

# 2016 GFWC Florida Leadership Report

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**1. The GFWC GULF COAST WOMAN'S CLUB'S** Star-Shine Award program continued for the first half of 2016. A member each month was recognized for demonstrated leadership skills, during the previous month. Members nominate someone who has "shone" ("Shine Your Light"), excluding our elected officers. Hopefully the leadership skills of members who may eventually fill elected positions in the club are honored. They are provided with a certificate and starfish label pin at the general meeting and their pictures are placed in the newsletter for the following month. The overall Star-Shine Winner was recognized at the first meeting of the new administration year (2016). This member was selected from the monthly winners over the last year. The top winner received gifts that represented the theme of being a "star-shine" member as well as being "spotlighted" with her picture in the following month's newsletter.

**2. GFWC CORAL SPRINGS WOMAN'S CLUB** members explored their personalities in a number of ways. They played the Oreo game where the outcome was based on how one eats an Oreo!! Hilarious!!! They looked at their hands to see what finger length meant for another skill. How one applies lipstick was also analyzed to share their personal secrets. A personal tally sheet was kept by each member, collected at the end of each month and redistributed the following month. A complete review of who they are will be done at our last meeting. Obviously, much laughter and joking went on throughout each of these exercises. The hope is that the club members, through focusing on themselves and their individual traits, will better understand that each member has a special place in the club. And perhaps will result in having an easier time filling leadership positions next year.

**3. GFWC WILLISTON WOMAN'S CLUB** members feel that it is important that the club have representation at GFWC Florida State and District meetings. To assist with that goal the club has a Dollars for Delegates fund raiser at seven of our membership meetings. We sell tickets for drawings of items that have been donated by other members. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$6 for \$5. Those who attend the state and district meetings are very appreciative of work the Dollars for Delegates Chairman does to secure prizes and sell tickets. The funds help to insure that leaders in this club are not discouraged from going because of the costs associated with the meeting. In 2016, \$604 was raised.

**4. GFWC Tampa Junior Woman's Club** members hold a leadership retreat each year for officers Workshops on leadership, Federation, and planning are scheduled into a two night-three day retreat. They have guest speakers and workshops presented by leaders in the community and/or Federation. The club covers part of the cost for those attending for the week-end.

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**5. GFWC Little Women of Fernandina Beach**-(Juniorettes) hold a Board Leadership Retreat: In August, our board spent an afternoon bonding as the Leadership Team of Little Women. Mrs. Chanda Rogers, a local attorney, spoke on honesty, integrity and how to be leaders of the club. Members engaged in several ice breaker activities that helped to work together as a team. Advisor Mrs. Steadman, spoke about self-image and presentation of ourselves at meetings and while in the public eye. Sway bags were given to each member that included small tokens of appreciation from local businesses. At this meeting members also collected clothes for the Clothes Closet, the local Families in Transition program.

**6. The GFWC Crestview Woman's Club** in an effort to grow future leaders, in May of each year, tells everyone who is eligible to be the "Rookie" for the coming year about the program. All members vote on the "Rookie" from a list of eligible members. The winner is given a Plaque and Sash with her title on it. The "Rookie" and our "Woman of the Year" lays a wreath at the Live Oak Cemetery in Crestview on Memorial Day. They also ride in a convertible in the Crestview Christmas Parade. When our club does events in the community, the "Rookie" attends along with the "Woman of the Year" and represents us well. This "Rookie" position has provided hands on training at the grass roots level in their club The entire group of rookie graduates have gone on to serve as chairman and officers in this club, District Directors as well as to serve on State Committees and as State Chairmen. The guild lines to be Rookie of the Year are:

1. A member of the club less than 2 years
2. Attend a minimum of 6 meetings during the year
3. The Rookie of the Year should not be based on just one single project, unless it is a very worthwhile and on-going one, but rather on her accomplishments throughout the year
4. Friendly and willing to assist in all phases of Club work
5. Mixes and mingles with fellow members
6. Becomes familiar with Women's Club work by reading Federation Publications and attending orientation meetings
7. Lets her way of life, as she goes about her community; reflects the high standards of a Woman's Club member
8. Helps in community affairs and worthy fundraising drives
9. Must have paid Membership dues

**7. Both GFWC Florida Women's Clubs as well as GFWC Florida Junior Women's Clubs** of Florida took part in the statewide Leads workshop last February, 2016. It was held in Lakeland, Florida, close to GFWC Florida Headquarters. Nominees from any club were invited to attend a dessert and coffee reception at headquarters the night before to enable them to see and feel pride in "their" home, to view their history and to meet their fellow attendees. On the day of the actual workshop, it had to be held at a close by Woman's Club as there were more attendees than ever before. The theme for the day was 'The Building Blocks of Leadership, Putting it all together". Legos were used to signify those building blocks. Officers and other chairmen were invited to present ice breakers, some GFWC History, the Benefits to Belonging, and Bylaws. These were followed by some Skills Workshops, such as Time Management, Protocol and "What's Your Agenda?". Lunch was a mix and mingle to get to know each other better. The afternoon session centered on Public Speaking Tips and Social Media for Projects as well Club Communication. With so many different presenters and a controlled time span, everyone stayed focused.

Evaluations were given to those in attendance and after a long, but fulfilling day, everyone scattered across the state of Florida. The response was excellent and future leaders of GFWC Florida were born.

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