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Volunteer To Make A Difference

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

Word is getting out that our club rocks! Welcome to our eleven new members, bringing our total membership up to 47 caring, community minded and fun-loving women! Continue to introduce your friends. And, kudos to Debbie Ferri whose relentless PR keeps us in the news.

We were busy in July! Our Back-To-School Supply drive was so successful, that we expanded to include Mort Elementary School! Several members created a summer Olympic event for Joshua House that the kids will never forget! And a few of us conducted a pizza & chocolate cookie baking class for teen girls at Joshua House. It's hard to tell who had more fun at these activities – our members or the kids who asked us to come back. We also participated in a Run/Walk benefiting Pulse Victims and volunteered again at Bridging Freedom.

This season's main focus for our Club will be to expand the roster of organizations we support, whether it be with donations or our time, generally both. While focusing on our immediate community, we will also look to balance support for our Federation's causes. We'll talk about these issues as they arise. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August 17 meeting. We will vote on the Budget at the August meeting so be sure to review it in Caralyn's article.

In the Volunteer Spirit,

Pat

Important Dates to Remember:

August 17, 1PM
General Meeting
At The Legacy
At Highlands Preserve

November 3
Feeding America

November 14, Fall Fundraiser
Golf Outing At
Hunters Green CC

December 9
Holiday Party

Newsletter Editor

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Please email all monthly articles as attached word documents and photos with jpegs, for the newsletter to Marybeth Howley, Newsletter Editor, at mbhowley33@verizon.net by the 1st of every month.

Please note, articles and/or photos submitted after the 1st of the month are not guaranteed a spot in the newsletter.

Thank You,

Marybeth Howley

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, we had another wonderful turnout at our July luncheon at Legacy at Highwoods Preserve – 32 ladies enjoyed the event, 27 members and 5 visitors! A huge “Thank you” to Legacy for hosting our luncheon and then returning the money collected to our club to assist with our projects. We look forward to many joint ventures with them in the future.

The word is getting out about our wonderful club! At this time, we have a total of 11 new members that will be joining us for the 2016-2017 year. All of them will be receiving their pins at our August meeting, so be sure to come so we can give them the warm welcome they deserve. Also, keep an eye on your e-mail for a member directory – we are currently 47 strong!

Our August meeting will also be held at Legacy at Highwoods Preserve, as the library has some special election preparation training that will be taking place. This is the same location as our July luncheon, but for those of you who missed it, the address is: 18600 Highwoods Preserve Parkway, Tampa, FL 33647.

We will have someone from United Way speaking to us at our meeting. Hopefully we will hear about many organizations that can use our help. Until next month....

Warm Regards,

Elaine Jones – VP Membership



SECRETARY MESSAGE

Through the generosity of our members, disadvantaged students at Hunter's Green Elementary will once again be able to start the school year with backpacks and necessary school supplies. Bags and bags of supplies, plus monetary donations, were collected at our July luncheon. Vicki Christensen and Janie Gaglione went shopping for additional supplies, and all items will be delivered to HGE before the start of school. If you wish to contribute, please contact Vicki at 813-514-5047, or Janie at 813-928-3590.

Because you were so generous, most of the \$250 that the board had designated for donation to this HGE project will instead be sent to the Gulf Coast Division of Children's Home Society of Florida, which supports Mort Elementary Community School, on Bearss Avenue. 99% of students attending the Community School live below the poverty line, with many being homeless. So our money will be well-spent, and the kids will have the supplies they need.

Mynette Steele



TREASURER MESSAGE

Great news all returning members have paid their dues. Thank you so much for making my job easier. We have eleven new members this year for a total right now of 46 members. I budgeted for 50 members, which I believe we will surpass this goal.

Speaking of the budget, at our August meeting we will vote on the 2016-2017 Budget. It is attached for your review. The expense line item called "Donations & Community Service Projects" are remaining funds available for donations and projects and will be assigned as members come forward with proposals.

