similar to this on the grounds of the clubhouse as a drop off location for used flags. The scouts will come and get the flags on a regular basis.





**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF INVERNESS FL
MEMBERSHIP
2nd Vice President Chairman -Donna Anllo**



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. Also is there anyone you have asked or may ask to come into the Club? Would you like me to send them an invitation to our next meeting? Let me know.

As we begin 2021, my wish is for better times and opportunities to bring new members to our wonderful club.

At this moment there are two ladies whose initiations have been delayed due to the pandemic and two who are eager to join us once it becomes safe to meet again. I've made attempts to stay in touch with each of them because I want them to know the joys we've had together serving our community.

In the coming weeks I will be making calls to all our members for input on the best ways you feel we can attract new members during these unprecedented times.

I miss seeing you all so please continue to stay safe and well.

**With Love, Respect, and Kindness for all,
Donna**



**GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.**



Domestic Violence: Don't Wait Nine Seconds to Break the Silence

One...two...three...four...five...six...seven...eight...nine. Every nine seconds, one woman in the U.S. is assaulted or beaten. Let's break the silence on domestic violence!

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Each of you is Invited to join **GFWC Legislative Action Center** at <https://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app> so you can take action on the **"Protect Funding for Victims of Crime"** alert that will provide federal funding grants for local organizations serving survivors. Visit the **Domestic Violence page in Member Center** on www.gfwcflorida.org for the latest bulletin.

#GFWCSignatureProgram



OUR CLUBHOUSE



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.

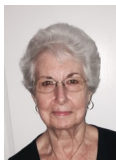
The IWC club house is *THE* place to hold Bridal and Baby Showers. In fact, this past year there was a Baby Shower for a lady who had her Bridal Shower here. We'll stay tuned for that baby's first birthday party. Now that's a tradition! Over the years we have booked many various meetings from annual 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 \$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.

People seem to be heeding the warnings about gatherings of more than ten, which has certainly been reflected in our rentals.

So far nothing. Pray we get better!

Dorothy Stanton, Clubhouse Rentals Chair



If anyone would like to help with openings and closings, please call Dorothy at 352-560-6155.

Happy Birthday!

To You!

JANUARY:

Jan 26 - Sandy Boyette

FEBRUARY:

Feb 4 - Barbara Weirich

Feb 9 - Patricia Desario

Feb 10 - Wei Wei Ritzhaupt

Feb 21 - Sue Allen

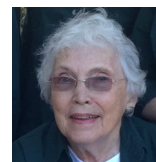
Feb 29 Delores Lane

MARCH:

Mar 1 - Bonnie Jessie

Mar 3 - Anna Murray

Mar 17 - Beverly Black



ART AND CULTURE

Debbie Sargent, Chairman

The annual Arts and Crafts competition for our members is on target for January. However, due to you-know-what, we'll be having another **Zoom** meeting on **January 11**. All entries and all winners will be on display at the Zoom meeting. If you have an entry (or entries), please take to the clubhouse on Saturday, January 9 between 10 and 11 a.m. where Debbie Sargent will greet you and help you to fill out the proper forms. Judges will be there in the afternoon.

We will know the winners at General meeting.

Love Respect and Kindness,

Debbie

APRIL

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



The upcoming display of pinwheels will take place the month of April making people aware of Child and Elder Abuse. Our Club members will be helping to set them out in a number of places throughout the community. Volunteers from the Friday board meeting will be visiting several businesses to ask permission to place them.



**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND OUTREACH**
Barbara Cooper
Chairman



Members,

It's amazing how many of the **IWC Planning Group** have been keeping busy. COVID hasn't stopped them, in fact, they have had more time on their hands...play on words. I've been getting calls from people telling me that they dropped off completed mats to the **Family Resource Center** and from people I've never met asking me where they can take their finished mats for immediate use. Everyone has been worried about the homeless having to sleep on the ground during our abnormal cold temperatures. **Hats off to all of them!**

Please mark your calendars and wear your GFVC shirts (green preferably) to attend: **The Female Veterans Monument** dedication ceremony which will take place on Saturday, January 30th at 11 a.m. at the **Old Citrus Courthouse**. "She stands 5 feet 6 inches tall in her military uniform, saluting the female veterans who have preceded and who will follow her. She's made of American flash black granite, perched on a gray granite pedestal. She's polished like a mirror, curvy, triangular, and weighs a mere 3,200 pounds. She cost about \$43,000 so far...An all-female honor guard is planned for the monument unveiling...Veterans and dignitaries have been invited."

