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# GFWC Plantation Woman's Club

*spring is in the air*

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## EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIPS

April is almost upon us, which means it's time for our annual education meeting.

As usual, we will be introducing our scholarship recipients. They will be reading the essay they submitted, which was a major part in their being chosen for the scholarship award.

Please plan to attend to give them a big PWC send-off as they prepare to embark on their college career.

***Karen Hodish, Education/Scholarships***

The meeting will be at the Plantation Preserve where when you get there, you will be able to provide your lunch order to the wait staff from your table. The menu will be provided ahead of time by email blast, and the menu will also be on the tables when you get there. The meeting starts at 10:00am. Hope we see you there!

## President's Message

It is the time of the year we always look forward to. No, not Spring but Volunteer of the Year. I always look forward to being able to honor one of our fellow members for all that they have done for the club in the last year. We have so many talented members who share their time and talents with us. This year the celebration will be held at the Sheraton on May 4<sup>th</sup>. I know that this is a busy time of the year, but it would be nice to have a good turnout. Please take a minute and complete your lunch reservation.

In March we met for the first time at Plantation Preserve. It was great to see so many of our members attend the meeting. While our speaker was ill, I think the members had a good time just being able to visit with each other. Michelle and I have been talking with members to get feedback on suggestions for improvement. We will be working with Preserve staff to address the concerns that have been brought to our attention. This is a new process for both the club and the Preserve staff, so we are asking for your patience as we work the kinks out.

*Nancy, President*



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## Membership

Each birthday month members will receive a 75th Anniversary magnet that can be used in the office or at home. It consists of a frame for a photo and a separate magnet for other uses. This is the Club's way of reminding members of seventy-five years of community service as well as posting the Club's website and other information.

*Helen Ackerman, 2nd VP, Membership*

## March Boosters

Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Our Club From:

- **Bev Payne**
- **Eirene Stansbury**
- **Claire Clemente**
  
- **Edith Gooden-Thompson** wishes her mom, Evelyn Gooden, a Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday!
- **Jan Heinrich** honors her beautiful granddaughter, Greylynn Heinrich
- **Carol Anne Call** honors Ann Polley for faithfully calling her each month. Also, for her volunteer chores she did for PWC thru the years!
- **Roberta Carraway** along with her sister, Helen Cross, post a lovely memory of their mother and father.

*Claire Clemente, Ways & Means*

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

March through May is known as Spring Severe Weather Season. Threats can include thunderstorms, lightning & tornadoes. Don't be caught unprepared - [#MakeAPlan](#) today!

Follow the prep tips below & learn more disaster preparedness tips at [FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare](http://FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare).



**TIP:** Can't see the above pic? If you are looking at this from email, you can enlarge the whole screen. At the bottom of the screen there should be magnifying glasses - one with a (-) and one with a (+). Use the + to increase your page and - to decrease it back. Try it!

# Financial Report

Lou Ireland, Treasurer

GFWC Plantation Woman's Club - February 2024 Bank Account Reconciliation		
<b>11000 - Cash - Checking - Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$3,633.68</b>
12000 - Transfer from Money Market	\$3,000.00	
41000 - Membership Dues	\$165.00	
42000 - Checking Account Interest	\$0.46	
43100 - General Meeting Luncheon	\$675.00	
43200 - Boosters	\$90.00	
43300 - 50/50 Raffle	\$175.00	
44001 - Cookbook Sales	\$10.00	
44002 - Apron Sales	\$40.00	
45001 - Other Income	\$28.00	
46430 - Miscellaneous - Sparkle Shirts	\$90.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$4,273.46</b>
61001 - City of Plantation	\$2,000.00	
63000 - General Meeting Luncheon	\$488.52	
66551 - Plantation Elementary - Tiger Bucks Store	\$705.00	
66800 - Office Expense (includes accounting software)	\$1,063.67	
67200 - Annual Report Filing	\$61.25	
67640 - Committee Expense - Int'l Interest	\$0.00	
67800 - Newsletter	\$155.00	
69000 - Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Deposit	\$0.00	
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$4,473.44</b>
<b>11000 - Cash - Checking - Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$3,433.70</b>
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<b>12000 - Cash - Money Market - Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$59,174.45</b>
41001 - Bus Bench Ads	\$5,600.00	
42100 - Money Market Account Interest	\$4.98	
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$5,604.98</b>
Transfer to Checking	\$3,000.00	
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>12000 - Cash - Money Market - Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$61,779.43</b>



