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GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart

“Celebrating 105 Years of Community Service”

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From the Desk of the President

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. As we approach the end of the year, let me express my gratitude to each of you for all that you have helped us to accomplish this year. Our 10th Anniversary Holiday Home Tour on December 2nd was a gigantic success and the best ever thanks to the Committee, our many sponsors and everyone who donated their time, talent and treasures. Special thanks to Polly Pharo, Lisa Pinkley, Paula Rosen, Jo Baxter, Sharon Mason and Tonya Axton for their outstanding leadership. This event is so important because it enables us to give scholarships to high school graduates and women returning to work.

Our Veterans Clothing Drive along with our monetary donations for socks for the soldiers, headed by Diane McKechnie and the Public Issues Committee was a huge success and thanks to everyone who donated. This month we will be collecting for Safe Space headed by the Home Life Committee, so please open your hearts once again and thanks in advance for your donations.

Mark your calendars for our Refuge Ranch Christmas Parity on December 12th from 2-4PM @ the Clubhouse, hosted by the Home Life Committee. Club Members are encouraged to attend to meet the residents of Refuge Ranch. If you are interested, please see Renee Gould—it will be a rewarding event. In addition, don't forget to sign up for 2nd annual Zumbathon on January 12th and our field trip to Sugar



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enhancing the lives of others.*



Cane Country on January 18th. Also, tickets will be on sale for our Food, Friends and Fashion Event on February 23rd.

We are all looking forward to our Holiday Luncheon on December 19th at Mariner Sands where we will be dining in style and having fabulous entertainment as well. Be sure to get your reservations in to Pam Evert by December 12th. The cost is \$25.00 and the menu is listed in the newsletter. Thanks to Susan Clifford for arranging this for us—what a treat!

Here's to a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season. Thanks for all that you do and for making our Club so much fun to be a part of—you are the best!

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year to all!

Cheers, Janie



Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Luncheon December 19, 2018

Have you made your reservation for our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 19th?

The Luncheon will be held at Mariner Sands Country Club, 6500 SE Mariner Sands Drive, Stuart, and the cost is \$25.00.

The deadline for making a reservation is Wednesday, December 12th.

**Checks should be sent to the Clubhouse
729 East Ocean Boulevard
Stuart, Florida
34994**



Menu for Annual Christmas Luncheon

- ✓ *Bibb and Spinach Salad* (Belgium Endive, Cranberries, Walnuts, Roasted Diced Pear Wedge, Beets, Goat Cheese, and Raspberry Vinaigrette);
- ✓ *Sautéed Breast of Chicken Francoise* topped with Sautéed Mushrooms, Artichokes with Citrus Beurre Blanc;
- ✓ *Asparagus, Roma Tomato* (filled with Cauliflower Puree) Yellow Squash;
- ✓ *Beverage Station in Alcove, Bread Service; and*
- ✓ *Seasonal Christmas Desserts:* Christmas Dessert Plate, Chocolate Roulade with White Chocolate Mousse, Cut Roulade Standing Up (Wedge) Served with Raspberry Sauce, Strawberry Garnish, and Mint & Cream.
- ✓ *Cash Bar will be available.*

Refuge Ranch Party

December 12, 2018

The Home Life Committee will again be hosting a Christmas Party for the residents of the Refuge Ranch on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Clubhouse.

Last year about a dozen residents attended the party and left with armfuls of gifts and hearts overflowing with thankfulness. Both Club Members and Residents shared tears of joy that day.

Club Members are invited again to meet the residents, bring a gift and an appetizer to share. Suggested gift items include jewelry, hair accessories (clips, curling iron...), makeup, perfume, bath baskets, etc. Similar to last year, Club Members can also adopt a resident and purchase a blouse or top for them. Renee Gould has the names and sizes of the residents.

The Refuge Ranch, located in Okeechobee, is a not-for-profit organization that provides faith-based addiction treatment opportunities to women. Many of the residents are low income, indigent, and are unable to access the care they need because of a lack of resources required to pay for these rehabilitative services.