Barbara Cooper, Chairman, Civic Engagement and Outreach
Committee: Barbara Weirich, Marilyn Marselle



The food items for **Citrus United Basket (CUB)** (be as generous as your budget allows – as you know, there is a REAL Need)

Needs Are:

Peanut butter, box Cereal, Boxed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Tuna, Jar Applesauce, Canned Beans, Box Crackers, Package of Rice, Package Oatmeal, Package Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Corn, Can Mixed Vegetables, Can Carrots, Canned Green Beans, Canned Tomato Soup, Package Stuffing, Canned Mayo or any Jar Vegetables.

**Newsletter Editor
Sue Allen**



Reminder:

The next issue of the newsletter will be published by **April**. Please have all notes and Photos to me **NO LATER** than **April 6th**. 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 need-ed software to edit it.

**Thank you,
Sue Allen**



**Book Club
Angie Mayo Chairperson**



Last discussion—On December 16th, 11 members of the Book Club met via Zoom to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. The concept of the “invisible” woman was intensely discussed based on the life of the intelligent and beautiful Hollywood star, Hedy Lamarr. Her beauty and gender was a hindrance to be taken seriously. Most members enthusiastically gave this book their approval.

Upcoming books—

For January 13th: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. In this book, the author dissects a microcosm of American society. It is a though-provoking novel about class, race, family, and the dangers of the status quo.

For February 17th: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. A page-turner novel about a Mexican bookseller who flees with her son to the USA to escape drug cartel-related violence. A thrilling novel of survival, danger, and love.

If anyone wishes to join our Zoom discussions on the above dates at 1 p.m., please let me (holamayos@hotmail.com) or our Book Club secretary, Erika (erika_hawn@yahoo.com), know if you’re interested in joining the meeting and we’ll send you the Zoom information.

Angie



**SUNSHINE
Pauline Stasick
Chairman**



Keep in your prayers:

When I agreed to take over for Georgia Baum on the Sunshine Committee, I had no idea how rewarding this would be. I have gotten to know Maxine Henderson, who sends out all of the cards to our members. Maxine is still healing from her broken wrist and wearing a cast, but together we have gotten the job done!

At Christmas time Rosalie Matt had eye surgery and has been recovering at home. Rosalie has kept such a good attitude and will find out the results soon. We pray that she will not need any additional surgery.

Dorothy Stanton's husband, Will has just passed after being cared for by Dorothy and recently by the aid of Hospice care. Will has been such a big part of our club and will be dearly missed by all.

Donna Anllo's husband, Rennie fractured his hip and recuperating at home.

May will all stay healthy and cherish our moments together in 2021.

*With Love, Respect and Kindness
Pauline*



Are You a Writer ?

Are you a storyteller? GFWC sponsors a creative writing contest for members and community youth to foster community spirit, talents, and growth. GFWC Florida offers two categories: short stories and poetry. Members may enter the GFWC Florida writing contest; State Chairman Julie Babcock will determine which entries are submitted to GFWC. GFWC Florida contest deadline - Feb. 1. Visit Contests & Competitions in the Member Center for de-

Laura James Connley - GFWC Communication Chair

Small changes eventually add up to huge results.



**WEBSITES
Sue Allen**



Check out what is new!

Webstore: <https://InvWomansClub.terrilynn.com>

Here they are:

GFWC Inverness Club: www.gfwcinvfl.org

GFWC FL State: www.gfwcflorida.org

GFWC Washington: www.gfwc.org

Our New email : GFWCInvernessFL@gmail.com



ENVIRONMENT
Linda Chuckman, Chairman



Plastic Caps and Lids Collection

The collection day is around the corner! I will be at the IWC clubhouse on **Tuesday, January 12**, from noon – 2pm to accept the caps and lids that club members have been saving.

Did you know?

