



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

THE "BUZZ"

I never thought I would be advising you to remember to wear a sweater to keep

warm. I usually look forward to the few cooler days that comet every winter, but I have had enough now, I want my warm Florida back.





Now I want to brag a little bit-----Our " Laundry Day Library " for children in disadvantaged areas was a great success. Members donated 130 new children's

books and we have some donated money to buy a few more books. We plan to put them in baskets in laundry mats where children will be invited to read them while their family does the laundry. They will all have a sticker saying they were donated by Deerfield Beach Woman's Club. Children may take a book home as

long as they return it or replace it with another book when they come back. Our goal is to expose more children to books and a solid learning experience. we will keep an eye on our baskets and replenish when necessary.

Congratulations, Carolyn Mc Namara, Club Volunteer of the Year 2021! See you Tuesday! Bobbi Jo







FEBRUARY IS CLUB ART COMPETITION

TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 8: BRING YOUR ENTRY TO THE MEETING BY 12 WOULD HELP

Know you have been working on your projects for 2021. Must be entered into the Club Competition to qualify for GFWC District and State Competitions. Contact Debbie Rollo or Marti Mc Geary for any questions. Hundreds of categories, Fine Arts, Crafts, Needlework, Sewing, Photography. You always make us proud! Gabriella, local artist will be judging. Debbie Rollo Art Chair, Marti Mc Geary Co Chair.



GFWC WOMMAN'S CLUB OF DEERFIELD BEACH



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2021



Leadership and Commitment are shown and recognized by GFWC as the backbone of our member clubs. Coming from a family of ten siblings, Carolyn McNamara knows the importance of Teamwork and Prioritizing. She has demonstrated these attributes by her involvement in GFWC since joining The GFWC Woman's Club in 2004. Her dedication to volunteerism, individual and City and community charitable projects, and the needs of the club are shown as she takes up leadership roles with

enthusiasm and commitment to excellence. Having been elected 2021 Recording Secretary of the club and participating in committee projects she demonstrates her commitment to the Club Mission.

This year, 2021, Covid greatly depleted fundraising and financial income from rentals for many GFWC clubhouses. Our club is no exception. As a Lifetime Club Member, Carolyn believes in GFWC Club History and as a businesswoman recognizes a Clubhouse as a viable and visible asset in carrying out that mission. She knows financial expenses are never ending with property ownership, so she personally donated \$500.00 to the Building Fund and designed and underwrote cost of two large banner signs to advertise rental meetings and events. Carolyn spearheaded a writing campaign for club members to solicit donations for the clubhouse roof replacement. Brought on by the collapse of the condo in Miami, the club was hit with a State 40-Year Building inspection having only a few months to comply. Biding contractors were way out of our realm until Carolyn contacted and provided the structural engineer that saved thousands of club dollars, and all was completed in time. She contributes to the cost of the club newsletter by paying and advertising in our Monthly Newsletter.

Carolyn finds time in her busy schedule to be actively involved with our volunteer projects. She helped with the "Mother's Day Flower and Plant Sale", collecting, and selling. She donated items and prepared" Hurricane Preparedness Bags for the homeless. She donated clothing and household goods, and donated, copied, and distributed advertisement flyers for the "Raise Our Roof Rummage Sale". She assisted with Gateway Community Center filling and distributing Thanksgiving Dinners for families in need. She supports our club commitment and working with the Salvation Army by donating personal goods and monetary donations. Carolyn continues her commitment to our involvement in Education by serving her third year as a member of the Scholarship Committee and in helping families with autistic children. She knows financial expenses are never ending with property ownership, so she personally donated \$500.00 to the Building Fund and designed and underwrote cost of two large banner signs to advertise rental meetings and events. Carolyn spearheaded a writing campaign for club members to solicit donations for the clubhouse roof replacement. She donated items and prepared" Hurricane Preparedness Bags for the homeless. She donated clothing and household goods, and donated, copied, and distributed advertisement flyers for the "Raise Our Roof Rummage Sale". She assisted with Gateway Community Center filling and distributing Thanksgiving Dinners for families in need. She supports our club commitment and working with the Salvation Army by donating personal goods and monetary donations.

Carolyn rarely misses a club meeting, helping with a project or attending a social function. She attends GFWC meetings as much as possible. She attended the 2021 District 13 ADM at the Davie Woman's Club on November 12, 2021.So, with working full time and all she does for the woman's club you might wonder how Carolyn finds time to attend City of Deerfield Beach Commission Meetings and serve on the <u>Deerfield Beach Affordable Housing Committee</u>. But there she is smiling and serving!

Carolyn McNamara exemplifies the dedication, confidence, and leadership character traits of what it means to be a GFWC Clubwoman. She is priceless!



