FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Happy New Year! OK, so I am about six weeks late. But this is the first chance that I have had to communicate with the entire membership. So, I wish all GFWC Florida Federation members a most rewarding and exciting 2014. Let’s make a resolution to recommit ourselves to our clubs and our clubs’ projects and activities. Let’s vow that we will stay positive in 2014 and will banish every single negative thought from our psyche.

For the last three weeks, I have been knee deep in reading the club reports and newsletters that have been pouring in. You cannot imagine the variety and scope of all of the club projects that are being reported. Talk about inspiring and motivating! Thank you to all you hard working club members who have made such a significant impact in your communities in 2013. I am honored and humbled to be able to take just a tiny bit of credit for all that has been done in the name of the General Federation of Woman’s Clubs and GFWC Florida.

Please continue to work with your local schools and scholars and please continue to do the fund raising necessary to continue our GFWC Florida Scholarship program well into the future. I am looking forward to awarding ten more $3000 scholarships in April to deserving women.

And please put our GFWC Florida Legislative Days on your personal calendar. We will gather on March 17 and 18 in Tallahassee to meet with our legislators to encourage them to support legislation that is critical for the support of public education and domestic violence victims.

Lastly, take time today to register for the GFWC Florida Spring Convention which will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando from April 25-28. We have a great schedule of events planned. I know that you will enjoy every minute of your attendance. See you there!

Pat Zazzarino
The holidays are over, the reports are in and our days will be getting warmer and spring will soon be here, bringing with it our annual Convention! What an honor and joy it has been to serve as the GFWC Florida President Elect and the Dean of District Directors. You were the vital link in our federation and your leadership throughout these two years was awesome. Thank you to my “Apple Chain Gang” for a job well done!

A reminder... state convention assigned hostess districts are 1, 4, 5 and 14 ... you will be seated at the head table at the assigned dates below and will be giving a welcome speech.

- Saturday, April 26, 2014, Lunch – District 1 Hostess
- Saturday, April 26, 2014, Dinner – Districts 4 and 5
- Sunday, April 27, 2014, Lunch – Juniors
- Sunday, April 27, 2014, Dinner District 14

We hope and pray that DD 1, Sharlene Cox, DD4, Veronica Guckiean, DD6, Linda O’Toole and DD14 Michelle Lowack are feeling better after their operations.

As the incoming President I am in the process of making appointments for my administration. I still am “looking for a few good women.” Please think about serving in the 2014 – 2016 administration! I’m in need of a newsletter/yearbook chairman, fund raising chairman, and bylaws committee members. Please email me if you are interested or know of someone...vicar1127@aol.com. Thanks. Looking forward to seeing you all in April when...

*One shoe can really change your life...ask me!!*

**INCOMING DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND JUNIOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS 2014-2016**
1ST VICE PRESIDENT
REPORTING 2013

Mary Powell ~ pmsi1984@aol.com

It was an exciting and enthusiastic reporting year. Our GFWC Florida Chairmen tell me that they received reports from as many as 94 clubs, representing 6,354 members. Thank you to all the clubs who joined in this exciting process and who shared their many projects and ideas with us.

Because of all of the reports, the Club Categories have been determined to be:

- **Category 1**: 10-28 members
- **Category 2**: 29-45 members
- **Category 3**: 46-59 members
- **Category 4**: 60-95 members
- **Category 5**: 96-above members

It will be a stimulating time at GFWC Florida Convention, April 25-28, 2014, in Orlando when those winning clubs receive their 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Awards and we eagerly anticipate the Lois B. Perkins Award for the Best Club in the State. No “Overall” awards will be given this year so the process should move along more smoothly.

It was exhilarating that 88 clubs submitted their Honor Scores and those awards will be available for the District Directors to pick up and hand out at the Spring Workshops.

Looking forward to an electrifying time at GFWC Florida Convention and I’ll see you then!!

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GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES

While we have our own exciting awards in GFWC Florida Federation, it is important to remember that GFWC has expanded their programs, many with monetary awards. Our GFWC Florida Chairmen will be selecting an outstanding club project which will include an opportunity to win:

- $50 will be awarded to one club in the nation for a partnership project
- $50 will be awarded to one club in the nation for a program project

**FOCUS ON LITERACY CLUB GRANTS** – Literacy club grants of up to $150 are available to GFWC clubs and funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children and/or a variety of other literacy needs. Refer to the application at www.GFWC.org

**MEMBERSHIP** – Grants are available to clubs to assist with recruitment efforts and to districts to assist with club building efforts from GFWC. GFWC offers $50 for club member recruitment programs and $100 for district new club building programs. To apply: www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers, or email GFWC@GFWC.org
GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES CONT’D.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: SUCCESS FOR SURVIVORS SCHOLARSHIP – GFWC will award up to 8 domestic violence survivors with $1,000 scholarships annually each June.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD
GFWC awards a total of $19,350 to state and national winners of the GFWC Community Improvement Program Award:

GFWC NATIONAL AWARDS
First Place $5,000
Second Place $3,500
Third Place $2,500
Fourth Place $1,500
Fifth Place $500
International Affiliate $500
Juniorette Award $250

GFWC WRITING CONTESTS
NATIONAL – GFWC certificates will be presented to the top 3 national entries for the GFWC Member and Youth Short Story and Poetry Writing Contests. The first place poems and excerpts of the top short stories will be printed in the GFWC Annual Awards Booklet and in the September-October issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. The complete versions of the first place short stories will be posted on the GFWC website.

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS
THE WORLD IN PICTURES – Living things, Scenes, Still Life – Two classes per category (Black/White and Color); Divisions – GFWC Member and High School Student
Awards range from $50 to $100 in each division.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION – Awards range from $50 to $100

A YEAR IN PICTURES – GFWC Calendar Contest – The 12 winning photographs will appear in the GFWC A Year In Pictures calendar and the September-October issue of GFWC Clubwoman Magazine. A GFWC certificate will be presented to each winner.

JENNIE AWARD
The Regional winner of the GFWC Jennie Award will be awarded:
- Roundtrip transportation to attend the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in June 2014.
- A Medal of Honor and a special certificate will be presented by the GFWC International President and GFWC Jennie Award Chairman at the 2014 Annual Convention.
GFWC CONTEST DEADLINES CONT’D.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN
Can be submitted directly to GFWC by March 15 in the year in which they will be judged. Email: Send entries to PR@GFWC.org and include GFWC Media Campaign Contest in the subject line.

GFWC Media Campaign Contest
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC  20036-2990

*** GFWC Partners will recognize State Federations and clubs for their efforts. See the GFWC Florida Reporting Manual for a list of partnership organizations. Happy Reporting!!!

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The Florida LEADS program is held annually. One attendee from each club/district attends.

It is a full day of activities held at the GFWC Florida Headquarters. The LEADS seminar may include conflict resolutions, Parliamentary Law, public speaking, time management, history of GFWC and GFWC Florida, club protocol and courtesy.

The GFWC and GFWC Florida will cover a portion of attendee expenses for the GFWC National Convention.

Nomination forms must be post marked and mailed to State Chairman by December 1st. This year we had 23 entries.

Begin your leadership Footprint by being nominated to attend the state seminar.

A key characteristic of a good leader is her ability to cultivate and encourage new leaders. Recognizing those with energy and enthusiasm to take charge and lead the organization forward is a fundamental first step.

Message from the Editor - Pam Schaefer

I just wanted to take the time to thank all of the wonderful ladies that submitted articles for the past 2 years. You made my job that much easier. I thank President Pat Zazzarino for asking me to serve as her Editor for 2012-14. It was an honor and a privilege to serve as the GFWC Florida Editor and it was an INCREDIBLE HONOR for the GFWC Florida Clubwoman to win the GFWC 1st Place Newsletter Award!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS THAT ARE CELEBRATING FEDERATION ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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LEADERSHIP SKILLS

“LEADERSHIP IS ATTITUDE”

Clubwomen who lead choose to do so. That choice comes from an attitude, a desire and a determination to contribute to society in a constructive manner. Good leaders know that goals can be accomplished by working with and through others. This is, of course, part of what determines their ability to lead. The essential qualities of good leaders are as follows:

AN OPEN MIND

• Leaders must be free thinkers, not heavily influenced by strong or vocal factions within the membership. An open mind toward problems and their solutions goes a long way for a leader.

CREATIVE THINKING

• Leaders who are stuck with “doing it the way we have always done it” won’t be very helpful in moving the club forward. Leaders must be open to new ideas.

EMPATHY

• Members will seek out the leader for consultation, advice and support. Empathy for members’ concerns and the ability to lend an understanding ear will serve the leader well.

ENTHUSIASM

• There should be a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the goals of the club with the leader communicating that interest and enthusiasm to others.

GOOD INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

• The ability to get along with others, to be a part of the team effort, to give credit where credit is due, and to use strong leadership and diplomacy alternately as needed is vital for a leader.

KNOWLEDGE

• Leaders must have a thorough understanding of their clubs and of GFWC.

SOUND JUDGEMENT

• Leaders must weigh the pros and cons of an argument carefully before reaching a decision. A good leader doesn’t jump to conclusions or quick decisions without sufficient information.

