



GENERAL FEDERATION
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GFWC Plantation Woman's Club



**** Membership Notice ****

Dues are Due

Hi Members, have you paid your dues?

They were due in May of **\$40.00**. You can send your dues to me, my address is in your yearbook. If I don't receive it by the **September** meeting you will not be put in the 2016 yearbook. Please send them to me as soon as possible. Thanks!

Pat Hinde
Membership Chair

September 8th Meeting @ Fashion Show



Come enjoy a Fashion Show by Dress Barn with beautiful accessories for sale by Annie of Addictions Boutique!

A very special lunch will be provided by Tastebuds Catering for only \$10 per person. You will enjoy: Caesar salad with garlic croutons, Mediterranean Grilled Chicken with Lemon Herb Potatoes & Grilled Vegetables, followed by their famous Bread Pudding with Vanilla Sauce.

***NOTE:** We'll need reservations **by September 1.**

You'll love the centerpieces, models and learning about how much your Board and Chairpersons have accomplished over the summer (& had lots of fun while working)!

President's Message



Welcome back from our "summer retreat"!

Thank you for all of your calls and messages on how much you have enjoyed the first half of this Club year. I appreciate all of your kind thoughts, as well as the input that the Board used this summer in planning projects, speakers, fundraisers &

next year's budget.

For our "Welcome Back" general meeting on Tuesday, September 8, we will enjoy a Fashion Show by Dress Barn. Annie, our friend from Addictions Boutique, will emcee the show and will bring great accessories for sale!

You will enjoy a special lunch by: Tastebuds Catering for only \$10 per person. Special thanks to Helen Ackerman for her support in making this a memorable event! And we appreciate Eirene's artistic skills as she is putting together our centerpieces.

See the "September Meeting" article for a sneak peek at the menu we'll be enjoying!

In Friendship,

Darlene

"TIDBITS"

Plantation Historical's yearly garage sale at Volunteer Park is September 12th - tables are \$15 and the West Room has 10 X 15 space for \$10 without tables.

Contact the Museum at (954) 797-2722 right away if you want a space. Plan to come!

It's Good Health Time - Get you Flu Shot early. If you haven't had the Shingles vaccine - think about getting it as several of our members have had really bad cases of shingles and say they wouldn't wish it for their worst enemy!

Pneumonia is another important vaccine and it's a high fatality for seniors. Prevention is the secret of good health.

Member hints - think twice when buying appliances - repair parts are difficult when they're made overseas.

You'll have fewer plumbing problems if you use liquid detergent rather than a powder.

Betty Cobb
Parliamentarian

YEARBOOK CHANGES

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Kim Zimmerman's new email address is **kim@zone10.green**. Please delete her old one from your contact lists.

Arts & Crafts

Hello Ladies,

I know it is still summer time but I wanted to remind all of you of the Fall Arts and Craft Show in Fort Lauderdale on Las Olas. The dates are October 17 & 18 from 10am to 5pm. For more information go to www.artfestival.com.

Also Betty Cobb invited me to the Historical Museum to see the teenage crafts summer workshop program. The students were busy decorating chairs to be sold at the Vintage and Vine fundraiser in the spring. They were all so beautiful. I know they will have no problem selling them.

April Rogers, Arts Chair



FROST BUCKS

The Frost Bucks store at Plantation Elementary will start again in September. It will be open the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays from 9-2 and we need volunteers to help with the students.

You will find the experience enjoyable and rewarding, and we are very appreciated by the students and staff.

If you have any donations for the store or teachers, you can bring them to the September meeting or let me know and I will pick up. Please see the needed school supplies list in this newsletter.

Please let me know if you can give an hour or two at the Frost Bucks Store this school year. Looking forward to another successful year!

Judy McLeod
954-792-7659

We Need Your Help!



It's been a long, hot summer, but not too soon to begin planning for our next important fundraiser - THE MURDER MYSTERY LUNCHEON is coming in November. Your "basket ladies" Eirene, Eva and Barbara Graveson need your support and help!

- **Pick-a-theme** - fill your basket - we'll wrap it, just let us know
- **Donate \$\$** - Leave the shopping to us!
- **Donate Items** for partially completed baskets
 - Champagne glasses
 - Martini glasses
 - Christmas Napkins
 - Target or Publix Gift Card
 - Large baskets
- **Wine** - no whine - **WINE!**

We can always use wine, champagne, Vodka or whatever!!

