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The Leadership reports for 2010 showed how much time, effort and devotion went into the work that you all do for your clubs. Here are the statistics: 201,662 hours was reported with a cost to the clubs of \$232,068. In kind donation amounted to \$166,020.

The projects were all outstanding. The GFWC Plantation Woman's Club, Inc. honored 10 outstanding Plantation Women's Service Club women. These women are selected by their group as "Women of the Year" for their contribution to their club and their city. The Plantation Woman's Club sponsored a luncheon for these women and the Mayor of the city presented each woman with a plaque and the key to the city.

The GFWC Treasure Coast Woman's Club held a Leadership workshop in November. Each member signed up for a community program; she was given a calendar to record the plans for that program. Plans were discussed and finalized. A chairman, co-chairman and recorder was selected. Past-presidents monitored each group and provided help where needed. During meetings, each chairman must go to the podium and use the microphone as it is believed that this enables the chairman to become better public speakers.

A Leadership Retreat was held by the GFWC Gulf Coast Woman's Club, Inc. This was held at a beachside Christian Retreat Lodge. They utilized this time to become better acquainted with each other and to discuss club issues. They covered Federation Facts, New Twists in Reporting, The Need for Parliamentary Procedures and Publicity. The feedback was then printed in their newsletter.

Three members of the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club attended the Juniette State Meeting (JASM). One member acted as a chaperon for the entire weekend. Their District Director, a member of this club, installed the officers. Two members attended the Juniette State Board Meeting at GFWC Fall Board.

The Cocoa Beach Woman's Club, Inc. started the first Woman's Organizing, Rallying and Kicking Into the Next Gear (W.O.R.K.I.N.G.) meeting; a brainstorming session for all of the district clubwomen. Five clubs participated and they plan to do something similar again so that joint events can be planned.

Many club supported other GFWC Florida clubs by attending fund raising events held by their sister clubs and also by holding joint events. One club paid for half the cost of a booth for their Junior club's fund raising event and also helped man the booth.

One club sent 5 members to three other GFWC Florida clubs to assist them with ideas, projects and district and state information. This also served as a good exchange for their club members as well as for the members they were assisting.

Two clubs maintain a library consisting of books on leadership plus biographies and auto-biographies of business leaders. Members are encouraged to borrow these books.

Another club appoints a different member each month to lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Collect; this is done to help members develop public speaking skills and confidence.

Twenty nine clubs nominated a member for the LEADS program. Those selected attended the seminar in Lakeland and one was selected to attend the GFWC International Convention.

One club held a speakers' forum in their community with the goal of improving their local leaders.

Another club held a special conflict resolution meeting in order to establish solutions to problems before they could "fester".

Some clubs have mentoring systems in place. A member is assigned to a new member for the year to guide and assist the new member where needed. One club assigns a past president to the President-Elect, who acts as a mentor for the entire year, in order to prepare her for when she takes over the office of president.

These are some of the highlights of the reports sent in. They were a pleasure to read and I thank all the clubs that submitted reports.

Remember that leaders are not born but are individuals that understand the needs of others.