A Girl Needs Her Bling!

## "Blinged Out" Club Shirts

Carole Bennett will be heading up all future orders for our black bling shirts that say "Plantation Woman's Club". We wear these shirts to Plantation council meetings for awards and presentations as well as to special events throughout the year. Our first new order should be completed by the April general meeting. Carole's contact information is in our 2024 Yearbook.

Helen Ackerman

BE THAT GIRL WHO ROOTS FOR THE OTHER GIRL, TELLS A STRANGER HER HAIR LOOKS AMAZING AND ENCOURAGES OTHER WOMEN TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR DREAMS.



At the March 2024 meeting we had the 50/50 raffle which we have each month. \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets. ALWAYS A CHANCE TO WIN! And... proceeds will go to CAMP BOGGY CREEK to assist with their wonderful mission.

Our longtime member Karinne Bernstein was the lucky winner this month and donated half of her winnings to the club. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU !!!

Cece Ramirez, Social Committee

## From Mayor Sortal's Plantation Update 2/27/2024

### Woman's Club

The GFWC Plantation Woman's Club received a proclamation to mark their 75th anniversary. The club started the first library in the city and now supports programs for foster children and educational projects. It provides volunteers who run Tiger Buck Store - an incentive reward store at Plantation Elementary.

The club regularly donates to city projects, including equipment for police dogs, fire training equipment, drones, electronic sign boards, as well as sponsorships for Parks and Recreation events.



## Thank You so much!

Thank you, Darlene Vlazny for all your little freebies you have been bringing to each meeting. Each month brings new surprise treasures for all of us to pick from. Thank you for always thinking about the Club!

The tree below was one of the treasures at the March meeting. Karinne took it and right away transformed it - see below of the before and after.



BEFORE



AFTER

# Save the Dates

The Plantation Woman's Club's 75th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch will be on September 14th.

Please plan now...more details to come.

## Volunteer of the Year

### RESERVATION FORM

GFWC PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB  
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON:  
SATURDAY, May 4, 2024  
Sheraton Suites Plantation Walk  
Time: 11:30 AM Social; 12 PM Lunch  
Adults: \$50

All meals will include: Classic Caesar Salad, Bread & Butter, and Italian Lemon Crème Cake

Please indicate your choice of entrée.

#### Options:

- **Key West Chicken** (chicken breast sauteed with lemon, white wine, caper, and artichoke sauce, served with primavera rice pilaf and seasonal mixed vegetables);
- **Asian Citrus Glazed Salmon** (with an orange juice reduction, garlic and teriyaki glaze, served over a brown rice and quinoa blend with seasonal mixed vegetables);
- **Meatless Stir Fry (vegetarian)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you wish to be seated with another person or group. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

**SPACE IS LIMITED AND RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED BASIS**

Please return not later than: **April 15, 2024**

Checks payable to: "GFWC Plantation Woman's Club"

- Mail to: **GFWC Plantation Woman's Club, PO Box 16845, Plantation, FL 33318**
- Or bring to: **the March or April general meeting.**

For additional information, call **Lou Ireland** (954-915-8660) or **Judy McLeod** (954-439-1492) - VOY Co-Chairs

