



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

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



*GFWC - an International Women's Club
dedicated to community improvements by
enhancing the lives of others.*



From the Desk of the President

December brings one of the most festive and fun times of the year, and this December is no exception! We have two special events that give us all a chance to relax and enjoy time with our fellow members. Mark your calendars, put on your happy face, and come to the regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 11 AM at Mariner Sands Country Club. We'll have a delicious luncheon and enjoy some special music from one of our scholarship winners. The cost is \$26, and must be paid in advance. If you haven't already reserved, do so today. Mail your check to the club, attention Pam Evert. **The deadline for payment is Monday, December 16th.**

The next evening, December 19, we have a special 5 O'Clock Somewhere at the home of Pat Schmader, who is opening her lovely home at 102 Henry Sewall Way in Sewall's Point. Bring an hors oeuvre to share, and your beverage of choice. I hope to see you at both of these events.

Wishing you many blessings of the season!

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Upcoming Events

December 2019 Meetings/Events Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
4	Board of Trustees	9:00 am
4	Executive Board	10:30 am
7	Holiday Home Tour Set-Up	TBA
8	11th Annual Holiday Home Tour	11:00 am
10	Girlfriends Committee	12:00 pm
10	History/Scrapbook Committee	1:00 pm
10	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
11	Antiquarians	12:00 pm
12	Food, Friends & Fashion Committee	11:00 pm
17	Refuge Ranch Christmas Party	1:00 pm
18	December General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon	
	Social Hour	11:00 am
	Lunch	11:30 am
	Program/Business (Arts)	12:00 pm

A student musician will perform delightful holiday music.

***General Meeting Theme:
"The Gift of Friendship"***

***A cash collection will be held for the women at Safe Space, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Hospitality provided by the Board of Trustees at Mariner Sands Country Club

Contact Pam Evert to make your reservation and payment of \$26. **The deadline is December 16.**

28	It's Five O'clock Somewhere	5:00 pm
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Holiday Home Tour

The count down begins...only 7 days until our biggest fundraiser, the 11th annual Holiday Home Tour!

It will be a fun-filled day as we tour six beautifully decorated homes and returning to the Woman's Club for a special holiday spirited reception with delicious refreshments and a delightful Silent Auction.

It will be a great event to begin your holiday celebrations and to raise funds for our scholarships and charitable giving!

Don't miss it!

Reserve Your Tickets Now

www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com or 630-247-9431 (tour info)

General Admission—\$45

VIP Bus Package—\$75 917-796-9649 (bus info only)

Also available after November 1 at select Seacoast National Bank locations
(Colorado Avenue, Indian Street, Palm City, Cove Road)

GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart / 729 SE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart
Benefiting our Scholarship Fund & Charitable Giving
A 501(c)(3) Organization



*You are cordially invited to attend the
Woman's Club of Stuart's*

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Mariner Sands Country Club

6500 SE Mariner Sands Drive

Stuart, Florida

The theme of this luncheon is

"The Gift of Friendship"

*Delightful holiday music will be
performed by a student musician.*

Please R.S.V.P. to Pam Evert at

561.385.5394

by Monday, December 16th.

A \$26 charge is required

for this luncheon.

Menu

Bibb and spinach salad

Sautéed breast of chicken Francais

with mushrooms, artichokes

and citrus blanc

Asparagus and Roma tomatoes

Rice pilaf

Strawberry mint parfait



**The December
"It's Five O'clock
Somewhere"
will be held on
Thursday,
December 19th**

**from 5 to 7 p.m.
at the beautiful home of
Pat and Lenny Schmader.**

The Schmader's home is decorated inside and out in a Christmas spirit and it will be great time to socialize with friends!

Bring a drink of your choice and an appetizer to share.

Pat and Lenny Schmader
102 Henry Sewall Way
Sewall's Point, FL 34996
772-341-8777 (Cell)
772-463-5969 (Primary)

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! Come alone or bring your husband or significant other. Watch the Newsletter and Facebook page as the location changes monthly.

For more information, contact:
Laura Shepherd, Carolyn Hall or Sharon Mason

Home Life Hosts

Refuge Ranch Christmas Party

The Home Life Committee is again sponsoring a Christmas Party for the residents of the Refuge Ranch on Tuesday, December 17th, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

The Ranch is a long-term residential program for young women to help them reach their recovery goals from drugs and alcohol while experiencing a new life despite their inability to pay for the program. Before entering the program, many of these women were homeless, jobless and lost their families. Through the Christmas party, Stuart Woman's Club members can share individual gifts, hugs, love and fellowship as we spend the afternoon together.

Each resident receives two gifts of clothing, as well as numerous other gifts from the generous support of club members. Gift suggestions are makeup, jewelry, hair accessories, perfume... anything a young woman would love! If you adopt a resident, you are given a shirt size. Oddly enough, when the resident opens the gifts they are so grateful and love the color and style that has been selected for them.

The party opens with light refreshments followed by a brief introduction of the Ranch by Mitchell Dobrow, Director, and several testimonies from residents. Then the fun begins....gift time. Individual gifts are distributed to all the residents, and then each woman comes to the gift table to select another gift. This keeps going until all the gifts are gone. If there is an odd number of gifts, the remainder are sent with Mitchell.

