



## Claire's Corner

February 2021

Dear Friends,

Good day to all, pray all is well. This year has been a tough beginning too in many respects, however we must keep positive, with the vaccines being distributed, prayers for better days are coming. Thank you to our members for their kind donations, Eleanore De Boo (and became Life Time member), Tricia Hyde (and became Life Time member), and Pat Pollatta, we humbly appreciate. Thank you to all who helped in any and all ways in 2020 year, whether financial donations or monetary.

Because of 2020, COVID has put a financial burden on all of our lives and our club. In this newsletter, we have a SPECIAL REQUEST for help, for our club. Being closed by governmental requests, we have had no income and now still, very little at all. No more weddings, parties, etc. Even our regular renters have stopped. Marti, has worked hard for many years to where it was and now, our gratitude is endless. But, now is the time, please for all of us to step up and please help if you can. This request has not been taken lightly and your executive board has been trying and discussing for months as to what can be done. As we are not having event rentals or fund raisers, we feel this is needed. Our monthly expenses, lights, a/c, insurance, etc., to mention only a few, have to still be met, as we all know. These are trying times but we faith, Our God, as our collect reads, this clubs great woman members have done it before and will do it again. Unity in numbers, we will succeed. United We Stand. We built this America and GFWC together with all our great Woman and we will do it again forward for our next generation of ladies and this community families will still go on with all our charitable work forever. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HARD WORK. THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TOGETHER.

Please read the dates in our calendar and try to attend. Any art exhibits please let me know and I will pick up or make an appointment to meet you at club, for this March event at our club house, if you cannot attend. Thank you Debbie Rollo, Art Chair, for many years and all she has done for our club and always in making our art shows and works a great success locally and GFWC State wide too. She has been a contributing member and winner of many awards. Come on members, Debbie, Dorothy, Ellyce, Rita, Kitty past exhibitors, as to mention a few, start your brushes and works. Good luck to all, have fun. Remember the new year is beginning in April, elections are coming for all officers again (titles and duties are below for each officers position), thank you. Hope to see you soon at our regular meeting times, day and evening meetings.

I miss your smiling faces and especially your hugs. GOD bless you all always. Stay safe stay blessed and stay healthy, respectfully and with love and kindness for continued unity and success,

Your President,

*Claire Riccardi*

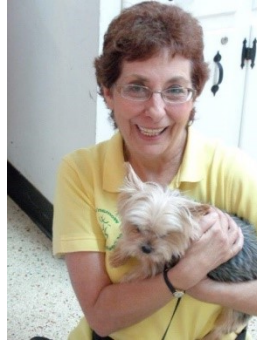
MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

**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.



## ***Denise Bogner, Volunteer of the Year, 2020***



Denise Bogner has a longtime connection to GFWC with having started a GFWC Junior Woman's Club in the 1980's when she lived in Hammond, Indiana. After moving to Florida, she is employed fulltime as a state licensed Community Association Manager of a large condominium complex, Secretary of her 400 single family home association, and volunteer of the West Deerfield Community Alliance, (WDAC) representing 2,710 single family homeowners kept her from participating in the daytime meetings of the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach. She regularly attends City Commission Meetings and is involved in its recent project to change the 10 Street Corridor. The Woman's Club succeeded in having the City of Deerfield Beach pass an ordinance that limits clothing donation bins to charitable groups such as the Salvation Army that has a designated spot on our club parking lot. Denise spends hours driving around Deerfield looking for and tagging unauthorized donation bins and sending information to the City's Code enforcement to ensure they were removed so that donations go to qualifying non-profit charities and not For-Profit interlopers.

Denise is an enthusiastic volunteer at Deerfield Beach Historical Society functions. Up until March 2020 she regularly attended festivals, flea markets, art shows, and children's events such as Breakfast with Santa and their Halloween Hoedown for children. She has inspired many of our club members to wear our club's yellow shirts and help.

With all this, Denise still always felt the need to somehow find a way to renew her connection with GFWC and make evening meetings an alternative for women.! In 2014 she formed and initiated the Adoption of the Evening Meeting. This effort became a reality! It has been successful in providing women the opportunity to participate in the Mission of GFWC and the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, Inc.

