

# The Red Hibiscus



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## Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club

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## Club Address Returns to 20 South Andrews Avenue

On Friday, January 14, 2011, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on the stairs of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club with Mayor Jack Seiler, Vice-Mayor Romney Rogers, Commissioner Bobby DuBose and members of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club in attendance.

Architect Susan McClellan, Louis Friend of Friendly Construction and Building Chair Genia Duncan Ellis proudly presented the building to the membership and public viewing. The ceremony marked the completion of Phase 1 renovations, a project that commenced 10 years ago. It also returned the building location and front of the Club to its original orientation and street address of 20 South Andrews Avenue. At 100 years of age, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club continues their many missions, giving back to the community with a tag line of "a century of citizenship."



*The mission of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is to engage the women of Fort Lauderdale as volunteers who make a recognizable difference in addressing civic, educational, cultural and humanitarian needs in our community and beyond.*



Member of GFWC and GFWC Florida

## Important Dates

### FLWC General Meeting and 'It's a BIG Pasta Festa' Fundraiser

Friday, April 15 — \$15

6:00 to 9:30 pm

Clubhouse

Spaghetti Dinner, Wine and Dessert

Chairs: Cindi Hutchison & Jo Ann Smith

### GFWC Florida

#### 2011 Spring Convention

Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1

Rosen Plaza, Orlando

Contact: Jo Ann Smith

### Centennial Fish Fry

Saturday, May 7— Volunteers Needed  
4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Fort Lauderdale History Center  
Earn NCIP/BCIP points for the Club!

Contact: Genia Duncan Ellis

### Fort Lauderdale Women's History Walking Tour

Saturday, May 7— Free  
2:00 to 3:00 pm

Meet on North side of Library

Tour Guide: Mae Silver

### Broward Women's Choral Concert

Sunday, May 15 — Free  
3:00 to 4:00 pm

Clubhouse

Wine and Cheese

Organizer: Mae Silver

### FLWC General Meeting 'Kentucky Derby' Luncheon

Friday, May 20 — \$5  
12:00 to 1:30 pm

Clubhouse

Chair: Jo Ann Smith

## Holiday Party and Officer Installation



(left) Alice Sakhovnsky, Jo Ann Smith, Jeri Pryor, Genia Duncan Ellis, Gretchen Thompson, Mae Silver, Jean Crocker Deering, Kathy Schauer, Susan McClellan



Andy and Jean Deering with toys for Jack & Jill



Susan O'Leary and Edna Salg



Broward Women's Chorus



Diane Congdon and Sybil Cotton

We were so happy to see so many Club members, friends and family attend our annual Holiday Party on December 17. Our Clubhouse twinkled like a star with the help from **Mae Silver** (Event Chair), several 'elves' (Club members) and our newly installed windows facing Andrews Avenue. All the attendees could not stop talking about how much the renovation transformed our little old clubhouse into a warm new home. The holidays would not be complete without carols and the Broward Women's Choral Group sang several. The crowd especially enjoyed their lively rendition of '12 Days of Christmas' as seen in picture above.

With the change to our By-laws last year, the party also served as a festive occasion to install the Club's new officers. Past-President **Alice Sakhovnsky** lead the ceremony and presented each officer with a gift of fruit representing their role on the Board of Directors. Here are a few examples of Alice's gifts: President, **Jo Ann Smith** "you are the top banana"; 1st Vice President, **Jeri Pryor** "you are the apple of the eye of the President"; 2nd Vice President, **Genia Duncan Ellis** "moving up the ladder of leadership, you can make something good even from lemons"; Membership Secretary, **Kathy Schauer** "like grapes, you help grow membership from one to many"; Corresponding Secretary, **Mae Silver** "like a strawberry has many uses, you have to wear many hats"; Architect, **Susan McClellan** "like an orange seed that is planted, you help the Club's building grow and blossom."



## The Story of 'Our Piano'

— submitted by Mae Silver



Our interior looks gorgeous, doesn't it? And so now our stately baby grand piano also looks grand! There is a plaque on the piano that reads it is a gift from **Mrs. Thomas M. Harrison** who was our president twice: first 1954-55, then 1960-61 when she donated the piano in honor of all the presidents of the Club. In researching further, I called the New York City Steinway Company that sent me the following information in a letter which is now inside the piano bench. Our piano is a New York Living Room Grand Model L in Ebony finish. It was completed on September 17, 1960 and sold to the Morgan Piano Company of Miami, Florida that same day. In 1960 the New York retail value of the model was \$3,790.00.



Pianist from Broward Women's Choral Group

Some of you might not know that we recently tuned our piano, repaired it's "broken leg" and put it on a track which makes it easier to move around and less of a threat for damage. When the **Broward Women's Chorus** recently serenaded us at our Holiday Party in December and again at our 100th Birthday in January, our piano sounded good but it will probably need another tuning soon. If you are interested in helping the Club maintain this priceless gem and keeping it in pitch perfect, please contact me.