We need your support and help - please bring items to the September meeting.
Contact Barbara Graveson, (954) 583-4302

***Thank you and love,
Eirene, Eva & Barbara***

> LEGISLATION <

GFWC and The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) are grateful for the work of the U.S. Supreme Court in their support of victims of domestic violence.

In two recent cases, King v. Burwell and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, the court's decisions will have an enormous and positive impact on women who have been victims of domestic violence. The court's ruling on provisions of the Affordable Care Act means that victims of domestic violence who, prior to the Affordable Healthcare Act, were trapped in abusive relationships because of their need for affordable medical insurance, can now affordably buy healthcare independent of their abusive partner.

Kim Gandy, NNEDV president and CEO also noted that "...The Fair Housing Act, specifically the kind of disparate impact analysis upheld by the Court today, has helped countless women fight discriminatory practices that either evict them or bar them from accessing housing. This decision will help keep survivors safe and housed."

***Barbara Maturse
Legislation Chair***

New News

Our member Pat Hinde, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair is now Our District Membership Chair as well. ***Waaay to Gooo Pat!!***

GFWC was honored in the Senate as well as in the House of Representatives

Senator Barbara Mikulski, the longest serving and highest ranking female member of the Senate, recognized GFWC in a very thoughtful, definitive, and impressive way on the eve of Federation Day.

The Senator paid tribute to our founder as well as our current president from her home state of Maryland. She went on to acknowledge GFWC's commitment to *Living the Volunteer Spirit* and doing all we can to support our communities and make the world a better place.

To quote Mikulski, "GFWC has been instrumental in shaping our nation. As it celebrates 125 years, let's hope they continue to build upon their traditions and pave the way for a future filled with even greater success through volunteerism."

The full statement will be on display at convention and will be included in the 125th Gala program.

NEWS & NOTES
LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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A FIGHTING CHANCE FOR EVERY BABY™

Partner Spotlight: March of Dimes

For over 70 years, GFWC has been making a difference for babies everywhere. Clubs support the **March of Dimes** all year long by hosting service projects, raising funds, and educating their communities about the crisis of preterm birth. Honor the 15 million babies born too soon worldwide during Prematurity Awareness Month in November. And in the Spring, continue your efforts with *March for Babies*—our signature fundraising event.

Prematurity is the #1 leading cause of death in newborns—these babies need your help! Your club can educate, give, and make a difference for babies everywhere. Get involved today—volunteer at an event, host your own fundraiser, join us on Capitol Hill to lobby for moms and babies, or have a March of Dimes family come speak to your club! Contact your local March of Dimes at marchofdimes.org/contactus.



For Plantation Elementary

1st Grade *School Supply Wish List* Please bring to September & October Meetings

- 20 student pencil boxes (all same color-not pink)
- Glue Sticks
- 16 or 24 pack Crayola crayons
- Pencils
- Pencil Top erasers
- Large Pink erasers
- Clothes Pins
- White Board Erasers (for Expo Markers)
- Colored Expo Markers
- Colored printer paper (any color)
- Thank You Cards
- Blue sticky tack (hang work on walls)
- Tissues - without lotion (Kleenex has box tops)
- Blank Cassette tapes (to record books on tape for listening center)
- Germ-X (large bottle of hand sanitizer)
- Fine Point Permanent Markers (multi colors)
- Clorox wipes
- Pens - green and purple ink
- Paper Clips (any sizes)
- Clear Duck tape
- Office Depot gift card - (for specific folders for reading and science)
- Re-sealable Ziploc gallon, sandwich and snack size bags - (Ziploc has box tops)
- Board Games & puzzles for Box Tops December event
- Gift Cards – Office Depot, Target, Ace Educational, Staples, Walmart

For more information call
Judy McLeod at 954-439-1492



4th of July Parade & Picnic

The 4th of July parade was a lot of fun. There were several of us decorating our float entry and we threw everything we had on that float - and this year it paid off! Our float won for most patriotic!

Congrats to the ladies that came out and had a fun time - Darlene Vlazny, Pat Hinde, Betty Cobb, Judy McLeod, Grace Davis, Ellen Van Sant, Julie Grady, Renee Flores, and her two daughters - Sophia and Madelyn.

I personally think we won because of our two "sexy" patriotic ladies - Betty Cobb and Judy McLeod. Love those shirts!!!

Our annual 4th of July picnic was another success this year. Many thanks to everyone who attended and brought in food - there were so many tasty dishes served. Our Club is the best!



