



You will find, as you look back on your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others. Henry Drummond

Here are some interesting statistics and programs.

GFWC Florida Public Issues *donated \$114,937.00 In Kind; \$103,594.00 in Cash; completed 1148 projects and 46,175 volunteer hours.*

*GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka – They learned that a fireman's risk of cancer is one in three and decided on a project to protect them. They contacted Hoods for Heroes and found better hoods than their firefighters were currently issued. These were available at a cost of \$125.00 each. Next they contacted the Fire Chief and learned that 26 people were stationed in Palatka. They organized and "got cracking on fundraising". They pounded the pavement for donations, held events, wrote checks and even bagged groceries for tips. They managed to raise enough money to buy hoods for all of the Palatka firefighters. In addition, they bought hoods for the Interlachen Fire Station. They raised enough for 35 hoods which were presented to "our heroes" at the Christmas Tea.*

*A number of clubs held inspiring programs honoring women in the military. Clubs with members who are currently serving or retired military were able to benefit from hearing about the experience of serving in our military. There was a 95 year old who served with the Tuskegee Airman. She received the Metal of Honor a few years ago when the entire unit was awarded the honor. There were 13 women veterans who were escorted into the club house by local police officers and given seats of honor, lunch and roses. Each was introduced and told their stories of duty with humbleness and humor which ranged from WWII to the Gulf War. There was "The Missing Man" table prepared to honor all the fallen women in the military. The story of the table was read by a member whose family were Holocaust survivors rescued by US troops during World War II. When the reality of war is conveyed by someone you know, it makes a huge impact.*