For more information about the Christmas Party or to purchase a gift for a resident, please contact Renee Gould.

Donations for Safe Space

For the December luncheon, the Home Life Committee is asking club members to donate to Safe Space, a non-profit organization serving victims of domestic violence in Martin, St Lucie and Indian River counties. Safe Space is a 60-bed emergency shelter and also provides supportive living programs for women in need of longer-term housing as well as outreach services for those residents who choose not to enter a shelter but whose lives are being affected by domestic violence. **Club members are asked to either make a monetary donation or purchase gift cards from either Walmart, Target or Publix.**

Program participants are provided with the information and counseling Safe Space offers through its many programs and services. In addition, they are made aware of various local support services available to assist them in creating an independent life free from violence. *Safe Space shall never deny services to victims of domestic violence and their dependents based on race, gender, age, religion, political belief, national origin, immigration status, physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation or language spoken.*

If you are interested in going to Safe Space with Renee Gould, Home Life Committee, and Janie Copes, President, to present the Stuart Woman's Club donation, please contact Renee.

It's Five O'clock Somewhere Thursday, December 27, 2018

**Location: Sharon Mason's Home
920 SW Bay Pointe Circle, Palm City**

Once holidays are over, how about a little post-holiday cheer? A casual get-together is just what we need to recover from the holiday rush. Come with your spouse, significant other, houseguests, or come alone. Bring your smiling face and your drink of choice. We will have some beer, wine, mixers, appetizers, etc. on hand, so if you just want to pop in that's quite alright. **Call from the gate to be buzzed in.**

Five O'clock Somewhere happens on the last Thursday of each month as we gather for drinks, a bite to eat and a chance to socialize in fun surroundings. We love to meet new and prospective members, so please join us! Watch the Newsletter and Facebook page as the location changes monthly.

For more information, contact

Sharon Mason at (redacted) or sharon.masonnc@gmail.com or

Laura Shepherd at (redacted) or lwsvb@aol.com



Please Join Us for
a Special Post-Holiday

Five O'Clock Somewhere

Thursday, December 27, 5-7(?)pm
at

Sharon Mason's Home
920 S.W. Bay Pointe Circle
Palm City

Call from the gate to be buzzed in.
Guests and spouses welcome.
Please bring your beverage of choice.

For more information contact:
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Zumbathon January 12, 2019

Our second annual **Zumbathon** is fast approaching! The date is **Saturday, January 12th** and the Event will be held **at our Clubhouse.**

We will have amazing Zumba instructors, great music, refreshments and much more. Donations are \$10.00—come and support your Club.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and assist with this event. If you are interested, please contact Janie Copes or Kelly Prentice.

Thanks!!!

Sugar Cane Trip “A Sweet Time in January” January 18, 2019

Sign-Up for the Day Trip to see the harvesting of sugar cane on Friday, January 18th in Clewiston will continue at the December meeting. \$5 per person will be collected and donated to a cause chosen by the Conservation Committee. Members have priority, but if there is room for guests, it will be announced in the January Newsletter.

To Recap: we will board a coach bus at Halipatiokee Park in Stuart at 7:30 a.m. to go to Clewiston, where we will stop at the Clewiston Museum, then be taken out to see how the cane is harvested, followed by a ride to the production facility. We'll have lunch at Sonny's BBQ and be back around 2:30 p.m.

For questions, or to sign up by phone, please call Bobbi Demers at (redacted).

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF STUART

ZUMBATHON

Admission to benefit our Scholarship Fund and Charitable Giving.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019



REGISTRATION @ 8:30
ZUMBA FROM 9:00 -
10:30 A.M.

Open to the public
\$10.00 Donation

There will be
GREAT MUSIC,
RAFFLES,
GIVEAWAYS
AND
REFRESHMENTS

Hosted by the **GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart**
729 East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994
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Friends, Food and Fashion Event - February 23, 2019

Yes—our annual Fashion Show is coming up—tickets will be on sale at our December luncheon and on our website so don't be left out!

