



# Abundance News

## GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart

“Celebrating 106 Years of Community Service”

*A Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs\**

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### From the Desk of the President Jo Baxter

Here we are, already in March, and we are marching along with lots of fun and interesting activities ahead.

You won't want to miss our March 18 meeting, as our speaker will be Rob Steele, CEO of the Elliott Museum. The Nominating Committee will also announce the slate for next year's Executive Board and Trustee Board positions. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tonya Axton, the Nominating Committee Chair.

On March 27-28 you'll find some wonderful bargains at our second "Treasures from the Closet." There will be a preview Friday night, March 27, for club members and their guests. The fee is only \$10 for a chance to get the best selection of treasures. Those who went to the Treasures preview last year had a great time, and I highly recommend it. On Saturday the 28th, Treasures from the Closet will be open to the general public and there's no fee.

The International Outreach Committee is hard at work planning a Roaring 2020's Casino Night for April 25. It will benefit The Inner Truth Project, a local nonprofit that provides counseling and other services to victims of sexual abuse. Tickets are \$75, and everyone will be a winner --- all the funds raised will go to a very worthy cause. Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting.

Another upcoming event planned by the Antiquarians/Collectibles Committee will be a luncheon April 8 at Martin High School prepared by the school's culinary students. It will be a three-course meal, and cost \$15. There's room for only 72 to attend, so make your reservation at the March meeting, or contact Karen Townsend.

St. Patrick's Day is coming up, so I'll close with an Irish toast: "May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you."

Cheers!



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



**Upcoming Events**

**March 2020**

**Meetings/Events Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
3	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
4	Board of Trustees	9:00 am
4	Executive Board	10:30 am
10	Girlfriends Committee	12:00 pm
10	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
11	Antiquarians	12:00 pm
17	International Outreach Committee	2:00 pm
18	March General Meeting	
	Social Hour	11:00 am
	Lunch	11:30 am
	Program/Business (Public Issues)	12:00 pm

Rob Steele, C.E.O. of the Elliott Museum, will entertain us with a presentation on the Stuart Historical Society and Ernie Lyons, former Stuart News editor.

Hospitality Committee:  
 Ruth Martini, Diane McKechnie,  
 Sally Seubel, Angela Wohl,  
 Donna Dubois and Belinda Gilels

24	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
25	Literary Group	10:00 am
26	It's Five O'clock Somewhere	5:00 pm
27	<b>Treasures from the the Closet Preview</b>	5:00 pm
28	<b>Treasures from the Closet</b>	9:00 am
31	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
31	New Member Orientation	2:30 pm

**Treasures from the Closet  
 March 28, 2020**

*It's almost time for Treasures from the Closet. March 27th and March 27th so mark you calendars.*

*We are in full swing to make this year's treasures even more successful than last years.*

We have a fun night planned for our preview shop party on March 27th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

We have a private chef preparing delicious hor d' ovoures. Fine red and white wines have been selected for our enjoyment. We are duplicating Sharon Mason's non-alcoholic drink speciality. "A pomegranate Treasure".

"Carol's Boutique " will again be stocked with Treasures for your shopping pleasure.

This year, Janie Copes has organized a fashion show of Treasures clothing that will be available for immediate purchase. Terry Lebel has planned an exciting jewelry bazaar and Barbara Scharlau will again have her art corner.

March 27th will be an evening of everything that we ladies love. food, wine, shopping and friends. Be sure to be there to share in the fun.

We will need your help to carryout our vision so please volunteer. It's not too late to donate!

If you were unable to attend our meeting on February 24th please contact Pam Evert pamelaevert@aol.com and she will find a fun position for you to help.

Looking forward to working and having a great time with everyone

Chair of Treasures from the Closet  
 Pam Evert

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Antiquarians/Collectibles**

**Luncheon**

**April 8th**

**Prepared by Martin County  
High School's**

**Culinary Students**

**Tickets are \$15 and will be  
on sale at the March meeting.**

### **Operation Home Coming for Honor Flight**

**Saturday April 11, 2020 at Palm  
Beach International Airport**

**District 10 Florida Women's  
Clubs will be at the airport to  
welcome the men and women  
who return from Washington DC  
on their Honor Flight  
([www.honor flight  
southflorida.org](http://www.honorflight-southflorida.org).)**

**It is a very moving experience. If  
you'd like to participate please  
contact Paula Rosen  
at [paularosen@bellsouth.net](mailto:paularosen@bellsouth.net)**

### **Roaring 2020's Casino Night April 25th**

**Sponsored by the International  
Outreach Committee**

**More information available in the  
April Newsletter**



## *"It's Five O'clock Somewhere"*

*March 26th*

This month, we visit the new and improved Deck Restaurant and Bar, 307 NW River Dr. Stuart, home of some of the best sunset views in Stuart.

Come alone or bring a friend. New and prospective members are welcome to come and get acquainted."