Thank you!

**Mae** Call: 954-779-1707

**SAVE THE DATE! Broward Women's Choral Performance**  
**Sunday, May 15 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Clubhouse**  
**Wine and cheese — Free to members and friends!!**

## Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club Celebrates it's 100th Birthday!

On Saturday, January 15 the Club hosted a 'Bubble Q' fundraiser. Event chair, **Jo Ann Smith**, welcomed the community into our Clubhouse and surrounding grounds in celebration of our 100th birthday. In attendance were Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor **Romney Rogers** (on left in above photo) and Oakland Park City Commissioner (and Club member) **Anne Sallee** who paid tribute to the past/current Club members for their 100 years of dedication and citizenship.



Thank you to our sponsors, underwriters, auction donors, volunteers and guests who made this event possible. Also our gratitude goes to **Annette Ross** (in photo to left) and her assistant **Emma** for making the centerpieces; and to

**Donna Richardson and Ed Post** for coordinating a fabulous silent auction with more than 30 baskets, including two huge 'wagons of wine' compiled by donations from Club members. Major sponsors included: **BB&T, Downtown Development Authority, AutoNation, Ellis Consulting and Mae Silver.**

On Friday, January 21 at the Club's general monthly meeting, over 100 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful birthday party chaired by **Mae Silver**. Hospitality Chair, **France Karr**, baked and decorated a delicious birthday cake for the occasion, and coordinated club members to make replicated recipes from 100 years ago.



County Historian and longtime member, **Helen Landers**, was our featured speaker and entertainment was provided by the **Broward Women's Chorus**. Honored guests included representatives from the **Seminole Tribe, Girl Scouts, Port Everglades Commission, Broward County Library, Red Cross, Department of Children and Families, Old Dillard School and the YMCA**, all of whom FLWC had assisted at some point in their history.



## 2011 Arts & Crafts Show — Members Win Blue Ribbons at Club and District!

— submitted by *Margarethe Sorensen, Chair*



On Saturday, February 26, our newly renovated Clubhouse was the venue for the District Arts and Crafts Show. This show was made up of entries from all the Woman's Clubs in District 13. Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club had eleven entries who were the first place (blue ribbon) winners from our Club Show held during our luncheon on February 18. Club Show winners were: **Susan O'Leary, Eugenia Duncan Ellis, Bev Hoppe, Marilyn Romano, Sue Ellyn Long, Donna Bruno, Ann Mihaiu, Alice Sakhnovsky, Edna Salg and Susan McClellen.**

The judges at the District 13 Show awarded four blue ribbons to FLWC ladies: **Eugenia Duncan Ellis** for her painted pearl necklace, **Bev Hoppe** for her pearl beaded wedding veil, **Ann Mihaiu** for scenic photograph and **Edna Salg** for greeting card made from parchment. All these entries are going on to the State of Florida Contest.

Congratulations to all our winning ladies. And many thanks to everyone who participated. I would like to extend a special thank you to Georgia McGraw (on right in above photo) from the Gold Coast Water Color Society, who judged our Club Show, and all the wonderful volunteers who provided their time and talents in helping organize both our Club and District Shows: **Bev Hoppe, Donna Richardson, Alice Sakhnovsky, Genia Ellis, Cindi Hutchinson and Ann Mihaiu.**



*Marilyn Romano, a blue ribbon winner in 2011 FLWC Arts & Crafts Show!*

*Margarethe*

## Home Life Committee — Volunteers Needed!

— submitted by *Donna Richardson, Chair*

What's Home Life all about? It's about US as individuals – our physical, mental and financial well-being. It's about US as a group of volunteers giving back to our community. We do this by our association to various local and national organizations.

We are currently involved with:

- ◆ Breast Cancer Awareness
- ◆ Women in Distress
- ◆ Jack & Jill Children's Center
- ◆ Broward Outreach for the Homeless

And some we can pursue are:

- ◆ Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement
- ◆ Canine Companions for Independence
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity International
- ◆ Alzheimer's Association
- ◆ Women's Heart Foundation
- ◆ March of Dimes Foundation

So, please think about joining our team – we share a unique opportunity to not only support and serve our community but ourselves, as members of this Club. Send me an email if you're interested and/or have any ideas for events or causes that you'd like to see us get involved with. I'd also like to know if you have any recommendations for people who represent 'home life' organizations that could speak at one of the Club's general meetings. Thanks very much!