## Save the Date - April 6 ROCK THE PARK

Volunteers are needed to help at the booth

THE CITY OF PLANTATION AND BAPTIST HEALTH PRESENTS  
LIVE MUSIC & FOOD TRUCKS  
CONCERT BEGINS @ 7:00PM  
(FOOD TRUCKS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

**NEW LOCATION**  
PINE ISLAND PARK  
320 S. PINE ISLAND RD.

**NOV 3** PRIVATE STOCK (Ultimate Rock Star Tribute Band)

**DEC 1** JADED/SHAKE IT UP (A Tribute to Aerosmith & The Cars)

**JAN 5** COMPLETELY UNCHAINED (The Ultimate Tribute to Van Halen)

**\*FEB 3** BRASS EVOLUTION (Covering Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire & other popular horn bands of the 70's & 80's)

**MAR 1** GDR (A Tribute to the Greatest Decade of Rock)

**\*APR 6** THE VTB BAND (VALERIE TYSON BAND) (The Best of Dance, Classic Rock, Motown & More!)

**MAY 3** SMOKIN RENEGADE (A Tribute to Boston and Styx)

PLANTATION Baptist Health

## Celebrating Broward County Libraries 50th Year Let them eat cake!

**Wednesday, April 10: 1:00pm - 2:00pm**  
West Regional Library - Multipurpose Room

AGE GROUP: EVERYONE

EVENT TYPE: INFORMATION TABLE/GRAB & GO

Join Library staff & West Regional Friends, and have some cake as we celebrate the Broward County Public Libraries 50th year of service. Free, open to the public.

The library will also have a special cake for PWC's 75th anniversary. Thank you, **Gail Triviz** for letting us know about these celebrations!

## Family Springfest Celebrating BCL's 50th

**Saturday, April 27: 11:00am - 3:00pm**  
West Regional Library - Conference Room, Meeting Room, Multipurpose Room, Youth Program Room

AGE GROUP: TEENS KIDS FAMILIES EVERYONE  
ADULTS

EVENT TYPE: PERFORMANCES - DANCE, CONCERTS & THEATER, GAMES, FAIR/FESTIVAL

A day filled with family friendly magicians, musicians, sing-a-longs, crafts, and more. As we celebrate Broward County Library turning 50.

## Thank You Box



Due to my untimely absences in January and February, this month we had 9 winners. Thank you so much for everyone's participation. It was really nice to see how we all appreciate one another.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE SAME AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE IN APRIL! Remember, BROACHES, NOT ROACHES!

### January Winners:

- To: Helen Ackerman, From Eirene Stansbury  
Many thanks for all your research and planning work for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. Your article highlighting the club's activities during its infancy was truly interesting, informative and enlightening and enjoyed by many. Looking forward to "catching up" with the rest of the story.
- To: Liz Dori, From: Karinne Bernstein  
Thank you for taking responsibility for the FLITE & Boggy Creek items since December.
- To: Cece Ramirez, From: Karinne Bernstein  
Thank you so much for regularly checking on me while I was so sick in January.

### February Winners:

- To: Lizi Dori, From: Gail Triviz  
Thank you for all the places we go... cause you drive!
- To: Connie Seddon, From: Karinne Bernstein  
Thank you so much for completing a blanket for the Boggy Creek donations.
- To: Helen Ackerman, From Bev K.  
Thank you.

### March Winners:

- To: Renee Flores, From Kathie Curtis  
Thank you, Renee, for all you do with email blasts, newsletter and website
- To: Noelia, From Karinne Bernstein  
Thank you so much for helping to keep the pipe cleaner ring project alive this year!
- To Connie Seddon, From Pat G.  
Thank you for taking care of my mail while I was in Colorado in December & January.

A side thank you... I want to thank all the members who gives me rides to the meetings. I love you all. From: JULIE GRADY.

**Karinne Bernstein, Health & Wellness**

## Dirty Martha Update ~ Environment ~

Well, ladies, summer is almost here, why I know is because the tomatoes are dwindling down. It makes me sad that we can't grow them in the summer, like they do up north. But nobody said we were known for growing tomatoes. We are known for growing mangoes and oranges, and all other kinds of citrus. That's why we're called the Sunshine State.

