



# The Red Hibiscus



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## Help Us Find Our History

The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is nearing its 100-year birthday and was the first civic organization in Fort Lauderdale. We are historic! Our historian Susan Gillis wants you to look into your files, trunks, etc. for any paper or photographs about the Woman's Club.

Please copy what you have and contact

Susan  
at 954-565-3970 or  
email her:  
gillissj@msn.com  
and she will advise you  
where to send your  
materials.

## JoAnn Smith Installed at 2009-2010 President



Parliamentarian **Pat McDougle** served as the installing officer for incoming FLWC President **JoAnn Smith** and her administration at the annual Installation Luncheon held on May 15 at the Bimini Boatyard. Using

JoAnn's chosen mascot, the butterfly, Pat compared each office to various types of butterflies. From L - R in the above photo are Pat McDougle, Membership Secretary **Jeannie Burke**, Treasurer **Pamela Winston**,

Secretary **Gretchen Thompson**, 2nd Vice-president **Genia Duncan Ellis**, President **JoAnn Smith** and Past-president **Alice Sakhnovsky**. Unable to attend were 1st VP **Jeri Pryor** and Corresponding Secretary **Mae Silver**.

## JoAnn Smith, 2009 Woman of the Year!

JoAnn Smith was named FLWC Woman of the Year for 2008 - 2009 at the Installation Luncheon on May 15. JoAnn, who served as first vice-president for the year, was the person responsible for making the Clubhouse a veritable work of art for each meeting. She also headed the Earth Day booth for the past 2 years and chaired the Club participation in the City-wide Garage Sale.



2008 Woman of the Year June Cox presents a certificate to JoAnn Smith

October 16 Meeting  
 Time: 12:00  
 Place: The Clubhouse  
 Program: : To Be Announced  
 Bring: A dish to share

November 20 Meeting  
 Time: 12:00  
 Place: The Clubhouse  
 Program: : To Be Announced  
 Bring: A Dish to share

November 21  
 Calder Racetrack Event





# "Pasta Fiesta" Is First Fundraiser for New Year

## President's Corner

Welcome to a new exciting year of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club! **Jeri Pryor, Genia Ellis** and I have just returned from the Fall Board of Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.



To say we are all full of great ideas would be an understatement. It's something all of you should experience. It reminds you what we are all about. It gave us a chance to meet our local sister clubs. They are really a fun bunch of ladies. Hope you will be seeing a lot of them this year.

Thanks to Ways & Means Chairman **Cindi Hutchinson** for chairing a great spaghetti dinner. We have lots of exciting events planned for the upcoming months. Check them out in this newsletter.

Be sure to notice our newly painted front doors and railings. Thanks to **Annette Ross** for contributing the paint and labor to do these!

I ask that you start this club year with a commitment to share a little of your time, yourself and your heart to help others who are really in need.

I want to bring up an important thing about our lunch meetings. We raise money for our club charities - a different one each month - by contributing a \$5.00 donation as well as the sale of raffle tickets at each meeting. Please continue to bring your dish to share and remember your \$5.00 donation.

We are going to work on making the monthly meetings more interesting and fun for all. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let me know.

Hold on to your hats ladies, we have got plans for them and you this year.

*Jo Ann*

As the new FLWC Ways & Means Chairman, **Cindi Hutchinson** wasted no time in launching her efforts. On September 12 she chaired the big "Pasta Fiesta" - FLWC's first spaghetti dinner fundraiser in memory. More than \$2000 was raised for the Building Fund. Once again, **JoAnn Smith** used her storehouse of decorations to create an Italian garden in the Clubhouse. Many members pitched in to assist in various ways - see the list under Cindi's report on page 3.

Photos from top:

**Jeannie Burke** greets guests;

**June Cox** sells Calder tickets;

**Jean Deering** collects recycle items for Conservation.

And, **Valerie Taylor, Cindi,** and **Susan McClellan** await customers!