*It's Five O'clock Somewhere  
Gilbert's Coffee Bar  
February 27, 2020*



Sandra Wetmore and Denise Vitale

## Club News

### Fund-raising plans for 2020-21

Several members met in mid-February to begin planning fund-raising events for the 2020-21 year. Lisa Pinkley, chair of the Holiday Home Tour, reported that a subcommittee has been formed to devise ways to add something new to the event, which will be on December 6, 2020. Please mark your calendar now, as this is the major fund-raiser this year. All members are invited to join the Holiday Home Tour committee, as there are many tasks to make it successful. Let Lisa Pinkley know you'd like to attend Holiday Home Tour committee meetings.

There was a lot of discussion about ways to make some changes to add interest to the annual fashion show luncheon, so that it continues to be a fun event. Maureen Vaillancourt has again agreed to chair the fashion show committee. The date is not yet set, but we are looking for late February or early March.

Pam Evert, who chairs the Treasures from the Closet event coming up March 27-28, recommended that after this year, we hold the Treasures event every other year. So there won't be a Treasures from the Closet in 2021.

One new fundraising event was suggested --- a Christmas lights bus tour, to be held one evening after the Holiday Home Tour. It would appeal to people who enjoy seeing Christmas lights in the area, but don't want

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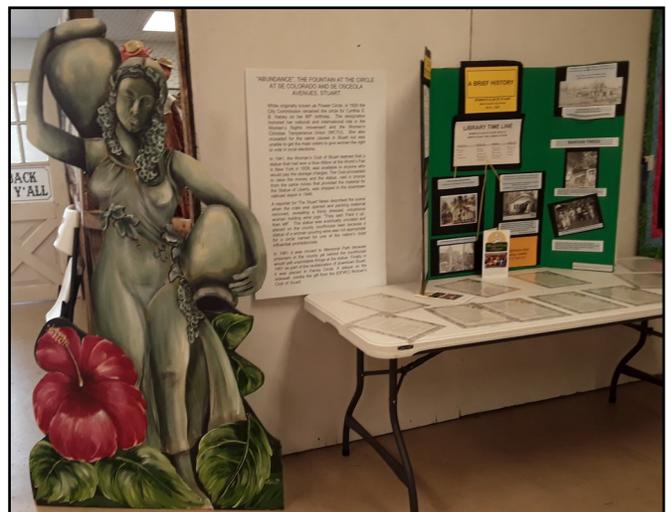
to drive around on their own at night. In order to keep ticket prices affordable, the buses would need to be donated. If we are able to get buses donated, we will need a few people to help with arrangements. We'll keep you posted! This could be a lot of fun!

### Martin County Fair February 14 - 22, 2020

Our "Miss Abundance" made quite a splash (*pun intended*) at the Martin County Fair in February. The cutout was created by Maria Paiva when she was a member. Made for our 100th anniversary celebration, the tri-fold was made by Paula Rosen, and the "Through the Decades" sheets by Beth Guild. Bobbi Demers compiled the history of "Abundance" and how it came to be a gift to the City of Stuart from the Club.

Overall, an interesting and educational display.

Bobbi Demers, Chair



### Girlfriends Committee

The Girlfriends Committee plans social, educational and community outreach activities for the club. It's a great way to get involved and make friendships in a small group setting. We meet at noon on the second Tuesday of each month and welcome all members to join. Come and see what we're all about!



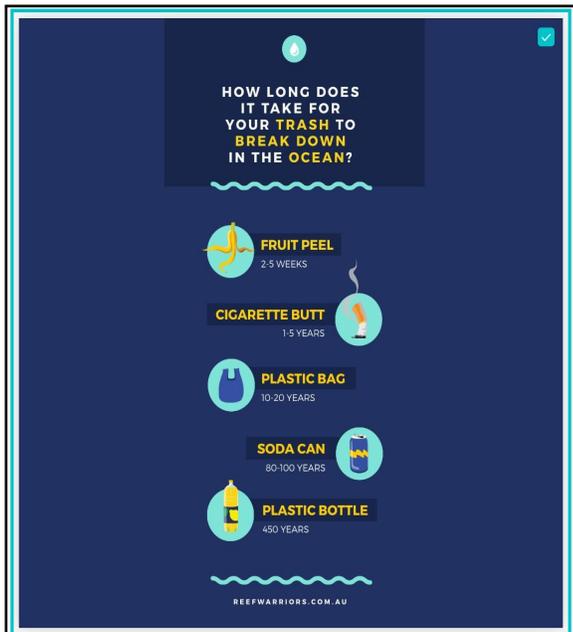
Fun, friendship, a sense of purpose...

**Join the Girlfriends Committee**

Next meeting March 10, noon  
at the clubhouse.  
All members welcome!

### Conservation Committee

The Conservation Service Committee reminds you to bring reusable bags when you shop and try not to use single use plastic items.



### Renovation projects for the building

The Trustee Board has been busy fixing up and maintaining our building this past year.