The little tomatoes in the bowl are Everglades 100s and will grow like weeds if anybody wants any just let me know I'll bring them to the next meeting, just throw them in a pot or in the ground and they will grow anywhere. We called them tomato candy - they are just so sweet. I used to make a dish with mozzarella, Italian dressing, fresh basil from the garden and those little tomatoes. My grandkids would go nuts, putting them on little garlic toast from Doris's Market. Yum! 😊

If you want to grow herbs during the summer like dill, basil, oregano etc., you can grow them in filtered sun or shade. I have a friend that grows rosemary in the sunlight in the ground and it looks fantastic. She said she doesn't do anything with it just stuff to consider.

Until next time, signing off... **Dirty Martha** 🍷



All picked in one day



Various tomatoes



Tomatoes on the vine

## District 13 Arts Competition



As our Arts Chair and District 13 Arts Chair, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the GFWC District 13 Arts and Crafts event March 1st 2024. Our club was pleased to host another very successful event this year. Helen and I couldn't have done

it without your support.

Coral Springs, Deerfield, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, West Broward and Plantation Woman's clubs participated this year with a total of 29 First Place Winners. These winners are now going to our State GFWC Arts Event at the Orlando GFWC Convention on April 12th for the next round of judging. Wishing you the "Best of Luck" ladies!

Our Club First place winners going on to State:

- Lou Ireland
- Sandra Brant
- Gail Perry
- Roberta Carraway

**IMPORTANT** - First place winners... your items need to be turned into me at our April 9th meeting. If you aren't attending that meeting, please contact me to make arrangements for pickup.

Congratulations to you all Ladies! Thank you all again for making the District 13 Arts event a wonderful and successful day.

### Roberta Carraway, District 13 Arts Chair



1st Place - Lou



1st Place - Gail Marie



1st Place - Roberta



PWC member Sandra Brandt took home the Best In Show ribbon for her beautiful ceramic cat!

Congrats to all of our members who made 1st place and going to State! Let's bring home those wins, Ladies!

# MODEL TRAINS EXHIBIT

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Plantation Historical Society

**OPEN**

Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday and Saturday  
10am to 4:00pm

**CLOSED**

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

## Volunteer of the Year Fund Raising Baskets

Members, as you know our VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON is just around the corner. Our gift baskets are one of the fundraising items that will be available for all at the luncheon who wish to purchase tickets. The committee needs of some items to complete the baskets and make them "stand-out" worthy...as follows:



- For the pet basket: new pet toys, grooming items, bowls (no food items), etc.
- For a gift card basket: Publix Gift Cards, Aldi, Trader Joe's, and other corporate entities that are difficult for us to secure gifts from.
- For a Grandparents basket: Ice Cream Sundae items, plastic banana split dishes, syrups, toppings...things that would make an "ice-cream day" fun.
- Bottles of wine.
- Other items that you feel are gift worthy.

Your help in making these baskets a success will be appreciated. Please bring your donations to the April meeting. Your help and donations are much appreciated.

**Michelle Moskowitz & Cece Ramirez**  
VOY Basket Committee



# Sunshine O'gram



Hello Everyone,

Change is in the air...Spring is finally here! Warm and sunny wishes to you for all the great things this season of renewal and hope may bring. What an impressive number of attendees last month at our beautiful new meeting location, The Preserve! This seems to be a positive change which affords us additional space and less hassle for all members who wish to stay for lunch and especially those who previously had to handle all the arrangements at every meeting. Unfortunately, the speaker scheduled for our program was unable to come because of illness. Our President **Nancy Dzoba**, who is also Co-Chair of GFWC's Women History & Research Center had brought along some materials to be available at our tables. These contained short bios of amazing women who became well known both nationally and internationally due to their extraordinary accomplishments. Kudos to Nancy who quickly saved the day by very creatively turning these table fliers into an interesting and informative session with our members participating! With March being a celebration of National Woman's History Month, it turned out to be a most appropriate program replacement.

