



## Claire's Corner

July, 2020

Good Day Ladies,

I pray all are safe. I pray we all have a safe Happy Fourth of July. Please wear masks and do social distancing for all everyone's safety. At our Executive Board meeting I had researched quotes from 3 Webmaster companies for our club as Marti requested. Her son had graciously been giving of his web expertise free of charge for all these years. However, that evening Marti and her son were kind enough to extend his services again as we all know we have no building rental income due to this virus. Thank you Marti, we all appreciate all that you do and have done for years. Please also say a prayer for Marti who had surgery and is doing well on her way to recovery. Before having our Executive Board Meeting Tues. June 30, 2020, I took the time to call local clubs and our charities to see for updates. The City of Deerfield Beach has no events yet as well as our neighboring cities. Our City Chamber of Commerce has no events so far and no personal meetings, just virtual. This can change on a daily basis. The Honor Flights have been canceled all 2020 year, they are hoping for April 2021 to begin again, we will continue our support. Our Women in Distress not open for our donations yet, we will continue our support. American Legion Local # 162, we are continuing to give for the homeless VETERAN Woman personal supplies. Please call me anytime and I will pick up personally. Gateway, nothing yet but we will continue our support. The Autism events, especially the beach one, not scheduled as of yet but, we will continue as they will begin, our continued support. The Christmas in July, as Denise, Katy (see in Evening Division News) Pam and myself as well as other members too have contributed is July 15, 2020 deadline. Yesterday I volunteered and brought our check approved donation of \$ 300.00 from GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF DEERFIELD BEACH to the director personally Dr. Celia Earle. Katy has many more pictures to share, we will put them in our newsletter next month as she is the lady of contact (reach her personally or by e mail please help in anyway you can). Thank you to Katy very much, and the Kiwanis Club members who continue to help in so many ways. Our beach clean ups with Dixie Divers all canceled but we will continue our support as dates come available. I am working on another project for our club also to volunteer and donate to our local BSO (First Responders) starting this year. The Yearly Woman of Empowerment event for 30 young ladies on August 15th, 2020. Volunteer's and supplies are needed for event. Any time or talents for hair, nail etc. (See flyer attached). It is greatly appreciated especially as our students are in need of our support. Call me anytime; if you are interested , thank you all. As a suggestion from Phyllis Mavrikis, I am looking into a local charity called R J Boyle for fishing lessons for handicap children. As a suggestion to look into other local needs, I will bring forward as researched. Our local libraries, as we have done in the past will be researched too. Thank you very much to Pam Militello for becoming a Lifetime Member! She is always there to help in anyway possible. As our 2020 -2022 State President requested Unity and Kindness for our local communities, I as your President who has requested this personally for years now, will follow with you all to make our commitment to our community as needed during these trying times. Please feel free to call me if you have other areas of community needs and or families. Together Unity and Kindness will build us stronger to help during these needs to all. God BLESS your all, with respect, and with kindness .

Your President,

*Claire Riccardi*



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# Your Clubhouse News

Dear Club Members,

Just a quick note to let you know the AA groups are meeting at our clubhouse, capacity limited to 50, wearing masks and self-distancing guidelines in place.

The club has always considered **AA meetings as a Club Project (GFWC FLORIDA HEALTH & WELLNESS DEPARTMENT)** to help people in our communities

with the physical and emotional problems created by Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. The group that meets daily M-F, is much smaller right now and not able to pay the full rental fee. The Executive Board moved by a unanimous vote to continue meetings for this group at a reduced rate, enough to cover utility expenses the club incurs and results in a club contribution of about \$440.00 a month to keep this group afloat in these difficult times. Keep in mind that the club helps those who are experiencing financial difficulties, mental illness including suicide increases, spouse, and child abuses, driving while intoxicated, and many physical health issues like Heart & Kidney Disease and Diabetes problems.

