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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our August meeting launched us into the new season with gusto. Our membership is growing and your Board is busy planning out the year. We need help to insure that we engage with organizations and activities that interest you. We encourage members to sign up for a committee that is focused on one of our five community service categories. This info was distributed at the August meeting and is also attached. There are several GFWC Florida causes that we can support and so many worthy causes within our community. We're especially looking for hands on activities at our meetings.

Our most immediate focus is our Nov 14 Golf Classic Fundraiser. We need more sponsor donations, especially to fund a large screen TV and golf towels for the players' bling bags. And, we need prizes/gift certificates of all amounts for our silent auction and raffle. Kay Lehmer and Juli Morris are organizing volunteers at the event. You'll have fun and be there to bid in the silent auction.

Leading up to this event is a Jewelry Show on Sept 11 at Diane Riccardi's home. 25% of all sales will be donated to the Golf Classic Fundraiser in cash and 30% in jewelry for silent auction baskets. An Evite has gone out with the details. Consider purchasing from the catalog if you can't attend and please share both options with your friends and family. Details are in the newsletter article.

LASTLY, OUR SEPT 21 MEMBER MEETING IS AT THE NEW TAMPA LIBRARY 1-2:15 PM. We'd appreciate a few early birds to set up chairs. Afterwards is a meeting for the Golf Fundraiser Committee.

In the Federation Spirit,

Pat Kaufman

Important Dates to Remember:

September 21, 1 – 2:15
General Meeting
New Tampa Regional Library

November 3
Feeding America

Nov 5
Walk For Alzheimer's
At Amalie Arena

November 14, Fall Fundraiser
Golf Outing
At Hunters Green CC

December 9
Holiday Party
At Allison Boh's Home

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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

We had 32 members and 5 guests attend our first official meeting of the year last month! It was a great meeting held at Legacy with information of all kinds. We welcomed guest speakers, Phuong Coty from United Way and Nicole Brown from ReadingPals, who shared information on how our club can be more involved with them and the many organizations that are supported by United Way. The highlight of the meeting was welcoming in our new members. Please go out of your way to introduce yourself and get to know the new ladies – they all bring something wonderful to our club! We now have 52 members, several of them who we will officially welcome in our September meeting.



New Members: Barbara Johnson, Anne Marie Martin-Reitstatter,
Kim Kelly, Paula Dance, Anne Skolnick, Debra Melodini and Janet Johnson

We will be welcoming Dora Rattes and her daughter, Esther, to our meeting in September at the New Tampa Regional Library. They will be sharing information about Tennis For Fun (<http://tennisforfun.org/>) an organization that provides free tennis clinics for athletes with special needs. Please bring a can of all purpose tennis balls to the meeting to donate to their cause. Our club will also be providing them with T-shirts they will wear for their clinics.

We have speakers lined up for October and November as well. The Children's Home Society will be joining us in October and American Cancer Society Hope Lodge will be sharing information in November.

Also, don't forget to put November 5th on your calendar for the [Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's](#). Look for the flyer attached to this newsletter and get registered!

Until next month....

Warm Regards,
Elaine Jones – VP Membership

TREASURER MESSAGE

Hello! Enclosed is the first of our monthly P&L statements. Browse the report to see our income and expenses so far. We currently have cash balance of \$9,113.83. Our income is mostly from membership dues at this point. Our expenses so far have mostly been related to website expenses, summer luncheon costs and two community service projects with Joshua House and the book supply drive for Hunters Green and Mort Elementary schools.

Please do not be shy about suggesting causes that you would like the Club to support!

Thanks,
Caralyn Paul
Treasurer

GFWC-WCNT P&L August 31, 2016		
Cash Flow	Budgeted	Actual
Starting Cash Balance	\$5,947.02	\$5,947.02
Total Income	\$13,786.00	\$4,512.00
Total Expense	\$19,733.02	\$1,345.19
Cash Balance as of August 31, 2016		\$9,113.83
Monthly Income		
Membership Dues	\$3,750.00	\$3,825.00
Fall & Spring Fundraisers	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Misc Fundraisers	\$36.00	\$687.00
Total Income	\$13,786.00	\$4,512.00
Monthly Expenses		
Administrative	\$4,093.00	\$304.63
Membership	\$4,210.00	\$506.29
Community Service	\$5,130.02	\$534.27
Carry Over	\$6,300.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$19,733.02	\$1,345.19
Break Out of Summary Shown Above:		
	Budgeted	Actual
Administrative Expenses		
Website	\$300.00	\$277.40
Major Fundraiser Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$10.00
Misc Office Expenses	\$250.00	\$17.23
Total Administrative Expenses		\$304.63
Membership Expenses		
Member Pins	\$300.00	\$112.50
Summer Luncheon Costs	\$0.00	\$336.00
Scrapbook Expenses	\$35.00	\$57.79
Total Membership Expenses	\$335.00	\$506.29
Community Service Projects Expenses		
Education:		
Back to School - Mort & Hunters Green	\$0.00	\$342.54
Homelife:		
Joshua House - Olympics & Cooking Class	\$0.00	\$191.73
Total Community Service Projects		\$534.27