Happy news from **Agnes Mathey** who sends her love to everyone as she settles into an assisted living facility near her daughter in Tallahassee and is loving it! She says everyone is friendly, so kind and adores and spoils her little dog as much as she does. Her cell # is (954)683-5985 and for now send mail to her daughter, Nanette Schimps @ 2098 Lake Hall Rd., Tallahassee, Fl. 32309.

As you know **Doreen Tulloch-Reid** is dealing with some challenging medical issues and it seems that a new round of treatment has brought on new challenges for her. It is times like these that we remember that "Life is Fragile. Handle with Prayer". Knowing that YOU always come through with your positive thoughts and prayers, I know Doreen will so appreciate all that we can send her way.

**Charlotte Klimas**'s, husband Perry and the family are very appreciative of the support of our members who

attended the beautiful memorial service given for her at the United Methodist Church. As is our custom a memorial donation has been made to the United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise, Florida, one of Charlotte's favorite charities. A dear lady and strong supporter or PWC, she will be missed!

Last month **Liz Dori** enjoyed a fabulous BIG 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration which she's sure to cherish & savor in her book of memories. Her oldest sister planned the party for baby sister, Liz, the youngest of eight siblings. It also was a wonderful family reunion as sisters, brothers and nieces came in from Tennessee, New York, Florida and brother from Brazil who rented an Airbnb in Hollywood where the big event took place. What a BBQ party, with a background theme of Flamingos, (her favorite) and Liz all decked out with a pink wig and birthday Tiara! Everyone relished the famous all pork hot dogs brought in from New York and the finale, a Publix pull-apart birthday cake. Liz enjoyed two weeks of sunshine times with family members until the last one had gone home. Happy Birthday, Liz! May you enjoy many, many more to come!

Sunshine committee lady, **Connie Seddon** made her own bit of sunshine recently with Holland America cruising to their own private island, Turks & Caicos and Nassau despite some prior publicity about those places being dangerous. The good news is it was all sunshine as she enjoyed the many amenities aboard ship, even taking a tour in Nassau, then safely docking home at Port Everglades. We are ever so glad to have her back safe and sound with us again.

We close with a bit of sunshine from poet Samantha Chase Meyers titled Spring Awakes! Our thoughts turn to beautiful things...Like the happiness our family brings...A fresh new bloom, a singing bird...All Natures blessings, seen and heard.

'Till next time, may springtime fill all your hearts with blessings, joy and love. Take Care. Be Well. Be Safe.

**Sunshine & Cheer,  
Connie, Pat and Eirene**



A **member of a club** is someone who belongs to a specific organization or group formed around a common interest, goal, or activity. Clubs can vary widely, from social clubs and hobby clubs to service clubs and professional organizations. Being a club member typically involves participating in club activities, attending meetings, and contributing to the club's objectives.

**We are glad you are part of this Club!**

# Take Care Tuesdays

Exciting News from the Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library! 📖

🌟 Introducing Take Care Tuesdays! 🌟

- 1 **Ageless Grace:** Join the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2 p.m. for Ageless Grace. Experience the benefits of gentle movement in a seated position, working your core and enhancing brain function.
- 2 **Mindful Coloring:** Dive into relaxation every 2nd Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Explore the therapeutic benefits of mindful coloring, a practice that fosters focus, reduces stress, and sparks creativity. Supplies provided!
- 3 **BYOB (Bring Your Own Book):** Love books but not assigned titles? Share your favorite reads and discover new ones. Join every 4th Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon for lively book discussions and expand your reading list.
- 4 **Memory Keepers:** Calling all caregivers of Dementia/Alzheimer's patients! Join for practical advice and emotional support as we navigate the challenges and joys of caregiving. The first meeting is on March 19th at 6 p.m. Contact Dondi Hopkins at 954-614-5460 for more information.

