

Claire's Corner

December, 2019

Dear Members,

I am grateful and thankful for a wonderful Thanksgiving, and pray you all enjoyed your day with your family and friends. Thank you to all of the Gateway volunteers, to Phyllis for her hard work at several events, including another Beach Clean-Up, and to everyone who helped at school and library events. We appreciate seeing so many yellow shirts at local events! Thank you for Denise's educational and informative new membership presentation at our evening meeting. We would like to recognize several members who are stepping up for positions: Marie Ettinger – Corresponding Secretary/Hospitality, Rita Masi – Public Issues, and Dorothy Dunn – Chaplin. Jackie, Kitty and Pam did a wonderful job as always, we are so thankful for their hours and dedication.

Thanks to Sally, we are looking forward to upcoming day and overnight trips. So excited for all to join in on our Meeting/Holiday Parties, and we hope to see many of you able to attend!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the many, many members who were at my surprise birthday party at Two Georges. Special thanks to Sally and her sister, Susie, who organized and kept it such a wonderful secret! Thank you all for giving me such an amazing gift, being able to share my birthday with so many of you – this is a memory that will

remain in my heart, and in my memory forever. From the bottom of my heart, I want you to know what a true blessing you all are to me.

Your President, Claire Riccardi

"THE HOLIDAY SEASON
IS A PERFECT TIME
TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS
AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO
MAKE LIFE BETTER
FOR THOSE AROUND US."





Your Clubhouse News

Dear Members,

The latest building update is that we are waiting for permit approval. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our members!

The Clubhouse could use a little sprucing up! Join us on December 7th, from 8am-

11am—come help with vacuuming chairs, wiping vertical blinds, and decorating a little. It is also a yard day, to help make our grounds even more beautiful. Bring your clippers & whistle while you work!

Conservation Chair, Ellyce Plotkin and I planted along the walkway. Your help would be awesome!

Happy Turkey Day! Friends in Federation, Marti Mc Geary, 2nd V.P.



Contact CLAIRE for info for all **Volunteer Opportunities!**

Saturday, December 7th

Join us for the 6th Annual Deerfield Beach Ocean Way Holiday Celebration presented by the Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Saturday, December 7th, at the International Fishing Pier (200 NE 21st Ave). Festivities will begin at 5:00pm and run until 9:00pm. Come out for a family night of fun while walking the parade of lights display, taking your photo with Santa, snow flurries, kid's activities, live reindeer, an ice skating rink and live entertainment throughout the event!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

THE BUTLER HOUSE

380 EAST HILLSBORO BLVD.

9-11:30 AM

HELP SET-UP AT 7:30am

Family of 4- \$10 (\$5 each extra person)

This is a tradition for Deerfield Beach
families. There will be a photo with Santa,
breakfast, crafts and more.



Paws for a Cause





GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach





\$2,000.00 RAISED TO HELP THESE RESCUE GROUPS

Members – Please support the following who helped make 2019 PAWS FOR A CAUSE A SUCCESS!!!!

Baja Café Dos

Pet Supermarket

Ace Hardware

Tijuana Taxi

Sicilian Oven Red Fox Diner

Maria from Orlando's Beauty

Salon in Boca

Deer Creek Country Club

Tailgators Sports Bar and Grille

Muddy Waters

Blue Ocean Poke

Scruffy to Fluffy

Olympic Flame Diner

First Watch

Artistic Nails

Dairy Queen

Husky Haven

Unique Boutique 954

Pet Supermarket

Pet Vet

Grace Ann Puente

Pet Health Café

Gbriela Gamperl - Face Painter

Mark Claus - Entertainer

Amante Restaurant

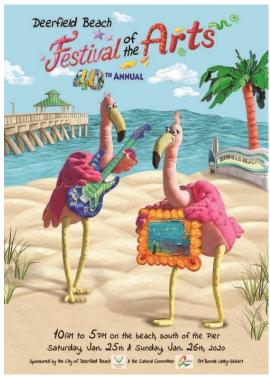
Bed & Biscuit Day Care

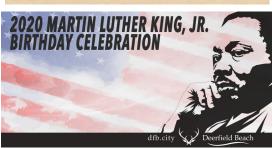
City of Deerfield Beach

Percy White Library Opportunity!

Become a Friend of the Library for \$10/ year. Friends are asked to volunteer 2.5 hours, twice a month at The Book Nook, which sells books for bargain prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$3.00!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTINITIES!





Join the City of Deerfield Beach along with city leaders, civic organizations and churches, as we pay homage to this great Civil Rights leader. This three-day long event features a choir competition, games and day of service kick off with an exciting parade presented by Arrigo Margate, plus a family-friendly picnic celebrating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.

When: Saturday, January 11th, 2020 & Sunday - Monday, January 19th - 20th, 2020 Where: Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, 445 SW 2nd Street

Free to attend

For more info, please visit:

https://www.deerfield-

beach.com/1088/12020-Dr-Martin-

Luther-King-Jr-Celebrati

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY-

Gateway Community Outreach is looking for volunteers to help provide food and Christmas gifts to their neediest clients. Help is required to distribute gifts and meals on Tuesday, December 17th. Gateway is asking for donations of unwrapped toys or gift cards for children, 17 and under. to be delivered to Gateway Community Outreach, 291 1st Terrace. Deerfield Beach. 33441, by December 12th.

https://gcoflorida.org/

(954) 725-8434



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

The George Snow Scholarships now available. Please visit their website at https://scholarship.org/ for more information. There are a variety of scholarships, each with their own requirements for eligibility. However, the most common scholarships are offered to high school seniors attending school in Palm Beach County, or select Broward County schools (Blanche Ely High School, Pompano Beach High School, & Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. Apply October 2019- February 2020. Go Forward with Confidence. Those seeking degrees in nursing, social work, practical theology, and education. \$2,500 scholarships. Go to www.gfwc.org/success-survivors Recipients express a desire to use their careers to advocate for other survivors, fight for the voiceless, and help others heal.