The Deadline is approaching!! We will wrap up our shirt sales at our September meeting, so if you have not had a chance to order one, this will be the time. The sample sizes will be there so you can order the correct size. We like our members to wear our club shirts when we are out volunteering in the community. Please bring your \$33 cash or a check made out to GFWC-WCNT. The company we are using will be able to take individual orders as more new members join us, so we should have these for a while! They will be handed out at the October meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but want to order a shirt, please call Elaine Jones (813-731-6391) and she will make it happen!

PREMIER DESIGNS JEWELRY SHOW - SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



Want to contribute to our Fall Fundraiser Golf Classic “Building Strong Communities with First Responders? Come to a Premier Designs Jewelry Show!

Built on biblically based principals, Premier Designs Jewelry has supported ministries around the world and in America. Come to the show on September 11th to honor our First Responders and Premier Designs will donate 25% of all sales in cash to our Fall Fundraiser.

Want to party at the show?

When: Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: 8723 Tantallon Circle, Tampa 33647 (Hunter’s Green Community)

RSVP: Yes, to your Evite

What’s Happening: Fashion Show, Raffle, Food, and lots of jewelry!

Who Benefits: Operation Restore and the GFWC Woman’s Club of New Tampa

What’s the Benefit: Twenty-five percent (25%) of all sales donated in cash and thirty percent (30%) donated in Jewelry for Silent Auction at the Golf Tournament

Can’t make the show but still want to help out? Browse the online catalog at <http://kimdimarco.mypremierdesigns.com/> and place your order before the show.

Two ways to order before the show:

1. Online credit card orders: Contact the jeweler, Kim Dimarco, with your order by email at dimarcokimberly@gmail.com.
2. Cash or check: Contact the host, Diane Riccardi, with your order by email at dianericcardi1@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of our First Responders and the GFWC - WCNT!



Fall Fundraiser Golf Outing

**Building Strong Communities with First Responders.
3rd Annual First Responders Golf Classic
Hunters Green Country Club November 14, 2016**

We are approaching our two month window for the tournament. We are still in need for raffle prizes, silent auction items and a 55" flatscreen TV for our Super Ticket item.

Kay Lehmer has sent out the volunteer sign up sheet. Please look at signing up to help the day of the tournament.

Over 225 player registration forms were mailed out last week (August 22nd) to various golfers in the area. We are hoping the tournament is a sell out at 144 players. Contact me if you're interested in setting up a foursome.

We are currently at \$32,000.00 in sponsorships for the tournament. Our goal should be, to go into the tournament with \$40,000 in sponsorships. So, lets start getting some \$200.00 hole sponsors signed up!

Thanks and I look forward to a great tournament!
Leigh Harris

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Contact Leigh Harris: leigh@franciscancentertampa.org. to register or become a sponsor.
Media Contact: Sharon Joller 813.229.2695 or sharon@franciscancentertampa.org

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Juli Morris & Hannah Gabora

MENTOR OUR CHILDREN – AT HUNTERS GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SERVE PTA TUTORS: We tutor one-on-one, or work in the media center as little as 30 minutes to an hour every week or two during the school day. Teachers supply the activity, we supply the enthusiasm and love. This will be WCNT's fourth season in this program.

READING PALS: United Way Suncoast's Reading Pals 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. Reading Pals 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!

TO VOLUNTEER FOR BOTH PROGRAMS: Every volunteer must register at the district website, www.sdhc.k12.fl.us even if you were a SERVE or READING PALS volunteer in the past. Background checks will be done for all new volunteers so register ASAP.

SERVE PTA TUTORS: Starts Mid-October and continues through the end of May

- Go to the district website. Click on Families, Volunteering at HCPS, Documents and Forms, and Volunteer Applications. Apply as "tutor" at Hunter's Green Elementary (HGE).
- Once the on-line registration is completed, the SERVE coordinator at HGE PTA, Melanie Bell, tutors@huntersgreenpta.com, will invite you to a short orientation at the school. Assignments will be given then. I will attend to gather and disseminate information if you are unable to be there, although I encourage you to attend.
- By September 15, please contact Juli Morris rmorris23@tampabay.rr.com, with your day and time availability, email address, phone number and if you have a grade preference. Juli will forward this information to Melanie to match tutors with students. Juli can also help you find a partner volunteer if you're looking.

