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Congratulations. We were presented with a certificate of recognition in Category 1 for our Education Collaboration report at the recent GFWC convention. This is a coveted award that recognizes the huge amount of work our clubs did supporting education and literacy and just proves how wonderful our Florida clubs are. Way to go ladies! Keep up the good work!

A major goal of GFWC Education is for women's self-improvement. Our clubs are encouraged to provide enrichment programs for our members and to provide learning activities for our members. The GFWC website under Education Collaboration lists a number of websites that provide useful information.

The Center for the Book/Library of Congress at www.Read.gov/cfb was established in 1977 as public law to promote books, reading, literacy and libraries and the scholarly study of books. There are affiliate centers in all 50 states as well as DC and the US Virgin Islands. One of the programs is the Books and Beyond series where authors and writers from across the country come to the Library of Congress to discuss their work and the use of the resources of the Library of Congress.

Elderhostel at www.ElderHostel.org provides lifelong learning for adults 55 and over at a college or university campus. The GFWC Tampa Woman's Club was active in this program in 2010. Elderhostel also provides travel experiences under the name of Road Scholar Tours.

The International Reading Association at www.Reading.org is committed to worldwide literacy and supporting literacy professionals. This association "promotes reading by continuously advancing the quality of literacy instruction and research worldwide."

ProLiteracy at www.ProLiteracy.org is committed to individuals and institutions to enhance the lives of adults and families by helping to build programs that teach adults to read, write and the use of technology. They also provide programs for people who are learning English as a new language.

Another useful website is the AARP at www.AARPfoundation.org.

Please don't forget to continue the wonderful programs supporting our schools and teachers, they need our help now more than ever.

