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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring Club Members. We hope everyone had a joyous Easter Holiday. We only have a couple of months left before we break for the summer. We have one more general meeting left in April with a hands on project and speaker. Then on May 18 we will be having our Club installation, which will be held at Arbor Greene's Clubhouse. Mary Jane Neale our District 8 Director will be installing our new executive board officers. An Evite from Joy will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

A special Thank you goes out to Jolie Frankfurth for organizing and finding a location to plant 1000 pinwheels for Child Prevention Month. GFWC New Tampa Juniorettes, GFWC New Tampa Juniors and GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa donated money and also joined together on Saturday April 3, 2016 to plant the 1000 pinwheels at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church on Cross Creek Blvd. These pinwheels will stay up till the end of April. What a beautiful sight to see while driving down Cross Creek.

We will be voting on our new Executive Board at the next meeting. We must have a quorum. If you are not able to attend this meeting please email your proxy vote to Joy Bowles.

Important Dates to Remember:

April 16, 2016

Paint Your Heart Out Tampa

8:00am - 5:00pm

April 20, 2016

General Meeting

At the YMCA

Noon

April 29, 2016

St Joseph's Prom

May 18, 2016

Club Installation

Arbor Greene's Clubhouse

(Invitation To Follow)

May 20 – 23, 2016

GFWC Spring Convention

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

GFWC Florida Federation of Woman's Club Annual Spring Convention will be held the weekend of May 20-22, 2016 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. This is the weekend where clubs in this state will be recognized for all their volunteer work they have done. Awards will be given along with the Club of the Year award. Our club will pay for registration only if you are able to attend. Please see attached flyer and let Carmela know if you would like to go. It will definitely be a fun filled, learning weekend for all to enjoy. You can come for the day or spend the weekend!! Food and rooms will be members responsibility.

Living the Volunteer Spirit,
Carmela and Ginger
Co-Presidents

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big thanks to Jan, Sharon and Liz for volunteering at the Hunter's Green Easter Egg Hunt.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

This our house that our GFWC-WCNT Team will be painting on April 16th! We are really looking forward to participating in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa!



Welcome to our new member, Susan Buchmann!

THANKS,
Debbie Ferri, VP, Membership

TREASURER MESSAGE

We currently have \$7,539.50 in our bank account. This month, we donated to Bridging Freedom (\$200); purchased toiletries to be distributed to the during Hillsborough's Counting the homeless day (\$53.50); and created Easter baskets to be distributed to the 5th grade at Academy Prep (\$132). We also prepaid \$100 to rent the meeting room at Arbor Green for our May Installation Lunch. And, we sent a get well gift basket to Catrina Sistruck, Florida Director of Junior Clubs, who had a serious car accident (\$56.90).

We are looking for strong results from the Golf Tournament which we are co-sponsoring with the Franciscan Center. Please consider asking your local business connections for their support through donations and sponsorships. Every dollar helps.

At the April meeting, you will be asked to vote on changing our meeting time to 1pm, to enable the many members (including two new Board members) who have conflicts with the current Noon time. I am also pursue meeting at the Library instead of the YMCA, but that is not yet a definite. A ballot will be sent out ahead so that you can vote if you're not able to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Pat Kaufman
Treasurer

SECRETARY MESSAGE

In the next few days, the nominating committee will be emailing proxy ballots to everyone. Please be sure to send it in if you will not be present at our meeting on April 20th. We will be voting in our new 2016-2017 Executive Board at that time. An Evite to our Installation Luncheon will be sent out to all members in the next week or so. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. so that we can get an accurate count for lunch.

Thank you, Joy Bowles

Secretary

Ladies,

Please bring your donations to our April 20th meeting!! Our guest speaker is Cecilia Nieves from **AnimalLuvr's Dream Rescue**.

Don't forget to bring your t-shirts strips, so we can make dog toys at our meeting. Directions for the strips are below.

Things that we could pretty much always use -

~Collapsible crates of all sizes

~Puppy exercise/play pen

~Hammocks (usually sold for Ferrets but we use them at events for our kitties)

~Bleach

~Laundry Detergent

~Cat litter of any kind



Start by cutting little 2-3" wide slits at the base of your shirts. After you've cut your slits, just rip along the slit and your t-shirt will have the perfect strips of fabric for the next step.



Gather your t-shirt strips and tie off one end. Divide your strips into thirds and braid them together.

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**GFWC FLORIDA
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**121ST ANNUAL CONVENTION
CALL**

"BEST OF SHOW WEEKEND"



GFWC Florida



**Cathy Geary, State Meetings Chairman
Linda Watts, Assistant State Meetings Chairman
Hostesses**

**Saturday, May 21, 2016, Lunch, Districts 3 & 5
Saturday, May 21, 2016, Dinner, Districts 14
Sunday, May 22, 2016, Lunch, Juniors
Sunday, Dinner, May 22, 2016, District 4
Monday, May 23, 2016, Breakfast**

**May 20 – 23, 2016
Rosen Plaza
Orlando, Florida**

"Best of Show" 2016 Spring Convention May 20-23

<http://www.gfwcflorida.org/>

<http://www.gfwcflorida.org/stmtgreg/2016%20spring/final%20Final%20Call.pdf>

2016 Spring Convention "Best in Show"

May 20-23 Rosen Plaza, Orlando

Make hotel reservations directly with the Rosen Plaza. 9700 International Drive, Orlando FL 32819 (407)996-9700 or Toll Free (800)627-8258 or online, click [HERE](#)

Deadline for group rate is Friday April 28 2016

Make SURE to indicate you are with GFWC Florida to receive group rate if calling.

NOTE: SELF Parking is FREE for OVERNIGHT Guests, Otherwise, \$13 per day

Room Rates: \$158/night single or double; each additional person \$20; plus applicable taxes

The Call

The "Best in Show" promises to be a wonderful weekend as we say farewell to Carole Weaver and her administration and welcome Mary Powell and hers. Plan to come and celebrate with us. You will be proud of what you have accomplished!

View the Call [HERE](#).

View the Proposed Bylaw Changes to be voted on during the Saturday Opening Business Session.

Click [HERE](#).

Junior voting is held Saturday morning, GFWC Florida new administration voting will be during the opening business session on Saturday. Outstallation will be Saturday evening, Installation will be Sunday evening. The post convention Board of Directors meeting with the new administration is Monday morning.

Registration and Meal Purchase

You must fill out the registration form prior to continuing with payments for registration and meals.

Notice: Watch your paypal form, do not use an unfinished form from before.

1. Registration Form deadline Friday May 6 2016

Download the registration form [HERE \(Excel\)](#)

Save As "your name Registration Form" and then either email darabeth1@hotmail.com

or Mail Registration Form and check payment :

Dara Bergdoll

17650 N.E. 60th Street

Williston, FL 32696

Make checks payable to: GFWC FLORIDA

No matter which mode of payment you use, Dara Bergdoll must receive the registration form in order to complete name tags, table assignments, and meal vouchers.

If you are paying by personal or club check, you send your check with the form. You do not need to complete Step 2.

2. Purchase Meals & Registration by PayPal Or Visa

Have you filled out the Registration form yet? Do not proceed until you do.

Click on the down arrow in the line below to provide your answer.

Click arrow to right to select answer.