



February, 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Keeping up with Katy

Happy New Year Members!

A new year brings the chance to start over; leave the past in the past and begin again.

In many cases, taking chances lead to changes. Changes are not always easy and definitely scary. But in the process, we find we learn new things, meet new people and develop into the sisterhood of GFWC in ways we never thought possible. Through the changes we grow and become stronger, similar to a starfish.

One of the symbols of our club is the starfish and according to legend, starfish are reflections of stars in the sky inhabiting the ocean floor. Symbolizing rebirth, starfish have a remarkable ability for regeneration. If a starfish is cut in half, two starfish will grow.

Also an illusion of equality and teamwork, each limb of the starfish work together for the benefit of the whole. This is similar to our five community service programs (Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Environment, Health and Wellness, Education and Libraries) work to the betterment of our community.

Over the next 5 months we will be developing our 5 CSP committees and creating effective plans for programs that benefit both our members and the communities we serve. As a reminder, all members are asked to serve on one of the five committees.

Chairman are:	Art and Culture	Deb Rollo
	Civic Engagement and Outreach	Denise Bogner
	Environment	Heather Behrens
	Health and Wellness	Claire Riccardi
	Education and Libraries	Juliana Wagner

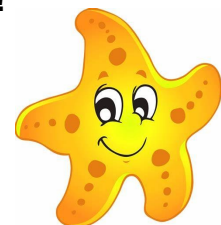
Cheers to new challenges and new beginnings. See you in February!

Yours truly,

Katy Freitag

President

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**Deerfield Beach
42nd Annual**

**Festival
of the Arts**



February 18 & 19

**Saturday 10AM - 10PM | Sunday 10AM - 6PM
Saturday 10AM Parade | 9:05PM Fireworks
Deerfield Beach, south of the pier**



The City of Deerfield Beach will be hosting Festival of the Arts combined with Pioneer Days again this year.

PARADE

We will be walking in the Parade on Saturday, February 18th at 9AM. The Theme is **“Parading through the Decades.”** We would like members to dress in either a different decade each, or we can choose one and all dress alike.

BOOTH

We will also be having an informational booth set up at the Beach from 10-6 on Saturday, February 18th and Sunday, February 19th! We will be looking for volunteers to assist in manning the booth and handing out materials about our club. It is a great way to meet new people and recruit potential members as well!

Please let Katy Freitag know how you would like to participate!



Calling all artists...

Please bring your art competition entries to the General Day meeting on February 14th to be judged. The 1st place winners in each category will go to the District Art Competition in March (see details in newsletter).

All entries must have been completed during the 2022 year.

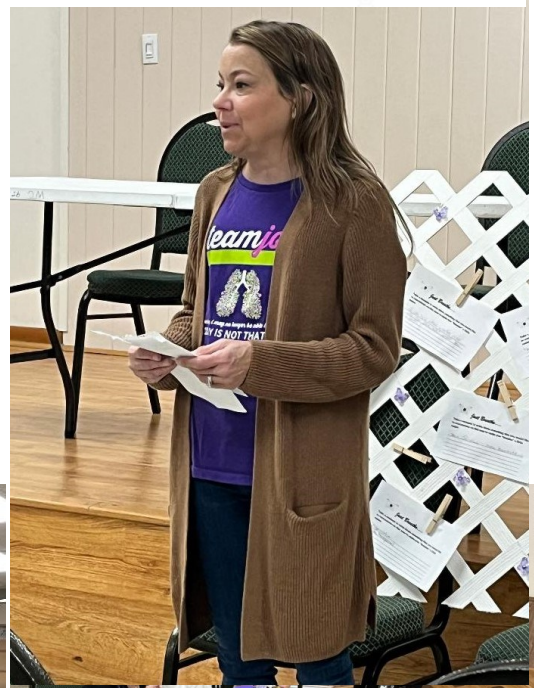
Contact Art Chair Deb Rollo or Marti McGeary with any questions.

Member Spotlight



Our January meetings brought us information from one of our very own members, **Joy Smith**, sharing her personal story of Cystic Fibrosis. Joy developed CF at an early age and even underwent a double lung transplant. Her story reminds us of the need to raise funds and help others with CF to “Breathe” a little easier. More to come on our fundraising ideas!

If you have a story to share please let Katy Freitag know!



February Lunch Bunch

The February Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Olive Garden at noon on February 15th! Please join us and bring a friend!

Olive Garden Restaurant 22161 Powerline Road, Boca Raton, FL 33433

How do we succeed in the future? **RECRUIT, RE-
CRUIT, RECRUIT MEMBERS!** EVERY PERSON YOU TALK TO IS A POTENTIAL MEMBER! They have skills, talents, and maybe looking to make new friends and help volunteer for community projects. Tell them our website link www.dbwc.org and the club telephone number 954-421-4700
Membership Dues: Membership dues of **\$60** for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year are payable by April

Membership SWAG available!

Name Tags \$12.00

Polo Shirts \$25.00

T-Shirts \$20.00

Show your Club Spirit while
serving in the community!

Willow
Theatre
AT SUGAR SAND PARK

Last chance to buy your ticket for
the theater!