EVENING MEETING DIRECTOR DENISE BOGNER



Unfortunately, Abbie was not able to present her program for the January Evening meeting. Marti stepped up and we all enjoyed her discussing books she taught to her 5th grade students -- I think we all learned something from her.



High School Students in Deerfield need people to help mentor them. I hope some of our members will step up – see information below.

Take Stock in Children of Broward County

Broward's County's low-income, at-risk student population, only 66% graduate from high school and only 53% are expected to enroll in college within the first year of high school graduation.

In response, the City of Deerfield Beach has partnered with Take Stock in Children to mentor High School students at Deerfield Beach High School. Take Stock in Children built an innovative intervention model, providing these students with academic assistance, college readiness, a college scholarship, and, most importantly, mentorship. All students enrolled in Take Stock in Children are paired with an adult volunteer in the community to provide that student with the extra support and stability needed to achieve success.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Become a Mentor Today. Please contact Kayla Rae Ahlness for an application or additional information at <u>kahlness@takestockbrowardfl.org</u>. For additional information, please contact the Community Services Department at (954) 480-6420 or <u>VWyatt@deerfield-beach.com</u>.

RAIL SAFETY



Dear Members,

As someone who rode Tri-Rail for 15 years going to and from work, I want to share some safety facts to raise everyone's awareness. A Deerfield Beach resident lost her life in a freight train accident along with nine others in December, & January on Brightline. Amtrack also runs every day in our area..

Here are a few safety reminders and facts for you to know:

RAIL FACTS

- **Some** trains can travel up to 80 mph.
- It takes more than a mile for some trains to stop.
- An approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.

Continued ...

Whether you are walking, riding your bike or driving a car, here are some simple "Do's" and "Don'ts"

DO'S

- Stay behind the stop line or gate while waiting for the train to pass.
- Wait for the gates to go up completely before crossing.
- Look both ways to ensure there are no other trains coming.
- Use sidewalks or other designated crossings.

Obey all signals and warning signs.

DON'TS

- Go around or under the gates when they go down. •
- Stop on the tracks.
- Take shortcuts along or over the tracks this is trespassing. •
- Talk on the phone, text or listen to your headphones when crossing the tracks.

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Extend your arms, legs or any other body part past the gates or stop bar.

If you see a damaged sign, obstructed view, or signal malfunction, call the railroad's emergency number which is posted on or near the crossing.

If you see a stalled vehicle or person walking on the tracks, call the railroad's emergency number or dial 911.

Please be aware and take care, Denise Bogner



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.dbwc.org



Angela Grasso 02/02, Carolyn McNamara 02/03, Debbie Rollo 02/06,

Connie Kroupa 02/08, Barbara Gardner 02/10, Fay Swalley 02/15,

Sally Levitt 02/19, Sylvia Ruggiero 02/20



INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS

EDUCATION - Abbie Bargloski 3rd VP

"Book Nook" books are being made ready for distribution to four designated locations.

Updated BRACE **contact** list is now complete and ready for the scholarship applications to be distributed to area high schools.

HEALTH & WELLNESS - Claire Riccardi Past President

When to Quarantine for Covid

If you were exposed, <u>Quarantine</u> when you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Calculating Quarantine: The date of your exposure is considered day 0. **Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has had COVID-19.** Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days. <u>Learn why CDC updated guidance for the general public</u>

HOSPITALITY— Mickey Rosenkranz -TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

It's fun to help! Contact Mickey, 954-708-2318. misharose52@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER

Upcoming meetings contact Marie Ettlinger, 917 903-8488. ladiem@aol.com



CLUBHOUSE & RENTALS - Katy Freitag, 2nd V.P.



The club relies on rental meetings and events to pay our bills, support our scholarship fund and other club fundraising projects. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Promote our club to those you do business with, your friends and family. Fundraising Projects are in the works and you shall be called on to VOLUNTEER! The club is a long way from the estimated \$20,000 needed for the new roof.

<u>Advertising is a Must!</u> Please consider mentioning renting of the building to your family and friends! Great location and ready for all your partying needs.

<u>Go Fund Me page on Facebook:</u> posted by Carolyn Mc Namara, Share with friends and business associates to raise funds for our much needed roof! <u>https://gofund.me/770403da</u>

ANY QUESTIONS: Just call 954-421-4700 Press 1

Helping those in need is a strategic part or our Club Mission and General Federated Women's Clubs worldwide! Keep track of the hours you spend in participating in our club's sponsored volunteer projects and report them in writing to our President, Bobbi Jo. We partner with other organizations and complete our own projects. You should participate in at least one volunteer opportunity and one event annually.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Deerfield Beach Art Festival: February 19 & 20. The club plans to have a booth to promote our club . Needed are volunteers to spend a few hours (3 hours) for this event to be at our table and to speak to the passers-by and give our brochures. If you haven't participated in a club event this is a FUN way to spend a couple of hours with friends and then enjoy seeing or even buyng he beautiful arts and crafts, and have lunch or dinner together.. Look for the sign-up sheet Tuesday or call Bobbi Jo. Get t a couple of friends to sign up at our Day Meeting Tuesday The Art Festival is a great city event. Our Club shall only continue in the future by the works, and dedication of the present members. You are needed and appreciated!