*This group is a registered 501-c organization affiliated with the National AA Association* and has been meeting at our clubhouse for about 18 years. As a member of our club you are helping to make possible that one-on-one 12 Step Program. If you wish to make a personal tax-exempt donation for our club's continued efforts contact me, [martimecg@outlook.com](mailto:martimecg@outlook.com) Alcoholism affects our society negatively in so many ways!



**The club house is available for meetings, capacity of 50 with guidelines in place by the city. The GFWC Woman's Club Evening Meetings for May and June were held.**

**Thank you to Link Insurance Company** located on Hillsboro & 8<sup>th</sup> Ct. has been donating \$100 a month, even though it has used our parking lot little. Other: A few small other meetings and events are paying our monthly expenses, so we are still in the black financially and carefully watching our expenditures.

Some clubhouse issues have been addressed. Another termite nest found and treated. The yearly Backflow inspection for commercial properties as required by the City for quality water supply has been completed.

Yes, two years have passed already since inspection of roof and some small nail pop leaks are noted during extreme downpours. The club will have to address the need for a new roof at some point **soon**, so **serious fundraising needs to be addressed. Communicate your ideas and willingness to volunteer your time and expertise to Claire Riccardi. [clelia8bob@gmail.com](mailto:clelia8bob@gmail.com)**

**Thank you to Denise Bogner** for putting together a binder with updated information for building contacts and paying attention to keeping our files and supplies high and dry (addressing humidity issues).

## **General Upkeep+ Beautification**

The clubhouse can always use some kind and loving "green thumbs" on any Saturday morning or any morning to weed, rake, improve the general appearance of the landscaping. **Contact Elysse Plotkin [emp1rnc@aol.com](mailto:emp1rnc@aol.com)** (The lawn service takes care of cutting, edging, and major trimming).

Do you like to paint, there are some touch up areas on walls and trim needing addressing? **Contact Katy Freitag. [katyfreitag@yahoo.com](mailto:katyfreitag@yahoo.com)**

Thanks for all you do!  
Friends in Federation,  
Marti McGeary

# Evening Division News

We had a very informative meeting in June. Dr. Celia Earle, Founder of Christmas in July, spoke via zoom. She explained how she started helping homeless children back in 2001 and still continues. She noted the School Board keeps count of homeless school age children – keep in mind this does not include babies or toddlers not in school. In 2001 there were 2,500 homeless children and 4,500 for the 2020 school year. This count is expected to drastically rise as parents being unemployed during the COVID19 pandemic.

They collect items such as underwear, socks, shoes, clothes and books. This will be a very limited year for donations due to the number of businesses being affected closures and loss of income.

Our club will be donating the remaining suitcases with pajamas, toothbrushes, and books that we put together a few months ago. If you are able to donate items or are able to make a monetary donation please call Katy Freitag 954-804-5474. Christmas in July will be July 18 – please have your donation items ready for Katy by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The event serves children of all ages (newborns through 18 years old). This year, as a result of COVID-19, we have modified our list to serve the changing and increasing needs of the homeless community in Broward County. This year we will be providing them with the appropriate items listed below:

Packs of underwear (all sizes - toddler, children and adult sizes for male and female)

Socks (again all sizes from babies through Adult)

Diapers (all sizes)      Pull-ups (all sizes)      Baby wipes

Toiletries including:

Body wipes	Deodorants	Sanitary pads	Tooth brushes	Toothpaste
Hand sanitizers	Shampoo	Conditioner	Lotion	Bath soap/Shower gel

We also discussed the GFWC Florida Presidents Project for 2020-2022. Dianne Forester is asking each club to make a choice for supporting special needs in our community. This will extend Love, Respect & Kindness for all. Please think of areas our Deerfield Club can help.

