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Congratulation to the GFWC Florida Women's Clubs for their exceptionally good Conservation programs. Geraldine Ward and I were so pleased that both the Florida CSP Collaboration and Partnership programs received first place recognition in Division 1 at the GFWC convention in Milwaukee. Pat yourselves on the back and keep up the commitment to improve your communities with the many outstanding conservation projects.

We received a congratulatory note from Dotti Zimmerman, the GFWC CSP Conservation Collaboration Chairman. She asked that I convey to you the importance of the many projects that the members of the Florida Federation have accomplished. Your dedication to conservation projects led to the CSP Conservation Collaboration Category I State Award. She indicated that she plans to include some of the projects reported in a compilation that will be reported to all Federation members.

The web site [www.1-800-RECYCLING.com](http://www.1-800-RECYCLING.com) has some very interesting and helpful suggestions for use of water dripping from air conditioners. Some of the topics cover an "easy-peasy water recycling option", or "an attractive, minimal-maintenance water recycling option". A reminder at the same site is "Help Your A/C Work Smarter, Not Harder". An article about bottled water vs. tap water can also be found on that web site. I learned that it takes 2 liters of water to produce 1 liter of bottled water. In 2007, bottled water production in the U.S. used the energy equivalent of 32 to 54 million barrels of oil. That's enough to fuel about 1.5 million cars for a year. Sadly, only about one in every four bottles is recycled. The article described factors to consider when choosing a safe reusable water bottle. If you are not familiar with the 1-800-Recycling website, check it out. There are many articles that you will find interesting and useful.

During our Spring Convention Workshop, several club conservation projects were demonstrated. The MacClenny Woman's Club showed examples of a project which their club supports that benefits the clients of CARC located in Ocala, FL. The organization is a private, not for profit 501(c)3 service organization that provides training, employment, residential and other support opportunities for persons with disabilities. Many GFWC Florida clubs collect greeting cards and send them to non-profit organizations out of state. The MacClenny Woman's Club supports CARC because it is a local organization and their members know one of the clients. A new project for CARC will be candle making. If you have old, used candles that you don't need, consider an easy Conservation project for your club. Collect and weigh the candles and bring them to the Conservation Workshop at Fall Board. (The Conservation Workshop will be held in Salons 9 & 10 at 4:00 PM on Saturday. If you can't attend our workshop, just stop by the Salons and drop your candles in boxes that will be near the doors.) You will be helping a good project and you can include your participation in your Conservation Collaboration report in January. Just indicate how many pounds your club donated to the CARC project.

Geraldine Ward and I look forward to seeing you at Fall Board and another year of successful GFWC Florida Conservation projects that will make our communities healthier, cleaner, safer and more attractive.

Thank you for your support and your reports.  
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