



Claire's Corner

September, 2020

Good Day to all members, your families and friends, pray all are well. How fast our summer passed and fall is here so soon. As this time has passed, our Pandemic in this World has changed us forever so much. Last we met, fun, laughter and new elections starting our new year 2020-2021 began then stopped! Our lives stopped, our joyful times stopped!

As we are slowly beginning our lives again and our meetings, we must keep our meetings only to 50 members. Seating at a distance, masks worn, all new rules for safety for all. No food or drinks, this meeting cannot be set up as before, so far. If anyone wants to bring their own individual drink for themselves or a snack because of health reasons, feel free. No coffee either is made. These are CDC rules and must be followed. Our first fall meeting will begin on Sept. 8th, 2020 at 1:00 P. M. Tuesday. Please let me know if you are attending at 954 - 464 -7734, or by e-mail or contact Marie Ettlinger, at 917- 903 -8488 or by e-mail to be sure of safety numbers allowed inside. Our speaker/sponsor for the meeting, will be Nicole Chapman, from Horizon Health Ins., Co.

Suggestions for small gatherings, helping with duties at club house, fund raisers and ideas for small local projects as we grow stronger together have begun. If you have any ideas, please let us know, too. Thank to Denise for donating 4 wooden TV tables for our clubhouse, we so appreciate all she does always!

Our ANNUAL 1st fundraiser for our club will be at Duffy's Sports Grill located at 401 N Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach 33441, on Tuesday, September 15th, from 5:00pm-11:00pm. Those of you who are Duffy's card members, will be able to receive double points! As you all know, we have almost no steady weekly or monthly income yet. Please join us to support a local restaurant, as well as our club – we will be raffling off a basket with with surprises. If you are more comfortable with take-out, you can come by to pick up a dinner to go! Our club will receive a percentage of all purchased made that night. Please be considerate and remember to keep groups to a maximum of 6 per table, and wear your masks at all times, except when you are seated at your own table. This is a great way to get back out there, see friends, and to help us start building our revenue for our club to continue for our daily expenses.

Please take a moment of silence in your own way and say some prayers for any members or family member for health and well-being, as some do not want names noted, cards are being sent by Marie too. If any members or families are in need of food, please let me know, as BSO Community Representatives have reached out to me directly at 954-464-7734.

Please look at flyer for our State GFWC Convention, Sept. 25 thru Sept. 27, 2020. As your president, I will be attending, and any members willing to cover all of their expenses are welcome. Deadline is September 3, 2020.

I hope to see you soon , maybe not all, but back at the clubhouse in time. Miss you all. God Bless you all, your families and friends, be safe, be blessed, and be healthy.

Respectfully and with kindness and love.
Your President,

Claire Riccardi



Your Clubhouse News

CLUB HOUSE MONTHLY REPORT: September 2020

Dear Members:

Hope all is well with you and your families. I am missing all of you very much!

***YOUR CLUB HOUSE needs some "TENDER LOVING CARE!" You can help!** The first Saturday is still in effect for your help. Ellyse Plotkin, Conservation Chair is person to contact.



Anytime you think you might be able to help just contact me, and I will make sure you have clubhouse access. Plenty of room to self -distance yourselves.

If you have an hour or two to help on Saturday mornings from 10-12, it would be most helpful.

Light gardening & inside cleaning help would be most appreciated.

Bring your garden gloves, a rake, and favorite small garden tools to help with the flower beds.

Major lawn services are continuing, so no heavy work.

***ROOF REPAIRS** are needed. Good news, main roof good for another 2 years, but some nail pops have to be addressed. Blowing rain during this rainy season causes water damage that is not good. The Board approved the \$875.00 estimate for repairs to be done as soon as funds are available.

Any donation (tax deductible) to our club is greatly appreciated, together we can get this done as soon as possible. There is a lot of rain ahead in next couple of months.

Club now has internet **Wi Fi service** and **Virtual Zoom Meetings** are possible. Officers, club chairpersons, and renters are able to utilize this service.

*Had a leak in the **Backflow System** that was inspected in July. Has been repaired.

***RENTALS:** AA's meeting Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Some small family events of less than 50 guests have taken place.

Orchid Society will not meet until January. It has graciously donated \$375.00 (monies paid in advanced rental fees.) for Club use.

***Kudos to the Orchid Society.** A church is scheduled for Sunday nights.

Our monthly income is less than ½/month since the shutdown. The club has cut back expenses as much as possible, but some bills are not applicable.

With your help and prayers, we can be hopeful that our lives will not continue in such a stagnant atmosphere.

Thanks for all you do!