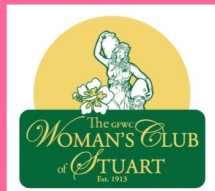
Club members and their friends are welcome to attend the Christmas Party. If you are interested in adopting a resident and bringing food, please email Renee Gould.

Food, Friends & Fashion

The Food, Friends & Fashion Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 1st at Mariner Sands Country Club. This fun filled afternoon featuring local stores' fashions, our club members as glamorous models, beautiful auction baskets and special silent auction items.

Tickets (\$50) will be on sale at our December meeting or contact Lois Genuario at 220.8621 to purchase tickets or for more information. Tickets sales are also available on our Website, www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com.

If members would like to make a donation for a silent auction basket, please get it to Nancy Hayden, Auction Chair.



The GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart Presents

Treasures from the Closet

WHAT? A "treasure hunt" sale of high end, previously enjoyed, upscale items, including trendy clothing, accessories, home décor and much more at greatly reduced prices.

WHEN? Saturday, March 28, 2020
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WHERE? The Woman's Club of Stuart
729 SE Ocean Boulevard
Stuart, Florida 34994

For more information, telephone 772.288.3227 or visit our Website, www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com



Only "too good to part with" items will be included in this Event!

Proceeds will benefit our Scholarship Fund and Charitable Giving

Treasures from the Closet

We hope you enjoyed our preview of just some of our Treasures from the Closet. We have been collecting many fabulous treasures from our members and look forward to sharing them at our event on March 28, 2020.

We are so excited by the quality of the already received treasures that we are planning one more preview event.

We want our members to see a hint of what to expect and to be just as excited, as we are to browse and shop the Woman's Club of Stuart's treasures on March 28th.

Please continue to donate your treasures. Bring to our monthly meetings or we will be happy to pick up at your home.

For more information, contact Pam Evert.

Committee News

Benefit Dance Party

Our Benefit Dance Party at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio raised \$1,180 for Literacy in Peru. How amazing our club members are to generously support club efforts with their time, talent and treasure on Friday, November 22nd.

Dancers learned the salsa and danced to various types of music from swing, to waltz to cha-cha. Cecilia Lewis, the event chair, decorated the studio festively with Peruvian Flags and pictures of our sister club in Peru to show how the money will be used. There were three spotlight dances including Cecilia and her brother who performed a Peruvian Waltz.

Guests enjoyed South American wine and nibbled on delicious appetizers and sweets all generously donated by the members of the International Outreach Committee. All the money donated, \$1,180, will go to our sister GFWC Club in Lima (American Women's Literacy Club) to help improve literacy in Peru.

On behalf of the event chair, Cecilia Lewis, Patricia Bushman, and Mona Salisbury, many thanks to our club members and the committee for their support and love.



Antiquarians/Collectibles

*Edithy Marcellis, Rusty Landgren &
Pat Schmader, Chairs*

The Antiquarians/Collectibles group will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 11th at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse and the theme is "Everything Christmas". All club members are invited to attend.

Contact Edithy, Rusty or Pat for more information.

Literary

Sheryl Konen, Chair

There will be no meeting of the Literary Group in December.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the clubhouse and the theme is "Short Story".

For more information, contact Sheryl.

Girlfriends Committee

Shelly Hammer & Denise Vitale, Chairs

How to tell if you're Girlfriends material...
Do you have a

*Heart? Brains? Courage?
Are you a girl?*

Then yes.



**Don't miss the next meeting
December 10 at noon.**

*Bring your best ideas
and a bit of enthusiasm!*

Sincerely,

*The Girlfriends of the
Woman's Club of Stuart*

Membership

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 28th 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.

The December Luncheon for Members and Guests will be held at Mariner Sands Country Club on December 18th. The cost is \$26. Please get your check to Pam Evert as soon as possible.

Miscellaneous

Stuart Christmas Parade

December 6, 2019

from 7:00-9:00 PM

**with a view from the
Woman's Club lawn**

Theme: "It's a Green Christmas"

The GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart will not be marching in the parade this year. We will set out some chairs in front of the Woman's Club building, reserved for members. You are welcome to bring your own chairs. Space is "first come first serve".

The building will be closed and locked. Emergency use of our bathroom, for members, will be available. Jacqui LaLone or Paula Rosen will open the building and escort those who need it.

Come join us. We will not be providing snacks so bring your own if you wish.

December Birthdays



Rusty Landgren—12/2

Christa Norton Canavan—12/3

Pam Catalfumo – 12/8

Paula Rosen - 12/7

Diane Forrest - 12/12

Regina Mogile – 12/12

Barbara Anne Iannozzi – 12/12

Ellen Moody – 12/14

Deena Rahill – 12/15

Joanne Helgren – 12/29

Marian Carpenter – 12/30

**Best Wishes on Your Birthday
and**

Throughout the Coming Year!



*Our December General Meeting
will be held on*

December 18, 2019

*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
December General Meeting
with Gail Kearney*

by Monday, December 16th

gkear@verizon.net.

*Make plans to attend this delightful
holiday luncheon.*

Merry Christmas