Ellie Mills
3rd VP & Scholarship Chair

We are still collecting donations of personal hygiene items for homeless women veterans & tissues hand sanitizer for Christina Fink's students. Thank you for your generous support!









VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! Please join the City of Deerfield Beach in a Holiday Toy and Book Drive for children less fortunate in our community. A toy and book will be handed out at the Ice Cream Social with Santa on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at Oveta McKeithen Recreational Center located at 445 SW 2 Street, Deerfield Beach. Drop off collection bins will be available in the lobby at City Hall located at 150 NE Second Avenue, Community Development Department located at 325 NW 2 Avenue, and Constitution Park located at 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd., in Deerfield Beach. All residents and local organizations are encouraged to help in this effort by donating new, unwrapped toys and books for boys and girls, ages 4 – 16 years of age. The City will be collecting the items until Friday, December 13 at 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity during this holiday season!

For more info, please contact the



WEST PALM BEACH FISHER HOUSE



Fisher House Christmas Gift Card Collection

The Fisher House is collecting Gift Cards to help Veteran's and their families who are staying at the Fisher House in Palm Beach. The following restaurants and gas stations are near the VA:

Restaurants

Duffy's Yard House Outback Denny's The Original Pancake House

Panera Cracker Barrel

Boungiorno Pizza and Pasta Culver's Chili's

Red Lobster Miller's Ale House

Gas Stations

Race Trac Wawa

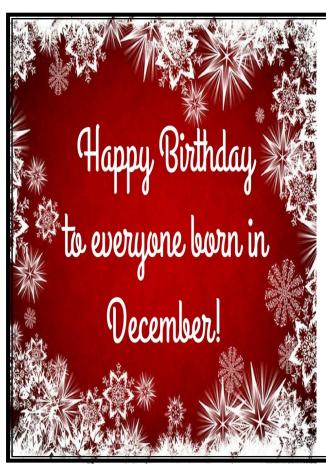
The Fisher House greatly appreciates the support of our friends. We are having our Annual Holiday Open House on Friday, December 13th from 1-4, and members are welcome to attend Gift Cards can be mailed or dropped off.

Shelley Prickett Fisher House Manager West Palm Beach, FL 561-422-5554



To our newest member, Collette
Redman!





Ann Bukowski 12/5
Angelina MacIlwreith 12/7
Kim Cornelius 12/10
Gerry Covitz 12/10
Christina Fink 12/14
Phyllis Shanahan 12/16
Florence Trovato 12/20
Ellie Mills 12/30







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Any members who would like to volunteer in any Broward County Schools must complete the online application at https://www.browardschools.com/volunteerapplication. Please be aware that it takes approximately one week to be approved.

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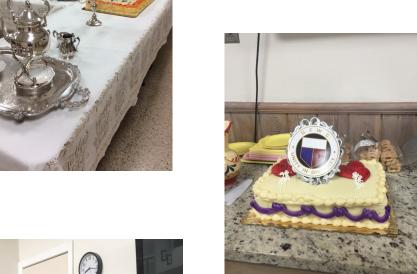


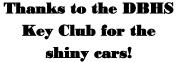






Membership Tea & November Evening Meeting











DECEMBER Fri Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Sat 3 5 6 Bayside Break-Day Trip fast with Santa 8 9 10 11 12 14 13 WC Day Meeting / BOAT PARADE Holiday Party 1pm 20 21 15 16 17 18 19 WC Even-Gateway ing Meet-Outing Holireach day Party 7 pm 22 23 27 28 24 25 26 Hanukkah 29 30 31 WC Exec Board Meeting

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		WC Day Meeting 1pm	WC Evening Meeting 7 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Florida Follies Day Trip	DREAM					Deerfield Beach Festival of Arts
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Deerfield Beach Festi- val of Arts		WC Exec Board Meeting 7 pm			Sarasota & Punta Gorda Overnight Trip	

APPROVED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You may report any hours or donations you contribute to the following:

CITY EVENTS:

Festival of the Arts, Fall Festival, Halloween Hoedown, Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Arboretum Clean Up, Boots on the Beach, Ocean Blues & Brews, July 4 City Celebration, Sip & Stroll, Movies in the Park, Dive-In Movies, Ocean Way Holiday, Jr. Anglers Day, Coastal Clean-up, Beach Cleanups, Surfers for Autism, Flashlight Egg Hunt, Egg-Extravaganza, Easter Egg Hunt & Run, Pioneer Days, MLKing Weekend **BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Century Plaza/Leon Statin, Percy White Northwest, Pompano Beach & Cultural Center

ALL CENTER for ACTIVE AGING FUNCTIONS:

Health & Wellness Fair, Cuisine of the Region, Fashion Show Saturday & Sunday Events, Breakfast with Santa, Cocktails with Santa, Annual Charity Dinner, Museum Day, History At High Noon.

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:

Classroom Volunteering (reading, mentoring), School Supply Collections, Art & Music Programs, First Day of School Participation.

OTHER: Honor Flight Activities, GFWC Everglades Restoration Project, Relay for Life/Luminaries, Club/GFWC Meetings, Trip Participation for Membership, History, the Arts, etc., Nonpaid Poll Volunteers.

Any questions please ask at Club Meetings or contact Claire.