- Americans use approximately 2.5 million plastic bottles each hour.
- Plastic caps don't biodegrade, meaning it will take hundreds of years for them to decompose in a landfill.
- Caps are among the most common trash items found in our oceans (which often end up in the food chain when ingested by sea life).

However, recycling caps and lids can help to minimize plastic waste. Our collection of caps and lids will be given to Crystal River Harley Davison. The company is supporting a program that creates school and park benches from the recycled plastic, thereby, supporting the community as well as the environment. Thank you for your conservation efforts and for supporting our caps/lids campaign!

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.**

With love, respect, and kindness, Linda



EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES
Katherine Regan, Chairman



Members,

Our Scholarship Program – A Different Focus

Traditionally, we have looked to provide a scholarship to a female student who is academically accomplished and focused on a college education that would support their future career aspirations. This year we are pursuing a different approach with an initiative to provide a scholarship and support to a student with “special needs” or challenges as they move on from high school. Although our local high school provides programs and tremendous service to this student population, after research and discussion with our contact at the high school, there is always a need for more assistance. Individuals with “special needs” will face challenges and need the skills and tools to thrive in our world. It would be wonderful if GFWC of Inverness can, in some way, contribute to their success. We know this is a unique time to take on an education project, but as we pursue this effort, new opportunities may arise to be a part of helping, such as, Adopt a Special Needs Teacher or Classroom. I am hopeful and look forward to presenting viable ideas to you as we move forward.

With Love, Respect and Kindness,
Katherine



Ongoing Activities Little Free Library Health & Wellness

Fundraising Committee All Members

Ongoing project this year is TerriLynn. So All members should be promoting this on Facebook, email, friends, and community. Every time you see an opportunity to tell about our fundraiser, the better the funds will come in to our treasury. We already have received our first check ! Happy! WooHoo! This helps our projects!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UPDATE

Angie Mayo



Book traffic at our **Little Free Library** (LFL) continues to be very slow. A flyer introducing our LFL was taken to the office of the new apartments at Colonnade Park. Sorry to say, the complex has their own library, and therefore, the residents have no need to use ours.

Given the diminished traffic, no book donations are needed at this time.

A closing thought: "I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Rosalie Matt
Chairman

We are delighted that vaccines for COVID-19 have begun to be available in our community. We hope as many of you as possible will take advantage of this SAFE vaccine. Check the Chronicle, with your doctor or with the Citrus Health Department for more information. Go online to sign up for a sure time at Publix. It is the two shot type and when you get this shot you will get the second shot by a reminder 28 days after the **first**. You can also line up at Health Department Drive Thru on the days that have been already set up on Jan 7th and Jan 9th. Check with your Dr. and the Citrus Health Department for more information. This a safe vaccine. It is the two shot type and when you get this shot you will get the second shot by a reminder 28 days after the first.

February is recognized as National Heart Health Month and individuals are encouraged to take necessary precautions to protect their hearts. In order to see a healthier heart, individuals can improve their diet to include healthier foods and increase physical activity.

The **GFWC Inverness Women's Club** December project was providing Christmas cards to the residents of several of our local Citrus County assisted living facilities. Our members wrote personal notes and signed 303 beautiful cards that were distributed by Health and Wellness Committee Chair, Rosalie Matt. Brookdale Assisted Living, Rose Castle and Life Care in Lecanto received 70 cards each and Cypress Cove in Crystal received 93 cards.

The recipients were delighted and grateful for our donations. Many thanks to all participants.

*With Love, Respect and Kindness,
Thanks, Rosalie*

Ten Commandments for Volunteers Jan, Feb, Mar 2021



1. **Be purposeful.** Know what skills you have to contribute before you arrive on the scene.
2. **Be flexible.** This includes being prepared to do administrative grunt work. (Sorry, not all aid work involves washing babies and hugging orphaned children.)
3. **Be reflective.** Constantly question your motives. Ask yourself why you are helping, think of your motivation, and keep that at the forefront of your mind.
4. **Be receptive.** Learn as much as you can. That said, be wary of engaging for too long with NGO veterans who have become hardened and cynical from their work. Instead, find long-termers with hope still gleaming in their eyes. Then, latch on with open ears.
5. **Be positive.** Take pride in your idealism—it's the only thing that can ward off the inevitability of cynicism's approach in your difficult environment.
6. **Be realistic.** Your idealism can be balanced only by the knowledge that you are not here to save the world, but to play one specific role and that you may never witness the effects of your efforts.
7. **Be independent.** Much of your work will depend on your personal initiative. Be a team player, but do not rely on others to guide you every step of the way.
8. **Be empathetic.** Your ability to succeed will depend entirely on your connection to and understanding of the people you work with.
9. **Be humble.** Don't speak much. Listen. Avoid grandiose conclusions about a problem, community, or philosophy that you were recently introduced to. Act. Think. Feel. But don't come to too many conclusions—they will only halt your experiential learning process.
10. **Have a ball.** Just be sure you've earned it.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

