

The Red Hibiscus



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Celebrating 100 years, Red Hibiscus "Bubble Q"

— submitted by Jo Ann Smith, President and Event Chair

I am thrilled to report that restoration has begun on the Clubhouse (refer to page 6 for more information) and planning is well underway for our 100th anniversary party, the Red Hibiscus "Bubble Q" on Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm.

The "Bubble Q" will be held on the Clubhouse grounds (Stranahan Park) and we have already secured a tent from Show Management, a white picket fence from Stiles Management and musical entertainment by the Brass Evolution Band.

This is an important fundraiser as all proceeds will go to restoration of the Clubhouse. I urge members to get involved.

Initially we need support with securing sponsorships and underwriters to mitigate expenses. Later on, we'll need assistance with the auction and volunteers the night of the party.

To facilitate Club member participation, we'll have planning committee meetings in the evenings. Further details to be announced at the Friday, September 17 Club Meeting. On behalf of the Board, we appreciate your support in creating a successful event!



Clubhouse facing Andrews Avenue—1917

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

Citizens Volunteer Corp Landscape Project

Saturday, September 11
8:00 am to Noon
Stranahan Park, Downtown
Chair: Genia Ellis

FLWC General Luncheon Meeting

Friday, September 17
Noon to 1:00 pm
Clubhouse
Chair: Jeri Pryor

FLWC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Thursday, September 23
5:30 to 8:00 pm
Clubhouse
Chair: Jeri Pryor

'Glam Doll Strut' Breast Cancer Walk

Saturday, October 16
5:00 to 8:00 pm
Himmarshee Village, Downtown
Captains: Ann Mihaiu & France Karr

FLWC Orientation Luncheon Meeting

Friday, October 15
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Clubhouse
Chair: Bev Hoppe

Women in Distress Safewalk-Run 5K

Saturday, October 30
7:30 am (Start)
Markham Park, Sunrise
Chair: Alice Sakhnovsky



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OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

ESTABLISHING S•A•F•ESM
STOP ABUSE FOR EVERYONESM

Register for SAFEWALK 5K Today!

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Markham Park — 7:30 am start time

Each October, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, over 1,200 community members consisting of 50+ teams, individual walkers and runners take to the pavement to raise awareness about domestic violence and to raise funds for the much needed programs and services that Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. offers to victims of domestic violence in our community. This event is officially timed and awards are given to top finishers. All registrants receive a free breakfast and event t-shirt. Adults \$25.00 / Youth \$15.00.

To walk, run or donate to the Fort Lauderdale Women's Club Team, click on link to register www.womenindistress.org/safewalk-run.html.

FLWC Chair, Alice Sakhnovsky

Citizens Volunteer Corp (CVC) Landscape Project

Saturday, September 11 — 8:00 to Noon
Planting gardens surrounding FLWC Clubhouse in Stranahan Park



In conjunction with Branch Bank and Trust, the FLWC received a grant to continue work on our restoration. Included in the restoration plan is landscape needs that are going to be addressed with this project.

All FLWC members are invited to attend and participate. Refreshments Provided!

FLWC Chair, Genia Ellis
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Ready, Set, Go! Shoebox Christmas for Seafarers House!!



During November and December, Seafarers' House hopes to hand out 3,000 wrapped shoeboxes filled with socks, toiletries, and holiday cheer to the seafarers who come from all over the world into our Port Everglades. They are all so very far away from home and family during The holidays and these small gifts mean so much!

Standard items needed for Seafarers House volunteers to pack into shoeboxes:

athletic white socks, after shave, combs, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, shaving cream, soap/ shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, pencils/ pens/ pencil sharpeners and work gloves.

New items only, please! You may bring items to the FLWC general meetings (Sept./Oct.) or call Alice to meet you at Clubhouse on Tuesdays at Noon. Deadline, November 1.

FLWC Chair, Alice Sakhnovsky
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Shoebox Wrappers also needed! This is a great individual project that's fun! Start by collecting clean standard sized (approx. 11" X 7") ADULT SHOE BOXES from local shoe stores. Wrap or paint and decorate the box and the lid separately so that the lid can be removed for security inspections. For more information go to www.seafarershouse.org



Rally Held at Clubhouse

— submitted by Bev Hoppe

“Women for Alex,” an event that may be more meaningful after the outcome of the November elections, was held on August 18 at the FLWC Clubhouse. Democratic candidate for governor **Alex Sink** rented the Clubhouse for a rally. She was joined by **US Representative Debbie Wasserman Shultz**, **State Senator Nan Rich** and **Broward County Commissioner Kristen Jacobs** as well as approximately 100 supporters in a Democratic love fest for the gubernatorial hopeful.

Club Architect **Susan McClellan** used the opportunity to share her renderings of the renovated Clubhouse with the women, hoping they will remember FLWC when the vote for grants comes up again.

Other FLWC members attending the event were **Sue Long**, **Caroline Seabright**, **Mae Silver**, **Jean Deering**, **Kathy Schauer**, **Gretchen Thompson** and **Bev Hoppe**.



Caroline Seabright with Sen. Nan Rich



Susan McClellan, Gretchen Thompson with Alex Sink



14th Annual Calder Race Track Day



FLWC Fundraiser for Scholarships

Saturday, November 20
11:00 Prompt

Attire-Smart Casual
(no t-shirts, jeans or sneakers)

Tickets: \$40.00

Includes buffet luncheon in
Calder Turf Club, valet parking
and free program

Advance sales only!

Pick up tickets from Susie at
the Club Meetings. Make
checks payable to FLWC.



FLWC Chair: Susie Flynn
(954) 943-6283

Glam Doll Strut® on Saturday, October 16

Join FLWC 'Club Diva 100' Team Today!

