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Giving back to the community, it is what we do!

— Message from the President, Jo Ann Smith

These past couple of months our club has been making a difference for our community. I would like to commend **Linda Postyn** for “strutting” in as Team Captain this year for the **Glam-A-Thon** for breast cancer on October 15 and **Donna Richardson** for “taking steps” as Team Captain in the **Women in Distress Safewalk Run** on October 29. More importantly thank you to all the club members who participated and donated to help make these two community events (see last page for more details) a huge success!



Coming up the next two months we have two more important fundraisers. My thanks to Education Chair, **Mae Silver**, for obtaining a ride on the Goodyear Blimp which we are raffling at the November meeting (see page 3) to raise money for the **Scholarship Fund**. The club has been awarding scholarships since 1924. For the past thirteen years **Suzie Flynn** organized a luncheon at the Calder Race Track for scholarships. This year Suzie has shifted lanes and I am grateful that she is leading the way in coordinating the **Centennial 50/50** special drawing project to help to raise funds for the ongoing clubhouse renovations. There will be only 100 tickets sold at \$100 each (better odds than the Lotto!) giving a grand total of \$10,000 which will be divided with \$5,000 for the club and \$5,000 for the winner. The winning ticket for the 50/50 will be drawn at the December meeting (see page 4). The person selling the winning ticket will get a \$100 bonus!

Tickets for both these drawings can be purchased prior to the meetings and you do not need to be present to win. For those of you who are members but aren't able to participate regularly at meetings, this is an opportunity to help.

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 & Dinner

Friday, November 18

6:30 to 8:30 pm

FLWC Clubhouse

Potluck Dinner

“Up, Up and Away” Drawing
to benefit Scholarship Fund

Guest Speaker: Mandy Martin
Airship Pilot, Goodyear Blimp

For information contact: Mae Silver

FLWC General Meeting & Dinner

Friday, December 16

6:30 to 8:30 pm

FLWC Clubhouse

Catered Holiday Party—\$10

Bring toy for Jack & Jill Children's Center

\$10,000 Centennial 50/50 Drawing
to benefit Clubhouse renovations

For information contact: Jo Ann Smith

FLWC General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, January 20

12:00 to 1:30 pm

FLWC Clubhouse

Potluck Luncheon

JetBlue Tickets Drawing
to benefit Wildlife Care Center

Guest Speaker: Doug Young
Audubon Society of South Florida

For information contact: Mae Silver

GFWC "Survivor" — Florida District 13 Fall Workshop held on October 1

— submitted by *Bev Hoppe*



Photos by Bev Hoppe

GFWC Survivor was the theme of the District 13 Fall Workshop hosted by the Coral Springs Woman's Club at the Country Club of Coral Springs on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Special guests from GFWC Florida included **Mary Powell** (Treasurer) and **Jolie Frankfurth** (Director of Junior Clubs). Several team building activities were performed to promote membership recruitment and retention. They included "Building a Virtual Clubhouse" and "Creating a Building" using index cards and shaving cream.

Current District 13 Director, **Darlene Vlazny**, announced that **Pat Hinde** has agreed to accept the job of District Director for the 2012-2014 term. She was approved unanimously.



Mary Powell (left) Darlene Vlazny and Jolie Frankfurth enjoy some fun at the District 13 Fall Workshop.

Human Trafficking brought to light

— submitted by *Alice Sakhnovsky, International Outreach Chair*

The October general meeting featured guest speaker **Pam Washington** from the FBI, and **Sarah Cummings**, a social worker from the Juvenile Assessment Center to raise awareness about the issues relating to human trafficking around the world and within the United States.

According to statistics from the **Polaris Project**, named after the North Star that guided slaves towards freedom along the Underground Railroad, 27 million people are in modern-day slavery across the world and 80% of the transnational victims are women and girls. The selling of human beings has become a lucrative industry, generating approximately \$9.5 billion annually, according to estimates by the **FBI**. Human trafficking is the third largest criminal industry after the drug trade and arms dealing. Victims of sex trafficking typically wind up in large cities, vacation and tourist spots, and near military bases, where the demand for sex trafficking is incredibly high (Florida ranks in the top 5 states for human trafficking).

How can you get involved? Community members often come across situations in their day-to-day routines so please talk to one another, notice things that seem out of place, and more importantly, report anything that may be suspicious by calling the Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888. For more information about this topic go to the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition website at www.bhtc.us or Florida National Organization of Women at www.flnow.org/trafficking.html.

