



**WHAT AN HONOR** to be part of such a hard working bunch of volunteers! Efforts by the women of GFWC Florida to “make a better world for every girl” continue. We met the goal of funding the much needed fence, and by Fall Board, we will have pictures. But the Legacy fund still needs your contributions, to help with other projects at the Hacienda Girls Ranch now and into the future. The continued fundraising efforts of your clubs will make a big impact.

REMEMBER the two Statewide fundraisers going on: **Give a Hand**—we are encouraging every club member to give \$5 towards the Hacienda Legacy Fund. Margie, our President’s Project fundraising chairman has asked that the donations go through your club, with the club check written out to GFWC Florida (“give a hand” on the memo line) and delivered to her by mail or in person **by Fall Board**. And don’t forget the **Knights of a Thousand Dinners** October 22 through November 5. GFWC FL Club members pick any night during this 15 days to host a meal with a small admission fee for friends and neighbors. The purpose of the meal is to 1) raise awareness of Hacienda Girls Ranch, and of your club, and 2) to raise funds for Hacienda. This is not intended to be one of your major fundraising events. The impact comes from the multitude of members all over the state doing this event somewhat simultaneously. Since there is over two weeks to do this event, more than one member in a club can host a dinner for their circle of friends. Checks and cash from the attendees should go through your club. One club check will be written out to GFWC Florida at the end of the event, with “Hacienda Knights” on the memo line. Contact your District President’s Project Chairmen if you have questions.

Although we don’t like to think about it, and certainly hope it doesn’t happen soon, we as responsible women need to make sure to have an estate plan in place upon our death. Please consider making the GFWC Florida Hacienda Legacy Fund part of that plan.

**THE EFFORTS CONTINUE!** Your contributions of time and collection of items are important too. If you haven’t already, make sure to coordinate a visit to the Hacienda Girls Ranch to tour and do a project with the girls. Contributions to the “Birthday Club” are needed as well. The \$75 you send to GFWC Florida helps Lee, our State Hacienda Chairman and liaison, get a personalized cake, gifts, and party supplies for each girl on her special day. This is the first time some of the girls have had a special birthday celebration prior to coming to Hacienda.

The following items will also be collected at Fall Board: **school supplies, gift cards, and used laptop computers (HGR staff will load programs).**

As always, give where you can in whatever way you can because every bit helps “Make a Better World For Every Girl”. I hope to see you at Fall Board, and wish you another great Club season!