

WCDB WHISPERINGS

GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

FEBRUARY 2019



Marti's Message,

Here we go again, up, down, all around the town! Our club is steaming ahead with all the new members, 111 strong.

Talking about members, there were six deserving club members nominated for Volunteer of the Year 2018: Claire Riccardi, Melissa Armstrong, Pam Militello, Ellyce Plotkin, Sally Brinkworth, and Phyllis Mavrikis. Phyllis Mavrikis our 1st V.P., was chosen as our **Volunteer of the Year 2018. Congratulations, Phyllis, we love you for ALL YOU DO!**

Photos were taken of Mayor Ganz, Denise Bogner and I displaying our newly painted cornerstone painted, 1957, the year it was built. Check it out. This will be in the March Deerfield Community Magazine with 3-page article.

The **Building Committee** wrapped up the Parking Lot Paving Project with approval from City Hall! Kudos, to the committee! It is going to look so nice when completed! Club improvements continue with the Executive Board approval to purchase a portable sign to display when the club has events.

Thank you all who volunteered at our information booth for the **Art Festival**. Participation in city events lets people know that our club is not only charitable, but civic minded as well. This helps to get the word out about our upcoming **100 Year Luncheon Celebration on March 23**. Committee is forming and info on the horizon.

I LOVE A PARADE! Club members headed up our participation in the **MLK Parade** and festivities. Phyllis Mavrikis, Mickey Rosenkranz, Melissa Armstrong, and I decorated our cars with posters, flag streamers saying,



"Hurray, Hurray for MLK". Our new banners with our **Logo**. Cars looked great! Katy Freitag and Rita Masi joined us, and candy and club info was given along the parade walk. When you see Ellyce Plotkin, tell her to thank her husband, Ron, for the club's beautiful logo design. If you missed this parade mark your calendar for the **Pioneer Days Parade, February 16**. Want to help? Let me know if you can volunteer a few hours to be in the parade and/or help at our information booth.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our **ARTS & CRAFTS Competition at the FEBRUARY DAY MEETING**. If you can't attend, please call me so we can get your project beforehand.

WE NEED YOU! Would you like to be an officer of our club? The **Nominating Committee** will be sending out candidate info, requirements, etc. Vote takes place at the March meetings.

SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME! Check out **ALL** the news in this newsletter, mark your calendars.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Blessing from the desk of your President, Marti.

DAYTIME MEETING
TUESDAY, FEB. 12TH 1:00 PM

EVENING DIVISION WEDNESDAY,
FEB. 20TH at 7:00 pm



Dori Liotta

Marisa Way



FEBRUARY

- Angela Grasso - 2/2
- Carolyn McNamara - 2/3
- Debbie Rollo - 2/6
- Connie Kroupa - 2/8
- Kay Hurley - 2/9
- Barbara Gardner - 2/10
- Fay Swalley - 2/15
- Sally Levitt - 2/23
- Louise O’Gorman 2/23



Our Club needs a member to do **PUBLICITY** – which includes sending notices to the local newspapers about our monthly meetings and the speakers and writing articles about our special projects for both the newspapers and the local magazines. Please let Marti know if you are interested in helping.

A very important position for our Club will need to be filled by April 1st and that is to handle the **rentals of our Clubhouse** as Marti will be stepping down at that time. The member will need to be available during the day for showing the facilities and meeting with potential renters. Please know that this area is how we are able to make many of our contributions. The revenue that comes in from the rentals is used to maintain the building such as electric, water, insurance, general maintenance and major projects such as the parking lot which will be starting soon. **In 2018 our Club donated \$10,036 to charities with the majority of the money coming from club rentals.** Without the money we get from the rentals our members would have to spend countless hours doing fund raising projects. Please contact Marti if you are able to step into this position.



CELEBRATE OUR 100 YEARS March 23 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Luncheon at **Royal Fiesta – details to follow**



Parade and Club Promotion Booth

CORRECTION ON DATES – FRIDAY – SATURDAY – SUNDAY February 15 – 16 – 17. Parade starting at 10 am. From Pioneer Park. **Booth to be set up Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at beach.**

Volunteers will be informed about decorating the cars, etc. This is a special historical parade celebrating our city from “Cracker Days” to present. Our club needs to be visible in this parade in celebration of our 100 years of continued involvement in our city. Volunteers signed up: Vivian Jeffers, Rita Masi, Marie Ettlinger, Kay Hurley, Pauline Di Noto, Phyllis Mavrikis, Marti Mc Geary. Volunteer so we see how many cars we will need. We have two convertibles. Do you have one you could drive? You won’t want to miss participating in this event. Contact: Marti McGeary to volunteer.



If you haven't been to this year's show of the **New Florida Follies**, there are 3 more dates: Feb. 17, March 24, and March 31. This year's show is fabulous!!! Our member, Vivian Jeffers is one of the Follies!

All performances at: Countess de Hoernle Theatre at Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton, FL. Tickets are just \$30, proceeds go to benefit two children's charities, Family Central and Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center. Showtime - 2 PM
For ticket information - (305) 596-7394

DAYTIME MEETING JANUARY 8, 2019



JANUARY DAYTIME HOSTESS



Gardening and Arts and Crafts with member Christina Fink's special needs students at Deerfield Beach High School. Don't know who had more fun Abbie, Ellyce, Grace, and Denise or the students.



Help gather information about our 100 year old club – meet with Phyllis, Marti, and Amy Kay at the clubhouse on Wednesday's at 10:00 contact Phyllis by phone (954) 798-4916 or email, pjmteacher@aol.com.

Wednesday
February 13



Arts and Crafts with Fink at Deerfield High School at 10:30am.