## FLWC Awards 2 Scholarships at May Installation Luncheon

Pictured left are **Susy O'Day**, Guidance Counselor at Fort Lauderdale HS, scholarship recipients **Krista Marti** and **Bevannie Smith**, and Scholarship Chairman **Edith Toogood**. Edith presented the scholarships at the Installation Luncheon in May. Both girls graduated from Fort Lauderdale High.

**Krista** plans to attend FSU and major in psychology. **Bevannie** also plans a psychology major, but at USF. The primary way FLWC earns money to fund these scholarships is through the Calder Racetrack Event which will be held on Saturday, November 21.



# Ways & Means

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Chairman: Cindi Hutchinson



Our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was a "success"!! Rave reviews from all who attended. I couldn't have done this without the help of a lot of volunteers. First I'd like to thank **JoAnn Smith**, our president, for all her hard work, cooking, decorating, answering all my phone calls, etc. JoAnn truly went above and beyond to help make this event spectacular! To my 2 committee ladies: **Sharon Hynds & Jeryl Madfis**, thank you! Their help in getting donations from Penn Dutch, Winn Dixie and Protono's Bakery kept our out of pocket expenses to nothing! To our set-up crew on Friday, too many names to remember, we couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you to Sharon Menish for all the beautiful centerpieces she provided and also for the pina colada cake!

Thank you to the following volunteers for their time on Saturday evening: **Jeannie Burke, Jeryl Madfis, Sharon Hynds, Genia Ellis, Jeri Pryor, Valerie Taylor, Sharon Menish, Donna Lee Richardson, Faustina Sindall, June Cox, Jean Crocker Deering, Mae Silver** and last but not least our 2 dashing bartenders **Andy Deering** and **Wynn Menish**!! A big round of applause to our kitchen crew: **Donna Lee Minott** and **Ann Sparks**! They kept us all eating!



The desserts were delicious! I hope I don't leave anyone out who brought one: **Bev Hoppe, Edna Salg, Mae Silver, Eileen Klement** (my godmother), **Liannette Marquez, Genia Ellis, Susan McClellan, France Karr, Ann Porterfield, Pat Hinde, Margarethe Sorensen, Carol Call, and Jeannie Burke**. Again, if I left someone off, forgive me please!

Many thanks to our business sponsors for the spaghetti dinner: **Winn Dixie, Total Wine and Spirits, Penn Dutch Meats, Protono's Bakery, Ellis Diversified, Kayde & Ronnie Taber**. By their generous contributions and donations our fundraiser cost the club nothing!



**Andy** poured the drinks and **Tina** served them

## Upcoming Events in October

### October 24th- PET SHOW CONTEST

In conjunction with The South Middle River Home & Garden Festival The Woman's Club will be hosting a Pet Show Contest starting at 1pm. The entire Home & Garden Festival runs from 8am-3pm and will showcase master gardeners, lots of plants and from 11am-2pm a Home & Garden Tour. The address of the event: 501 NW 17 Street.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with the pet show contest, let me know. We'll definitely need volunteers!

### October 31st- Cinema Paradiso

In conjunction with the 24th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival FLWC will be sponsoring the film "Life is a Banquet," the life/bio of Rosalind Russell. We'll begin the afternoon with a light lunch at 12:30 and the film begins at 2pm. The cost for the event, including lunch and film is \$20. For reservations contact me at

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Cindi



# Passages



October

- Annette Counihan 10/03
- Deb Duay 10/07
- Helen Landers 10/9
- Olga Adamo 10/27

November

- Karen Keefer 11/04
- Suzanne Lopriore 11/05
- Helen VonSalzen 11/5
- Karen Wichman 11/09
- Dorothy Duda 11/11
- Sharon Hynds 11/16
- Kathy Adams 11/20
- Maureen Dinnan 11/21
- Nancy LeBlanc 11/30



**Ariana Marlena Marquez**  
Granddaughter of  
**Liannette & Joe Marque**



**Meagan Albright**  
**Suzanne Franklin**  
**Linda Linder**  
**Anna Mehau**




Thinking of You  
**Susie Flynn**  
**Maureen Kelley**  
**Alice Sakhnovsky**  
**Pam Winston**