Tickets are \$50 and include a wonderful luncheon at Mariner Sands, Country Club with a great fashion show and much more! We are looking for volunteers to assist with this fun and fabulous event—so if you are interested, please contact Janie Copes and or Tonya Axton.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Club News...

Update - Veterans Clothing Drive

Thank you ladies, the Veterans Clothing Drive was a huge success because of you. We had the honor of handing over **300 pounds of new and slightly used, much needed clothing**. There were shoes, socks, undershirts, new underwear, casual shirts and slacks.

Also I want to thank **Pam Alverson** for helping us raise **\$280 for new Socks for our Troops**. Three boxes of a special brand, new socks have been shipped overseas.

Great job ladies!

Diane McKechnie
Public Issues Chair



Visit our Website at

www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com



Gertrude Walden Center Tour January 8, 2019

Mary Ellen Costa, Education Chair, will be offering a **Tour of the Gertrude Walden Center on Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, to Club Members that have volunteered at that facility.

As you know, the Woman's Club has been reading to the preschool classes at the Center for many years and supports their reading, science, arts, and crafts programs. Each year we offer a Tour of the facility to all of our volunteers.

If you would like to attend, please meet Mary Ellen in the Woman's Club parking lot on January 8th at 3:00 p.m. to car pool to the facility.

For more information, contact Mary Ellen at (redacted) or flwaves@comcast.net..

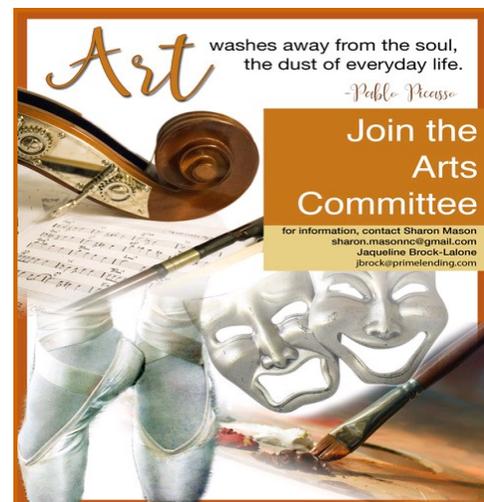
Arts Committee News

Lots to see and do in our area as the area's arts season swings into gear.

√ **Group Event: December 11th, 5:30 p.m.: "Blessings, Bernstein, and the Beatles!"** At the Court House Cultural Center Gallery, 80 Southeast Ocean Boulevard, Stuart. Admission: Free. Our very own accomplished Marie Jureit-Beamish presents a concert celebrating two of the most significant musicians of the twentieth century—American conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) and the Beatles.

√ **GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart Arts & Crafts Competition, January 16th at the January Meeting.** See the January newsletter for drop-off procedure.

√ **Group Event: January 22nd, 9:30 am – The Downton Abbey Collection in "Downton" West Palm Beach.** We will carpool to the exhibition and then have lunch at CityPlace. Contact Sharon Mason Sharon.masonnc@gmail.com to sign up. Tickets are \$35. You do not have to be a member of the Arts Committee to attend.



Arts & Crafts Competition January 16, 2019

We're looking forward to seeing our members' creativity on display at our **Arts and Crafts Exhibition/Competition January 16th** at the General Meeting...so get busy on those art projects!

√ Drop off entries and fill out forms at the Clubhouse prior to the competition. Instructions will be provided in the January newsletter.

√ The work must have been completed within the past year.

√ A member may not enter any items in the competition which have grossed \$1,000 or more from sales or teaching within the twelve months preceding the competition.

Ribbons will be awarded in many different categories. Download the complete listing here: <https://www.gfwcflorida.com/art-crafts-photography-contest/category-form-1/>. Winning entries go on to the District Competition in March.

Contact Jaqueline Brock-Lalone, jbrock@primelending.com or Sharon Mason sharon.masonnc@gmail.com for more information.