Looking for New Members

Welcome back and hope your summer was a good one. I need your help in getting some prospective new members to be involved in GFWC Plantation Woman's Club organization. Ask your neighbors, church members or anyone you know to come to our meeting in September as it is a Fashion Show with lunch. The show is free and lunch is only \$10.00, so can you help me? Call and let me know how many new members will be attending (954) 661-3830.

Thanks to all of you who helped me with using your phone to reach out to those who have not paid their dues (they were due in May). If your dues are not paid by the end of the month you will not be in the 2016 yearbook. Please call me and tell me if you sent me a check for \$40.00 for your dues.

See you at the Fashion Show with your prospective new members for GFWC Plantation Woman's Club!

**Pat Hinde, 2nd Vice President
Membership Chair**

Flite Update

I delivered our donated items to the FLITE offices this week and checked out their supply closet and, at the present time, the following items are the most crucial needs:

Pillows, mattress pads, shower curtains and hooks, bath rugs, small garbage cans, mops, brooms, buckets, scrub brushes, dustpans, pots & pan sets, alarm clocks, can openers, dish sets, Tupperware, potholders

Larger items: blenders, crock pots, coffee makers, toasters, microwaves, double or queen comforter or sheet sets.

I feel the **MOST CRUCIAL NEED** of all is cleaning supplies, e.g., Windex, 409, Clorox cleaners, toilet bowl cleaning supplies and brushes, dish washing liquid, detergent.

THANKS to all of you who have already donated. I will be collecting items at each meeting in the upcoming year.

A spokesperson for FLITE will be at our October meeting.

**Marlene Lee
Home Life Chair**

The FLITE Center is a central resource for young people in Broward County's dependency system, offering a single, convenient point of access to the broad range of services and support they need to become successful adults.

*"Selfless giving onto others represents one's true wealth"
- Jon M. Huntsman*



**Do you regularly
attend Club
Meetings?**

Club Meetings are very informative and fun! Every meeting has a special guest speaker, you get to hear all the latest updates from each board member and there is always social time to chit chat with your fellow Club members over a wonderful meal.

Sometimes it's just what we, as women, need - maybe to feel a little happier talking to someone, or just getting out and moving around or even just to have someone smile at you and say hi - that always makes me smile and feel good. I know we all need and want a feeling of happiness in our lives, bonding together as women and friends, we can accomplish this very easily.

Every second Tuesday of each month from September thru May, we meet at 10:00 AM at Deicke Auditorium. And, just in case you can't make it to our morning meeting, **there is a Night Division meeting every fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM - ALL YEAR 'ROUND.**

Hope to see YOU at the meetings!



I would like to thank the Plantation Woman's Club with a very special thank you to Eirene Stansbury for extending their get well wishes to me after breaking my leg.

Eirene personally came to my house and dropped off a beautiful metal butterfly for my outside garden.

- Addie Travers

Fun @ May Convention



Now that the summer is over and we are back in business, there are many opportunities for you to get involved and help achieve our Club's goals.

We have our Murder Mystery Luncheon, Holiday Luncheon, Vintage & Vine Show, Relay for Life, Woman of the Year - and these events are just a small portion of the activities **YOU** can get involved in.

If you're interested in helping with any of our fundraisers or just helping in general, please contact President Darlene Vlazny (954)321-0404 and express where you may be interested.

Volunteering is such fun - You won't be disappointed!
Remember this....many hands, make light work.

WE NEED YOU!
YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR GOALS!

MURDER MYSTERY

JACARANDA COUNTRY CLUB

"PASSION, PISTOLS AND POINSETTIAS"

SUNDAY BRUNCH

NOVEMBER 15, 11:30-2:00

FREE MIMOSAS AND BLOODY MARY'S FIRST HOUR

\$37.00 PER PERSON

RESERVATIONS: PLEASE CONTACT PAT HINDE
(954) 661-3830



Beverly Payne
Murder Mystery Brunch Chair



Leadership

Nancy Dzoba
Leadership Chair

Most of us are not born leaders. We work on leadership skills from the time we are picking players for a dodge ball team in elementary school to the time we direct a team of co-workers on a high profile project. We need to practice being a good leader. Below are seven skill sets that we should practice to improve our skills.

- **Initiative**

Be the one to volunteer to take on projects. Remember, the more work you do, the more you are learning.