THICK SKIN

• No strong leader will be loved by all. Those who aspire to leadership roles must be able to deal with political pressure and take the heat for unpopular but necessary decisions, such as selling a dues increase or eliminating a program that has not been successful.

VISION

• Vision is the ability to subordinate individual interests for the good of the club as a whole and the ability to understand the long-term effect of decisions made.
Have you spent time looking around our Florida website? Have you found the depth of information on there? Some are still at a loss to find what they want, and usually it was right under their fingertips! Let’s point out some things that are true.

Every red menu word is a clickable item and contains useful information. Actually, the Resources contain a wealth of information that is needed by all levels of clubs. We employ a method of clicking and hovering. What is the difference? When you point the cursor on a word, a red one for instance, you can click on that very word, but while you have your mouse there, blue boxes drop down under it. The dropping down of boxes while you “hover” on the red box but have not clicked anything is the “hovering.” You can then move down and click on one of the blue boxes. The most important data is at the red box with further selections under it in blue.

Our website is broken into some divisions which seems obvious to some and not to others. We have the Mall which is pretty easy to understand, things you can purchase are there along with other pages of things to purchase. Instead of putting state meetings on the Mall, we now have a link on the home page that goes to a state meeting page for you to choose to print and pay. State meetings come along twice a year so it is made easier for you to get to that from the home page.

We have set up PayPal for your use and many have used it successfully. You can charge a credit card through it and it is very secure. You DO NOT need a PayPal account to use this feature. But, you do have to read what is put on your screen. It cannot know what you want to do, it cannot know if you have a PayPal account or not until you enter some information. Our computers are not mind readers! If you take your time and go slow, you will be able to use this without a problem.

Our Federation has a Women’s, Juniors, and Juniorette divisions. We have some forms in common and some are unique to each. For areas that are in common, you can find those at the About tab under the Programs. Most of our areas have chairmen for women and juniors and those are found under their respective tabs along with their unique Downloads. But, there are many forms and contests available to everyone and those are found at Resources. It takes little bit to time to see how things are broken out, but this method has worked better.
Carole Weaver
GFWC Florida President 2014-2016

Carole is a dedicated clubwoman who has been active in her club in Tarpon Springs for 15 years. She served as President-Elect and President of her club as well as in other offices and chairmanships. On the District level, Carole served as District Director 2004 – 2006. At the State level she was appointed as Finance Officer, 2006 – 2008, and during that time was Chair of the Special Events Committee. Carole was elected Treasurer for the 2008 – 2010 administration. She learned even more about GFWC Florida while serving as 1st Vice President, 2010 - 2012, during which time she was Dean of Chairmen and responsible for Reporting. In her current role as President-Elect, Carole serves as the liaison to the District Directors, closely working with and communicating regularly with all the Districts. On Sunday evening, April 27, she will be installed as GFWC Florida President. Carole cannot wait to lead our members during the 2014 – 2016 administration, along with guiding us in celebrating, in 2015, Florida’s 120 years of outstanding volunteer service to our communities! Now living in Trinity, Florida, and originally from Long Island, she is active in the women of her church as President/Treasurer, was widowed 2 years ago, and has 3 grown children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Carole loves our Federation and wants to thank you all for your support and faith in her leadership.

Catrina Sistrunk
GFWC FL Director of Junior Clubs 2014-2016

Catrina was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science in 1994. She married her husband Rob in 1995, and they have three sons Robbie (15), Joseph (13) and Adam (11). She works part time as church secretary at her church, the First United Methodist Church of Williston. Since joining the GFWC Williston Junior Woman’s Club in 1999, she has realized the significance of the simple question, “Do you think you would be interested in serving as our club recording secretary?” followed by “It is easy, and you would be great at it!” She is also realizing the power of similar questions about other chairmanships, club president, JDD, Director’s Aide, etc. Some women are born leaders, and others need to be asked. Our self-perception and the limits we place upon ourselves can be astounding. Through leaders, mentors, and members of GFWC Florida, these self-imposed limits are gradually replaced with unending potential and confidence. This evolution is one of the most exciting benefits of membership to this federation, while serving and volunteering in our communities. She is excited about the coming two years, leading the Florida Juniors, serving on the Florida Executive Committee and continued volunteerism!
Sara Dessureau

Appointed GFWC FL Finance Officer

Since moving to Florida in 1996 and joining the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, Sara has served in many positions including Treasurer, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and as President of the GFWC Cocoa Beach Women’s Club, GFWC Vero Beach Women’s Club, GFWC Sebastian Women’s Club, and as a member of Treasure Coast Women. She is currently serving as District 10 Director. Sara is also very active in her community serving in the costume and properties department, stage manager, Board of Directors and 2 years as President of the Vero Beach Theatre Guild. Born in Albany, New York, Sara worked as a Commercial Underwriter. Before retiring last December she was Trainer, Area Manager and Property Manager for Stor-All Storage in Virginia, North Carolina and Vero Beach, Florida.

Cheryl Benton

Appointed GFWC FL Corresponding Secretary

Cheryl took early retirement from Exxon/Mobile Chemical Plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2000 as a Waste Management Center Coordinator and moved to Lutz with her husband Tom. Married 51 years this year, they have two children, Cheryl Regina Reid (now a practicing Attorney in Atlanta, Georgia, and a son Todd Damon, deceased. Cheryl then joined the GFWC Lutz Land-O’-Lakes Woman’s Club. In her first year with the Club she was nominated to run for Honorary Guv’na of Lutz (a fictitious political campaign in which you can buy votes). All monies raised goes to the Community. Cheryl served as Legislative Chairman, Arts Chairman, 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President and President from 2004 – 2006. In 2009 she was chosen the Club Woman of the Year. She was the club’s nominee for the Jenny June Award last year. Cheryl has served as District 8 Director, District 8 Hope Chairman, served on the GFWC Florida Juniorette Committee and is currently President’s Project Co-Chairman. Cheryl serves as Liturgist for her church and volunteers in the church office. She served in the Community as Co-Chairman of the Lutz Centennial Committee and is a Clerk for the Hillsborough County Board of Elections. Cheryl loves Federation and is looking forward to serving as Corresponding Secretary.

“Living the Volunteer Spirit”
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mary C. Powell
Candidate for GFWC- President Elect

I thank you for your support as I seek the position of President Elect of GFWC Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs. As the world continues to evolve, so must our leadership. We need to seek out and find diverse and exciting options for what is best for GFWC Florida Federation. As club members and leaders in your clubs, you know personally that it is about taking one step at a time. You accept a small position, maybe the telephone committee; next, you say ‘yes’ to a club chairmanship and you are willing to serve on the executive board. Then you are President. In the process, each step prepares you for the next job and the next challenge. While serving on the GFWC Florida Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee, every position has been a new challenge, ones that have forced me to move out of my comfort zone and into a new opportunity for growth and service. GFWC Florida needs you to step up and accept new leadership positions in your clubs, in your districts and in our state. We need YOU working for GFWC Florida Federation. Let’s be POWerful together.

Sharon Oliphant
Candidate for GFWC- Florida 1st VP

Sharon has been a federated club woman for 25 years, starting in a Junior Club. She is currently the GFWC Florida Treasurer. Serving also as the GFWC Florida President’s Project Co-Chair in 2010-2012, and the GFWC Hollywood Florida Convention 2013 Co-Chair, she has also served as the GFWC Florida Programs Chair in 2008-2010. Sharon is a dual member of the GFWC Past Director’s Club and the GFWC Pinellas Seminole Woman’s Club. Sharon has served on the GFWC-FFWC Board of Directors for 21 years, and the GFWC Board of Directors for 4 years. Sharon received the Lamplighter Award for outstanding Junior Club President, in 1993 received the District 14 Judy Lutz Leadership Award. Sharon served as the District 14 Junior District Director, receiving the Ginny Winesmann Leadership Award in 1997. Serving on the FFWC Junior Planning Committee since 1992 and elected as GFWC-FFWC Director of Junior Clubs for 2004-2006. While serving as the GFWC-FFWC Director of Junior Clubs, Sharon was presented with First Place at the GFWC International Convention as outstanding State Director. Also, being awarded the GFWC Junior Special Project Award. Sharon has been married to Tom for 31 years. They have two children; Brittany married to Rod, and Matthew. Sharon also serves on the City of Seminole Committee Festival Committee, Pinellas Public Library Co-operative Board, and the National Association of Resale and Thrift Stores. Sharon works full time as a Manager of her church Thrift Center. Sharon has worked throughout the many years to build membership and friendship in FFWC and stresses how important it is to her. Sharon loves being a part of this great Federation and shares her enthusiasm with others. Her infectious and sometimes loud laugh shows her excitement and love of hands on projects. Sharon looks forward to the future in her volunteer life by getting others as excited as her as they serve. The love and dedication that she has for this organization shines through, and if elected, Sharon will continue to serve with enthusiasm.
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Dianne Foerster
Candidate for GFWC FL – 2nd Vice President

At the tender age of 23, Dianne became a GFWC Federated Woman! New to the Brandon area, a new wife and a new mother, she was approached by neighbors to attend a meeting of the GFWC Brandon Junior Woman’s Club. Forty-five years later, she is still committed to the volunteer outreach of GFWC. After serving as President of GFWC Brandon Junior Woman’s Club, she became the District 8 Junior Director and then held several positions on the Junior Planning Committee and in 1982-1984 had the honor of serving as GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs under the Presidency of Lois B. Perkins, one of her personal heroes. During the 1980s, her family moved from Florida to North Carolina and Alabama, then back to Brandon when Dianne was able to return to a GFWC club, the GFWC Brandon Service League. She was home! She has been on the board of directors of her club and is now serving her second year as GFWC Brandon Service League President. She is completely committed to being a Federated Woman! Dianne has a wonderful husband of 47 years, two great children, two terrific grandchildren and a very spoiled dog!