In Memoriam  
**Mary Sheridan 9/04/09**

## FLWC Gold Diggers Lunch

 You and a guest are invited to the  
Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club  
Gold Diggers Lunch  
**Friday September 25, 11:30**

### What is a "Sell Your Gold" Party?

You bring anything made of gold, sterling silver or platinum, as well as, vintage costume jewelry from the 1920's and 1930's (including rhinestones, crystals and marcasites), sterling silver hollowware/flatware (marked sterling or 925) that you no longer want and an experienced jeweler/appraiser will sort through it and make you an offer. You'll receive instant cash! You can either turn it down, or walk away with cash in hand. Even if you're unsure about selling your items, at least bring them to get an idea of what they're worth. **COME, make MONEY, and have FUN.**

If the cash is burning a hole in your pocket, Jeryl Madfis, a FLWC member will be there with the brand new 2009-2010 Silpada Sterling Silver Jewelry to buy. This is a fund raising event for the club!!!

View entire catalog online:

<http://www.mysilpada.com/jeryl.madfis>

Need more info: 954-701-839,

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### Lunch Rotation Schedule

A - G: Dessert

H - P: Appetizer or Salad

R - Z: Casserole or Entree

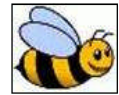
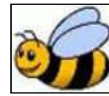
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Old Florida  
Fish Fry on  
May 9



## District Fall Tour



GFWC Florida District 13  
invites everyone to attend our  
Annual District Meeting / Fall Tour.



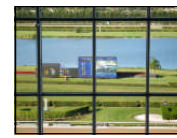
Visiting officers will be  
**President-Elect Teddy Hulse**  
and **Junior Director Alice Rodriguez**

Tuesday, October 13 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Hosted by the **GFWC Plantation Woman's Club**

Quality Inn Sawgrass Conference Center  
1711 N. University Drive, Plantation  
Cost: \$20

Let JoAnn know you'll attend ASAP  
Menu choice: Chicken Marsala or Grilled Mahi Mahi.



## 13th Annual Calder Race Track Event

Saturday, November 21

11:00 Prompt

Attire- Smart Casual  
No tee-shirts, jeans or sneakers

Includes buffet luncheon in Turf Club,  
Valet parking, free program  
Tickets: \$35.00

Chairman **Susie Flynn** says, Pick up tickets from **Susie Flynn** at the October general meeting. Tickets will not be mailed. Make checks payable to FLWC.

Deadline, November 13 Advance sales only.  
Call **Susie** at 954-943-6283

## Luncheons...

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Mae Silver



January 15, 2010 marks the 99th birthday of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club! Mark your calendar, now! The Hilton Marina off the 17th Street Causeway will host us beginning at 11:30. Parking is free.

### "HATS IN OUR HISTORY"



will be our program. For that, I need your help. At each meeting from Sept. to Dec. you will see a standing exhibit,



made by **Susan McClellan**, showing the history of hats by decade. I need two members to volunteer to wear a hat of each decade. You may make it, find it in an old trunk in the attic, discover it at a thrift shop, whatever. A sheet of paper for each decade will rest on the exhibit for you to sign up on. So get your imaginations going and sign up!

On our birthday, **Susan Gillis**, our historian, will give a one or two line explanation of what the Club did for each decade. Then I, with my roving mike, will ask the ladies who are wearing the hats of that decade to stand and model the hat. I'll do a sentence or two about the hats. And so we will go through our history in that manner. If we enjoy what we've done on Jan. 15 we may choose to repeat the performance for the Fish Fry next May.

My thanks to the many members who answered my call for help to find a place for our birthday celebration. Your answers helped me to decide that I wanted the party to be one you came to and not one you had to put together. Club members work so hard during the year, I felt I must put together a party for all of you to come and enjoy. Of course, we'll have a raffle.



**Edna Salg** and her daughter **Susie O'Leary** have already started making party programs that are so beautiful with hat decorations that you will want to take them home and frame them. Oh, did I mention the Hilton chef will make us a birthday cake?