Alice Email: amarieskincare@bellsouth.net



Pam Washington (left) with Alice Sakhnovsky



SEAFARERS' HOUSE SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS What is Shoobox Christmas?

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 to them!

Items needed (bring to meetings): athletic white socks, after shave, combs, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, shaving cream, soap/ shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, pencils/ pens/ pencil sharpeners and work gloves.

For information: Alice Sakhnovsky

Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

"Up, Up and Away"

Friday, November 18, 2011

6:30—8:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker, Mandy Martin

Airship Pilot for Goodyear Blimp, Pompano Beach

Thanksgiving/Fall potluck dinner

Invite your friends and family to join you!

SPECIAL DRAWING ON NOVEMBER 18

Goodyear Blimp Airship Ride for Two People

Two weeks advance notice required, subject to weather and availability
Must present photo ID before boarding, certificate expires October 2012

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25 / Benefitting Scholarship Fund
Tickets can be purchased online prior to the meeting.

— You do not need to be present to win —

<http://fortlauderdalewc.org/paymentcenter.html>

For more information, please contact Mae Silver
Education Chair at 954-779-1701

From Public Affairs Committee — Comfort Kit Items Needed

— submitted by Sally Alshouse, Public Affairs Chair



As many of you are aware by now, the FLWC is working in conjunction with the **GFWC on its Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**. October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which brings home the realities of domestic violence and reminds us of how important it is to keep families safe every day, every month. One in four women will be affected by domestic violence at some point in her lifetime, and this devastating problem impacts women, men and children in Broward County every day.

We are continuing our **“Comfort Kit” project** to collect items for women seeking refuge at the **Women In Distress** shelter. We are off to a good start, however I know ladies we can do much better. So please reach out to the Dollar Store, Walmart or other local vendors for items and ask your dentist for a couple “extras” during your next visit! Project ends in January.

As a reminder, here are the items we are collecting: Shampoo, Soap, etc. (travel size only), Underclothes, Razors, Deodorant, Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Tampons/Maxi Pads and White Socks.

For more information about the GFWC Signature Project or for further ideas on how you can get involved with raising awareness about domestic violence., please go to www.gfvc.org. Thank you!



Sally Email: sawcr@aol.com

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000!

We are ending our 100th birthday year with a bang! In honor of our Centennial year the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club has organized a 50/50 drawing to raise money for the ongoing renovations of our clubhouse — our bathrooms are next!

There will be only 100 tickets sold (see sample below) for a donation of \$100 each - a grand total of \$10,000 which will be divided with \$5,000 for the club and \$5,000 for the winner. Won't you consider buying (maybe collaborating with 3 friends) or selling tickets for this worthy cause? The member that sells the winning ticket gets a \$100 bonus!

The drawing will be at our holiday party the evening of December 16. You may mail your check to the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, P.O. Box 2487, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303 or purchase online by going to www.fortlauderdalewc.org and click on the 'Dues and Donations' page. — For more information call Suzie Flynn at 954-943-6283

Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
Centennial 10,000 - 50/50

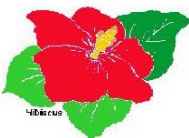
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Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
Centennial

\$10,000  **50/50**

Donation: \$100 **#1** Drawing 12/16/11

In Memoriam

Lorraine Vreeland, 90, passed away on Friday, November 4. Formerly of Whitehall, WI, she married Capt. Harold Vreeland of the pioneer Vreeland family in 1947. She was devoted to her family, church, friends and all those children she took under her wing who called her "mom".

Lorraine was a longtime Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club member ending a line of Vreeland members dating back to 1911. She was the third Vreeland to be a member, following her mother-in-law Dorothy (Mrs. J.B. Jr.) and Dorothy's mother-in-law Cordelia (Mrs. J.B. Sr.) who is one of 34 members listed in the 1911-1912 Yearbook. Lorraine joined the club in 1978 and was named a Lifetime Member in 2007.

Although Lorraine had not been active in recent years, it wasn't due to failing health; she was busy taking care of her grandchildren! According to her daughter Jane Vreeland, her death resulted from a massive stroke as she was on her way home from church on Sunday, October 30.