Linda O’Toole
Candidate for GFWC FL - Treasurer

Before moving to Florida, my career consisted of raising two daughters and working full time as a legal secretary at law firms whose practice consisted of mergers and acquisitions of firms which were listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Many documents were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission where rules of accounting must be correct. I joined the GFWC Satellite Beach Woman’s Club in 2001 and was asked to co-chair Home Life at my first meeting and continued to serve on various committees and offices including two years as 1st vice president in charge of the community service programs and two years as club president. I am now completing a two year term as District 6 Director while serving my club as 2nd Vice President in charge of programs and Treasurer. Attending GFWC Florida Spring Conventions, Fall Board meetings; the GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida and three Southern Region meetings have been highlights of my involvement. In 2009 I was honored to attend the LEADS seminar. Joining GFWC Florida give me inspiration for the work of our Federation. Gathering new friends and meeting and working with the most talented and fantastic women across the state of Florida has afforded me new challenges and inspiration.

The office of Treasurer will be my primary focus. It would be my honor to serve GFWC Florida if so elected.
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Jan Gainer
Candidate for GFWC FL Recording Secretary

The Woman’s Club of Panama City nominates Jan Gainer for GFWC FL Recording Secretary. Since joining in 2002, her positions have included coordinator twice, president-elect for two terms and two terms as President. She believes in promoting community service to our younger generations. As president, she was instrumental in starting the Juniorettes. Recently, she has gotten a middle school Juniorettes going. She has served her district as president project chairman, membership chairman, and currently as district director. She has served on the GFWC FL board since 2006. Under her leadership as Legislation/public policy chair, GFWC FL adopted two resolutions; one was anti-Texting and Driving. She is a 2005 LEADS graduate.

Jan believes in the opportunities that hard work allows you. She understands that it is the small things that we do as club members in this organization that mean something to each other. It is the large projects that get GFWC clubs noticed in the communities. Jan also understands the bigger picture; to remain the same is to die. It is the membership that will grow beyond any ceiling if we will join together. Let’s share big ideas. Be kind to each other and allow Jan Gainer to record the business of GFWC FL.

Kelly Holmes
Candidate for GFWC FL Director-Elect of Junior Clubs

Kelly Holmes has been a member of the GFWC Florida Federation since 2003. She is currently a member and past President of the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Midtown in Tallahassee, FL. In 2010, Kelly recognized the need to rebuild GFWC University Junior Woman’s Club and took on the task of turning it into a thriving club now known as GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Midtown. Kelly continues to remain an active part of the club’s activities and currently serves as Website/Social Media Co-Chair.

At the state level, Kelly has served the GFWC Florida Federation as Junior Home Life Vice Chairman under the 2006 to 2008 administration, Junior Public Affairs Chairman under the 2008 to 2010 administration, and has been a member of the Junior Executive Committee since 2010 serving as Budget Director and Recording Secretary.

In addition to her volunteer service with GFWC, Kelly is an avid Seminole fan and a member of the Extra Point Club, which supports Florida State University athletics. Kelly is employed full time as a Claims Supervisor at GeoVera Specialty Insurance Company. Kelly and her husband are the proud parents of two year old, Anna Bella.

Kelly is creative, dedicated and enthusiastic about all things GFWC Florida! If elected, she will proudly serve as GFWC Florida Director-Elect of Junior Clubs.
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Shannon Bailey
candidate for GFWC FL - Junior Vice Director

I have been a Junior since 1997 and it has enriched my life in so many ways! I am a proud member of GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman’s Club and a dual member of GFWC St. Petersburg Woman’s Club. In my Juniors club I have held nearly every office, including club President 2009 and 2010. I served on the JPC in 2010-2012 as Communications & Public Relations Co-Chair. In 2012-2014 I have served as Junior Corresponding Secretary. I love my local club, and I have loved learning more about GFWC and GFWC Florida, and making friends all over the state!

I have been married to Edwin for nearly 20 years and we run an antiques business together. He is the antiques buying expert, I am the business manager, and we both sell on eBay. Our 14-year old son, Trey, is an actor, so I have become a Theatre Mom (hopefully not a Drama Mama!) In addition to club work, I am kept busy at two community theaters and our church. When not working or volunteering, I love to travel as much as I can, anywhere and everywhere. In this ongoing quest, I’ve got 8 states, 2 continents, and many countries left to see!

Sandra Roth
Candidate for GFWC FL - Junior Budget Director

It’s hard to believe that I have been a member of the GFWC Florida Federation for 16 years and been on the Junior Planning Committee for 10 years. As a member of the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Lakeland I have served as Club President twice, Vice President, Ways and Means Chairman, Department Chairman, Board Member and various other positions. As a member of the Junior Planning Committee I have served as Education Chairman, Junior District Director, Chaplain, Junior Parliamentarian and currently Vice Director of Junior Clubs. With each passing year I am reminded of why I love this Federation and why it continues to be such an important part of my life. My family is always there to keep me grounded and remind me of what is important. I have been married to Bill for almost 20 years and we have two teenagers Morgan and Zachary. Through my involvement with GFWC Florida my children have seen the importance and rewards of volunteering. For the past 15 years I have worked in Exceptional Student Education at a charter school in Lakeland. In my spare time I enjoy reading, working with Camp Fire and spending time with family and friends.
WANT TO TRANSPORT THIS CLASSIC TO THE 21ST CENTURY?

The “Garage Sale” Goes Virtual!

Yes, you can support a great cause in a modern way! Holding an online garage sale as a fundraiser is the modern way to clean out your closets, attics, garage, etc., while supporting a great cause. There are many benefits to doing so, especially because the number of people who buy items at an online garage sale goes beyond your own community. So you will immediately expand your pool of potential buyers.

Plan or Not: The beauty of an online garage sale is that you don’t need to gather all your unwanted belongings at once. Instead you can post them online as soon as you decide to get rid of them.

Go tech-savvy: The great thing about an online garage sale is that you are not limited to a one-weekend event nor do you have to open your garage up to the public or worry about the weather. Going virtual gives you endless possibilities.

Which Website? Online resources for selling items are: Facebook Marketplace, Etsy, Craigslist, eBay or Privategaragesale.com. Not sure how to do this? Partner with a GFWC Junior or Juniorette Club.

Show and Tell: Multiple photos are important as they draw attention to your item over similar ones. Also provide written descriptions.

Get Everyone Involved: If your friends and family have already contributed to a fundraiser, this is an excellent way to sustain your fundraising momentum. Encourage them to support your efforts by continuing to donate items.

Pictures and Lists: Take pictures of your items and have someone assist with the management of listings.

Be Creative with Your Sale Items: If you have members who have a special skill or talent when it comes to making items, they can sell their items also.
SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By: Alise Sollenberger and Cheryl Benton
President’s Project Co-Chairmen

The President’s Project fundraiser is called “Share the Wealth”. For only $10.00 you can share in the wealth from the proceeds of the tickets! You could share with 4 other winners in one-half of the money raised. And even if you don’t win the money you will still be entered to win a 32” flat screen TV, a case of Keel & Curley Wine, a $50.00 gas card, or a beautiful pearl necklace. Get your tickets at The President’s Project Table in the Lobby or from any of the District President’s Project Chairmen. Drawing will be Saturday night at Convention in April. (Attaching a flyer to use if have room)

GFWC FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIPS: Please encourage public high school girls and women who need training or an update to their education to reenter the workforce to apply for a scholarship. The applications are online at GFWCFlorida.org and all documentation supporting the application must be received by March 1, 2014. All directions are listed on each application. The winners will be contacted after April 1 and will be announced at our Convention on Saturday evening. Last year many of our scholars were able to attend our banquet on Saturday evening and local GFWC Women’s Clubs graciously sponsored a parent’s attendance for this special occasion. If a student from your area is the recipient of a scholarship this year, we hope that your club will be able to sponsor the parent’s dinner on Saturday evening. (The sponsorship should be reported on next year’s report as a club cost for the President’s Project.)

Our 2013 scholars have expressed their appreciation of your support that is the result of the fund raising and donations that have been made by all of you. Thank you for all that you have done to make the President’s Project a success.

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MEMBERSHIP MIDTERMS...
ARE YOU AND YOUR CLUB MAKING THE GRADE?

By: Mary Taylor Jacobs
GFWC Membership Chairman
mtj215@gmail.com

Happy New Year, GFWC Florida Family…. A New Year, A New beginning, A New outlook. As we reflect on the past year, I began to think about the many award shows have been on lately, Golden Globe, Grammys, upcoming Oscars. All taking the time to celebrate their craft and recognize their peers.