Mark your calendars and join these enriching activities at the Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library. Let's take care of ourselves and each other, one Tuesday at a time!

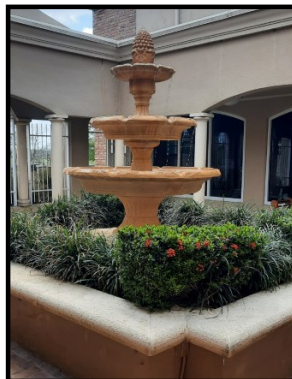
## Did You Know?

Did you know the fountains at The Plantation Preserve were provided by the Plantation Woman's Club?

The PWC has provided many fountains throughout the City of Plantation for many years, actually since 1975.

See page 37 of your yearbook to see how many fountains our Club has provided the City and when we provided them.

TIDBIT: Over the years, we have even been referred to as "the Fountain Ladies" because of the many fountains we have helped beautify the City with. One is just as beautiful as the next!



## From Renee to... YOU



## March Meeting Recap

Oh No!



Unfortunately, our speaker for March fell ill at last minute and couldn't make the meeting to enlighten us on air plants. Martha Gregory will invite her back to another Environment meeting in the future.

We all hope Taryn is feeling much better.

## Sent from the City of Plantation, Parks and Recreation

Dear Residents,

As our upcoming events are selling out quickly, we'd like to remind everyone that registrations are **NON-TRANSFERABLE**. Please be cautious and avoid corresponding with third parties claiming to be selling their "tickets" as this is often a scam to get personal payment information from you.



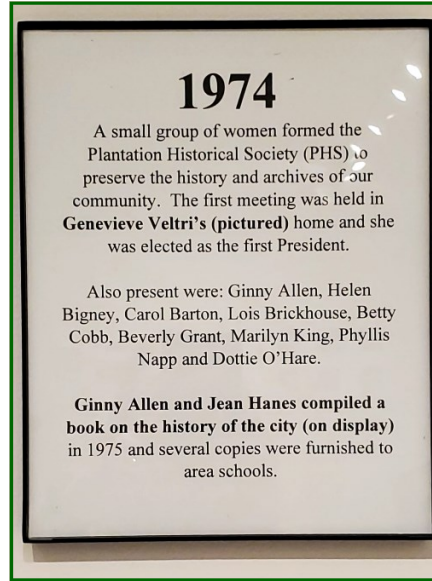
If an event is sold out, we encourage you to call the community centers directly to check for any possible openings or waitlists. Our team is here to assist you and ensure a smooth experience.

Your safety and satisfaction are our top priorities, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain the integrity of our events.

Thank you for being part of our community!



# Plantation Historical Society Celebrates 50 in 2024!



*The Plantation Historical Society is celebrating 50 years. Stop by the Museum, see the model train exhibit, and learn more about the Society and how we help preserve the history of the City of Plantation Florida .*



Chris Greicius (pictured) was only 6 years old when diagnosed with leukemia. Like all children he had dreams of what he wanted to be when he grew up. He wanted to be a police officer so he could help people. Chris's mom had gone back to school to obtain her bachelor's degree. One night she brought Chris to her study group. While there, Chris meets a U.S. Customs Agent. In talking to Chris, the agent learned about his illness and that he wanted to be a police officer. The custom agent reached out to a friend at the Arizona Department of Public Safety and a plan to fulfill Chris's dream was brought to life.

The Department of Public Safety provided Chris with a flight in a helicopter, a ride in a police car and a tour of the facility. He was offered a ride on a motorcycle but told the motor officer that it wouldn't be safe because the motorcycle didn't have any doors. He was presented with a badge, a uniform and a certificate making him a member of the Department of Public Safety.