Birthday Celebrations

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
- Christine Sjoblom — 09/13
- Daryl Miller — 09/14
- Gretchen Warder — 09/16
- Sue Anne Warren — 09/18

October

- Annette Counihan — 10/03
- Deb Duay — 10/07
- DonnaLee Minott — 10/07
- Helen Landers — 10/09
- Donna Bruno — 10/14
- Jaye Abbate — 10/15
- Ellyn Bogdanoff — 10/17
- Maxine Singh — 10/17
- Linda Balent — 10/19
- Ann Mihaiu — 10/19
- Cathy Kautz—10/23
- Olga Adamo — 10/27

November

- Doris Cotnoir — 11/08
- Karen Long — 11/08
- Dorothy Duda — 11/11
- Sharon Hynds— 11/16
- Charlette Ware — 11/19
- Marueen Dinnen — 11/21
- Alice Sakhnovsky — 11/26
- Nancy LeBlanc — 11/30

Please welcome our new members!

- ◆ Susan Majava
- ◆ Susana Kretschmar
- ◆ Leann Betz
- ◆ Randy Hendler

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE: Time to renew your annual membership in the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club. We have had a great year with interesting programs and valuable projects and we appreciate your support and involvement. We look forward to your continued interest and hope that you will remain an active member in our club. The renewal fee is \$50 which can be brought to a meeting, paid online or mail a check to the clubhouse. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thank you! — Kathy Schauer, Membership Secretary

Pirates from "Club Diva Treasures" fought successfully for breast cancer

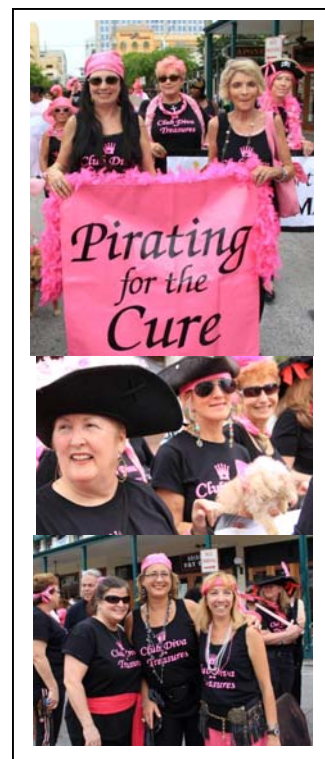
— submitted by Linda Postyn, Team Captain

A great big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's [Glam-a-Thon](#), Club Diva Treasures Team! With 62 teams competing during the **Glam Doll Strut on Saturday, October 15** and raising a total of \$177,000, our team came in spot number 5 — way to go! We had a total of 37 team registrants (men, women and dogs!) who alone raised almost \$6,000 in donations to support breast cancer patients and their families.

I want to give special thanks to those who contributed to the wine tasting fundraiser on September 16 at **Wine Warehouse**. Between the guests who attended and the donors who gave and bought silent auction items — together we raised \$830 that night for the team!

An extra BIG thank you to the committee members for helping to make this event such a success, especially my unofficial co-team captain, **Ann Mihaiu**, for all your help; **Anne Sallee** for coordinating "Blue Jean's Day" at **Ruden McClosky** raising \$550; **Leslie Ramin Wells** for hosting our team meeting at your home; **Donna Richardson** working with Leslie for making the baskets for the silent auction (we missed you on the day of the event!), **France Karr** for supplying food and arranging for **Bourbon on 2nd** to host our team at their restaurant the day of the event, and of course to **Linda Gibboney** who went above and beyond (so many to list) for making our treasure chest!

Even though we did not win a crown this year, I want to give recognition to those who topped the leader board in donations: **Anne Sallee** \$775, **Barbara Stern** \$600 and **Louisa Nossell** with \$570. For those that are interested in joining the cause next year, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13, 2012 — until then, SAVE OUR TREASURES!



Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club members took steps to end domestic violence

— submitted by Donna Richardson, Team Captain and FLWC Home Life Chair

I am honored to report that Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club team in this year's Women in Distress SafeWalk-Run 5K raised \$1,470! These funds were collected by the nine participants who registered for the event and through donations made by the members and raffle prizes from the clubs general meeting luncheons in September and October .

Overall this event was a huge success surpassing the goal of raising \$100,000 and I want to thank everyone who donated to the cause. My sincere appreciation to those that got up VERY EARLY and joined me the morning of Saturday, October 29 in Markham Park for the walk. Special recognition goes to our mascot, Angel, who lead the way for our team and kept us on pace. After we finished the course, I think she was ready to go for another 3 miles!

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County. Their mission is to provide victims of domestic violence with safe shelter, crisis intervention and resources, and to educate the community in order to Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) through Intervention, Education and Advocacy.

To learn more about this organization and how you can help, please contact me or visit www.womenindistress.org.

See you next year at the walk!



Alice Sakhovskiy (left) Linda Parlock, James Alexander holding Angel, Donna Richardson and Sibyl Cotten