The Evening Meeting is written in the Club's Bylaws. Its Director is elected and serves on the Executive Board. This 2020 year has been especially challenging, but Denise faithfully organized and attended Evening Meetings and Board meetings, providing information, programs, speakers and direction to all club members, committee chairs and other officers. She made Membership Presentation Charts for club members, especially new members, to familiarized themselves of what it means to be a club member. This is truly the role of Good Leadership!

As 2020 Director Evening Meetings, Denise reported In Kind and actual dollar donations to our club for Club Projects, Building Upkeep, Office Supplies/Printing Expenses, Projects, and Publicity of \$1,850.24. Her monetary generosity and numerous volunteer service hours greatly help the club in many ways. 2020 found her generously spending time with Autistic Children and volunteer to help with Art Projects. When she sees a need, you can always count on her to **Show Up and Take a Lead position**.

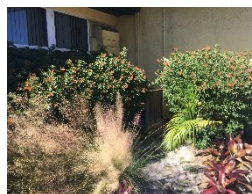
Denise feels very strongly that it is important to get information about GFWC and our club out to the general public and potential new members. She continues to design and print flyers, business cards and posters for the club. She writes updated information in, *Whisperings*, the club's monthly newsletter. She sends updated information via email when appropriate to all members and individuals. She takes the initiative to update our Building Binder of all regular renters and venders to aid our Officers and members in the daily tasks of running our club business activities.

Denise Bogner truly emanates the 2020 Volunteer Spirit of GFWC! Her efforts, time and generosity have had a positive effect on our club, our communities, and the City as a whole. Every Club needs a Denise-like member!

# Your Clubhouse News

## February Clubhouse Update

**Our Clubhouse: The windows shine and the flowers flourish!**



Dear Club Members:

The GFWC Woman's Club derives the majority of its income from rentals.

These rentals cover most of the costs of maintaining its Club House and property. This year due to shutdowns from the COVID-19 Pandemic the club's income has been drastically cut by about 2/3. Our capacity at 50%, safe distancing, and mask wearing has little appeal for celebration.

Many members have stepped up to the plate with generous donations to cover major costs for AC replacement in January, termite and other pest control measures, and roof repairs, all necessary. Much needed window and blinds were cleaned, and volunteers painted the main room. Bless their hearts!

The Board has cut all unnecessary expenditures and reduced as much as possible any others.

In spite of the Pandemic our club was still able to offer the Kiwanis Kids a place to do their community service projects without charge. It continues as a drop-off point for goods donated for food, clothing, and books and personal items for the homeless, and eyeglasses for Bicol patients undergoing eye surgery. It provides a space on its property for a Salvation Army Donation Bin. The club was able to provide for the 3, \$1000 scholarships. AA members in recovery find a place to get help with their addiction. Its parking lot provided a Drive-Through Car celebration for one graduate and a drive-through voting site in March for the election of our Officers.

Our club, like so many throughout the GFWC organization, is experiencing difficult financial funding, but through the generosity, ingenuity, and tenacity of our club members innovative ways to earn income will be found in 2021.

Thank you, all 91 members in good standing for renewing your membership.

I am so missing you! Hope to see you soon!

Friends in Federation,

Marti Mc Geary  
2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Rental and Building Maintenance.



## from the Evening Division

We had a GREAT TIME at the January Evening Meeting. Katy was on top of ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR and we all took home a fabulous gift. Katy also ran BINGO games – we don't know how but we played and played and played before there was a winner. I donated the bingo gifts and delicious items from Josephs Italian Bakery in Deerfield and other refreshments.

February Evening Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17. Please join – the room is large enough that we can social distance very easily.

### **Broward Now Included in State COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Scheduling System**

**The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) is now included in the new State COVID-19 vaccine appointment scheduling system. Appointments for DOH-Broward COVID-19 vaccination sites can be scheduled using the system starting immediately. Seniors ages 65 and older, and frontline healthcare workers, can call (866) 201-6313 to request an appointment. For those requiring TTY access, the phone number is (833) 476-1526.**

When people call the appointment number, they will be asked through an automated system to enter information using their telephone keypad. Live agents will call people back to make appointments until all current appointments are filled. People who receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at DOH-Broward sites through this new appointment system will be asked to schedule their second dose through this new system.