Not too long after that Chris took a turn for the worse and was hospitalized. His mother said that he took that uniform everywhere, even to the hospital, where it was hung on the wall so he could see it. Chris was in a coma when some of the Department of Public Safety Officers came to visit. The original motor officer had brought Chris motorman wings to pin on the uniform. As the officer was pinning the wings on the uniform Chris woke, saw the wings and smiled. Later that day Chris passed away. The officers said he was just waiting to get his wings.

The custom agent and several of the officers began to talk about how many other kids had faced the same type of problems and they too probably had dreams. So, the officers and Chris's parents formed a group in Phoenix to help other sick children have a wish fulfilled. From this small group of people, the Make a Wish Foundation was started. Since 1980 they have fulfilled 600,000 wishes. The foundation is now on six continents and in fifty countries.

So never think that the small kindness you do every day will not have a larger impact. If you see a situation that tugs at your heart, see if there is something you can do. Large or small, those actions are what make us better human beings.



**Nancy Dzoba, President**

Nancy spoke about the Make A Wish Foundation at our March general meeting.

# PWC's 75th Anniversary Display at the Historical Museum



Our Club has some wonderful displays at the Plantation Historical Museum--three floor-to-ceiling glass cases with lots of memorabilia as well as a display of our bling shirt, Mary Stewart dress and member Pat Giovannetti's 75th anniversary club cake. The latter display is located past the Fire Engine Hall of Fame. Throughout our anniversary year items will be changed in the showcases so make sure you check the Historical Museum every couple of months.

**Helen Ackerman, Historian**

## We salute the Plantation Woman's Club

This week the Plantation Women's Club celebrates its 25th birthday. Certainly the club members will hold a joyous celebration to commemorate a quarter century of hard, arduous work they have willingly contributed to the betterment of their city.

There are many fine clubs in West Broward who deserve a lot of credit for their efforts to help build a better place in which to live. But we would like to join in with countless other voices in praise of this particular organization as it prepares to celebrate its anniversary.

Any organization, whether it is a business, a government body or a club, is made up of individuals. And the quality of that organization depends entirely on the individuals that work and become involved in it. We praise the efforts of the Plantation Women's Club and its individual members which over the last 25 years have made a better city of Plantation.

A few of the club's contributions, which would take up this entire page if they were published here, have been the construction of Deicke Auditorium, aiding in the growth of the Plantation Library and the donation of time, work and dollars to numerous charities.

Yes, you women who make up the club should be proud of yourselves, for we are proud to have you in our community.



# Happy 75th Anniversary Plantation Woman's Club!

1970-1979:



THE THIRD TEN YEARS OF THE PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB - Information put together by *Helen Ackerman, Club Historian* 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1970 TO 1979

--The 1970's saw many new projects, activities and accomplishments for the Club. Hacienda Girls Ranch was added to the on-going support list along with continued support of the Cancer Society, Helen B. Hoffman Library and scholarships. In 1970 there were 90 paid members.

--In 1971 a paper reclamation project was started. Money from this project was earmarked for the "community club building" as well as other causes. Summer activities focused on crafts including specialized bead making and painting.

--In 1972 the Club made a commitment to the City of Plantation for \$16,747 (in today's money that would be the equivalent of about \$118,000) for a community club building in Hoffman Park. Deicke Auditorium now stands at that site and was dedicated on May 6, 1973.

--In 1972 meetings were held at the Plantation Community Center, 5555 Palm Tree Road. A "husband weigh-in" of 1 cent per pound was the admission price for a Hacienda Girls Ranch fund-raiser. There were 110 members, and the Club continued its support of scholarships, nursing home services and efforts to get bus service in Plantation. 900,000 pounds of paper were recycled with the Club earning \$2,300 for that effort (about \$16,000 in today's money). Some of that money was earmarked for chairs at Deicke Auditorium and a piano for the Plantation Community Center.