Spring is an ideal time to raise money



Start off 2021 with plans for a healthier self.

Order these satisfying snacks and mixes from Terri Lynn!



A CONTACTLESS WAY FOR OUR CLUB TO HELP OUR CLUB

(A new flyer promoting this will be available soon)



Healthy Mix

Visit our web page

www.gfwcinverfl.org



Turkish Apricots



Fruit and Nut Mix

On the fundraiser page of our website, there is a clickable link to the Terri Lynn webstore

**Valentine's Day
Is Next Month (Feb. 14th)**

Order by February 1st to receive your delivery by February 12th.

It's love at first bite!



Naturally Flavored Mint
Chocolates

#62046

Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter
Melts with Sea Salt

#62051



BUY NOW



March is Woman's History Month



Women's History Month has grown from a week in March to the entire month itself. If you want to celebrate, educate yourself about women's history. **Do reading online or read books on women and women's history. You can also celebrate with others by attending events or having movie nights with friends.**

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa

Did you know? To coincide with Women's History Month 2011, the White House issued a 50-year progress report on the status of women in the United States. It found that younger women are now more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree and that the number of men and women in the labor force has nearly equalized.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day, a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. Many countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs such as presenting women with gifts and flowers. The **United Nations** has sponsored International **Women's Day** since 1975. When adopting its resolution on the observance of International Women's Day, the **United Nations General Assembly** cited the following reasons: "To recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security."

GFWC District 5 News
GFWC District 5 Director
Becky Culver



BEES
Brilliant, Energetic,
Enthusiastic Sisters

GFWC Florida District 5
Annual District 5 Art and Craft
Show Meeting

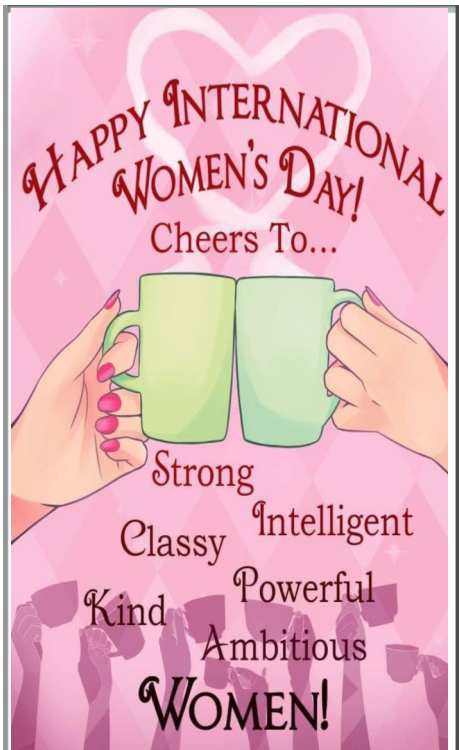
February 12/13, 2021



Bring in your Art & crafts, place TBA

In the comfort of you own home! We are going to Zoom the meeting! We will see the Winners! Looks like we have members attending the Zoom meeting! Meeting place and time TBA

The meeting will include a report about what other clubs are doing for the State President's Project , and Art and Craft Winners from the District 5. There will also be a brag time for each club. Look for a Date of our next Spring workshop meeting!!



Christmas Cheer

Some of our Members and Booster helpers formed a caravan to cheer up home bound friends and sing carols . All were pleasantly surprised and touched by the little bit of Christmas cheer.



Family Resource Center tree – Rosalie Matt and Jean Laird coordinated getting the names of the children that were drawn from the Christmas tree (supplied by Jean) at our October meeting, that was held at the Point O’ Woods club-



Sandy Boyette getting Elf presents ready to be delivered to members. Thanks for the Surprise!