February 19, 2023 at 2PM—tickets
\$18.00 each!

Contact Bobbi Jo, 561-699-0688 for more
information!

Must reserve and pay for your ticket in
advance.



HERE'S THE NEWS

From Denise Bogner,
Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair



Juliana Wagner and I took the books and toys our members donated to City Hall.

The number of items were AMAZING.

THANK YOU to all who donated and to Juliana's husband for helping to deliver.



Members had a great time volunteering at Breakfast With Santa at The Butler House and Marti McGeary, Claire Riccardi, Thea Harding and Katy Freitag (not pictured) volunteered at Gateway Community Outreach Special Touch Program.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE
www.dbwc.org**



January

Vivian Jeffers	1/5	Pam Militello	1/11	Melissa Armstrong	1/13
Pauline DiNoto	1/13	Mae Gerrish	1/22	Adrienne Shaw	1/27

February

Angela Grasso	2/2	Carolyn McNamara	2/3	Deb Rollo	2/6
Connie Kroupa	2/8	Barbara Gardner	2/10	Faye Swalley	2/15
Sally Levitt	2/19	Sylvia Ruggiero	2/20		

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Angelina Mac Ilwraith. She had been a member for 10 years and will be missed dearly. Special blessings to Marti McGeary and Arlene Grassi who assisted with all her needs while she was in the hospital and rehab, prior to her death. Any donations in her name will be added to the scholarship fund. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.



Marti McGeary 2nd V.P. – CLUBHOUSE & RENTALS

Dear Club Members & Friends:

Rentals are picking up and we have added a third church to our Sunday rotation.

We want to thank Rita Masi for donating most of the funds to install the new kitchen equipment. The renters are very appreciative of the added convenience these new appliances provide.

Other important items:

- Insurance has been renewed.
- Termite Tenting will be on January 30-31.

God Bless everyone! Happy New Year!

Annual Meeting Calendar

January	General Day Meeting	January 10th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	January 18th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	January 14th 9AM
February	General Day Meeting	February 14th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	February 15th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	February 28th 7PM
March	General Day Meeting	March 14th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	March 15th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	March 28th 7PM
April	General Day Meeting	April 11th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	April 19th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	April 25th 7PM
May	General Day Meeting	May 9th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	May 17th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	May 23rd 7PM
June	General Evening Meeting	June 21st 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	June 27th 7PM
July	General Evening Meeting	July 19th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	July 25th 7PM
August	General Evening Meeting	August 16th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	August 22nd 7PM
September	General Day Meeting	September 12th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	September 20th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	September 26th 7PM
October	General Day Meeting	October 10th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	October 18th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	October 24th 7PM
November	General Day Meeting	November 14 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	November 15th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	November 28th 7PM
December	General Day Meeting	December 12th 1PM
	General Evening Meeting	December 20th 7PM
	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	December 26th 7PM

**Dates and times are subject to change. Please consult newsletter for any adjustments.*

International Outreach

Friends of GFWC Belize Mission Trip

Katy Freitag will be participating in a Mission Trip to Belize with 13 other members of GFWC February 24-28. She will be participating in (2) service projects and (3) club installation.

Items needed for service projects:

Children's clothes	Children's books	Toiletries	Flipflops
Toothbrushes/toothpaste	Washcloths	School supplies	

As we are installing (3) GFWC Clubs in Belize, monetary donations would be appreciated as well. This will help support their volunteer projects and recruit new members!

Please bring items to this month's meetings! In addition, we will be writing notes to the new members to be delivered at their installation!

Thank you in advance as we develop our International Outreach Program!

Civic Engagement

Honor Flight 2023 Information

The schedule for the 2023 has been released:

February 15th	Volunteer Meeting	April 1st	Honor Flight
March 14th	Volunteer Meeting	May 6th	Honor Flight
		September 6th	Honor Flight
		October 28th	Honor Flight



We will be writing letters for mail call after each general meeting, but if you would like to be a guardian or volunteer please reach out to Claire Riccardi for more information.



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DEERFIELD BEACH
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info@ninasplacedfb.org
www.ninasplacedfb.org

Nina's Place Volunteer Crew

Nina's Place is located at Zion – Ministries Under the Cross in Deerfield Beach, FL. We are looking for volunteers to help stock and inventory our shelves, accompany friends as they "shop" the market and pantries, and set up/clean up on days we're open.

SATURDAY

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Go to: ninasplacedfb.org to volunteer – no experience necessary

Donations needed:

Food & Market Items

Canned fruits & vegetables
Cans of soup
Cans of tuna
Boxed cereals & cereal bars
Fruit juices
Applesauce
Peanut butter & jelly
Boxes of pasta & jars of spaghetti sauce
Mac & cheese
Boxes/bags of rice & beans

Hygiene Pantry Items

Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Shampoo & conditioner
Bar soap & body wash
Band-Aids & gauze
Antiseptic wipes
Hand sanitizer
Disposable razors
Hairbrushes & combs
Lotion
Chapstick

During the week, you can bring donations to Evergreen Academy, the preschool at Zion, which is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturdays, you can bring donations to Nina's Place during open hours.