“Art is Everywhere” Tour April 6, 2019

Now that the Holiday Home Tour has been successfully completed, all eyes turn to the ART IS EVERYWHERE TOUR – the next big event on the Women’s Club calendar!

Our 4th annual “Art is Everywhere Tour” is scheduled for April 6, 2019 and we have NOT identified a Chair, Co-Chairs, or any volunteers for this event.

Ladies, please consider volunteering because without YOU this event will not be possible. We need you!

Please email Melissa Welch at melissa.welch@yahoo.com or call her at (redacted) to volunteer your time and talent. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Juniorettes

Due to a lack of interest in Membership, the Juniorettes Group has been disbanded and will not meet the remaining of the year.

Literary Group

The Literary Group will not be meeting in December. Please check the January Newsletter for the January topic.

Membership

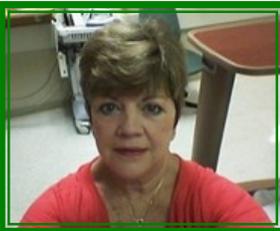
New Member Bios Please Welcome these New Members to our Family!



Cora Meyer has been living in Florida for thirty years. I have been in sales and fashion for most of my life.

When I arrived from New York I went to work for Burdines. When the Palm Beach Mall opened I worked for Louis Vuitton in Saks until I retired. I then became a volunteer working in thrift stores and met wonderful ladies. Diane Berrian-Viola worked with me for years and introduced me to your organization.

Thank you for having me part of your organization.



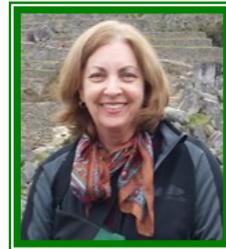
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M c I n t o s h . . .** Hi Members! I am recently windowed. I lived in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and

Mexico for 4 years. I have four children and nine grandchildren. I have many hobbies including boating, reading, and spending time with friends. I look forward to many new friends in the Club and helping out the community!



Kathryn Schmidt is a business professional. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University, obtained a Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) certification, and retired after eight years in her last employment as a CEO. Kathryn is a native Floridian, but traveled extensively before moving to Palm City in 2015 with her husband of 48 years.

When she isn't glued to her computer working on her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) ancestry, she spends time trying to learn golf, enjoying her family, including 4 grandchildren, volunteering on many community boards, and socializing with friends.



Monica Elliott I am a western Pennsylvania native, I am now enjoying my 21st year at AAA in the international travel department helping my clients discover the beauty of our planet while fulfilling their

bucket list dream trip. My husband and I enjoy exploring our world with hopes of visiting all 7 continents. Our airline careers brought us together, and we continue to seek and discover the exotic places on our planet. We are members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and I love volunteering my time on the Altar and Flower Guilds. I'm looking forward to my next adventure in volunteerism with the Women's Club of Stuart.





Janet Church...Hi this is Janet Church...

I am a native Floridian from WPB. My family has lived here in Stuart for 28 years. My husband, John, of 39 years and I have two grown children who grew up and went to school here.

I have been a teacher for 36 years. I recently left public school and am teaching at First Baptist Christian School in downtown Stuart. I love being social and helping my community which is why I am happy to have joined the Woman's Club.

I live about one minute away. I look forward to being even more involved when I retire from teaching in the near future.



Robin Blair...I am a retired Pediatric Intensive Care RN. We moved to the area in 2008. We were only here 3 months out of the year as we explored the Caribbean on our 42 foot catamaran and sailed 25,000 miles over a six

year period. We then moved here full time and haven't looked back. I love the area and the people. I look forward to contributing to the community and making new friends!

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse.

All Members are welcome to attend!



Charlene Cook...I was born and raised in Jamestown, NY... as far West in NYS as you can possibly go and deep into snow territory. Mom to 2 sons and 5 cats. Licensed real estate broker and retired as sales manager in advertising

Have vacationed in this area for 26 years.... Built a house in 1998. Hobbies: gardening, reading and stained glass.