Friends in Federation,

Marti Mc Geary

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Please click on this link for information about Broward County Food Banks & Food Pantries:

<https://thewestsidegazette.com/fort-lauderdale-and-broward-county-food-banks-and-free-pantries/>



from the Evening Division

Dear Members,

We had a very informative and idea sharing experience at the August Evening Division Meeting.

Member Debbie Rollo who leads the Art and Cultural Department attended and spoke about having members get together at the club house and paint rocks and do Decoupage items. She showed a couple of sample rocks she has painted and an idea is to write a short message on the back and then leave them in places where others may pick them up. Decoupage or *découpage* is the art of decorating an object by gluing colored paper cutouts onto it in combination with special paint effects, gold leaf and other decorative elements. Commonly, an object like a small box or an item of furniture is covered by cutouts from magazines or from purpose-manufactured papers.

Marti McGeary announced the Art Competition will take place in February. It was suggested the vote be taken on a Saturday morning at the Club House so that both day and evening members can be involved. Our club winners will then be sent to the District 13 competition in March.

Since there are not any organized clean the beach events going on it is suggested 2 or 3 members meet at the beach and pick up trash. I contacted the Pier and they do not have the trash buckets available for use at this time – but take your own bucket or trash bag and make our beach look better. You know Ellyce, head of the Environment Community Service, does this many times a week.

Claire Ricarddi, head of Health and Wellness read an informational sheet. Member Katy Freitag suggested members write THANK YOU notes to all of the employees at Broward Health North Hospital. Bring the notes to the September, Day or Evening, meeting and Katy will deliver them. Please don't seal the envelope as I am having a very special 7-year-old draw pictures to include with your cards.

Evening news, continued...

Member Mary McKenna leads the Education & Library Department and she was not able to attend the meeting. Debbie Rollo talked about the 2 libraries in Deerfield Beach being open for pick up service. Call the library and they will have books or audio books ready for you. Percy White 954-357-7680 or Century Plaza 954-357-7740. Katy Freitag also talked about our club decorating a special chair to be donated to libraries where volunteers can sit and read to children. In many cases these will be via a webinar. I passed out the score sheet and cover letter member Elle Mills developed for the scholarships that were awarded this year and she said our club can continue to use both of them as they are very helpful in narrowing down the applicants.

Another big discussion was held on holding club meetings via zoom. The main thing is that someone who is familiar with how these meetings take place and how important it is to have a “moderator” to be sure the meeting is run in the best manner.

Over the past few weeks I have emailed members information about 2 programs available for Deerfield citizens if they need some financial assistance. I realized we have 16 members who don't use email. I put together information about these programs, writing Thank You notes to hospital workers, and library services – printed them and paid for the postage and mailed to these members. Contact Vicki Placide-Pickard 954-571-2675 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Contact Community Development Department 954-480-6420 for help with rent, mortgage or utilities.

If you have any ideas of things for our members to be involved with please send me a note or an email.

Please take care and stay well.

Denise Bogner,

Director Evening Division

Rental Assistance Program started in Broward opened 9/1, and it covers between 60% and 75% of unpaid rent between April and August but landlords must agree to accept the partial rent as full payment. Applications will be accepted online at Broward.org/CARES until Sunday, September 6 at 10pm. A special call center has been established for any questions at 954-831-2380.

Dues are due! \$40 payable to GFWC Woman's Club Deerfield Beach.. \$52 if you receive a printed version.

Mail to:

*Eleanore De Boo
253 NW 42nd Way
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442*



Develop your Leadership & Communication Skills: ZOOM Training Sessions Offered to All Club Members

Laura Connelly, GFWC FLORIDA Communications Chair, has generously offered to hold some ZOOM Leadership training sessions and you are invited to attend. If you feel you would like a to learn about Leadership or need a refresher, you are encouraged to sign up. Fun to learn with other clubs!

Dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday - September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Hosts training

Thursday - September 17 at 10:00 a.m. Participant training

Monday - September 28 at 6:30 p.m. Participant training

Tuesday - September 29 at 1 p.m. Hosts training

Please send an email to Laura Connelly at email address: communications@gfwcflorida.org

Laura will be limiting each session so sign up soon is necessary.

Thanks for all you do!

Friends in Federation,

Marti Mc Geary

GFWC FLORIDA District 13 Director



Representing our club as District 13 Director I will be attending the GFWC FLORIDA "Celebrations" Convention, September 25-27 in Orlando, FL. Katy Freitag, D13 Treasurer, and Kitty Cole, D13 Chaplain, will be joining me.

We will be bringing back a lot of information and tips for planning in the areas of:

[Arts and Culture](#), [Civic Engagement and Outreach](#), [Education and Libraries](#), [Environment](#), [Health and Wellness](#) and [Signature Programs](#): [Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Awareness and Prevention](#), [Human Trafficking](#) and [Advocates for Children](#).