DISTRICT 13 NEWS & VIEWS

District 13 Workshop

District 13 club members who have an interest in learning more about club finances, communication- public relations, as well as membership and leadership, will be meeting for a workshop at the West Broward Regional Library in Plantation on April 15th that has been arranged by Laura Connelly, State of Florida GFWC Membership Chairman.

This workshop will give you additional tools and materials in four major areas: MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS-PUBLIC RELATIONS and CLUB FINANCES. You will have the opportunity for small group discussion and the answering of questions by Laura. Please place April 15th on your 2023 calendar for this informative and educational event. Cost is \$35.00 per person to attend, subsidized by the Club.

Please let Katy Freitag know if you are interested in attending.

GFWC Florida		
2023 Important Dates		
* March 11	LEADS	Palatka, FL
* TBD	Spring District Workshop	Hollywood, FL
* April 21-23	GFWC Florida Annual Convention	Orlando, FL
* April 23-29	GFWC Volunteers in Action Week	
* April 24	GFWC Federation Day	
* June 9-11	GFWC International Convention	Louisville, KY
* September 22-24	GFWC Fall Board	Orlando, FL
* October 26-29	Southern Region Conference	Mississippi
* TBD	Annual District Meetings	



Save the date! - **Leadership Summer Camp 2023**

Join your GFWC Sisters at the 2023 Leadership Summer Camp August 18-19, 2023 in Lake Placid. More details and registration coming soon!



GFWC DISTRICT 13 ARTS AND CRAFTS/PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

DATES

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023 DROP OFF FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 DROP OFF FROM 8:30 AM TO 9:30 AM

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH FROM 10 AM TO NOON

ITEMS MAY BE VIEWED FROM 12 NOON TO 2 PM ON SATURDAY

ITEMS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER 12 NOON ON SATURDAY

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 2 PM ON SATURDAY

*******HOST CLUB AND LOCATION*******

GFWC PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

PLANTATION COMMUNITY CENTER

5555 PALM TREE ROAD, PLANTATION

*******ENTRY FEE FOR EACH FIRST PRIZE ITEM \$3.00*******

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "GFWC PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB"

(MEMO FOR: DISTRICT 13 ART COMPETITION)

*******DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FORMS FEBRUARY 24, 2023*******

SEND OR EMAIL FORMS TO: DISTRICT 13 ARTS CHAIR

ROBERTA CARRAWAY

10207 SUNRISE LAKES BOULEVARD, #110

SUNRISE, FL 33322

roberta.carraway@aol.com

LOCATE the FORMS AT:

<http://www.gfwcflorida.org>



Click on "Member Center", (Arts, Crafts Manual)—Certification Form Club to District, (attached)

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ROBERTA AT 954-254-0733

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED)



Marti McGeary has been working on the bears we started for Camp Boggy Creek. We are scheduling a date soon to complete the rest! Look for details to follow!



Interested in a Book Club???

We are looking to possibly start a book club and looking for ideas as well as someone to take the lead. Many members enjoy reading and the chairperson can develop the book club in a way that fits the needs of our members. The clubhouse is available for the meetings, or they can be arranged in individual homes. The choice is yours!



Please let Katy Freitag know if you are interested in this role.

GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach Volunteer of the Year goes to Katy Freitag, President. Her information will be sent to the District Nominating Committee for consideration to represent the District at the Spring Annual Convention.

GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach LEADS Nomination goes to Tracy Dale. Tracy will be representing our Club at the Seminar in March and will be attending the Spring Convention as a LEADS graduate.

We will be sharing more info about these members in the next newsletter.



FEBRUARY, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 General Meeting 1PM	15 General Meeting 7PM	16	17	18 Pioneer Days 10AM-6PM
19 Theater Show 2PM Pioneer Days 10AM-6PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Interested in knowing how to get involved without having to do much? Check out the member to-do list:

- ***Cleaning out your closets?? Save jewelry for our Elementary School Jewelry Sale in May. Students will be able to shop for a small trinket for their mothers for Mother's Day!***
- ***Know someone celebrating a special event?? Recommend the Clubhouse for their special party! The rentals keep us from having to hold major fundraisers to keep the doors open!***
- ***Like to shop on Amazon?? Sign in to Smile.Amazon.com and register the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach as your charity and a portion of the sale proceeds gets sent to our club. Every penny helps!***
- ***Like hanging with your friends?? Bring them to one of the meetings and introduce them to the Club. Maybe they will like it as much as you do!***
- ***Like to dress up or dress down?? Support our brand by wearing your yellow shirt and name tag to meetings and even the grocery store! Exposure helps us promote our projects and the love of our community.***
- ***Don't forget to save your eye glasses for the Lions Club. We will have them come to a meeting to accept our donation in the New Year!***
- ***Bring Food donations to the next meeting for Nina's Place!***

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In keeping with the "Just Breathe" theme of our January Meetings, I asked members to write down something they would like help with so that they could, just breathe. Something to make their lives a little easier. Again, I am thankful to members that always participate and make my job easier! #WEAREGFWC #GFWC #DFBGFWC

Katy