People who received their first dose of vaccine at a DOH-Broward site without making an appointment in this new appointment system do not need to make an appointment for their second dose. They should return to the same site on the date written on their vaccination card at the same time as they arrived for their first dose. Other than these individuals receiving their second dose, no one will be served without an appointment.

“So far, of the 100,090 doses of COVID-19 vaccine provided in Broward County, 53,295 have been provided at DOH-Broward managed sites in partnership with Broward County, municipalities, BSO, and municipal law enforcement and EMS/Fire Rescue. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and protect our seniors and frontline healthcare workers via the new State appointment scheduling system,” said Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of DOH-Broward.

For information about DOH-Broward, go to <http://broward.floridahealth.gov>.

### **CONTACT:**

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Renee.Podolsky@FLHealth.gov  
(954) 598-3195

**Denise Bogner  
Director Evening Meetings**

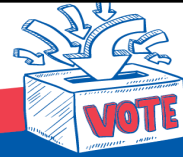
# Important Club News

## FINANCIAL HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are not receiving the rental income needed to support the club operating expenses. Large fundraisers are not feasible at this time either.

The Woman's Club urgently needs your financial help!! Please consider an extra donation to the club, in addition to your regular dues, if you can. Please mail your donations to the clubhouse at:

**GFWC Woman's Club  
Attention: Treasurer  
910 E. Hillsboro Boulevard  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441**



**IT'S TIME FOR  
BOARD ELECTIONS!**

## GFWC Deerfield Beach Elections 2020-2021

On January 27, 2021, the Executive Board voted to have only one day for the Election of Officers.

Voting will be in person, taking place on Saturday, March 27, from 9am until 12pm.

Election Chair,

*Mary McKenna*

Dear Members,

Our Annual Club Art Competition will be held at the February 9 Day Meeting, at 1 p.m. If you cannot attend you can drop off your 2020 Works of Art, Paintings, Photographs (Mounted), Crafts & Needle work, Sewing done in 2020 starting 11:30 am at the Clubhouse. A category will be assigned for the judging, not to worry

there is one for yours! First Place winners will be entered in the District 13 Art Competition in March. First Place winners in this competition will be entered in the GFWC State Art Competition in May.

Any questions please contact 2nd V. P, Marti Mc Geary.

Thanks for participating and sharing your talents!

*Debbie Rollo*

Art Chair



# Executive Board

President:	Claire Riccardi
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs:	Bobbi Jo Bernstein
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Building:	Marti McGeary
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Scholarship:	Mary McKenna
Treasurer:	Melissa Armstrong
Financial Secretary/Membership:	Eleanore De Boo
Auditor Director:	Mickey Rosenkranz
Recording Secretary:	Carolyn McNamara
Corresponding Secretary:	Marie Ettliger
Director Evening Meetings:	Denise Bogner
Past President:	Claire Riccardi



## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2021 - 2022**

The Annual Election of officers shall be held at the first daytime and evening General meeting in March.

The Nominating Committee consists of 2 members from the Executive Board and three members from the General Membership.

Mary McKenna, Chairperson - 954-427-6525

If you would like to be an Officer of the Board of Directors, please notify Mary McKenna.

### **PRESIDENT**

She shall preside at all meetings. With the approval of the Executive Board, fill vacancies, appoint all Standing and Special Committees, and appoint Department Chairpersons.

### **1st VICE PRESIDENT**

She shall be Program Chairperson, compile the Club Year Book, Chairperson of the Oversight Committee, and assist the President.

### **2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

Oversees building rentals and building maintenance.

### **3rd VICE PRESIDENT**

Chairperson of Education and Scholarship Committee, directs disbursement of gifts voted by Executive Board for Philanthropic and Civic causes.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Keeps records of Daytime and Executive Board meetings, keeps roll of officers, Affix club seal, casts unanimous vote for accepted slate of unopposed officers at Annual Election.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Attends to all incoming and outgoing correspondence, reports at Executive Board and Annual Meeting, Chairperson for Social Committee for General Meeting, annual Membership Tea, and installation of Officers.