In tribute of our upcoming 100th anniversary, we have set our team goal to obtain 100 donors to support this event. Donations will benefit research to assist young women diagnosed with breast cancer at University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Contact us to find out how you can help!

FLWC Team Captains:

France Karr 954-290-0347 // Ann Mihaiu 305-608-2828

To join our team or donate go to: www.glam-a-thon.com

All in a Summer's Work!

— submitted by Jeannie Burke

Two Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) grant projects were recently completed for Harbordale Elementary School intersections at 15th Street, Miami Road and 10th Avenue (near historic Evergreen Cemetery). Driving through these previously unmarked intersections on a daily basis and observing the increased traffic, with school children trying to walk or ride to school safely, was definitely an anxiety producing situation.

I was motivated to write these two NCIP grants and coordinate the projects, in memory of my uncle, Kevin Burke, who was killed at the age of 12 while riding his bike in New York City. I started with a phone call and an inquiry about the possibility of Harbordale Civic Association (HCA) providing possibly one paver band at the school's red light. Four years later and with the help of the wonderful City Neighborhood Services and School Board staff, dedicated construction crews, and supportive HCA members the projects are done, only on a much larger scale and better designed than was ever anticipated by all involved with the projects.

The newly elevated intersections with unique, traffic stopping designs will make it safer for school children and residents in the Harbordale neighborhood and for the vehicles passing through. Definitely stopping the traffic there now!

The two grant projects were a successful partnership of three entities: Harbordale Civic Association (HCA), The City of Fort Lauderdale, and Broward County Schools.



Jeannie Burke reviewing project design plans with City engineers



Spectacular view of 10th Ave & 15th Street intersection project.

Genia Ellis Recognized with NUSA Award

— submitted by Ann Mihai

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) awarded Genia Ellis the Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods award on May 28, 2010 in Little Rock, AR. The award recognizes those individuals whose work mirrors NUSA's mission: to build and strengthen neighborhood associations; to encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local governments; and to promote productive communications and collaborations between neighborhood associations, local governments, and the public/private sectors. Congratulations, Genia, on this well deserved award!



Genia Ellis receives NUSA award in Little Rock, AR

My Travels to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

— submitted by Sally Alshouse

Through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), I had the opportunity to travel to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to present an essay contest award in June. I shared with all of you my meeting with the guidance counselor last January for the unit school, WT Sampson School, located on the US military base in Guantanamo Bay.

There were four changes of my flight before I even left Fort Lauderdale, and a stop in Cap Hatien, Haiti before I finally touched down at the base in Guantanamo. I was greeted by young Marines with big guns and dogs sniffing my luggage, not warm and fuzzy but totally understandable. Thankfully, my sponsor, Lori Higgs, met me promptly and the adventure ensued.

The schedule of events was jam packed and included meeting and awarding fifth graders, matching wits with the high school juniors and finally presenting the award to the deserving young lady who was the recipient of the DAR award.



Birthdays



September

Ina Smith 09/03
 Suzanne Franklin 09/04
 Lois Perkins 09/07
 Linda Postyn 09/07
 Leslie Rambin 09/09
 Annette Ross 09/09
 Emily Farrell 09/12
 Pam Winston 09/12
 Christine Sjoblom 09/13
 Daryl Miller 09/15
 Gretchen Warder 09/16
 Rae Spellman 09/19
 Sharon Menish 09/24
 Edth Toogood 09/28

October

Annette Counihan 10/03
 Deb Duay 10/07
 Gwynne Beatty 10/08
 Helen Landers 10/9
 Jaye Abbate 10/15
 Ann Mihaiu 10/19
 Jody Petty 10/19
 Olga Adamo 10/27

In Memoriam



Gertrude F. Martin — 95



June Brisick — 89

Please welcome our new members!

- ◆ Gwynne Beatty
- ◆ Priscilla Bird
- ◆ Esther Blackman
- ◆ Doris Cotnoir
- ◆ Jackie Hill
- ◆ Linda Rodiman
- ◆ LarHonda Ware
- ◆ Sue Ann Warren



FLWC Member Orientation Luncheon — please plan to attend the Club Meeting on Friday, October 15

At our general meeting in October, members will have the opportunity to learn about the Club's national and state associations; General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and GFWC Florida. The luncheon program will include presentations from Linda Boyd, Past-President of GFWC Florida, and Darlene Vlazny, GFWC Florida District 13 Director.

Additionally you will have the option to speak with the FLWC Board and Community Service Chairs (Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs and Public Affairs) and find out more about how you can get involved with the various Club's volunteer and fundraiser activities. We hope you can join us for this informative luncheon. It will be good for new members, current members and potential members too!

Club's Restoration Has Begun!

— submitted by Genia Ellis, Building Chair

With their eye on the upcoming Centennial Year for the Club and for the City of Fort Lauderdale, we have launched an effort to restore the entryway of the historical building facing Andrews Avenue. Friendly Construction began porch restoration and demolition on August 31, 2010 with walls being cut out and concrete being removed.

Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club added another milestone to their history. On Friday, September 3, 2010, Mayor Jack Seiler and Vice Mayor Romney Rogers participated in the symbolic ground breaking and urged the Club to plan a fantastic event commemorating our history.

We'll share more updates with you as we move forward with the restoration!



(left to right) Bev Hoppe, Mae Silver, Jeannie Burke, Gretchen Thompson, Jean Deering, Edna Salg, Vice Mayor Romney Rogers, Jeri Pryor, Jo Ann Smith, Louis Friend, Susan McClellan, Mayor Jack Seiler, Genia Ellis, June Cox, Valerie Taylor and Kathy Schauer