As I thought about celebrating our wonderful membership, it occurred to me once again what a DIVERSE group of women we are. Generals, Juniors and Juniorettes, each of us CELEBRATING A COMMITMENT TO GFWC! We believe in GFWC and in Membership. Though we each may have a different view and a different way of recruiting, retaining, rebuilding and building our members/clubs, we ALL have a commitment to encourage our members to engage and celebrate our Federation.

The bottom line, we need to encourage and inspire an audience, our clubs and members, to use their abilities, collective and individual, to advance a purpose or cause - growth in membership. ABILITY is one of the great empowering gifts that we can give to our members. Even if the purpose is to inform, we have the responsibility to encourage and inform our members to promote positive conversation and opinions for growth.

As Club, District, or State Membership Chairmen, it is our responsibility to engage our clubs and members and encourage them to tap into the talents and resources of each and to help them to Celebrate the true meaning of GFWC and its importance of being a member.

Clubs that talk about de-federating - have they lost their Commitment to Celebrating GFWC? It becomes our job as Chairmen and members, to help Clubs and members see the reason to being Committed to GFWC.

We are all different and express our differences daily, just like being diverse in age and in thought in clubs, this is a good thing.

Just remember that together, we all have the same commitment - MAKING GFWC MEMBERSHIP, THE SOLE OF THE FEDERATION.

ATTENTION DISTRICT DIRECTORS

We ask you help in continuing the tradition of remembering our FEDERATION SISTERS who have passed during this administration at the Spring 2014 Convention Meditation Service, to be held Sunday morning, April 27 (check the CALL for time).

Please coordinate with your clubs, and then contact GFWC Florida Chaplain, Karen Morris, by March 20 at cholupki@gmail.com, at 727-946-3399, or via snail mail at 1350 Riverside Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689-2020; with the following information.

(1) if YOU will be present at the service to read the names of your District’s deceased members, or if you will have a representative do so, and if so, provide her name, and
(2) The names of the Clubwomen from your District who have passed during the 2012-2014 administration.

Thanks for your help in making this service special.
Volunteers Needed

Juniorette Advisory Committee Needed

We are looking for members to fill the Juniorette Advisory Committee. We can't let our Juniorettes down! They need our leadership.

Here is what would be required of you...

- Coordinate JASM for 2015 and 2016 with Juniorette Planning Committee
- Maintain communications with Juniorettes via email, Facebook, etc.
- Communicate with Juniorette Director(s) for speaker(s) and donations at JASM
- Attend Juniorette Planning Meetings at state Fall Boards

Thank you!!!

Please send your information to GFWC Florida President Elect Carole Weaver at vicar1127@aol.com
GFWC FLORIDA
LEGISLATIVE DAYS
March 17 – 19, 2014

Get a firsthand look at your Florida government in action at the GFWC Florida Federation Legislative Days beginning Monday, March 17 through Wednesday, March 19, 2014! Join your fellow GFWC Florida clubwomen for days full of events, education, and entertainment!

The day will begin on Monday from 4:00 – 6:00 with registration at the GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee. A welcome reception will follow registration at 6:00 with a Legislative Days Kick-Off Dinner to follow. We will have a guest speaker who will give us tips on ways to present our concerns to our legislators on Tuesday. Be sure to make your appointments with your representatives now so that they will be in their office.

On Tuesday, get ready for a full day! When we get to the Capitol you will get to meet your legislators and possibly the Governor! You will also have the opportunity to visit the Supreme Court, the 22nd Floor, tour the Old Capitol building and so much more! We will have a group photo on the Capital steps before departing Tallahassee.

We will leave the Capitol at 11:45 to travel to Thomasville, GA where we will eat lunch at the Market Diner. You will have an opportunity to do a little shopping before departing to tour the historic Pebble Hill Plantation Mansion and their beautiful grounds. After a full day on the road, we will return to our hotel and gather at the Hampton Inn at 7:15 for a Pizza Party. A very casual and relaxing ending to a wonderful day!

Wednesday, it will be time to leave but not before a tour of the Governor’s Mansion! If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact Marion Cason at (352) 528-2000 or 352-538-4972 or email at mariongc@earthlink.net. We hope to see you at this year’s GFWC Florida Federation Legislative Days!

In Federation Love,

Marion Cason, Chairman and the GFWC Florida Legislative Committee
GFWC Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs

Legislation Days
March 17 – 19, 2014

Registration – Hotel – Transportation – Meals

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Marion Cason, Chairman
Cherry Sicutin – Eleanor Fossey
Vicki Doolittle – Bethani Coone
Rachelle Warmouth, Legislative Liaison

Hotel Accommodations: Room Rates, Deadlines attached to this flyer.
Hampton Inn - $139.00 per night; Phone 850-309-1300
The Homewood Inn - $149.00 per night; Phone 850-402-9400
- Hotels are adjacent to each other and offer a complimentary breakfast. DEADLINE 2/17/14
- Buses reserved for Tuesday will depart from the parking lot of the hotels.
- Members are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.
- Members are responsible for their own transportation to Governor’s Mansion on Wednesday.

REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE FEBRUARY 21, 2014

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Wednesday, March 19: Visit Governor’s Mansion. Will you be going? ____ Yes ____ No

Club Name: ___________________________ District _______________________
Member Name: ___________________________
Address: _____________________________ Cty: _____________________________
State: FL Zip: ________________
Phone: _____________________________ Cell Phone: _______________________
Email: _______________________________

$ Amount Enclosed: ___________________

Mail Your Check Payable to GFWC Florida
And this form no later than February 21, 2014 to:
GFWC Legislation Committee Registration
Marion Cason, Chairman
P. O. Box 38
Williston, FL
352-528-2000 – 352-538-4972 – mariongc@earthlink.net
Most districts are having their Arts Festivals, what exciting time. We are looking forward to seeing all those blue ribbon winners at the state show in April. Once the districts’ art festivals are over, send the list of winners into us. Remember the district sends us one list and the club sends another list using the forms on the web site. The **DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2014.**

Make sure everything is in the right category. We know it is very disappointing when something has been put in the wrong category.

If you have any questions please call or email us.

Remember to send a copy to both of us by email or regular mail. We are excited about see all those beautiful work of art and crafts. See you in April!

**DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS**

By: Dara Bergdoll
darabeth1@hotmail.com

Where has the time gone? The spring of 2012 seems like just yesterday.

In the past two years we have continued to be advocates for Florida’s children. We have also succeeded in making an impact on the lives of hungry children in Florida. I’m deeply touched by the way you have embraced this project and worked to fulfill the needs in your community.

Thank you for your dedication in all that you do for children!

As one administration ends there is a new beginning. It is an exciting time for GFWC Florida. Each member and club has their own passions and goals which makes us so diverse. In unity and with determination, our strength as an organization can grow.

Join me at Convention as we celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs.

Living the volunteer spirit,
Convention 2014 Souvenir Program Advertising

Back Cover Advertisement ($200)
✓ Back Cover Full-page color advertisement in State meeting program for GFWC Florida Convention. Email to confirm availability.

Full Page Advertisement ($125)
✓ Full-page black and white advertisement in State meeting program for GFWC Florida Convention.

Half Page Advertisement ($100)
✓ Half-page black and white advertisement in State meeting program for GFWC Florida Convention.

Quarter Page Advertisement ($50)
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The Souvenir Program Book measures 8 1/2 X 11 inches. Only back cover is offered in color. All advertisements should be sent electronically in camera-ready format (either Word, tif, bitmap file) via email to Carole Weaver. Except for Back Cover Ad, all other advertisements will be placed according to space.

To place an advertisement, please complete the following information:

Club Name/Business
Contact Name ____________________________________________ Title: __________________________
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City: ________________________ ZIP: ________________________ Email: ________________________________
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Advertisement Size:
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Advertisement Requested for: ☐ GFWC FL Convention (Deadline March 5, 2014)

Check payable to: GFWC Florida
Mail check to: Carole Weaver
1127 Ashbourne Circle, Trinity, FL 34655

Questions: VICAR127@aol.com

Carole Weaver will confirm advertisement requests on first-come, first-served basis after check is received.

The GFWC Florida is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Club and is registered as a 501(c)3 organization. Group Exemption # 3220. All donations tax-exempt. Please keep copy for your records.
FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR: It was the honor of GFWC Milton Woman’s Club to have one of the recipients of the $3000 President’s Project Scholarships in their town. A nice luncheon honoring this young mother of 4 was held at the GFWC Milton Woman’s Club in May.

This has been an exciting year for District 1 as to start the summer off, five members travelled to Hollywood, Florida, to take part in the GFWC International Convention. Four of us had never been and it was the “cream of the crop” in conventions. Florida really shined with all the preparations our GFWC FL Executive Board had prepared for this event. Now we are all excited about going to Chandler, AZ.

Then those in the further Western part of Florida traveled to Fall Board to again learn about what to do for this year. Seeing old and meeting new friends and learning how to work our service programs and partnerships. Of course, we hadn’t been home long when it was time to travel to Mississippi to Southern Region. Again, seven members from District 1 packed our bags and went to see our other southern state Federation sisters. The meetings were great and I am sure the state of Mississippi got quite a serious donation from all the ladies attending in the casinos.