Thanks,

Caralyn Paul

FISCAL 2016-2017 BUDGET			DONATIONS		
	2016-17 Proposed Budget	2015-2016 Actual		2016-17 Total Budget	2015-16 Total Actual
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,947.02	\$4,416.17	TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ 6,219.02	\$ 2,093.50
Anticipated Income for 2015-16 Use			Standard Admin Donations		
Member Dues	\$3,075.00	\$2,965.00	Meeting Location Donation	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Anticipated Member Dues	\$675.00	\$150.00	Bingo Fundraiser Facilities Usage	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00
Major Fall Fundraiser	\$7,000.00	\$5,050.00	GFWC Florida Remittance	\$ 200.00	\$ 158.95
Major Spring Fundraiser	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	GFWC Fall Conv. Gift Basket Fundraiser	\$ 100.00	\$ 67.95
Misc Fundraisers	\$36.00		Donation to Junioresettes	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$13,750.00	\$8,165.00	Total Admin Donations	\$ 625.00	\$ 526.90
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$19,697.02	\$12,581.17	Funds Available for Donations/Projects	\$ 5,594.02	\$ 1,906.42
			Community Service Allocations	\$ -	\$ 1,566.60
Expenses & Donations			Discretionary Donations	\$ 5,594.02	\$ 3,473.02
Total Administrative	\$ 3,593.00	\$ 1,288.31			
Total Member Expenses	\$4,210.00	\$2,769.84	Community Service Projects	Allocated Funds	Actually Spent
Carryover to following fiscal year	\$6,300.00	\$5,050.00	Art Budget	\$ -	\$ 119.08
Community Service Projects & Donations	\$5,594.02	\$3,473.02	John Knox Altheimers Unit	\$ -	\$ 31.36
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,697.02	\$12,581.17	The Spring	0.00	46.35
			Valentines For Vets	\$ -	\$ 41.37
Operating Expenses	2016-17 Proposed Budget	2015-16 Actual	Conservation Budget	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Expenses				\$ -	\$ -
Liability Ins	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	Education Budget	\$0.00	\$200.00
D & O Insurance	\$ 465.00	\$ 463.50	Back to school	\$ -	\$ 200.00
FL Dept. Corporate Filing -Sunbiz Corporate	\$ 62.00	\$ 61.25			
IRS 503C Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ -	Homelife Budget	\$0.00	\$1,172.52
Website	\$ 300.00	\$ 15.00	Pinwheels for Prevention - PCA Florida		\$ 400.00
P.O. Box Annual Fee	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	Secret Santa Gifts		\$ 195.99
PR and Communications	\$ 100.00	\$ 52.36	Joshua House	\$ -	\$ -
Major Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 166.13	The Spring		\$ 50.00
Misc Office Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 164.07	Easter Baskets for Academy Prep		\$ 132.04
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 3,593.00	\$ 1,288.31	Paint Your Heart Out Tampa		\$ 394.49
			International Outreach	\$ -	\$ 75.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES			Peace Corps		\$ 75.00
District 8 Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 80.00	Public Issues	\$ -	\$ -
Fall Board Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ 228.00	VA Hospital Bingo	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Spring Convention	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	Hillsborough Homeless Initiative	\$ -	\$ 53.50
Member Pins, Ribbons	\$ 300.00	\$ 210.00	Kids Tennis Team		\$ 100.00
End of year installation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 674.10	Bay Area Legal Services		\$ 200.00
Holiday Party	\$ 125.00	\$ -	Bridging Freedom		\$ 200.00
Sunshine Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 311.67	Dalmation Rescue of Tampa		\$ 200.00
Club Directory Printing	\$ -	\$ 25.00	TB Network to End Hunger		\$ 50.00
Scrapbook Expense	\$ 35.00	\$ 94.07			
Dues to GFWC FL	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 897.00			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 4,210.00	\$ 2,769.84			
Subtotal Operating Expenses	7,803.00	4,058.15			

SERVE: OUR CHILDREN - OUR SCHOOL

Education is a vital piece for success in today's world. Children in our own backyard at our neighborhood school need our help. Working parents are often unable to volunteer at their child's school, let alone work with their child at home on school work. We can fill the gap! We can tutor one-on-one, or work in the media center as little as 30 minutes to an hour every week or two. Teachers supply the activity, we supply the enthusiasm and love.

As we start our fourth year of this activity, everyone must again fill out the annual Volunteer Application which consents to a background check. However, the paper SERVE application that I handed out at the July luncheon will no longer be used. It has changed to an on-line application. Go to the district website, www.sdhc.k12.fl.us. Click on Families, Volunteering at HCPS, Documents and Forms, and Volunteer Applications. Once the on-line registration is completed, SERVE will notify our school. We were told that the application wouldn't be available until after Aug. 10.

Melanie Bell is the new tutor coordinator at HGE. We can communicate with her directly at tutors@huntersgreenpta.com.

If you'd like to work with a partner, let me know and I'll try to match you with someone. Thank you to our volunteers from last year - Pam, Michele, Liz, Sharon, Kay, Ginger, Anne, Vicki, Debbie, and Mona, and anyone I may have missed. We are needed and we do make a difference!!

Educationally yours,
Juli Morris

READING PALS

I have been involved in Reading Pals for the past few years and want to share it with you since it is now being hosted at Hunters Green Elementary. This is different from the SERVE program which Juli Morris has written about in a different article in that the volunteer time is after school, not during school hours.

United Way Suncoast's ReadingPals program is seeking passionate, committed volunteers to connect with students in kindergarten through 3rd grade who need a little extra help with their reading skills. Volunteers spend an hour each week (or one hour every other week with a volunteer partner) with a student in an afterschool setting. ReadingPals read books, complete fun learning activities and help students develop skills that are needed for success in school. As an added bonus, the student takes home a books throughout the year to build his/her own home library! ReadingPals volunteers will receive training and ongoing program support, and must undergo a background screening. In addition to helping students to improve their reading skills, ReadingPals also helps to create a love of reading! If interested please contact Nicole Brown at 813.274.0998 or nbrown@uwsuncoast.org.