GFWC President's Project/Day of Service during February, tied around Valentine's Day.

What can we do to reach out to our community? A simple idea sometimes turns out to be SUPER affective. Contact Bobbi Jo with your suggestion! bobbijofla@gmail.com



DISTRICT 13 NEWS & VIEWS Marti Mc Geary GFWC DD 13



Dear Members:

There were two clubs nominating a District 13 Volunteer of the Year 2021, GFWC Coral Springs Woman's Club and GFWC WC of Deerfield Beach. Both. candidates are very deserving of this honor and would make us very proud to represent our District 13 at Spring Convention in May.

The candidate chosen was voted on by members of three clubs that did not nominate a candidate.

Congratulations to Terri Inkley, of the GFWC Coral Springs Woman's Club, chosen District 13 Volunteer of the Year 2021.

If you attend Spring Convention, you will have the opportunity to meet her in person. She is truly a dynamic leader and supporter of GFWC! Also look for her at our next Spring District Meeting, am sure she will be there.

Helen Ankerman of Plantation Woman's Club is the District Director for 2022-2024. She will be planning this meeting and sending out the Call in a few months.

Carol Johnson, District Art Competition Chair has sent details to the club presidents about the competition event, Saturday, March 5, to o be held at the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach.

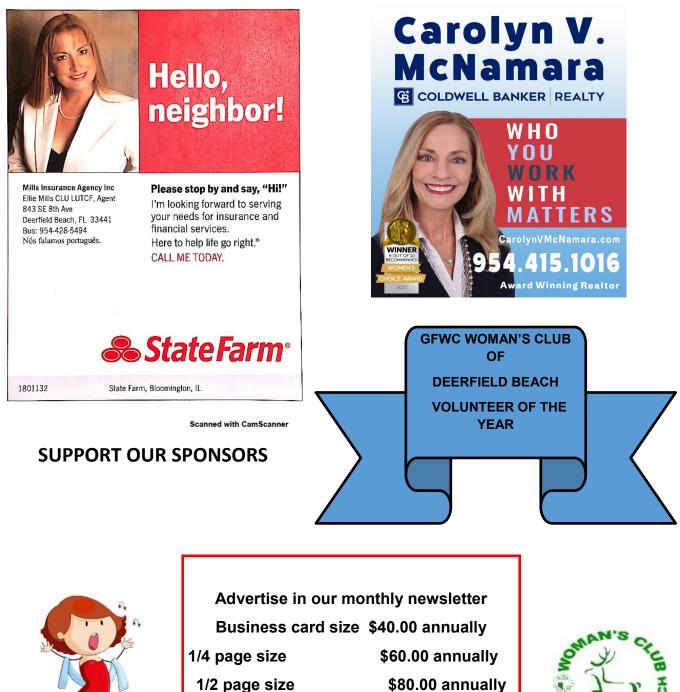
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1st place winning entries in club art competitions will have the opportunity to win at district level and then to enter the state competition. Good luck to all for all the beautiful and creative things you do!

Friends in Federation!

Thank you for all you do!

Marti Mc Geary DD13



Renewals are due September 1st. Please provide your digital artwork (non-pdf) to Katy Freitag at Katyfreitag@yahoo.com





With KINDNESS!

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION - THROUGH THE YEARS HIGHLIGHTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Just a friendly reminder...

FEBRUARY

Feb. 14 - GFWC Florida President's Project/Day of Service

Feb. 19 - GFWC Florida LEADS

Feb. 19 – 20 Deerfield Beach Parade and Art Festival

VOLUNTEER

MARCH

March 6 - Deerfield WC Election of Officers District 13 Art Competition

Our Newsletter is a very important to keep our members up to date on all our club activities and meetings. HELP IS NEEDED! If you have Publisher or Word on your computer, it is easy to do a newsletter like this. You will get lots of help from me and other members to get you started. Other officers and members will send you information and photos to use. Think, a couple of you can form a committee to work together. Any hours spent on this newsletter are reported a s Volunteer Hours. Please contact me, Marti Mc Geary, 609-742-0549

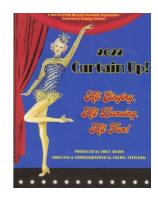


Supporting Disadvantaged

Children Through the Art of Dance & Song!

Contact Vivian Jeffers for dates and locations.

954 - 426- 4838



The "Call to Convention" will be sent out around the third week in March with a TENTATIVE schedule. The theme for this Convention is "CHOOSE JOY", a wonderful, positive hope for the future. May 20-23, 2022.