Contact member Christina and let he know if you can help – call (after school hours) 570-954-3392 or Email: christina.fink@browardschools.com

Dr. Christina A. Fink
Deerfield Beach High School
ESE Teacher

Kitty Cole made this beautiful blanket for competition in the GFWC Florida Arts & Crafts annual competition.





Greetings!

After many months of hard work I'm pleased to let you know our parking lot project permit has been approved!

Marti and I are working on project schedule coordination; project start and finish dates to follow.

LyAnn Marie – Building Committee



Many families and businesses in our country and communities are seriously affected by the substance abuse crisis. On January 8th, at the day time meeting, the speaker was Marisa Way, CEO/Director of the Gracious Care Recovery Solutions. Gracious Care is a substance abuse treatment facility, located at 201 N. Federal Highway, 2nd floor, Deerfield Beach. Highly intensive treatment programs are provided that focus completely on the recovery process to begin the healing stage. Included in the staff are counselors who have had experience with addiction. Each team member feels a personal duty to overcome the challenges of addiction. Gracious Care is open to all faiths, races, and religions. Gracious Care is fully accredited, and works with most insurance providers. If you or a friend or family member is in need of this type of help, call – (855) 854-7223, or email – robin@graciouscarerecovery.com.

Marisa Way is a member of our club

Ellie Mills is a member of our Club – contact her for your insurance needs.



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~ Carolyn V. McNamara



Scholarship applications were sent on Dec 14th to a Brace Educator at:

Deerfield Beach High School

Pompano Beach High School

Monarch High School

Margery Stoneman Douglas High School

Applications are due by April 15th
Marie Ettliger, Scholarship Chair



OF THE YEAR 2018 PHYLLIS MAVRIKIS

It is with great admiration and appreciation to present Phyllis Mavrikis, the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, Volunteer of the Year 2018. She embodies the GFWC "Spirit of Volunteerism" and epitomizes the mission and goals of District 13.

Phyllis earned her MA degree in education from Nova University. Twice she was Teacher of the Year, Wingate Oaks Center 2003, and Bright Horizon's Center of Deerfield Beach in 2010. After thirty-four years of teaching Special Needs children she retired. Lucky for our club Phyllis joined our club in 2014. She brought with her academic expertise, leadership skills, and an uncanny ability to relate to the needs of others. These accomplishments and character traits, coupled with an unparalleled commitment to GFWC principles of volunteerism has truly been a blessing to our club.

Phyllis has served on the Executive Board four years marking 2018 as First Vice President. Fulfilling the duties of this office alone takes a special dedication and ability to be prepared at a moment's notice to take over the duties of the club's President. She has spearheaded many committees. As Program Director, Phyllis provided the club with meaningful and interesting meeting programs, speakers, and guests that correlate with our GFWC Six Departments and the needs and requests of our members. She Chaired the Phone Tree Committee coordinating with the Hospitality Chair and lent a helping hand to our members at meetings and club functions. She attended GFWC Florida State meetings and District 13 Meetings to become more knowledgeable and to help the club succeed in its efforts.

Phyllis has a quiet, reserved personality, but make no mistake about her strength and conviction of purpose. She is a champion of those in need! Her project suggestions for 2018 for autistic children, literacy and education (books and school supplies) were embraced by our members. Our members who needed prayer and healing were comforted with a prayer shawl and her kindness. Our President's Projects are always foremost in Phyllis's priorities. Currently she is helping to make "100 Blankets for Operation Smile" the 2018-20 President's Project. Our club's support and activities for Hacienda Girls' Ranch and Canine Companions for Independence was embraced by Phyllis by donating her time and skills and getting others to help our fundraiser.

Our Membership Project: "100 Members for 100 Years," met its goal with the help of Phyllis, who donated and distributed flyers just about everywhere in the city and participated with her husband on the club trips. You will find her in the most unsuspected places handing out club brochures and promoting GFWC. This project was so successful, we reported 108 members for 2018, an over 40% increase.

Phyllis is very involved in other historical activities and organizations in our city, especially the Deerfield Beach Historical Society. She attended "History at High Noon" programs and conducts monthly tours of the Butler House for school children and all who come. This house belonged to one of our founding members and is now on the Florida Historical Registry. Phyllis volunteered for as many of this society's events as possible.

2019 marks our club's 100th Year Birthday, so Phyllis took the enormous, time consuming task of getting all our files, photos, and scrapbooks in order. As Committee Chairperson she has worked with Sally Link, a professional writer and historian. An article about our history and legacy will to be published in the March issue of the Deerfield Beach Community Magazine. Phyllis arranged a trip to the Broward County Library to view valuable materials and documents to provide a more accurate account of our club. She also contacted Boynton Beach Library for additional information. She set a course to find accurate historical facts about the accomplishments of our club as well as anecdotal stories. She spent well over 400 hours in the past few months on this project alone.

Phyllis is very much involved in Community and City Sponsored events: She volunteered at The Annual Beach Clean Up, The Longest Human Underwater Chain (Guinness Book of World Records, Surfers for Autism, Pioneer Days City Events, and the Art Festival. Phyllis attended the Women's History Hall of Fame Luncheon, and the N.E. Focal Point (Senior Center) Cuisine of the Region. She donated and made almost all the decorations for our cars for the Martin Luther King Parade. Phyllis volunteered at the luminary table for "Relay for Life", a City, Chamber of Commerce and Organization sponsored event.

Leadership and Public Issues in 2018 found Phyllis in regular attendance at our Commission Meetings and other city sponsored improvement meetings. She publicly spoke on various projects regarding development, recycling, parks and open space, and preserving quality of life.

2018 is a year to be proud of the accomplishments and charitable involvement of our club and to realize how much Phyllis Mavrikis with her sweet smile and dynamic sense of purpose helped make it happen. Every club should be blessed by a wonderful and dynamic member like Phyllis Mavrikis.