



GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Club

2011 Education Report

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In 2010, the GFWC Florida Juniors reported a variety of projects in Education!

This year there were 22 Junior clubs that reported. And in the end, those Junior clubs did **187 projects** and volunteered **4,052 hours** in both Partnership and Collaboration Projects. They donated **\$32,364** in Cash and **\$34,372** in In-Kind Donations.

In **Partnership**, we have four partners: American Library Association, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Mentoring USA, and Reading Rockets. We spent our Fall workshop promoting Reading Rockets this year by showing ways you can get youth interested in fun, hands-on educational projects. Overall in Partnership, the clubs reported **24 projects** and volunteered **183 hours**. They donated **\$127** in Cash and **\$25** in In-kind Donations.

The following are some of our favorite and unique projects in Partnership:

- ★ From GFWC Panama City Junior Woman's Club: Trivia Contest on Book of the Month- Information was given in the GFWC September Newsletter informing members about the book being read. During the next ESO meeting they will have a trivia game along with questions and answers.
- ★ From GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Lakeland: The club created kits for children. They had their own set of bags printed to help reduce the overall cost and so they could serve more children. We also included information about ALA and Reading Rockets, two great GFWC partners that provided fun colorful handouts for parents on how to choose age-appropriate books and how to foster a love of reading in their children.
- ★ From GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club: Guest speaker Susan Heath presented an informative program about the ESO book club program. Club members learned how to track and record the books that they have read to earn ESO credit.

This year in **Collaboration**, we suggested to clubs to have or try new projects. We showed them during Fall Board how easy it can be to cook up something easy that everybody can enjoy. We also encouraged members to have or support a book club and have a project that supports youth literacy. In the end, this year, the clubs did **163 projects** and volunteered **3,869 hours**. They donated **\$32,237** in Cash and **\$34,347** in In-kind Donations.

The following are some of our favorite and unique projects in Collaboration:

- ★ From GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club: They asked kindergarten teachers at a local elementary school to nominate a student for Kindergartner of the Month Award. The teachers were asked to nominate a kindergarten student who has demonstrated pro-social behaviors with the teachers and fellow students such as cooperation, random acts of kindness, helpfulness, following directions and effort. All nomination forms were reviewed and two students (a boy and a girl) were presented with an award. The child received a certificate and a bag filled with school and art supplies, as well as a Bernstein Bears Book about pro-social behavior. Every child nominated received a certificate of accomplishment.

- ☆ From GFWC Williston Junior Woman's Club: Their club has an annual Daddy's Sweetheart Dance in 2010- it is a chance for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade to spend an evening with their father (step-father, grandfather, uncle, etc) one-on-one. A very nominal entrance fee of \$15 per couple makes it a night that all families can afford. A souvenir photos is included with the entrance fee. Members provided refreshments such as brownies, chips with dip, and punch. The proceeds from the night go back to the schools the girls attend. This year donations totaling \$1100.00 went to Williston Elementary School and Joyce Bullock Elementary School.
- ☆ From GFWC Valrico Service League: They started a Breakfast Book Club at our adopted school Sessums Elementary. They choose the 3rd grade for this project and had 8 classes with approximately 160 kids. The teachers decide on what books to order and their club paid for those books. The kids read the story and then they do a brief book report on it. Our club reads the reports and then one morning (picked by the teacher's) we go to the school with Dunkin Donuts, milk, and juice and we talk to the class about the book they read. In the end, the kids get to keep the books. This is their 12th year doing this project.

Overall, we are very proud of what the GFWC Florida Juniors accomplished this year. We are so excited to see all the innovative projects and programs the clubs have performed.

