



**July, 2019**

**Claire's Corner**

First, I want to wish everyone a great summer with family and friends! We are so grateful to have no storms, and I pray everyone is doing well. Keep your Safety Kit well supplied for emergencies. Being prepared is a good motto!

Please refer to your June newsletter for information from Katy Freitag regarding District 13 events. If you have any questions, please call Katy or me. These are great events, and all members are invited to attend! You can also learn more about events by joining us at our monthly meetings. Evening meetings continue through July and August; Day meetings begin again in September.

Relay for Life is November 2nd—I'll be providing more information soon! Our club projects for this year include Operation Smile, Veterans Honor Flights, Salvation Army, Gateway Outreach, Bicol, Autism Awareness, Pinwheels for Prevention, and Scholarships. We will be adding to this list as the year progresses. I hope that all of you will be able to join me in planning these and other activities and programs. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Evening Meeting, Wednesday, July 17, at 7 P.M. Day Meetings will begin again Tuesday, September 10, 1 P.M.

New DBWC shirts are in stock—V-Necks are \$15 & Polo Shirts are \$25 (thanks Pam Militello!)

Erin Ryan has been busy helping me with this newsletter and adding lots of information and pictures of you amazing ladies volunteering and at social events. Our times together are so memorable! Thank you for everything you do for our community.

**God Bless You All!**

*Claire Riccardi, President*





## GFWC Florida District 13 Annual Spring Call: June 8, 2019

Our President, Claire Riccardi, could not attend our District 13 Annual Spring Call held at the GFWC Hollywood Woman's Club on Saturday, June 8, and asked me to represent her.

The meeting was opened by District Director, Carol Johnson, with forty-seven district members in attendance. Our club had seven representatives: Kitty Cole, Eleanore De Boo, Katy Freitag, Rita Masi, Mary McKenna, Pat Polotta and me. Clubs enjoyed a brunch and a wonderfully prepared luncheon provided by the hosting club. Highlighted was a "brag session" by each attending club about their past and upcoming projects. Clubs broke into a "brainstorming session" to formulate ideas about the District Fundraising for Operation Smile, Smiles Across the Miles, 2018-20. Results will be compiled and shared with club presidents at a later date. The speaker from Veteran's Coalition of Coral Springs was Eileen Keller. Clubs were also reminded about the "Cruise Fundraiser" in September joining the crew will be our State President, Sharon Oliphant.

Attending clubs donated raffle baskets. Claire Riccardi and Mary Mc Kenna were our two lucky winners. The baskets yielded \$180 for "Smiles Across the Miles". Our club also made a \$50 donation to the DD Director for the District 13 Operating Account.

Mark your calendars for: **Fall Board** (Convention in Orlando) **September 18-21**; **Fall Tour, October 9, 2019**; **District 11 & 13 Luncheon** at Tropical Acres in Ft. Lauderdale, a "**fun social**" to get to know each other and highlight special member contributions **Saturday, October 12**.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marti Mc Geary 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.





Dear Members:

Remember Margaret Blume! We can never forget the generosity and caring spirit of this Lifetime Member of our club. It was the Art/Conservation Rapa Nui Project that brought her to our doorstep and working together for two years we accomplished so much. Through the sale of T Shirts our club raised \$2500 (matched funds brought it to \$5000) for Sullivan Park and the **Ladies in the Yellow Shirts** were became recognized throughout our city and surrounding communities for our volunteer service.

Margaret made a sizeable donation to our club that enabled us to complete many clubhouse projects. This year alone, our canopy, sidewalks, landscaping and resurfacing our parking lot just to mention a few. Margaret is now working to raise scholarship funds through the George Snow Scholarship Foundation for students in Palm Beach and Broward County students. She is Dancing in The **BocoBallroom Dance Competition on September 20 at the Boca Resort.**

Our club will place an Acknowledgement Page in the program. Cost of the page (\$600) is a 100% donation to the scholarship fund and it will contain our Club Name with a personal message for Margaret. This is in keeping with our club mission to provide funding for young graduating students.

Information is online at the George Snow Scholarship Foundation web site.

Our club has many wonderfully talented and philanthropic members deserving of remembering in a special way to show our support.

Friends in Federation,

*Marti Mc Geary, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Ellie Mills, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP*

***Clubhouse Updates***

Our rentals are doing well

Had the motor fan repaired in one AC unit

Flag pole needed restringing

Installed needed address numbers on back and front of clubhouse

Thank you to Denise Bogner for making and posting signs to remind renters of house procedures

Garden Gals meet at clubhouse, 1st Saturday of the month

*Marti McGeary, 2nd VP*

***Congratulations to our New Members***

*Lisa Mary*

*Cathy Sydllo*

*Marie Elegene*

*Donna Powell*

*Margie Mays*

*Valerie Johnson*

*Lois Radding*

*Bernice Schmidt*

*Maureen McMahon-Roberts*

**Friendly Reminder—Don't forget to pay your 2019-2020 dues (\$40)!  
Thanks to those members who have already paid!**



Lyann Mannella—7/3

Avis Swenson—7/5

Susan Casanova—7/18

Maryann Cricosky—7/20

Florida Sanitate—7/22

Rose Predietto—7/23

Donna Powell—7/23

Katy Freitag—7/25

Linda Hanson—7/30

A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT will take place on Friday, August 9th, at the Deerfield Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21st Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:00pm. (Refer to sample flyer). Although the performance (at a cost of \$4000) is being organized by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society with special assistance from the City of Deerfield Beach, we at the Society are requesting support from several COMMUNITY organizations who collectively promote UNITY in a positive way within the COMMUNITY--Deerfield Beach Rotary Club, Deerfield Beach Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club of DFB, and the City's Cultural Committee.

