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*Volunteer To Make A Difference*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Ladies,

**"SAVE THE DATE FOR NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016"**

The Franciscan Center and the GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa are sponsoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual First Responders Golf Classic at the Hunter's Green Country Club. The proceeds will benefit the First Responders of Hillsborough County. At our **March 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting at the YMCA @ noon, Leigh Harris will be handing out sponsorship letters, sponsor levels, donation letters and save the date cards. For more information please email Leigh at [leighgharris@hotmail.com](mailto:leighgharris@hotmail.com)

Our guest speaker for our **March 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be Laura Hamilton from Bridging Freedom. Laura will give us an update on the building of the Bridging Freedom Healing Campus and also tell us about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Our hands on project will be putting Easter baskets together for the children at the Academy Prep Center of Tampa. Thank you Elaine Jones for planning our March meeting and to Leigh Harris for delivering the baskets.

For our **April 20<sup>th</sup>** meeting our guest speaker is Cecilia Nieves who is with the Animalluvr's Dream Rescue Inc. Here is a list of items that they can always use. Please bring your donations to the **April meeting**.

We will be making the t-shirt dog toys for our hands on project. So please start saving your old t-shirts. Thank you Alison Boh for planning this.

**Items that they are in need of:**

**\*Collapsible crates of all sizes**

**\*Puppy exercise/play pen**

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**March 5, 2016**

Hunter's Green

Spring Egg Hunt

10:00 am

**March 16, 2016**

General Meeting

At the YMCA

Noon

**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**

Installation-TBA

**May 20 – 23, 2016**

GFWC Spring Convention

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

- \*Hammocks (usually sold for Ferrets but we use them at events for our kitties)
- \*Bleach
- \*Laundry Detergent
- \*Cat litter of any Kind

Hope to see you all at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at noon.

Living the Volunteer Spirit,  
Carmela and Ginger

### Volunteering At The Tampa-Hillsborough Homeless Initiative Count



**VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

In Feb., 14 of us volunteered at the VA Hospital for their Bingo night! We donated \$100, going towards canteen books that the patients can use in the hospital store. This is always such a humbling and "feel good" event! They could not be more appreciative of this sponsorship and the treats and drinks we bring in!



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)



March 5th, some of us will volunteer at the Hunter's Green Easter Egg Hunt!

April 16, (rain date April 17th) is Paint Your Heart Out Tampa! We now have a team of 22! I have sent a separate email to those of you who have signed up. Please if you have signed up and cannot make it, I need to know as soon as possible! This will be an incredible day and a great opportunity for GFWC-NT!

THANKS,  
Debbie Ferri, VP, Membership

## TREASURER MESSAGE

This month, we made donations to the VA Hospital (\$100 for Bingo prizes) and the El Salvador Mission (\$75, Ginger Lampi's daughter will conduct an onsite educational activity) and paid some expenses. Our current balance is \$8182.28.

I delivered all the bags that were donated by our WCNT to Joshua House. I was met by Michelle Smith, Administrative Supervisor, who was overwhelmed by our generous efforts. She is well aware of our extensive community engagements. I learned that many children are placed at Joshua House under emergency circumstances after they are rescued from abusive situations. Many come with nothing other than the clothes they're wearing. Generally a child is swiftly placed into foster care but some stay weeks to months at JH. Recently, a boy left with his grandmother, after two years at JH. Everyone receives and leaves with their own bedding and clothing. It is important that they feel they have things of their own.



### **TREASURER MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

Michelle and I also talked about speaking at one of our meetings as well as touring and volunteering at JH, perhaps doing an activity such as cooking together with the children. We'll organize this sometime next season. Following is JH list of items they always need. I thought we'd all put aside such things as we have them and collect them throughout the year. I will not be at the March meeting, so please plan to bring these items to the April or May meetings.

DESIRABLE DONATIONS: Gently worn or used is fine. Please separate your items by category so it can be easily combined with others.

- Twin size bedding (used is fine) bath towels & wash clothes. Right now they have enough pillows
- Clothing, underwear, bras, socks, shoes of all sizes. Not thongs.
- Toiletries/Personal Products: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, makeup, razors & shaving cream (for females), nail care products, combs & brushes. Hotel sizes are great but, please, NO BAR SOAP for sanitary reasons
- School supplies; copy paper

Pat Kaufman  
Treasurer

### **SECRETARY MESSAGE**

The nomination for the 2016-2017 Executive Board is underway. I want to encourage all members to fill out the "Willingness to Serve" forms even if you don't wish to run for an office. We still would like to know who would be willing to participate in our various projects. This will help our future 2016-17 chairmen. We thank all of you who have already turned in their forms and have shown interest in helping make GFWC/WCNT a continued success. If you have any questions about a particular duty of an officer, please don't hesitate to call any of the current board members.

Thank you, Joy Bowles

Secretary



The Nominating Committee has reviewed the “Willingness to Serve Forms” collected at the February meeting. We would like to announce the 2016-2017 Executive Board Slate for the GFWC Woman’s Club of New Tampa:

President/Co -President: Pat Kaufman\*

Vice President: Elaine Jones

Secretary: Mynette Steele

Treasurer: Caralyn Paul

\*Pat Kaufman would very much like to serve with a Co-President if possible. We are currently asking for volunteers for this position. If you are interested in serving with Pat, please call Joy Bowles: 813-767-6430 or Pat Kaufman: 813-784-8153. It is not necessary to have held a board position in the past to be a President or Co-President and remember that the duties of Co-President can be decided between themselves at the beginning of the term.

We will continue to take any member nominations for these positions and will announce the Slate at our March meeting.

We will vote on the Executive Board at the April meeting.



## Volunteerism -- Traveling With A Purpose

GFWC Juniors relaxed on the Royal Caribbean Independence of the Seas this past month as they sailed to Cozumel, Mexico. GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Hopewell (VA) organized a backpack and school supply drive for the Cozumel Chrysalis Group, an organization that provides for the needy children and women of that company. Representatives meet our GFWC Juniors at the Port for pictures! Fellow members Jolie and Michele, were able to assist in the delivery of 24 backpacks stuffed with school supplies for these needy children. Next administration, as similar trip will be planned for GFWC clubwomen (for all levels), wouldn't it be great if our club could support "traveling with a purpose".