Tickets are \$35. Make checks payable to **FLWC** and mail to **Mae Silver, 520 SE 5th Ave. #2708, Fort Lauderdale, FL33301.**

Now is not too early.

**Mae**



More Fish Fry Photos

Bev's  
Bytes.....



FLWC has been very busy since the last *Red Hibiscus!* One major event happened on May 9! FLWC partnered with the **Fort Lauderdale Historic Society** to sponsor a sold-out-successful **Old Florida Fish Fry**. Each Club earned a little over \$10,000! The Second Annual Fish Fry is already in the planning stages. Architect **Susan McClellan** reports that badly-needed repairs to the Club-house floor (under the grand piano) were recently completed. She was featured in nice articles in the Hi-Riser as well as the Sun-Sentinel! Congrats to **Liannette** and **Joe Marquez** whose granddaughter **Ariana Marlena Marquez** arrived on June 16. Congratulations to former member **Stephanie Tooth-**

**aker** who recently had a baby boy. Due to her new responsibilities, she's decided not to renew her Club membership for this year. Sadly, I must report that FLWC Past-President **Mary Sheridan** died on September 4. **Susie Flynn** missed the spaghetti dinner due to complications from dental work. Several other members have experienced illness or deaths of family members! Our condolences to **Alice Sakhnovsky** whose brother died, and to **Pam Winston** whose brother-in-law died, both unexpectedly; and to **Maureen Kelley** whose mom is now in the care of Hospice. And that's the last byte for now!

*Bev*

## Mary Sheridan, 1921 - 2009

**Mary Sheridan**, a life member who served as president of FLWC from 1988-1990, died in Tampa on September 4 at the age of 88. She had been in failing health for the past 2 years and had moved to Tampa to be closer to her family. Not only was she FLWC's president, she served as an Officer in the Army Nurse Corp in World War II and was a volunteer with the Broward General Medical Auxiliary from 1977 until 2006, served as president twice and accumulated more than 9000 volunteer hours! A contingent of auxiliary members attended her



funeral at San Sebastian Church as did FLWC members **Olga Adamo, Edna Salg, Susan McClellan** and **Bev Hoppe**. Widowed in 1977, she is survived by her 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

## Participate in WID Safewalk / Run



October

is

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We encourage our members to participate in as many related events as possible, especially by

Helping Women In Distress  
by registering to walk or run

On October 31

or by making a donation to the Women In Distress fundraising efforts at

[http://www.active.com/donate/  
SafeWalkRun2009](http://www.active.com/donate/SafeWalkRun2009)

For more info, contact

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And more  
Fish Fry



## Membership

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Membership Secretary:  
Jeannie Burke



Hi Wonderful Members,

The good news is that FLWC is heading into our 99th year with a dedicated, diversified membership with many talents, skills and resources to contribute to achieving our 2009-10 goals!

Please make an effort to meet our new members (and current members too) and find out what an interesting group we are! *The Red Hibiscus* would be filled to overflowing with all the various projects and achievements of our hardworking members. However space is limited so the member spotlight is on one member at a time... This month the Member Spotlight is on:

### Valerie Taylor

Valerie served last year as FLWC Corresponding Secretary. As such she chaired the Birthday Tea in January and the Installation Luncheon in May. Among other awards she received this past year for her volunteer work, at the third annual Volunteer Recognition Awards luncheon this summer, Valerie and her husband Kevin (who's a



faithful participant in FLWC projects as well) were both honored by the Broward Partnership for the Homeless for their dedicated volunteerism on behalf of the homeless.

The Taylors received the Family Volunteer Award because each contributed over 5000 hours of their time to help, encourage and motivate residents of the Homeless Center in their journey to rebuild their lives.



**Congratulations, Valerie!**

**Please Note:** With your 2009-10 memberships, you will be receiving a new parking tag and the updated directory, thanks to **Bev Hoppe** and **Rick Keiser**, City of Fort Lauderdale Printshop, at our October 16th meeting. See you at the Clubhouse!

JEANNIE