- **Critical Thinking**

Good leaders are able to foresee potential problems before they happen. They can then develop ways to prevent the problems from happening.

- **Listening Effectively**

One of the most important skills for a leader is listening. Without listening skills, you are not able to get feedback from others. Feedback is key. To listen effectively, you need to maintain eye contact, avoid distractions and respond appropriately. Keep in mind, communication is not only about verbal communication. Be aware of body language and gestures to determine what people are really saying.

- **Motivate Others**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader," said John Quincy Adams. A true leader should positively influence people.

- **Constant Learning**

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other," said John F. Kennedy. When things are changing rapidly, it is important to constantly learn and challenge yourself.

- **Know How to Delegate**

"The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it," said Theodore Roosevelt. A successful leader won't micro-manage.

- **Be a Follower**

Leaders should learn to recognize the value of team members, learn from them and encourage other team members to learn from them. Learn things that you didn't know from a person who specializes in that area.

- **The Bottom Line**

"The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority," said Ken Blanchard. If you want to improve your leadership skills, think about what actions you can take to be more influential. If you are already a leader, think about how you can influence others.

If Anyone is Interested in Attending....



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Tickets are \$45 per person
Tables of 10 \$450
(Includes Table & Program Recognition)

Vendor Booth Spaces available \$125

For more information & tickets please contact
The Plantation Chamber
at 954.587.1410



Miss Rhode Island



Mark your calendar, and plan to watch the 89th Miss America pageant and scholarship competition at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on ABC Sunday, September 13, at 9 p.m. ET.

Alexandra Curtis, granddaughter of **Dick and Shirley Ware**, will be representing Rhode Island. The pageant will also be streamed live to mobile devices via the WatchABC app.

Allie's platform is equipping young women for leadership. As president of the student government at Syracuse, she brought "Elect Her" to campus; and, after graduating from Syracuse Summa cum Laude, she was a "Running Start" fellow, serving in the office of Congresswoman Ileana Ros Lehtinen.

She is currently working on a master's degree in Public Administration at Brown University.

"Pageant World" has predicted that Allie will be in the top 10, for whatever that's worth, but a little insurance never hurts. She could sure use some of that scholarship money.

You can vote for Allie by going on both Facebook AND Twitter and typing in the following: Rhode Island #MissAmericaVote Space and capitalize just as shown. You can vote every day through September 10. The winner of People's Choice is automatically placed in the 15 semi-finalists.

International Outreach

I was so honored when President Vlazny appointed me to Chair our International Outreach Committee. We have a very informative meeting scheduled for November 10th, with the past Florida GFWC President Charlyne Carruth presenting a program on Operation Smile. Please plan on a Pot Luck Luncheon.

If any members would like to join me in preparing for our November meeting, please call me at 954-801-0317. I can use all the help I can get.

"Every child that has a facial deformity is our responsibility. If we don't take care of that child, there's no guarantee that anyone else will."
Kathy Magee, Operation Smile Co-Founder and President

Marti Terziu
International Outreach Chair

GOOD LUCK ALLIE!!

Happy Birthday September Babies!



- 2 Donna Sachs
- 5 Martha Gregory
- 9 Candace Pereira
- 10 Miki Ostendorf
- 12 Rae Carole Armstrong
- 14 Sharon Moody
- 15 Kim Zimmerman
- 17 Phyllis Kowal
- 19 Gail Banasch
- 19 Amelia Feeley
- 20 Bobbie Laricca
- 29 Wanda Wiranis



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SEPTEMBER

September 1

Board Meeting @ Deicke
@ 9:30AM

September 7

Labor Day

September 8

General Meeting @ Deicke
@ 10:00AM

September 11

Patriot Day
Newsletter Articles are due

September 13

Grandparents Day

September 22

Night Division Meeting @ Deicke
@ 7:00 PM

September 25 - 27

Fall Convention



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL
September 8, 2015

Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. If you can help with kitchen setup, please arrive early - your help is needed and much appreciated.

The Set-up Committee should bring the food from the kitchen and arrange it on the buffet tables.

Thank You!

Member's Corner



Our very own Grace Davis received a certificate from the Jewish Journal recognizing her as the Best Realtor by the readers of their publication. Grace feels honored that she had the most votes from the readers. She didn't know they did this and was surprised when she was notified as the winner.

A special section, The Best of Jewish Journal, was in the latest publication which included a short bio of Grace.

CONGRATULATIONS GRACE!!