--1973 saw the dedication in May of Deicke Auditorium - the new meeting home of PWC. Paper recycling continued along with support for Hacienda Girls Ranch, Cancer Society, scholarships and public bus efforts. By December of 1973 the Club had "saved 10,000 trees" and had collected over 1,000,000 pounds of newspaper for recycling.

--Hacienda Girls Ranch, scholarships, bus service efforts and park development were 1974 concerns. The Club had 80 members. Funds for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park of \$1,700 were donated to the City for the construction of the south end of the park and continued improvements. The Jackie Gleason Golf Tournament in Inverrary was a concession booth fundraiser for the Club in February of 1975. The Holiday Bazaar at the Plantation Towne Mall was also a major fundraiser.

--Support of arts and music in the schools was an important aspect along with having a Club chorus and drama activities in 1975. Nursing home support, Hacienda Girls Ranch, bus service in Plantation, library donations along with Bicentennial activities made for the bulk of Club interests. 90 members paid \$7.50 each for yearly dues.

--In April of 1976 the Club hosted a city-wide seven-day Country Fair and Bicentennial celebration at Deicke Auditorium. Horseshoe pitching, cake judging, a beard-length competition, square dancing, craft displays, costumes from the American Revolutionary War, marching school bands and pony rides were just some of the event highlights. Bridge card parties continued as fund raisers throughout the year. The 1976 Woman of the Year honored ten Plantation residents. The Annual Christmas Bazaar was held at the Towne Mall with all hand-made items donated for sale by Club members.

--1977 featured a fund-raising spring fashion show and luncheon at Deicke Auditorium along with monthly bridge events. The Annual Olde Plantation Day continued to raise money for the library and Plantation Middle School's Washington, D.C. trip. In June of 1977 the Club gifted funds for the fountain in front of City Hall for the City's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

--In 1978 the Club had 125 members paying \$7.50 each for membership. The bus bench rentals earned a total of \$1,000 for the year. Hacienda Girls Ranch, scholarships, bus service, the Cancer Society, chorus and drama events were among the continued activities. The Club sponsored a Prayer Breakfast in January at Pier 66 Restaurant which was open to the public. A jazz benefit concert for exceptional children participating in Special Olympics was held at Deicke Auditorium.

--1979 saw the continuation of the Annual Holiday Bazaar to benefit the Helen B. Hoffman Library, scholarship fund and community projects. Hacienda Girls Ranch, bridge card events, bus service in Plantation and Woman of the Year were major Club projects. The Club had 150 members paying \$8 each for membership. Bus bench rentals brought in \$2,000 for the year.

All information is from scrapbooks and yearbooks. Photos have been copied from these resources to accompany future history tidbits when presented in the newsletter and elsewhere.

*Helen Ackerman*  
January 2024

# April 2024

Tuesday, April 2nd - Board Meeting at 10:00AM, Plantation Community Ctr  
 Tuesday, April 9th - General Meeting at 10:00AM, The Plantation Preserve

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ruth Robert	4	5 	6
7 	8	9	10 HAPPY NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY! 	11 	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Robyn Sortal
21	22 -HAPPY- Passover 	23	24	25 BRING YOUR Kids TO WORK DAY 	26 	27
28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Cece Ramirez	29	30				

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 Public Issues - TBA

Doggie Palooza - Nancy Dzoba  
 Garden Tea Party - Cece Ramirez  
 Volunteer of the Year - Lou/Judy M.  
 Parades/July 4th Picnic - Renee Flores  
 Not Your Mama's Craft Fair - Nancy/Lou  
 Holiday Lunch - Darlene Vlazny  
 Socials - Cece Ramirez  
 Tiger Bucks Store - Shirley Wiggin  
 ESO Book Club - Nancy Dzoba

Ways & Means - Claire Clemente  
 Membership - Helen Ackerman  
 75th Club Anniversary - Helen Ackerman  
 Scholarships - Karen Hodish