Among our projects were:

- Major cleaning of men’s and ladies bathroom floors with grout sealing;
- Major trimming of all the landscaping surrounding the building;
- Replacement of mulch around all shrubbery;
- Removal of the dead shrubs adjacent to the parking lot and replaced with pine bark;
- Fencing around the AC units and painting of that enclosure as well the garbage enclosure; and
- Touch up paint in the main room.

### Yet to come:

- New vanity for the men’s room;
- Hurricane shutters that will be installed in all doorways by the end of this month/beginning of April;
- New ramp and railings for front door to accommodate shutters;
- Impact windows that will be installed end of April/beginning of May; and
- Major cleaning and sealing of Terrazzo floors this month.

*Thank you Ladies for your hard work on our much-needed projects!*



### District Art Competition Congratulations to our Winners!

The District Art and Crafts Competition was held on Saturday, February 29th with **Susan Clifford**, **Grace Linn** and **Nancy Hayden** all winning **1st Place**. **Ruth Martini** won **1st place** for her Bear Cub photo, **Carol Battilana** for her beaded guitar and **Laura Elsenboss** for her “Cleopatra” costume. **Paula Rosen** also won **1st place** for her recycled reindeer ornament and **Jacqui Brock** for her portrait photo. As usual, **our club won the most 1st place ribbons!**

**Congratulations to our Winners and “thank you” for your brilliant work!**

## Scrapbook Committee

The SCRAPBOOOK COMMITTEE needs your help!

Be on the lookout for newspaper articles, pictures, thank you notes, etc. about club members, club events and activities for the committee to be put into the Scrapbook.

The scrapbook is submitted yearly to the state GFWC competition and tells the yearly history of our club.

**Please put items in the folder marked “scrapbook”** located in the club office or give to Sandy Wetmore or Annette McCoy as soon as possible.

## Membership

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 31st at 2:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. All are welcome! Please bring your yearbook with you!

### NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 29th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse

# WELCOME!

## New Members

Martie, Jill, and Cindy

## Martie Veverka

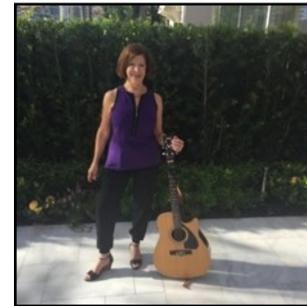


I grew up in Louisville, Ky. Have lived in Fl for 35 years, mostly the Stuart area.

I have 2 children, Jamey, my son, and Brittney, my daughter, as well as a grandson, Jon.

I love music, horses, reading, walking and have a miniature poodle, my little sweetheart! As well as teaching skin care and makeup application, I am currently training to be a Guardian Ad Litem, in Martin County.

## Jill Preston



Originally from New Jersey, my husband Richard and I have lived in Miami since college! We moved to Stuart two years ago and so glad we did so! I have two children, a daughter who is a psychologist and lives in Connecticut and a

son in commercial real estate who lives nearby in Jupiter. My hobbies are theater, reading, playing the piano and singing. I also do volunteer work with the 4 C's.

As a family we enjoy fishing and traveling to the Bahamas.

## Cindy Iandoli



My name is Cindy Iandoli. My husband and I just moved here from Orlando this past June. After raising our children in Orlando we decided that we would love to be closer to the ocean. I was born and raised in Miami so Stuart feels a lot more like home to me. I have three adult children and three grandchildren. I began my career as an elementary school teacher teaching first grade and third grade and then substituted for many years. I retired two years ago and spend a lot of time volunteering. Some of my hobbies include reading, exercising, boating and spending time at the beach.

### Zumbathon

Our yearly fundraiser, Zumbathon, was held on Saturday, February 29th. As you can see from the following pictures, it was a great event to get fit, socialize, and have fun! More details will continue in the April Newsletter. Congratulations Sue and Carol for another awesome event!



Sue Riordan



Zumbathon Group



Carol Battilana,  
Bella Terrazza



Sandra Weaver



Carol Battilana, Sue Riordan,  
Janie Copes, Bella Terrazza



Zumbathon Group



Janie Copes



Zumbathon Group



Zumbathon Group

*March Birthdays*  
*Happy Birthday!*



*Lois Genuario - 3/2*  
*Becky Tran - 3/2*  
*Montell Pruitt - 3/8*  
*Sandra Weaver - 3/8*  
*Pamela Tubbs - 3/13*  
*Faith Paul - 3/14*  
*Pat Schmader 3/14*  
*Best Wishes on your*  
*Birthday*  
*and throughout the*  
*coming year!*

*In*   
*Loving*  
*Memory*

Of our longtime club  
 member and friend

Reba Shepard

She always had a smile on her  
 face and was willing to  
 help everyone.

We will miss her.

Our March General Meeting  
 will be held on  
 March 18, 2020

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

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Our Program and General  
 Business

will be held at 12:00 Noon.

Please register your guests for  
 the March General Meeting with

Gail Kearney  
 by **Friday, March 13th**  
 gkear@verizon.net.