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## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2021 - 2022**

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP**

Chairperson for Membership Committee, receive all new membership applications and present to Executive Board for approval, receives all dues, send reminders to member in arrears, keep current roster of names and addresses of members.

### **TREASURER**

She shall be bonded. retrieves mail specifically applicable to finances, presents itemized report for receipt and disbursements of funds at monthly Executive Board Meetings, member of Budget, and Scholarship Committee.

### **AUDITOR DIRECTOR**

Reviews books of Treasurer one time during fiscal year. Chairperson of Audit Committee.

### **DIRECTOR EVENING MEETING**

Presides at Evening Meetings, appoints a Secretary to provide a report of meetings and all activities of the Evening Division. She shall ensure that the minutes of each evening meeting is provided to the Recording Secretary.







*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 Sylvia Ruggiero 2/20*



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# STATE & DISTRICT 13 UPDATES

# B

**Building the Club Officer** – includes role of the Officer, planning for the meeting, and leadership tips.

# L

**Leadership Sparkle that Lasts** – includes preparing your club's future leaders, toolkit of ideas and programs that help.

# A

**All about Members** – includes role of the leader in membership recruitment, retention and renewal.

# S

**Set the Stage** – includes how to increase presence in your community, maximize activities to get noticed, ideas about Signature Events.

# T

**Teambuilding for Clarity - Your club's stability and growth!**

## GFWC FLORIDA LEADS

PRESENTS:

**B.L.A.S.T.**

**Building Leaders And Special Teams**

March 20, 2021

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**GFWC United Woman's Club  
of Lakeland**

**or REMOTE Training on ZOOM**

This administration  
**ONE member per club**  
is eligible to attend.

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**District 13's Arts and Craft Competition will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.** District 13 is asking each club to bring their art and craft pieces to the Deerfield club the day of March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 for registration. If you would like to drop off your items at my home prior to 3-5-21, please let me know and I will be happy to take them to Deerfield for you. Remember to bring your paperwork with you. If any club has large paintings or many crafts to submit, please call me so we can make sure they will all fit in my car. The address for Deerfield Beach Woman's Club is 910 East Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl. 33441. My cell is 954-554-1354 and I live off University Drive and Sample Road in Coral Springs. Due to Covid, we are asking that on Saturday, only ONE designated club member will return to pick up their items after the judging between 11 and Noon or I can bring them home with me and we can make arrangements for pick up the following week. All entries will be photographed and uploaded to Facebook for review.. This event is one of our District's favorite where we all gathered to look at the many art and craft items our ladies made over the last year. I will certainly miss all of you who attended in the past years. Thank you.

Carol Johnson, District Art Chairman

**Dear Claire and Katy:**

Thank you very much for taking the time to send reports from our club to GFWC FLORIDA for 2020.

It is a monumental task to calculate volunteer hours, donations, and write Narrative Reports.

This past year has been a challenge for all clubs, but it is amazing what we have been able to do.

**Dear Club Members:** I have received two nominations for individual Club "Volunteer of the Year 2020" and will be contacting at least three District Club Presidents to decide the District 13 Volunteer of the Year.

I am looking forward to 2021, and know no matter what happens, GFWC Members will rise to the occasion and implement innovative ideas & projects to carry on our mission "**Volunteerism through Diversity!**"  
**"We think "Outside of the Hatbox"!**

Our next scheduled **District 13 project is the Art Competition, Friday, March 5 & 6.** 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from all clubs will be displayed and judged.

We have many talented members in our club and District that participate in this event and that carry on "**Club Pride and Excellence**" at Fall Board, 2021.

**I look forward to seeing you in person, and if not, virtually through Zoom Meetings! Next up is our General Day Meeting & Club Art Competition, Tuesday, February 9, 2021. 1 p.m.**

Thank you for all you do!  
Friends in Federation,  
Marti Mc Geary  
GFWC District 13 Director





# February 2021




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		WC Day Meeting 1 pm & Art Competition				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			WC Evening Meeting 7 pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		WC Ex. Board Meeting 7 pm				
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# March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			WC Evening Meeting 7 pm 			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		WC Ex. Board Meeting 7 pm				WC ELECTION DAY 9AM-12PM
28	29	30	31			



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