When everyone else were busy having their Annual Meeting District 1 had to reschedule and plan to do it in November because of Hurricane Karen possibly coming into our area. But our sweet friend, Phyllis Woods, gave President Pat permission by protocol for us to combine our Reporting Workshop on November 4th with the Annual Meeting so this worked out beautifully. Saving Vice President Mary Powell a trip but we did miss seeing President Pat Zazzarino.

Clubs in District 1 have held fundraisers to turn wine into water, eat all the chocolate you wanted, fashion shows, rummage sales and Sunday Dinners each month, and have Steak Dinner with all the trimmings for like $12.

The highlight of our President’s Council this year was the presence of President Pat Zazzarino, President Elect Carole Weaver and President’s Project Co-chairman, Cheryl Bento. What more could any five clubs ask but to have them lead a round table discussion about our upcoming change in dues and explain and answer questions.

It has been my joy and privilege to serve this District as their District Director. I look forward to the new District 1 Director and helping her.

GFWC ESCAROSA WOMAN’S CLUB - hosted the 2013 President’s Council Meeting was held August 26, 2013 in Pensacola, FL at New World Landing.

Sunday evening, August 25, 2013, Happy Hour was at New World Landing in District Director, Sharlene Cox lovely hotel room. There were introductions and plenty of snacks and libations! The room was alive with giggles and much chatter among the ladies. After Happy Hour, the ladies went over to The Fish House for dinner. The party continued after dinner at the hotel with a “pajama” get together. Monday, August 26, 2013, the meeting convened at 600 South Palafox at New World Landing. Special GFWC officers attending were: President – Pat Zazzarino, President-Elect – Carol Weaver, and Co-Chair of State President’s Project/Scholarships – Cheryl Benton. District 1 Director, Sharlene Cox presided over the meeting. The presentation of raising our FFWC/GFWC dues of $3.00 per member was the focus of this meeting. Sharlene Cox explained why the dues are increasing and
President-Elect, Carol Weaver gave a very interesting & informative narrative why this is happening. A hand-out, “Exciting Ways to Benefit from Membership in GFWC” was given to each lady attending the meeting. Marietta Birdsell, District President’s Project Chairman, reported on the criteria on receiving a Scholarship from GFWC. President Pat Zazzarino gave us some insight on her Scholarship project as well.

Ft. Walton Beach Woman’s Club will be the host Club for a District meeting on November 4, 2014. Our luncheon was a trio of salads, rolls and butter, beverages, and dessert. The raffle prize painting by Nina Fritz of the “Blue Angels & Fat Albert” was won by President-Elect, Carol Weaver. This was her first visit to Pensacola and it was wonderful that she won this special gift donated by Judy Diehl. Carol lost her husband a few years ago and he was a big fan of the “Blues” and aircraft. She said she will be returning to Pensacola soon. Door prizes and table decorations were fabulous as always, thanks to Dee Mintz and Terry Wyda.

Our District Chaplain, Paula Lou Mapoles, of course came up with a wonderful story “The world is your oyster and your life is the pearl,” along with a string of pearls for each lady. Her words of wisdom always are wonderful and entertaining.

GFWC FORT WALTON BEACH WOMAN’S CLUB - When Cissy Wyninegar became club president she presented our next two years as a football game. She explained that we were led by a head coach who had team players on the field or waiting on the sidelines. There were cheerleaders and a viewing audience. Just as there were quarter-backs, linemen, and receivers, our officers would carry the ball, or pass to support players. She showed us that the special teams used during the game were no different than our CSP chairs leading their groups. The game objective was moving the ball for a score and every player was vital for a successful game. The score for our club would be completed projects and community assistance.

Home Life CSP’s first fundraiser named a club mascot, Oliver, who reminds us of the work CCI dogs are doing and that proceeds raised go directly to the care of the pups in the program. With Sharing and Caring members were able to raise food, clothing and blankets for those suffering. When outbreaks of shingles were noted in our area, Home Life provided members with vaccination information. Our Cookbook Fundraiser is underway with members well on the way to a tasting party in conjunction with the Chocoholic Frenzy. This event gives members a chance to share culinary talents while entertaining patrons with songs, crafts, and silent auction.

Chocoholic income far exceeded projections and will go towards funding our scholarships, contributing to our community service organizations, and to the operations of our club.

Our club in cooperation with the Crestview Woman’s Club sponsored a CCI dog, Stevenson (named for Linda Rose Stevenson Dennis, GFWC FL President 2008-2010). After local training, he traveled to California to be sure he was fitted to be a CCI dog. Training showed he was unsuitable for the needs of a disabled individual, but Stevenson was placed in his FUR-ever home with a CCI dog named Yara.
club’s next puppy, Oneil, arrived several months later and has been working on commands. He recently starred in a TV interview about CCI puppy raisers and the services dogs provide. The spot was aimed to veterans in our local population, many of whom will be partnered with CCI dogs.

**Arts CSP** helps members step up to the line and reminds us that only by trying new things can we win. Members are constantly inspired and show winners included needlepoint pillows, wreaths, dolls, knitted hats, candles, stone carving, jewelry making, photography, DVD creation, knitted scarves, hooked rugs, quilts as well as paintings. Nineteen first place winners traveled to the District 1 Arts and Crafts Festival where eleven members were winners. Additionally, the Arts CSP partnered with Heritage Park & Cultural Center to judge the Pottery Expo Youth Art Competition where local students compete in the ceramic arts.

**Education CSP** hit the ground running by celebrating National Author’s Day, National Library Week, and National Scholarship Month. We provided school supplies for Children In Crisis and crayons for our adopted school. As a result, Wright Elementary students are assisting members with the pledge at meetings. The Family Reading project drove home the importance of reading to children. The scholarship committee provided a $2,000 scholarship to a deserving high school student.

**Conservation CSP** encourages members to recycle for fundraising and to keep recyclables out of the landfill. By adopting PAWS animal shelter, members were able to provide food, litter, toys, and blankets and when the shelter ran out of food, we were able to literally keep animals alive. The Bird Friendly Back Yard taught members about attracting hummingbirds and how to prevent collisions by making windows more visible to birds. We learned about the importance of creating nesting places, protecting water sources, and the need to turn off outdoor lights so that local species using constellations for migrations would be protected.

**International Outreach CSP** hosts the Benefit Wine Tasting which raises club funds and supplies water filters for the needy in Haiti. Members do everything from making delicious appetizers and serving wine to providing piano music. We partner with a bed and breakfast for this outreach activity. This CSP provided the club with an opportunity for our men to join us for a luncheon speaker who drove home the reality of dangers on our water trade routes and the threat of modern-day piracy.

**Public Issues CSP** has had a monthly article in the newsletter designed to remind members that honoring our country’s flag has procedural etiquette. To date they have covered such topics as: What exactly do the words of the Pledge of Allegiance mean? Who Wrote the Pledge of Allegiance and Why? What is the Flag Code? and Flag Trivia. This team does great work that makes a difference in our community. Homeless Veterans, Plastic Bags (for CCI dogs), metals for recycling, books and school supplies, toothpaste and brushes for Operation Smile, eye glasses for recycling, cell phones for military and shelter repurposing and disposable diapers for Shelter House are all activities we gladly embrace for our community.

The **District 1 Meeting** was to be at Fort Walton Beach but weather called the game and it was rescheduled in partnership with the Crestview Reporting Workshop.
Our guest from GFWC Florida was President Elect Carol Weaver. Our own Betty Boudreau was nominated and elected District 1 Director. Betty was presented with a District 1 banner which told everyone that “We’re No. 1”. It has been a busy game year but the ball is still in play and our club still has scoring to do. The 2014 President’s Project will be a partnership with the FWB Chamber and the City of Fort Walton Beach to develop a nature trail and walking path in honor of Colonel Bud Day and his wife, Dorie. This project will be an opportunity for our club to change a little used natural trail into a path recognizing the charitable and historic accomplishments of these American Patriots. The architect has done his work, the Chamber has partnered for the fundraising, and the kick-off luncheon was a huge success. The dedication is set for February 2014.

GFWC MILTON WOMAN'S CLUB - 2013 FESTIVAL OF TREES SPONSORED BY SANTA ROSA KIDS' HOUSE IN MILTON, FLORIDA: The 4th Annual Santa Rosa Kids' House Festival of Trees was held December 14, 2013 in Milton at the Imogene Theatre, circa 1913, located in downtown Historic Milton District. This is an annual fundraiser for Santa Rosa Kids' House that helps to heal and prevent child abuse and neglect in Santa Rosa County. This is the 4th year our GFWC Milton Woman's Club has donated a decorated Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees silent auction. The theme of our Christmas tree for 2013 was "Thou Art The Potter, I Am The Clay", an artificial seven foot lighted tree that featured 25 handmade mugs designed by Larry Manning, local potter, coupled with burlap decor. At the base of tree was an assortment of hot beverages to be utilized in mugs. Each of the 25 one-of-a-kind mugs valued at $20. Total in-kind value of donation $550. During the silent auction our "Thou Art The Potter, I Am The Clay" decorated tree was purchased for $400 benefitting Santa Rosa Kids' House. Club received thank you "porcelain ornament" from Tracey Carpenter, Chair of 2013 Festival of Trees, for our donation that helped raise $50,000 for Santa Rosa Kids' House.