READING PALS: starts first week of September and continues through end of May

- Apply as "Tutor" at Hunter's Green Elementary School.
- Volunteers must attend an orientation so that they understand the program, its goals and the supplies provided. Arrangements for a WCNT volunteer class will be made at the New Tampa Regional Library.
- Contact Nicole Brown at nbrown@uwsuncoast.org 813-274-0998 or Hannah Gabora hmgabora@verizon.net 813-428-6064 once you have registered to be included in training.
- Hannah can help you find a partner volunteer if you're looking for one.

NAME _____

I would like to be on the committee that identifies and organizes an activity or program. Below are my first and second choices:

- _____ Education
- _____ Homelife
- _____ Arts
- _____ Public Issues
- _____ Conservation
- _____ International Outreach

YES!!! _____ *I am passionate about this and volunteer to co-chair one of the committees I have selected!!!*

COMMITTEES:

GREATER FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CATEGORIES www.gfwc.org

Throughout this administration, the goal of **the GFWC Education Community Service Program** will be to develop projects that will help improve the quality of life and create a better world.

Article 26 of the United Nations’ 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that “everyone has the right to education.” More importantly, GFWC clubs know that education can open doors and expand opportunities and freedoms for their members, their communities, and the world. Education contributes to fostering peace, democracy, and economic growth, as well as improving health and reducing poverty.

THE GFWC HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM are designed to inform members of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering. Through this program, clubs may develop and implement creative projects that promote a healthy lifestyle increase awareness, prevention, research, and treatment of disease; target personal development; address the issues of hunger, inadequate housing, and homelessness; and/or prevent or correct financial difficulties. Program ideas are endless. Consider projects that address issues such as women’s health, theft prevention, service dog programs, people with disabilities, healthy lifestyles, and childcare.

The **GFWC Arts Community Service Program** encourages members to promote and support arts activities in their clubs, schools, and communities. It is designed to inspire clubwomen. As Pablo Picasso once said, “Every child is an artist, the problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” The goal is to create programs and projects that include music, literature, dance, drama, theatre, and other arts related areas, both traditional and innovative. **Art Awakens the Senses.** Art opens the heart and mind to possibilities and fuels the imagination. Art is a process of learning to create ourselves and experience the world in new ways. Art supports the bigger picture view of life: beauty, symbols, spirituality, and storytelling, and helps us to step out of time, allowing one to be present in the moment. Art keeps the magic alive.

The GFWC Public Issues Community Service Program is designed to actively connect members with effective projects and activities relating to civic and social responsibilities. This program focuses on the following areas: Citizenship • Educate club members and local communities on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. • Use resources, including GFWC Resolutions, to increase patriotism, pride in heritage, and active community involvement. • Encourage active involvement in the legislation and regulation of issues that affect the world around you. Military Personnel • Educate club members and local communities on needs of military families. • Advocate for legislation that supports active and veteran military personnel and their families. • Support military personnel and veterans returning to community living. Emergency and Disaster Preparedness • Educate club members and local communities on disaster readiness, recovery, and relief. • Work with law enforcement agencies and first responders to increase public awareness. • Develop community programs and coalitions to address disaster recovery and relief. • Work with local agencies to provide community training in disaster preparedness. Safety and Crime Prevention • Educate club members and local communities on home, transportation (including bicycles, rail, and air) and internet safety. • Provide programs, tools, and training. • Create safer homes and communities through crime prevention awareness. • Encourage “Neighborhood Watch” groups within communities.

The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation for our environment. Members are encouraged to increase awareness of conservation issues, work to preserve, maintain and restore our natural resources, preserve habitats for plants and animals, and participate in endeavors to beautify and sustain the world around us. Our natural resources include, but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land, and wildlife. Incorporate any and all of these topics into your conservation plans: • Recycling • Environmental Education and Awareness • Outdoor Exploration • Noxious Weeds • Air and Water Quality • Waste Handling • Natural Resource Restoration • Land Maintenance • Tree Planting • Beautification • Wildlife Protection • Proper Care for Domesticated Animals • Food Sources • Community Gardens • Preserving Existing Waterways • Energy Conservation

The GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will, in turn, affect change in and for our global friends and their communities. In most cases, GFWC members cannot be physically present to assist and make changes in countries around the world; however, members can be assured the donations made through our partnership agencies are reaching those in the greatest need. There are countless ways to support global development and make a lasting difference. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency.

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Amalie Arena

November 5th, 2016

- Registration 8AM
- Step Off 9AM
- Join our Team:

REGISTER at:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=360697&fr_id=8909&pg=team

Each Registration helps advocacy efforts!

Community services hours awarded to students who create walk teams, fundraise and/or volunteer!

Join our Team!

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