



The Hibiscus Herald

GFWC PUNTA GORDA WOMAN'S CLUB
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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President's Message



Last month, we reflected on **why** service matters. This month, I want to focus on **how** we make it happen: **together**.

"**Many hands make quick work**" is an old saying, but at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, we see it come to life. A donated item, a phone call, an hour spent sorting supplies or a welcoming smile at an event may seem small on its own.

Joined with the efforts of other members, it becomes something that can change someone's day.

Whether we are filling **Bags of Hope**, supporting local students or raising funds for community organizations, each contribution is part of a larger promise: **to show up when we are needed**.

We also serve one another. We make room for new members, check in on friends, and step in when a fellow volunteer needs help. These acts strengthen our club just as surely as any fundraiser does.

And service includes **caring for ourselves**. Rest, friendship and the joy of being together give us the energy to keep giving.

As we move into a busy season, I hope each of us will find one way to take part. Our motto, "**Unity in Diversity**," reminds us that we bring different strengths to this work. Together, those strengths make a difference for our neighbors, for each other and for ourselves.

Thank you for every hand you lend and every heart you bring to PGWC.

Jody Henkel
President, Punta Gorda Woman's Club



Save the Date

Oct 2
General Meeting

Oct 12
ESO Book Club

Oct 15
GFWC Officer Visit PGWC

Oct 17
Fall Festival

Oct 23
Veterans Village Meal

Oct 24
Golf & Give Fundraiser

Oct 28
New Member Orientation

Oct 28
Broadway Palms

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Member Spotlight

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- ★ 10/2 - Claudia Meyers
- ★ 10/10 - Linda Gillum
- ★ 10/13 - Jackie Boutin
- ★ 10/13 - Mary Jaskowiak
- ★ 10/13 - Rita Gilliland
- ★ 10/18 - Victoria Summers
- ★ 10/28 - Maryellen Scanell
- ★ 10/30 - Lori Ann Mertens

**We Love Our
Members...
and want to keep
them!**



Our bylaws require we collect member renewal dues by Dec 5 , so if you have not yet paid your \$50 renewal dues, please do so by October 15. If not, you will receive an invoice for payment.

Please [click here](#) to submit your annual payment and ensure your membership remains active.

We appreciate your commitment to making a positive impact in our community!

If you've already paid we THANK YOU!!

Volunteers needed



Stronger Together...Join Us!

If you've been sitting on the sidelines waiting for the right opportunity to get involved, now's your chance!

We need members to volunteer as committee members for the following:

Euchre Fundraiser

Bunco Fundraiser

Sparkle & Sip Fundraiser

Hospitality Committee

Contact Jody Henkel and she will gladly share more details to find the right fit for you!

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GFWC Florida Firefighters Calendar...

PGWC Chosen for MARCH!

You may recall, all Florida clubs were invited to submit a picture for the GFWC Florida Firefighters Calendar. Our photo was chosen over many entrees for the month of March!

Each calendar is \$20 and proceeds go to support Firefighter uniforms, training and much more!

Quantities are limited! Go [here](#) to purchase your calendar.



Here's a video of the other incredible submissions from across Florida showcasing the creativity, club spirit, and heartfelt support of our local firefighters.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BdJYruQs7axOGF404tYeuDYiKcUG1Fqf/view?usp=sharing>

BOUTIQUE CLEARANCE BASH!



Another successful event selling our gently used and refurbished beautiful jewelry at the Boutique Clearance Bash, Sept 13.

Thanks to the PGWC members who participated! Funds collected go to support our local charities.

Summer Pot Luck Lunch



Our Summer Pot Luck Lunch was a wonderful afternoon filled with delicious homemade dishes, laughter and friendship. A perfect way to celebrate the end of summer and the special friendships that make our club so special.

Sponsor Spotlight!

A big THANK YOU to MISSION BBQ for generously hosting the Sept Veterans Dinner.



[Enjoy More Veterans Dinner Pictures here!](#)



Premier Photographic Events September 2019



PGWC hosted the Sept Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Member Networking coffee. Our president, Jody Henkel, welcomed the audience and educated them on the mission, vision and values of our club. It was a valuable investment in exposing more people to the great things our club does for the community!

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - “Bags of Hope” Care Bag Collection a HUGE Success!



Thanks to so many of our club members who donated items and helped fill **Bags of Hope** for International Day of Service on September 26th. **Over 25 members showed up to fill 64 bags** that support female victims who are often left with nothing after police collect their clothing and belongings as evidence during investigations. **Helping restoring dignity is our WHY!**



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