GFWC SANTA ROSA WOMAN'S CLUB - has been busy having fun and doing charitable work. At one of our meetings we had a hat contest. From the many hats that were worn, Libby Prochaska (white hat) won the “Most Beautiful”, Sue Simco (are left-green) won “The Most Unique”, and Elisa Bailey (center) won “The Craziest”. Two ladies from Jazzercise presented a program with member participation. Some sat down after the second demonstration claiming they were out of breath. At the same meeting, pictures were on the table of club members when they were babies. Members were given asked to guess who was who, only 1 member got 5 right.
Home Life had members bring food items to the meeting. Pat Worsnop and Shari Fulford delivered the goods to the Alfred Washburn Center for the homeless, a ministry of St. Vincent de Paul. The center is in special need right now as they recently had a fire, and are operating as they can from borrowed facilities. A picnic with husbands or significant others was held at a waterfront park and was a huge success.

GFWC WOMAN’S CLUB OF CRESTVIEW, INC - Board meetings, General Membership meetings, Fundraisers, Sharing & Caring, Bingo with nursing home residents, Chamber of Commerce meetings, etc. Sound familiar to all of you? We did all that and then some.

Our Club works with the Junior ROTC at Crestview High School, who have girls and boys from eight to eighteen as participants. One of our members recently lost her husband and was given the Flag that was at his funeral. The Flag was not properly folded for display, so at our meeting in these young people gave a demonstration on the proper folding of the American Flag and how to display it. We were also informed of the correct way to retire old Flags.

Our area of the Gulf Coast has a large military population, and our airport at Valparaiso has the only USO other than Pensacola. Many service members attending schools, ground training and others going on leave for the Christmas season, were released from their respective duties in order to travel in the days prior to Christmas. Some of these service members had to stay from four to fourteen hours waiting for their flights. Though the USO has a small operating budget, there was need was for water, sodas, breakfast foods, juice boxes, and foods that could be cooked in a microwave. We provided those items as well as candy, cookies, books and magazines. Just a small way to say Thank You to those who serve.

Two District 2 Clubs join forces to help children smile.
Children receiving Operation Smile dolls will have a brighter future after having surgery to repair facial deformities. Members of the GFWC Gulf Coast Woman’s Club and the GFWC Wewahitchika Woman’s Club joined forces to cut, sew and stuff 32 dolls to send to Operation Smile which are given to children before their surgeries. Shown L- R: Ruby Strother- Gulf Coast Woman’s Club, Patty Fisher - Wewa Woman’s Club, Marcy Sieg - Gulf Coast Woman’s Club, Teresa Lykins - Wewa Woman’s Club, Anita Segler - Gulf Coast and seated Dianne Semmes - Wewa Woman’s Club and Carol Garrison - Gulf Coast Woman’s Club.
CLUB NEWS BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT 3  DD: DONNA PEACOCK  JDD: CHERIE HALL

The clubs of District 3 have been very busy the last several months participating in club projects for their communities. Here are some of the highlights.

**GFWC CAPITAL CITY WOMAN’S CLUB** has been busy working with their CIP charity ECHO (Emergency Care Health Organization). Monthly they donate food items, school supplies for the start of school, have painted and organized rooms in conjunction with the HOBY ambassadors and volunteered in the office. Members have cooked meals at the Ronald McDonald House, participated in the annual Alzheimer Forget Me Not Walk, worked at Market Days, the annual event for the Tallahassee Museum and Lemoyne Art Gallery. They successfully held their annual Breakfast with Santa at Applebee’s with the two local junior clubs in December, provided “Christmas” for a local CMS (Children’s Medical Society) family, members have started “puppy training” with Canine Companions, volunteer in the schools and awarded a KIVA scholarship for a business woman in a developing country.

**WOMAN’S CLUB OF JASPER** members spend time each month picking up trash along the streets their area. They are busy planning the annual yard sale and Chicken Purlieu Dinner, the major fundraiser for the Hamilton County scholarship program. Members support the Pregnancy Center in Valdosta and the Boys Ranch. One of the members is a guardian ad litem.

**GFWC LIVE OAK WOMAN’S CLUB** continues their weekly reading programs in the Primary schools of Suwannee County and hold teacher appreciation events. They have recruited seven new members to help with their Chili Cook-off, Trash and Treasures and Christmas stocking fundraisers. Live Oak members are also active in the local nursing facilities and have completed the renovation to their clubhouse kitchen.

**GFWC MADISON WOMAN'S CLUB** provided 63 packs of school supplies for local school children in Madison County, provide mentors in the schools and raise funds for their local scholarship program. Members are busy working with the start-up of a new charter school. They have dedicated six trees as memorials to deceased members and hold birthday parties at the local nursing facilities.

**GFWC MAYO WOMAN’S CLUB** truly supports their local county schools by providing tutors and mentors, science fair judges, reading programs in the classroom, provide scholarships and donate library books. They have just completed the purchased and distribution of dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the schools. During the fall Pioneer Days in Mayo, they coordinated and ran the local art exhibit and show.
**DISTRICT 3**  
DD: DONNA PEACOCK  JDD: CHERIE HALL

**GFWC WOMAN’S CLUB OF MONTICELLO** was very busy in the fall participating in the “Main Street Halloween” project, hosting the other clubs in District 3 at their December club luncheon, baking cupcakes for member’s birthdays, donating school supplies, participating in the local “Cops & Kids” event and working with the Humane Society. Once again their major fundraising project of making Christmas Holiday cakes was held in December with the addition of the clubhouse being included in the local tour of homes.

**GFWC MIDTOWN JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB** reported on their project “Wigs for Kids”, where they supply hair for the making of wigs for children with medical needs. This fall they held their “Great American Bake Sale” to raise money for local club projects. They have participated at Tall Timbers Research Station during events held for the public. Cookies were donated to the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation event held by MADD in December along with the other woman’s clubs in Tallahassee and they bake for local firefighters as well. Their annual fundraising event the “Pub Crawl” is coming up in the Spring with proceeds going to America’s Second Harvest for the Backpack Program.

**GFWC PERRY WOMAN’S CLUB**, has been busy planning their 100 year anniversary celebration. In addition they have participated in the local “Wounded Warrior Run”, held a Relay for Life Yard Sale and raised funds for their local scholarship program.

**GFWC TALLAHASSEE JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB** co-sponsored the annual “Breakfast with Santa” with the Midtown Juniors and Capital City Woman’s Club in December at Applebee’s. The club collects food every monthly for 2nd Harvest Food Bank, manned the “Gingerbread Booth” at Market Days, the major fundraiser for the Tallahassee Museum of Natural Science and History, volunteers at HOPE Community (Big Bend Coalition home for the homeless), volunteered at LeMoyne Art Gallery during their holiday show and baked cookies for the MADD Law Enforcement appreciation event.

**GFWC WOMAN’S CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE** began the year collecting school supplies for a local at risk school. The annual fundraiser “Recycle, Reuse Garage Sale” was held in late summer designed to reduce the items taken to the landfill. The club continues to use the ceramic “apple” banks at each luncheon to collect monies for the GFWC Florida President’s Project. The Education CSP was busy making items for the “General Store” at the Club’s Holiday Bazaar to raise funds for the scholarship. The highlight of December was the annual “Foster Children’s Party” for all the children in foster care in Leon County. In addition the club is celebrating 110 years of membership in GFWC with the dedication of the new Brick Memory Walkway and State Historic Marker.

Pictured L-R: **Yvonne Hutto, Charlene Bevis Reese, Sue Tully**, President, **Charlie Hogan** and **Michael Zimny**, Florida Department of State at the dedication of the new Historical Marker at the Woman’s Club.
DISTRICT 4 and The Starlight Foundation Fun Center
Delivered to Wolfson’s Children’s Hospital got together on January 31, members of District 4, met with District Director, Veronica Guckiean, to present our gift to Wolfson Children’s Hospital. This gift, which has been the centerpiece of this District administration, was warmly received by staff member, Karen Frame. The District members present with Veronica were Sandy Marshall and Christine from Southside Woman’s Club, Janie Ade from First Coast Woman’s Club, Beverly Domen, Lois Peacock, St. Augustine Woman’s Club and Sylvia Millard from Arlington Woman’s Club. The staff member displayed the Fun Center and we all gathered around for pictures. She then gave us a brief tour of a children’s unit, including “Timmie’s Room” which was decked out like a football field. This room was sponsored by Tim Tebow and Karen told us that although Coach Coughlin was gone from Jacksonville, he has maintained his Foundations for the Children’s Hospital. In the 2013-2014 Club year, our goal is to purchase another Fun Center for the children. Veronica is to be commended for all the work she put in to this project.