The GFWC Departments for 2020 – 2022 will be:

\*Arts and Culture

\*Civic Engagement and Outreach

\*Education and Libraries

\*Environment

\*Health and Wellness

**Take care,**

**Denise Bogner**

**Director Evening Division**



**REMINDER!**  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



**Membership dues of \$40 are payable by May 1. Any member failing to pay renewal dues by May 1 is considered delinquent and not eligible to vote on any Club matter.**

**Please send your check for \$40, payable to GFWC Woman's Club - Deerfield Beach, to the address below. Also please note that if you would like to receive the Newsletter by mail, please include an additional \$12 for the printing and mailing of the newsletter.**

**Eleanore De Boo  
253 NW 42nd Way  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442**

*A donation to the 2020-2021 Scholarship Fund has been made in memory of our dear member, Kathryn Bishop. We wish her daughter, Stacy Allen, and her family peace, and are truly sorry for their loss.*

## Recycling Update

### **City to Suspend Curbside Recycling Program Starting July 1, 2020**

Due to continued excessive contamination rates contributing to the rising costs for recyclable processing and low global demand for materials, the City Commission voted to suspend the City's curbside recycling collection programs starting July 1, 2020. The suspension will remain in place until at least October 1, 2020.

The City's Solid Waste Division will continue to collect the materials from the recycling containers until further notice; however, all materials will be collected and disposed of as garbage.

During this period, customers should place as much material in their garbage receptacles as they can, and only use recycling receptacles if absolutely necessary.

Residents who choose to continue recycling can bring all program recyclable materials to the City's Recycling Drop-Off Center located at 401 SW 4 Street, Deerfield Beach, FL. The City will also be placing two additional community recycling containers at the locations below.

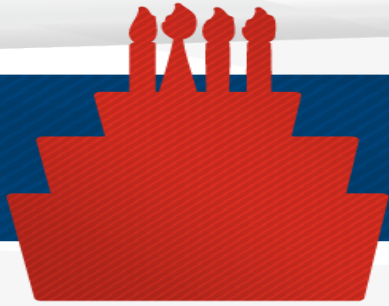
Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21 Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL

Fire Station 66, 590 S Powerline Rd, Deerfield Beach, FL

Please visit [www.DFB.city/recycling](http://www.DFB.city/recycling) for additional information on the regional drop-off centers as well as a list of program materials that will be accepted at these locations.

Future program adjustments including but not limited to potential extension of program suspension will be announced as necessary.

*For additional information, contact the Department of Sustainable Management at 954-480-4391 or visit [www.DFB.city/recycling](http://www.DFB.city/recycling)*



# JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/3 *LyAnn Marie Mannella*    7/5 *Avis Swenson*

7/18 *Susan Casanover*

7/20 *Mary Ann Chicosky*

7/22 *Florine Sanitate*

7/23 *Rose Marie Prediletto*

7/25 *Katy Freitag*

Dear Club Sisters,

Thank you for all the calls, cards, well wishes and fruit plate. Surgery went well, but still PT to go and 9 months of healing. God Bless you all and am for ALL of you to be safe and stay healthy. Thanks for all you do!

Friends in Federation,

Marti



## Hello, neighbor!

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# Club Meetings

at the Club House

2nd Tuesday of every month Sept. - May 1 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of the month, All Year, 7 p.m.



# BEAUtiful

A DAY OF BEAUTIFYING,  
EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING  
FEMALES OF OUR FUTURE

Join us for a day filled with *female positivity* and  
*pampering* as we share tips for success and  
encourage the next generation of women to  
believe in themselves!

Our goal is to help make these young, bright  
women feel beautiful inside and out!

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN  
OUR FIRST EVER  
*Beautiful Female Empowerment Day*  
WITH BSO DEERFIELD BEACH!

Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort

RSVP: [Kaitlin\\_Spehr@Sheriff.org](mailto:Kaitlin_Spehr@Sheriff.org)



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I alone cannot  
change the world,  
but I can cast a stone  
across the waters  
to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa



We were happy to be able to donate a check in the amount of \$300 for the Christmas in July program. Katy Freitag will be accepting donations until 7/15. Please let us know if you would like more information, or would like to make a donation!