BTW, Volunteers are asked to attend an orientation about the program before starting to volunteer. If we have several volunteers, we could have a private orientation to make it more convenient. So, in addition to contacting Nicole Brown, please let me know if you're interested so I can coordinate this.

Hannah Gabora

Fall Fundraiser Golf Outing

Building Strong Communities with First Responders.

3rd Annual First Responders Golf Classic

Hunters Green Country Club November 14, 2016

Update Information August 1, 2016

Sponsorships we are \$31,400.00. The goal on sponsorships should be at least \$35,000-\$40,000. These are our sponsors for the event not raffle, silent auction or live auction sponsors.

We are still in need of live auction items such as 2 night getaway at a mountain house or beach condo. For our super ticket item we still need a 55 inch TV. Any raffle item (\$100.00 or less) or silent auction item (over \$100.00) is still needed. These items help to promote buying of Super Ticket and bidding on silent auction items.

Food sponsors have been secured for the tournament. Chick Fila will serve breakfast. First Watch, Jersey Mike's and Smoothie King will give samples on the course. Lunch will be provided by Hunters Green Country Club.



What an exciting time for GFWC! Our Social Media is on a role!

CHECK IT OUT! – Have you seen our club articles in July issue of Resident Magazine and HG News? I have attached them if you haven't! A BIG Thank You to both Resident Magazine and Hunter's Green Association for their continuous support and for sharing all of the exciting things we are doing in our community. You can view the RM article online at residentmarketing.com .

FACEBOOK – If you haven't already done so, please follow us on Facebook! GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa. Exciting news and information communicated here! Please feel free to share our events and news!

EMAIL – We have an email address!! womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com

WEBPAGE – Don't forget about our awesome webpage! Great information here! <http://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com/>

YOU TUBE – GFWC-WCNT “ A Year in Review 2015-2016” is up on YouTube! This video is also on our Facebook page and on our webpage. If you haven't had a chance to view it, please check it out and feel free to share!!

Debbie Ferri
PR/Communications

Resident Magazine

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

July News

GFWC-WCNT (General Federation Womans Club of New Tampa) invites you to join our volunteer/service club! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the New Tampa Regional Library on Cross Creek Blvd., from 1 pm – 2 pm. GFWC-WCNT is a great way to get involved in our community, have fun and make new friendships! We will resume our regular meetings on August 17, 2016 through May, 2017.

Become a Member

For membership information, please contact Elaine Jones at womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com. Also, check out our website at gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com or Facebook page – GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa.

Upcoming events

Back to School Supply Drive
Back to School benefiting Hunter's Green Elementary School – July!

3rd Annual First Responders Golf Classic
Nov. 14, 2016 @ Hunter's Green Country Club. We are so excited to partner with the Franciscan Center in sponsoring this golf tournament that will benefit our First Responders! For more information as a player or sponsor, please contact us at womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com. Information is also on our Facebook page.

HG News

GENERAL FEDERATION WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA NEWS



What an incredible year GFWC-WCNT has had! A few highlights to share. In the past year, we have grown from 30 members to 42! We have given our time and support to 21 local organizations, (VA Hospital, John Knox Village, Bridging Freedom, Joshua House, Children's Cancer Center as well as our own Hunter's Green Elementary school - to name a few) and have donated over \$2,200 locally and internationally through the Peace Corps! We recently had the privilege of participating in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa! PYHOT is a city-wide program that enables citizens, businesses, clubs and organizations to lend a helping hand to low-income, elderly citizens in our community. What a great day!

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- **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE** benefiting HUNTER'S GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – July/August
If you would like to donate school supplies please contact us @ womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 3rd ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS GOLF CLASSIC** – Nov. 14, 2016 @ Hunter's Green Country Club. We are SO excited to partner with the Franciscan Center in sponsoring this golf tournament that will benefit our First Responders! For more information as a player or sponsor, please contact us @ womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com. Information is also on our Facebook page.

"I made it all by myself!" One of the teen girls residing at Joshua House exclaimed full of pride when her personal pizza was pulled from the oven. She was not the only one grinning of the eleven girls that participated in the cooking class activity presented by six members of the Tampa GFWC Woman's Club on Wednesday, July 27. Pat K. had prepped all of the ingredients, but the girls, tentative at first, really got into the flouring, rolling and topping of the pizzas. As they waited for the pizzas to cook, the girls snacked on carrots and dip and popcorn. The girls scooped out chocolate chip cookies to bake for dessert and learned the importance of making the cookies uniform in size for even cooking. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activity and when time to clean up were enthusiastically calling out ideas for another cooking lesson activity.

Sharon Sutton