GFWC ARLINGTON WOMAN’S CLUB has been a supporter of the Hacienda Girls Ranch for many years. We support them through a donation to the Florida Federation and also on special occasions throughout the year. We invited other clubs in District 4 to participate in collecting items for the Ranch and the Smith Cottage. As we have done in the past, our club filled Christmas stockings with personal items and sweets for each girl at the Ranch. We extended our gifts to include items for a pajama party for the girls. We contacted the counselor at the Ranch to get specific sizes. We bought pajamas, booties, popcorn, and we collected videos to send to each girl. Our club members donated enough money to fund the “Pajama Party”. We contacted the counselor at the Smith Cottage and received a list of items that were needed by the girls and we filled 15 bags with needed goods and others donated sheets, pillow cases, soap, and paper products for the cottage. Teresa Miles, Executive Director of the Children’s Home Society of Florida said, “It’s not easy growing up and becoming an adult”. Teresa picked up the gifts and we literally stuffed her car full with only enough room for her to drive and her son to sit. She was so grateful for the items but left laughing with her “truck load”.

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS will celebrate our 130th anniversary on Feb. 6, 2014. Although our anniversary date was the 20th of February, 2013. Due to many happenings we were unable to celebrate. We could not let it go by without a celebration.

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF WELAKA - At our January 6th General Meeting, we acknowledged the birthday of our Emeritus Member, Lorene Riggins. Lorene has been a member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Welaka since 1982. Lorene turns 99 years young on January 21. This photo is of Lorene and her daughter, Audrey.

GFWC GAINESVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB - Celebrated Anne Little’s 100th Birthday on November 24, 2013 at the Village in Gainesville, Florida. Anne was President of the GFWC Gainesville Woman’s Club.

GFWC HIGH SPRINGS NEW CENTURY WOMAN'S CLUB - the GFWC Fundraising Committee had a very busy fall. It began October 5th with the most successful Yard and Bake Sale in many years. Members and friends donated wonderful items to raise money for the Club. Three weeks later, on October 26th, we held the Fall Craft and Bake Sale. There were many Vendors, including some of our own Clubwomen, selling unique, handcrafted items to keep or to give as gifts. Delicious BBQ sandwiches that the Club is well known for in the community, and root beer floats were served. Tickets for the 11 beautiful chance baskets were for sale. The Holiday Expo and Bake Sale was a two day event that began Friday, November 15th and ended Saturday. The vendor's displays were beautiful including beaded and gold jewelry, wall décor including photography, paintings and crafts; quilts, dog ornaments and so many other original items to choose from. It's always and exciting time when the tickets are drawn for the 11 unique chance baskets the committees have created. The tickets have been sold at a few functions making the anticipation grow and finally, Vickie Cox (President) picks the winning tickets. The International Outreach CSP took on the project Operation Smile. The committee members are Judi Lewis, Chairman; Cherry Underwood, Co-Chair; Billie Jo Benedict, Sylvia Fidler, Jeanne Hatch, Becky Johnson, Shirley Larson, Joyce Rodriguez, Phyllis Nagler and Christina Young. Many members and friends have been helping to sew the adorable hospital gowns, 51 draw string bags and 35 dolls have been finished and many more are still being sewn. The dolls allow children to draw faces on them. Child-size personal items have been collected to fill the bags. The members of the Club donated enough money to provide an operation for a child.

Photo 1 - Customers at Yard and Bake Sale—Photo 2 - Margaret Mitchell Co-chairmen of Fundraising Committee, Ellie Hubler Chairman of Fundraising Committee at Fall Craft and Bake Sale—Photo 3 - Ellie Hubler Chairman of Fundraising Committee, Vickie Cox President of Club at Holiday Expo—Photo 5-Judi Lewis with hospital gowns—Photo 5-1st row l-r-Jeanne Hatch, Judi Lewis, Chairman, back row l-r-Sylvia Fidler, Phyllis Nagler
GFWC LUTZ-LAND O’LAKES WOMAN’S CLUB was honored by the Lutz Volunteer Fire Department by selecting it to serve as administrator and guardian of its newly established “Lutz Volunteer Memorial Fireman’s Scholarship Fund.” Hillsborough County mandated that the six remaining area volunteer fire houses be decommissioned and replaced with professional firefighters (effective Jan. 1, 2013). The long serving firehouse had to disband after 60 years of distinguished service to the Lutz community. A minimum of 2 annual scholarships of at least $2,500 each will be awarded to Lutz residents. The criteria requires that 2 recipients be selected annually by the long established Woman’s Club Scholarship committee, chaired by Barbara Nicholson, that they be residents of Lutz and attend (or will enroll in) a fully accredited University or college. The first two recipients chosen to receive the two annual scholarships for 2013 are Mary Canton and Dylan Waddle, who attend University of Central Florida and Pasco-Hernando Community College, respectively.

(L-R) FD Board Member Ben Fisher, FD President Jay Muffly, FD Board Member Gordon T. Brown, WC Chair Barbara Nicholson, WC President Kay Taylor, WC Past President Rosie Heim
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GFWC PASCO JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB recently held a membership drive called “Chicks and Chocolates”. This was a fabulous idea we got a Fall Board this year. We provided a Power Point overview of GFWC/FFWC and our club. We also completed several community projects included writing and sending thank you notes to Honor Flight Veterans, stuffing holiday stockings for the Salvation Army, and making “Bags of Hope” to donate to Guardian ad Litem. Each person attending was asked to bring non perishable food for donation to our local Feeding America food bank. A great time was had by all!

For more information, please visit their Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/GFWCPascoJuniors or visit their BlogSpot at: http://gfwcpascojwc.blogspot.com/
GFWC SEBASTIAN RIVER JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB - The 2014-2015 installation of officers for the GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman’s Club was honored to be presided over by the charter president, Sylvia Peltier. Sylvia is currently fighting breast cancer.

The Director of Juniorettes Special Project for this year is “Support the Fight Against Breast Cancer: Big or Small, Save Them All.” As a part of the installation, the GFWC Sebastian River Juniorettes honored Sylvia by presenting her with a certificate that represented the $50 donation they made to the Juniorette project in her name.

You never know how a program is going to help, even years down the road. We learned from Sylvia that it was because of a program the Juniors had one month that she was able to locate the lump which led to an early detection of breast cancer. In that program, Juniors were taught how to do a self-examination and if it felt a certain way - have it checked out. Fast forward thirty years, Sylvia still remembered that program, felt something in her breast, and went to have it examined. They found the cancer early and she is going through treatment now.

It had been many years since club members had seen Sylvia. The president, Dionna Farmer, who was installed that night took it upon herself to find Mrs. Peltier on Facebook in order to request Mrs. Peltier install the officers for the 2014-2015 year. It was an honor to be installed by this wonderful lady. Great memories were shared as part of the installation from earlier years of the club. For Sylvia, she installed the children of members she helped bring into the club and whom she had in her preschool class. It was a wonderfully emotional night.

We want to thank Sylvia for presiding over our installation, and we wish her luck on her treatments.

JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE (JWCJ) collected items for Micah’s Place, a certified domestic violence center (www.micahsplace.org). The center offers safe, confidential shelter, advocacy, a 24-hour toll-free hotline, counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups to victims of domestic violence. Items collected included cleaning and laundry supplies, disinfectants, paper products, light bulbs, trash bags, and gift cards.

From collecting much needed items to stocking food shelves to reading to students to walking for the cause, JWCJ members are proud to support many North Florida and national organizations. Here are just a few: World Relief Jacksonville, Second Harvest Food Bank, Safe Harbor Boys Home, Canine Companions, Hubbard House, North Florida School, Foster Closet, BEAM, KIVA, Salvation Army, and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Learn more at www.facebook.com/jacksonvillejuniors.
GFWC CORAL SPRINGS WOMAN’S CLUB international project entitled "Little Dresses for Africa", formed to help send relief to the children of Central Africa and distributed to the orphanages there to plant in the hearts of little girls the knowledge that they are worthy. The parent organization is a nonprofit group located in Brownstown, Michigan; it coordinates donations and provides shipping to Africa.

The attractive, cotton dresses - featuring bright colors and lively prints - are simple to make. They are sewn from pillowcases that are purchased by participants or donated by non-sewers; based on a pattern, neck and arm openings are cut and bound with bias tape that forms a bow closure on each shoulder. The dresses, made in several sizes, are embellished with ruffles or decorations. These dresses are adorable!

Marked by concern for others and generosity in terms of time, effort, and goods, this project has brought together people of various ages and interests in a cooperative effort to fill this need for clothing in Africa. Involved in making these dresses have been members of the GFWC Coral Springs Club, who initiated it and has a goal is 50 dresses, and the Broward Sewing Guild, which has already provided an additional 30 dresses and plans to repeat the project in the spring; this opportunity is also to be offered to high school students as part of community service. It has been met with enthusiasm and support by participants; it offers an opportunity to make a positive impact internationally.

If there is interest in this project, contact CSWC International Chairman Cathy Brawer at Plato4lita@comcast.net (954-971-7277) or www.littledressesforafrica.org. Available on the Internet are patterns and necessary information to begin this project.

Pictured L-R: International chairman Cathy Brawer, Adrienne Fardella, Bonnie Addicott, and Ginny Lee.

GFWC NORTH PINELLA’S WOMAN’S CLUB is a finalist in the WEDU annual Be More Awards. President Virginia Papadopoulos and members will be attending the awards luncheon on February 20 in Tampa. This prestigious award exhibits the connection and relationship the organization has with the community and the people it serves by allowing area citizens to honor the nonprofit that they feel most exemplifies the spirit of the community. For further information and to see the winners, visit www.wedu.org/bemore/.
COMMENCEMENT GUIDE TO A FEDERATION GRADUATION!