*Bev Hoppe (left), Alice Sakhovnsky (right middle) and Donna Richardson (right) deliver toys to Jack & Jill Children's Center*

**Donna** E-mail: [flwchomelife@yahoo.com](mailto:flwchomelife@yahoo.com) // Call: 954-762-9444

## Update on Membership and Mentor Program

— submitted by Kathy Schauer, Membership Secretary



As our 2011 Club yearbook/directory is ready to go to press, we are happy to announce that we have 115 new and renewing members on the roster.

I am also excited to say that we are planning to reinstate the New Member Mentor Program. This program pairs a new member with a current member who can answer questions, provide support and assist them in acclimating to the Club. This is an important program and we appreciate your participation. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. We need Mentors and a Mentor Coordinator.

Thank you!

**Kathy**

Call: 954-954-832-0740 or 201-406-0248

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## Birthdays



### March

Linda Gibboney — 03/03

Jo Ann Smith — 03/04

Ellen Ferrelli — 03/09

Jeannie Burke — 03/13

Carol Call — 03/13

Cindi Hutchison — 03/16

Joanne Richter — 03/17

Joan Mendez — 03/18

Jackie Hill — 03/24

Jeryl Madfis — 03/30

### April

Susan Gillis — 04/01

Kitty Preziosi — 04/02

Maureen Kelley — 04/08

Susie Flynn — 04/19

Gloria Atterberry — 04/22

Ramola Motwani — 04/26

### May

Stephanie Fenton — 05/04

Gwynne Beatty—05/08

Dodie Keith-Lazowick — 05/10

Louise Stahly — 05/10

Rochelle Horowitz — 05/12

Valerie Taylor — 05/18

Sue Ellyn Long — 05/24

## Please welcome our new members that joined since January!

- ◆ Dr. Linda Balent
- ◆ Arlene Bothwell
- ◆ Petula Celeste Burks
- ◆ Linda Gibboney
- ◆ Rochelle Horowitz
- ◆ Karen Long
- ◆ Dr. Priscilla V. Marotta
- ◆ DonnaLee Minott
- ◆ Louisa Nossell
- ◆ Patty Ribera
- ◆ Joanne Richter
- ◆ Maxine Singh
- ◆ Michelle Sweeting
- ◆ Charlette Ware
- ◆ Cynthia "Lynsie" Xerri



## CVC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

### "Centennial Fish Fry"

Saturday, May 7, 2011 — 4:30pm to 8:00pm

Fort Lauderdale History Center  
219 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale



By supporting this event, the FLWC is able to earn valuable NCIP/BCIP match points to be used for future grants on behalf of the Club with the city. Volunteers needed for scooping ice cream, painting faces, collecting tickets and assistance with food distribution.

Please RSVP via email to [genia@goriverwalk.com](mailto:genia@goriverwalk.com)

## St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12

— submitted by Maureen Brennan Kelley (how's that for Irish?!)

Several volunteers gathered the night before the parade at Veronica DePadro's house to decorate our float. It was "better than high school and at least college level" with lots of green garland and gold for accent. The day of the parade I brought potatoes and cabbage leaves to toss to the crowd for their dinner, which is a tradition I learned from the parades in New Orleans. The crowd really enjoyed it and we gave the judges their own potatoes and cabbage leaf too! Even though our float did not win in our category, we all had lots of fun and represented the Club with pride!!



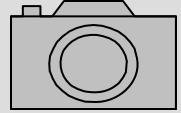
Maureen

Many thanks to: **Veronica DePadro and Louisa Nossell** for carrying the banner; **Jeri Pryor's daughters Cierra and Shasta, Margarethe Sorensen and Ann Mihaiu** for accompanying the float; **Jo Ann Smith** for contributing volunteers, the flat bed and gathering of decorating materials; **Dana Neil Oaklund** who drove the truck; and most importantly to the Club members who represented a "century of citizenship!"

- 1911 to 1921 - Mae Silver
- 1921 to 1931 - Jeri Pryor
- 1931 to 1941 - Alice Sakhovnsky
- 1941 to 1951 - Patty Ribera
- 1951 to 1961 - Edna Salg
- 1961 to 1971 - Emma, daughter of Louisa Nossell
- 1971 to 1981 - Sybil Cotton
- 1981 to 1991 - Larhonda Ware
- 1991 to 2001 - Sue Ellyn Long
- 2001 to 2011 - Maureen Kelley

### Welcome to the Shutterfly Share Site!

I have sent an invitation to each club member with an e-mail address to become a member of the "FLWC Shutterfly Share Site."



On this site you are able to view and download photos I have taken at our club meetings and events. You can also upload photos you have taken to this site as well. And the site has a calendar which I will attempt to keep updated with the Club's notices and happenings.

You can access the site from the *Red Hibiscus* page on our club's website or go to <http://flwc.shutterfly.com> directly.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I can help you get set-up.

Bev Email: [HapiHopi@aol.com](mailto:HapiHopi@aol.com)

