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GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart

“Celebrating 108 Years of Community Service”

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From the Desk of President Jo Baxter



By now, the Thanksgiving leftovers are thankfully gone, and we can turn our thoughts to the upcoming Christmas and Hanukkah holidays. This holiday season is going to be a little weird. Those of us who ate a solitary Thanksgiving meal are hoping things will be better in the New Year. With the news of Covid-19 vaccines becoming available, we can look forward to the time when we can embrace our family and friends again.

But let's not wait to celebrate. In lieu of a regular business meeting in December, we are planning a relaxed garden party-type open house in the shady backyard of the club. About 30 people have responded that they will come, between 11 AM and 1 PM December 16. See more details in this newsletter, and RSVP if you haven't already and want to come.

Also in this newsletter is a very important way you can help families who need help. Bobbi Demers, who chairs the Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee, has organized a project to provide donations of necessities to Compassion House. Compassion House is a shelter for women and children operated by the Salvation Army. Please support this effort by donating one or more items listed in this newsletter. You can drop them off at the clubhouse from 12 to 7 PM on December 8.

It's almost time for our 12th annual Holiday Home Tour. Many members worked countless hours to create our virtual Home Tour and silent auction. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a success. There's still time to buy a ticket if you haven't already. I know you will enjoy seeing the Home Tour while helping your club financially.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!



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dedicated to community improvements by
enhancing the lives of others.*



Holiday Home Tour

Buy Tour Tickets and Bid!

Thank you to all the ladies who donated and/or collected donations for our auction! We are off to a great start with it, let's keep the momentum going! As for ticket sales, we greatly need your help. Please help us make one last push. You are able to "gift" tickets to anyone anywhere as long as you have their email and cell phone number.

On our website will be directions on how to watch the tour on your TV. I appreciate all of you who help make this fundraiser a continued success! Have a wonderful & safe holiday season.

Lisa Pinkley, Chair
Holiday Home Tour Committee



Toasting a hoped-for successful Holiday Home Tour are committee members: Standing, left to right, Paula Rosen, Jo Baxter and Creggie Henderson. Sitting, Chair Lisa Pinkley, Sharon Mason and Laura Elsenboss.



Candy Filled Favors

Pat Wiencke, left, and Susan Clifford, along with several other members, made about 100 candy-filled favors for the Kane Center. Used Christmas cards were shaped into cones, and hard candy added to bring some holiday sweetness to the seniors. Susan chairs the Arts Committee, and her creativity was demonstrated with these thoughtful and colorful favors.

Enjoyment Books for Sale

Past President Pam Alverson is again supporting the club by selling Enjoyment Books. The books provide coupons to area restaurants, stores and activities.

The Enjoyment Books cost \$35, and \$10 of that goes to the Woman's Club. If you would like to buy one, call Pam Alverson at 772-475-4644 and leave her a message. You can also email her at pamela.alverson@gmail.com.



A Reminder for Donations

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

We are very pleased that this year we will be supporting Compassion House in Stuart, a transitional shelter for homeless women and women with children that offers safe, secure shelter, food, clothing and counseling while residents work to once again become self-sufficient. Through case management, residents set goals and are guided in ways to use resources that meet their personal needs to attain these goals.

Located adjacent to the Salvation Army on MLK Blvd. in Stuart, it can house up to 36 women and children at any one time and housing so many people requires an immense amount of basic items for maintaining such a facility.

While we may think of Christmas gifts as toys and "fun" items, the needs of Compassion House are far more mundane, and by addressing these basic needs we hope we can carry them well into next year.

Because the Board Room is being used to hold Holiday Home Tour Auction Items, the drop off for donations will be after the Tour:

DROP OFF FOR DONATIONS:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

12-7 P.M.

ITEMS FOR COMPASSION HOUSE

BOLD items = Biggest need

Laundry Detergent, Sensitive Skin & Regular:

Fabric Softener, Sensitive Skin & Regular;
Dishwashing Liquid
Trash bags – 13 gallon size

Bleach

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Body wash/soap - Sensitive Skin & Normal:

Shaving Cream

Toothpaste

Mouthwash

Dental Floss

Shampoo & Conditioner, for all types of hair

Hairbrushes, for all types of hair

Personal hygiene, tampons

Women's Underwear – all sizes

Baby wipes

Baby wash

Baby shampoo

Diapers – size 2 and up

Pull-ups – size 3T, 4T, 6T

Bibs

Nightlights

Washable bath mats

Towels

Blankets – double/full size

Children's clothing – sizes 2T – 10

Children's shoes – sizes 6 – 2

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If you can help receive items on that day, or transport them to Compassion House on Wednesday, please let me know.

Thank you, Bobbi Demers,  
772-545-2624, abcde2tl@yhao.com

## December Birthdays

Happy Birthday!



Rusty Landgren - 12/2

Christa Norton Canavan - 12/3

Paula Rosen - 12/7

Pam Catalfumo - 12/8

Regina Mogle - 12/12

Helen Gross Salisbury - 12/15

Marian Carpenter - 12/30

Nancy Schlag - 12/31

Best Wishes on Your Birthday  
and  
Throughout the Coming Year!

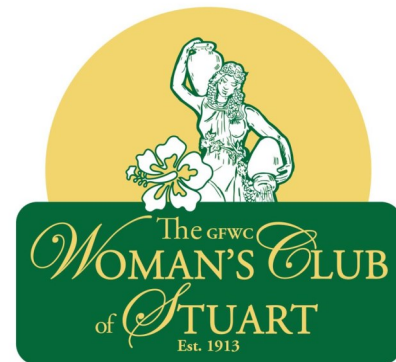
## You're Invited!

*Our next General Meeting*

*will be a Garden Party*

*December 16, 2020*

*11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*



No reports. No speakers. No business as usual. Just a (hopefully) lovely day in the club's backyard, greeting friends and catching up. Chairs will be scattered about, and although luncheon will not be served, there will be some nibbles and punch. Masks must be worn when not eating or drinking.

**11 AM – 1 PM**

**Wednesday, December 16**

Come for the whole time or come for a while. But please RSVP if you haven't already. Just click this link: [jobaxter0121@gmail.com](mailto:jobaxter0121@gmail.com).

**Don't miss the fun,  
contact Jo today!**





*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Hanukkah  
to all our  
Valued Members*

*Thank you for your  
hard work in making  
our club a success!*