Miscellaneous

Update: Virgin Trains USA Formerly Brightline

On Saturday November 24, 2018, the Martin County Commissioners held a special open to the public meeting. The topic was what Martin County plans now that Indian River has decided to no longer participate with Martin County in negotiations.

The Commissioners expressed their disappointment with Indian Rivers decision. The Commissioners voted four to one to continue to move forward with Virgin USA in negotiations. Commissioner Sarah Heard cast the dissenting vote.

Please continue to be involved as there is much more to come.

Diane McKechnie
Public Issues Committee Chair

Birthday Correction

New Member Robin Blair's birthday was incorrectly noted in the recent Membership Update. **Robin's correct birthday is September 23rd** (not January 23rd).



Please make the necessary correction to be able to wish Robin a Happy Birthday!

December 2018

Meetings/Events Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
2	"10th Annual Holiday Home Tour"	11:00 am
5	Board of Trustees	9:00 am
5	Executive Board	10:30 am
11	Girlfriends Committee	12:00 pm
11	History/Scrapbook Committee	1:00 pm
11	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
12	Refuge Christmas Party	2:00 pm
19	December General Meeting (Holiday Luncheon)	
	Social Hour	11:00 am
	Lunch	11:30 am
	Program/Business	12:00 pm

Brandon Glick, a local pianist, will play some new and familiar holiday music.

General Meeting Theme: "Happy Holidays"

27	"It's Five O'clock Somewhere"	5:00 pm
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Hospitality Provided by the Board of Trustees at Mariner Sands Country Club

NOTE: *An additional charge (\$25) is required for this luncheon.*

NOTE: *Register your guests for the December General Meeting with Gail Kearney by Wednesday, December 12th.*



Get Well Wishes to Gail Kearney and Eula Clarke on their recent hospitalization!

Editor's Note:
Our 10th Annual Holiday Home Tour was, once again, a great success!

More information will be available at the December meeting.

Congratulations to Polly Pharo, Lisa Pinkley and the Committee for making this a "spectacular Event!"



December Birthdays

Rusty Landgren - 12/2
 Christa Norton Canavan - 12/3
 Annemarie Kelly - 12/5
 Paula Rosen - 12/7
 Diane Forrest - 12/12
 Regina Mogle – 12/12
 Barbara Anne Iannozzi – 12/12
 Carol Goulding – 12/14
 Ellen Moody – 12/14
 Helen Gross Salisbury – 12/15
 Marianne Parsons – 12/19
 Joanne Helgren – 12/29
 Marian Carpenter – 12/30

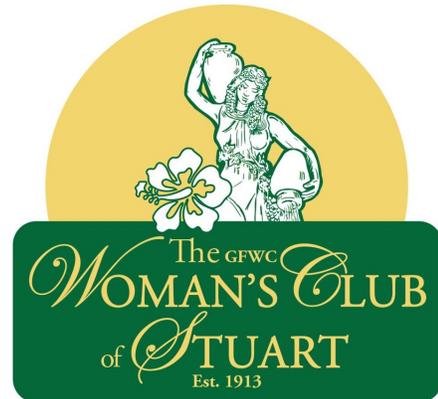


**Best Wishes on Your
 Birthday and
 Throughout the
 Coming Year!**



**The Executive Board of the
 Woman's Club of Stuart
 Wishes All Its Valued Members
 A Very Merry Christmas
 and a Happy, Healthy New Year!**

***Our December Meeting
 will be held on
 December 19, 2018***



***Please join us at
 Mariner Sands Country Club
 for our Annual Holiday Luncheon
 to Celebrate this Joyous Season!***

***A Social Hour will be held
 at 11:00 a.m.***

***Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
 The General Business of our Club
 will be discussed at 12:00 Noon.***

***The cost is \$25 and the deadline
 for making a reservation is
 December 12th.***

***Merry Christmas and
 Happy New Year!***

November 21, 2018 General Meeting