Wei Wei gets a Surprise from one of the Elfs!



Calendar Events

Months of Jan., Feb. Mar. 2021

January

Jan 1-Happy New Year’s Day!
Jan 18-Martin Luther King Jr. Day



February

Feb 1 Woman’s Clubs Reports due,
Feb 1 GFWC Florida Newsletter, Photography, Website, Yearbook due
Feb 1 Volunteer of the Year Due
Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
Feb 14 -Valentines Day
Feb 15 - President’s Day
Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday
Feb 20 LEADS Application due



March

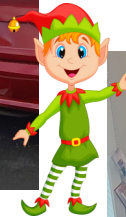
Mar 8 International Woman’s Day
Mar 14- Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 17- St Patrick’s Day
Mar 20- Spring Begins
Mar 27 Passover Begins
Mar 28 Palm Sunday



Elf Sally Barrow delivers to member Mildred Martin’s home. Wilson was surprised!



Donna Elf Anllo packing up her deliveries. Thanks Donna



An investment firm donated their toy collection to us -- toys were then taken to Jessie's Place ! **Thank You!**



GFWC News and Notes



From GFWC News and Notes

State President's Project: Dianne Foerster, Florida



Love, Respect, and Kindness for All is the GFWC Florida President's Project for 2020-2022. The goal is for all of the clubs in Florida to reach out to their local communities and support any and all special needs that are occurring.

The words "special needs" extend far beyond GFWC Florida's usual definition, especially during this Administration and the pandemic. Florida has special needs under every Community Service Program area and most Advancement Plan areas. Projects that GFWC Florida clubs have already supported in their communities range from helping people with Alzheimer's and autism to raising awareness about domestic violence, working to prevent human trafficking, and supporting GFWC Affiliate Organizations St. Jude and Operation Smile. Florida clubwomen are also actively supporting causes concerning libraries, scholarships, fostering/sheltering animals, a cleaner environment, and veterans (both men and women).

In December 2020, a Day of Service President's Project was planned by the President's Project Chairmen and team along with the Day of Service Chairman. With representatives in all of Florida's 14 Districts, clubs were asked to sponsor at least one project in their communities. More than 500 projects were organized across the entire state during the month of December, ranging across a wide spectrum. This was accomplished with the pandemic worsening, so masks were used and social distancing guidelines were followed. The [GFWC Florida website](#) shows a wide array of photos featuring the clubs and their projects. Woman's clubs, Junior clubs, and Juniorette clubs enthusiastically participated. The President's Project Chairman developed an interactive map with a blue umbrella indicating each club that sponsored a project. The entire state of Florida was covered in little blue umbrellas representing *Love, Respect, and Kindness for All!*

The American Flag



What continues to Rise and Shine for America? [The Flag of the United States of America!](#)



“Our flag carries American ideas, American History, and American feelings. It is not a painted rag. It is a whole national history. It is the Constitution. It is the Government. It is the emblem of the sovereignty of the people. It is a

NATION.” Henry Ward Beecher, 1861

These words from more than 150 years ago still ring true today. Our Flag embodies everything we are as a country.

We challenge Clubs to incorporate the Flag in all their GFWC activities in this new year. It's easy to do. When your Club holds a community event to honor Veterans, present each Veteran with a small American Flag. When your Club is making donations to schools, active military or community groups, include an American Flag, copies of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and/or the American's Creed. When you present educational programs to schools, start with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. If your Club marches in a parade, feature the Flag in your display. Even if you participate in a cemetery or highway cleanup for conservation, you can fly the Stars and Stripes in a respectful way. The Flag will always make your GFWC program or project Rise and Shine!

Most of all, fly the Flag of the United States of America! Be proud to display this beautiful symbol of our nation! Encourage others to fly the Flag, too. Be the first to stand, salute, recite the Pledge and sing the National Anthem! We all are shining examples of patriotism in our communities. There is no better way to promote GFWC and love of country than to promote the Flag of the United States of America in all that we do.

(From the DAR, Daughters of the Revolution, we are Americans we can do this! They use Chapters, we use Clubs.)



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