As an invitation to each organization to financially support the performance with a donation of \$1000, you are guaranteed the following :

1. A table display/booth promoting your organization;
2. Assistance with food and beverage serving and a percentage of profits;
3. A stage presentation about your organization by a member of your choosing;
4. Name and/or logo recognition on all media distribution where possible.

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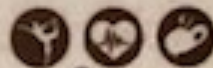
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## In the Spotlight



### Bargain Box Boutique Volunteers Katherine "Kitty" Cole & Agnes Bingham

By Ann Kreiman  
Senior Spotligher

When the very successful Thrift Shop at N.E. Focal Point (now the Center for Active Aging) closed its doors in September 2017, the cries of the clientele could be heard far beyond Deerfield Beach. Thrift Shop fans were accustomed to spending time each week looking for clothes to add to their wardrobe, attractive accessories, etc. and buying and going home with a treasure.

Alas and alack, there followed a down time when these friends of Focal Point had to forego their frequent visits to our Thrift Shop. Fortunately, an idea arose, to utilize one of the classrooms as a boutique. It would be furnished with the best donations attractively displayed and priced to please our customers' pockets. Although the square footage is scaled down, the Bargain Box Boutique still appeals to those looking to find a find, something old or new and affordable.

The Bargain Box Boutique depends on volunteers for its day-to-day operation. Today's Senior Spotlight features two of the volunteers who work side-by-side on Mondays and have become friends while helping benefit the Center for Active Aging.

#### Katherine "Kitty" Cole



Katherine "Kitty" Cole hails from Philadelphia, PA, and graduated from Olney High School in 1944. During World War II, Kitty did her bit to keep up the servicemen's morale when she became their dancing partner at the USO.

Romance knocked at her door when she met a blind date, Max. They had two children, Jeffrey and Fern. Chris, Fern's husband, was offered a professorship at Notre Dame and the young family moved to South Bend, Indiana. Kitty has two children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Kitty did temp work when her children were growing up. She became a Nanny to two other children and later volunteered at the David Newman Senior Center in Philadelphia. When her son Jeffrey was in the service in Germany, Kitty traveled to see him there and then went on to Ireland for a one-month stay.

In 2000, Kitty moved to Florida, settling in Century Village, Deerfield Beach. Kitty started her career as a volunteer at the nearby Percy White Library, Temple Israel, and finally turned her talents and energy to N.E. Focal Point Thrift Shop, where she amassed twelve years of dedication, and she is now continuing at the Bargain Box Boutique.

Another delightful surprise was finding a friendship with her co-worker, Agnes!  
Come and see them both on Mondays and find something you must have!

## Agnes Bingham



Agnes Bingham comes to the Bargain Box Boutique via Port Washington, Long Island and Deerfield Beach, Florida.

While living at the Village of Village Green in 1988 fate happened. It wasn't the boy next door – it was the man that lived across the street – George! Nine months later, the happy couple walked to the altar. Sadly, husband George passed away after twenty years of marriage. During this time she worked at JC Penney for seventeen years and then retired.

When Agnes returned to South Florida in Century Village, her sister Rose Monturo, introduced her to the Center for Active Aging, and Agnes involved herself in many important areas of the center's operation – the Auxiliary, working for Alzheimer's support, providing assistance for the Fashion Show and Health Expo and now volunteering at the Bargain Box Boutique on Mondays and Fridays. As a result of their shared passion for volunteering, Agnes and Kitty have become friends.

Agnes tells us about a strange experience that affected her deeply two years ago, which brought back memories of her father's death fourteen years ago, prior to this event. She was returning home to Florida after visiting family and was at a New York airport, and suffering from a severe cold. She was in a daze, sleepy and when she came to, Agnes realized she had missed her plane. The airline representative advised her to go to another gate for the next plane. She was told she could get on the next flight, but they could not guarantee a seat on the flight as it was nearly full. She turned around and realized that her luggage was on the first plane. There was a nice pilot on the line and he said, "Where are you going?" Agnes said, "West Palm," and he said, "Don't worry, the luggage will be there." Then, she called her husband, but could not get through on the phone. Agnes continues, "I was just standing there and didn't know what to do." Along came this pilot again and he said, "Are you alright?" "I can't get through on the phone." He said, "I'll be right back." And he brought me a cell phone to call my husband. I did, and thanked him. After I got home, I realized that it was my father who saved the day. "My father was my Guardian Angel."









*June Luncheon at Two Georges*



*Proclamation Award from City of Deerfield*



*Clubs receiving Honor Score Certificates*



*Carol Johnson, Pres. D13*



*Katy Freitag*



*Eleanore DeBoo, Kitty Cole, Mary Mc Kenna, Pat Pollotta*



**WOMEN'S CLUB  
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**Day 1**

8:30 am Depart your clubhouse  
10:30 am Arrive at Naples Depot Museum  
11:30 am Depart For Tin City  
11:35 am Arrive At Tin City  
2:30 pm Leave for Hotel  
3:15 pm Arrive at your hotel  
4:15-5:15 pm Wine & Cheese Party  
5:30 pm Leave for the Train  
5:45 pm Arrive at the Train  
10:00 pm Depart to return to hotel

**Day 2**

6:00-9:00 am Breakfast  
9:30 am Depart for Miromar Mall  
10:00 am Arrive At The Mall  
12 noon Leave For Lunch At Nervous Nellies  
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