Our winning Art projects from February will be entered into the Art Competition. Wish Mary Unterbrink, Kitty Cole, and Rita Masi luck!

Thanks for all you do!

Marti Mc Geary

GFWC FLORIDA District 13 Director

Please say prayers for Peter Welch that he may rest in peace. Peter is the US Marine Vietnam Veteran, who I took on the Honor Flight, as we lost him Friday. Please keep his son Daniel, wife and family in your



thoughts. How sad, another Hero is gone. He was a great husband, father, and a proud American soldier. He was a true gentleman, who was gentle, kind and loving to his family, friends and mankind for his military years too. I was proud and honored to stand by his side or wheel him around that wonderful sunny day in Washington. May God bless him always. He may be gone, but will never be forgotten.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Irene Westrom 9/1 Kathryn Bishop 9/6
Marie Ettlinger 9/13 Linda Marshall 9/13
Jody Nelson 9/24 Lucienne Bonina 9/27
Carletta Nonziato 9/27 Eleanore DeBoo 9/29

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MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Club Meetings
 at the Club House

2nd Tuesday of every month Sept. - May 1 p.m.
 3rd Wednesday of the month, All Year, 7 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR BROWARD NORTH – Please do not seal the envelope of your Thank you cards as I have a fabulous 7 year old girl who is going to draw thank you pictures and we will include with everyone’s note.

Member Debbie Rollo spoke at the Evening meeting this week that services are available at both Deerfield Libraries. She said they have audio books in addition to regular print books.

Walk-up/Drive-up Service

All Broward County Libraries, with the exception of Galt Ocean Mile Reading Center and the Nova Southeastern University Alvin Sherman Library, currently offer Walk-up/Drive-up Service. **Check branch hours as they vary by location.**

You can pick up reserved library materials in a safe manner while Broward County Libraries remain closed to the public. You may reserve books, DVDs and other library materials using our online catalog or by calling your local library. Library staff are unable to provide customers with any materials that have not been reserved ahead of time. You must have a Broward County Library card to reserve library materials.

Walk-Up/Drive-Up Service

- Library staff will call customers with reserved items to let them know their items are available for checkout via our new Walk-up/Drive-up Service.
- When arriving to pick up materials, customers should call the library when they are in the parking lot.
- For Walk-up Service: Library staff will exit the library and place the customer’s items on a table. Customers can then approach the table and retrieve their items.
- For Drive-up Service: Library staff will exit the library and hand the items to the customer through their car window. To ensure a safe and efficient hand-off, items will be placed in plastic bags.
- Customers must wear a facial covering to participate in this service.
- **RETURNS: deposit materials at any Broward County Library book drop. Interlibrary Loan items may be placed in book drop of branch where it was picked up.**

Deerfield/Percy White Library

Public library
837 E Hillsboro Blvd
(954) 357-7680

Century Plaza/Leon Slatin Branch

Public library
1856 W Hillsboro Blvd A · In Century Plaza Shopping Center
(954) 357-7740

Robotic Pets & MP3 Players For Isolated Seniors

DEERFIELD BEACH, FL – A Robotic Pet or preloaded MP3 Player are helping isolated seniors and individuals with Alzheimer’s disease avoid loneliness and boredom.

The Department of Elder Affairs is offering free robotic cats, dogs, or preloaded MP3 Players. The robotic pet or MP3 player will be delivered directly to the senior’s or caregiver’s home.

The interactive pets help combat social isolation and depression among older individuals and people living with Alzheimer’s disease by improving overall mood and quality of life. Seniors, caregivers, and those living with dementia may benefit by listening to music by reducing stress or distress and enhancing their moods.

Orders can be placed by contacting the Center for Active Aging at (954) 480-4449.

Also, please refer to the Department of Active Aging at www.dfb.city for an activity listing of current virtual and live programming by the Center.

For additional information, contact the Center for Active Aging at (954) 480-4449.

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Hello Friends,

I wanted to inform everyone about some work that is about to be performed in our district by the Florida Department of Transportation. There will be road closures due to a reclaimed water pipeline project that will begin this Sunday, August 30. There will be an intersection shutdown of S.W. 10th Street at Powerline Road on the weekend of September 11. North to south traffic will be largely unimpacted. However, east to west traffic at that intersection will be detoured.

Northbound and southbound Powerline Road between S.W. 10th Street and Wiles Road in Deerfield Beach, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Friday, October 16, three of the six lanes will be closed for pipe installation.

For more information, please contact Russell Morris with FDOT at (954) 644-9148 or visit

http://www.d4fdot.com/bcfdot/BC-Utility_Closures.asp.

Have a good weekend!

Todd Drosky
Commissioner