The GFWC Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs
119TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
April 24-28, 2014
Rosen Plaza, Orlando, Florida

A commemoration to a Federation, a celebration of You!

Hostess Districts
Saturday, April 26, 2014, Lunch
District 1
Saturday, April 26, 2014, Dinner
Districts 4 and 5
Sunday, April 27, 2014, Lunch
GFWC Florida Juniors
Sunday, April 27, 2014, Dinner
District 14
Graduation Weekend Schedule (Tentative)

Thursday, April 24
4:00 p.m. – GFWC FL EC Meeting

Friday, April 25
3:00-5:30 p.m. – Arts & Crafts Registration
3:00-5:30 p.m. – Registration Opens
4:00-4:45 p.m. “Faculty” Meetings
Junior Executive Committee Mtg
GFWC FL Elections Committee Mtg
State Chairman and Committee Mtg.
District Directors’ Meeting
President’s Project Workshop/Awards
5:00-5:30 p.m. 1895 Society Reception
(Members Only)
5:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own
6:00-6:30 p.m. Reception for LEADS Graduates and VOT Candidates (Invitation Only)
6:00-8:00 p.m. JPC Dinner/Meeting (off-site)
6:45-8:00 p.m. Dinner Honoring GFWC Florida Past Presidents and GFWC Past Presidents (Invitation Only)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Social Time – cash bar
8:15-10:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting
New Clubs
Ratification of any appointed DD’s/JDD’s
Immediately Following – Joint Awards
Community Service Program Awards

Saturday, April 26
5:00 a.m. – Anniversary Club Photos
Junior Clubs
8:15 a.m. – Anniversary Club Photos
Women’s Clubs
8:30 a.m. - Noon and 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open
8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Arts & Crafts Registration
8:15-9:00 a.m. Junior Business Session Elections/Awards
Honor Score, J. Johnston Membership Award, Nancy Crawford Leadership Award, Outstanding Junior Chairman First-Time Attendees Workshop
ESO Breakfast/Awards
9:15-10:00 a.m.
Continuing Education Workshops: Session 1
Presidents’ Roundtable Discussions
(all members invited)
One Voice for Children Workshop
Come “Meet-Up” with Me/ Social Media
Clubhouse Management
9:30 a.m.- Noon Arts & Crafts Judging
10:15-12:00 p.m.
Opening Business Session
2014-2016 Candidates, Club Anniversaries, First-time Attendees Recognition, Judy Lutz Federation Interaction, Teddy Hulse Jr/Jr Interaction Award

12:15-2:00 p.m. “Magna Cum Laude Luncheon” honoring
2013 LEADS Graduates, 2013 Volunteer of the Year Nominees and Charlotte Meads Smith VOY Nominees
12:45-3:30 p.m. Polls Open for Voting
2:00-5:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts Viewing
2:15-3:00 p.m.
Graduation Gifts Galore/Shopping in Vendor Area
3:15-4:00 p.m. Looking Ahead to 2014-2016
Carole Weaver, GFWC FL President Elect
Carina Sistrunk, GFWC FL Director Elect
4:15-5:15 p.m.
Business Session/ Joint Awards
Gail Hill Smith Marketing Award, Newsletter/Yearbook/Web Site Awards, Communications and PR Awards, Arts & Crafts Election Results (if available)
5:00-5:30 p.m. Arts & Crafts Pick up
5:30-6:00 p.m. Reception Honoring Past GFWC Florida Directors of Junior Clubs In Junior Suite (Invitation Only)
6:00-6:45 p.m. Reception Honoring Charities, District Directors and Junior District Directors (Invitation Only)
6:30-7:30 – Social Time in Ballroom Foyer with Vendors (cash bar)
7:00 p.m. Graduation Processional Forms
(EJC, JDC, JDJ, WC/Jr. State Chairman/Committees)
7:30 p.m. “A Federation Graduation” Dinner and Celebration
(Cocktail Attire or Cap/Gown)
Schools & Scholarship Grants
Schools & Clubhouse Club Awards
Charity Donations
Immediately following to midnight – “It’s 80’s Night” Fun Night

Sunday, April 27
8:15-9:00 a.m. Meditation & Memorial Service
8:00-9:30 a.m. Polls Open for Voting
(If necessary)
9:30-11:00 a.m. Business/ Joint Awards Session
Mary Ann Taylor Award, Jenny June Croley Education Award
Outstanding DD/Gunny Winsemann JDD Unity In Diversity Award
Membership Awards, Leadership Awards, Fundraising Awards, Programs Awards
Election Results (if necessary)

Business attire recommended for workshops and/or meal functions unless stated otherwise.
A Message from Pat Zazzarino, GFWC Florida President

Plan to attend the 2014 GFWC Florida Convention! It promises to be another jam-packed weekend where the fun and excitement will never end. In keeping with the 2012-2014 President’s Project’s emphasis on public education, we are using “Federation Graduation” as the theme of this convention. Just as we have used various school year themes for past state meetings during the 2012-2014 Administration, it only seems fitting that we now “graduate” from the roles that we have performed these last two years. It is a time to reflect on all that we have learned, all that we have accomplished, and how much each individual club member has grown and developed as they have completed a multitude of projects.

Convention is a time for announcing club awards, honoring our 14 district Volunteers of the Year and our 14 LEADS graduates. We will bestow the 10 GFWC Florida scholarships to our 2014 winners, and announce the five Lois B. Perkins outstanding clubs. We will recognize the many clubs who are celebrating their 100th anniversary as well as other clubs celebrating major anniversaries. We will present donations to GFWC Florida Federation’s favorite charities.

It is time to recognize and thank our outstanding GFWC Florida leaders who have served and sacrificed for the benefit of our beloved Federation during 2012-2014. These leaders have been asked to “process” in a “Federation Graduation” on Saturday night as “Pomp and Circumstance” is being played. At the Sunday morning meditation, we will take time to remember those dear friends and club members whom we have lost over the past two years.

Please put on your formal attire on Sunday evening. It is time to give our new officers a royal welcome as they assume their positions for the coming two years. The installation of officers on Sunday night will be the crowning highlight of our entire weekend. So please come and help me say good bye to apples and our “Schools and Scholarships” and to say hello to glass slippers and “Canine Companions.”

Pat Zazzarino, GFWC Fl President

A Note from Dara Bergdoll, GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC Florida Convention is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs. What an exciting time to be a GFWC clubwoman! You do not want to miss all of the excitement, the awards and the FUN!

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Keller.* We have done so much together and I’m so proud of what has been done for Florida’s children as we have spoken with one voice.

Take a few moments to review the tentative schedule in the call to Convention. You won’t want to miss the awards that will be given throughout the weekend.

Some of the junior highlights include:

- Junior Business Session - election of your 2014-2016 Junior Executive Committee
- AWARDS
- One Voice For Children Workshop
- Looking Ahead to 2014-2016 with Catrina and Carole
- “80s Dance Party” Fun Night - dancing and 80s themed games - group and individual costume contests
- “One Voice for Children” luncheon - with awards AND the installation of your 2014-2016 junior executive committee!

Don’t forget to bring a basket for junior fundraising! I can’t wait to see all of your creative ideas using the themes “the perfect graduation basket” or “80’s movies.” See you in April as we celebrate our federation graduation!

Dara
Dara Bergdoll
GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs
DEADLINE FOR MEALS/CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS **APRIL 10, 2014**.
Registration fee is $30 for each member attending if postmarked by **APRIL 10, 2014**.
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On-site Registration is $40, with no meals available.

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[carolynpfi@mchsi.com](mailto:carolynpfi@mchsi.com)

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Note: Registration Form must still be emailed or mailed to C. Pfeiffer regardless of payment option.

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Proposed Amendments to the GFWC Florida Bylaws
2014 Annual Convention

Formatting used in presenting the proposed bylaws amendments:
- Underlined text is inserted or added text.
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Proposed Amendment #1

Current wording:

ARTICLE XIII
JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUBS

SECTION 5 QUORUM
B. The quorum of the junior planning committee shall be twenty members.

Proposed amendment:

SECTION 5 QUORUM
B. The quorum of the junior planning committee shall be twenty members a majority.

If adopted will read:

SECTION 5 QUORUM
B. The quorum of the junior planning committee shall be a majority.

The bylaws committee recommends the adoption of the amendment submitted.

Rationale: With the GFWC administration's CSP Chairmen’s guidelines, the membership of the Junior Planning Committee has dropped by six members. This would make 20 members over 70% and unrealistic. A majority allows the Junior Planning Committee to act as a body similar to other committees addressed in the GFWC Florida Bylaws.

GFWC Florida Bylaws Committee:
Linda Laurendeau, Chairman
Mary Check Cason
Ginge Ketcham
Evelyn Martin
Blanche Voetberg-Newman
Diana Vericella Burns
Former GFWC FL and GFWC President Jeannine Faubion wrote, "The history of the state would be incomplete without the immeasurable contributions of the thousands of club members, state officers and chairmen whose vision of a better community and state has been made into a reality by their untiring, unselfish work through the years…The gifts of service which they have freely given helped to make Florida what it is today."

The GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, now in its second century of community service, traces its history to the community interest found in Florida women in the late 1890s and during 1900.