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City of Fort Lauderdale introduces Centennial Award

— Message from the President, Jo Ann Smith

On May 12, 2011, the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board (CAB) announced the winners of the 33rd Annual Community Appearance Awards. The CAB program is given each year to encourage aesthetic awareness and to acknowledge individuals and organizations who are work to enhance, improve and beautify the Fort Lauderdale community.



(left) City Commissioner Romney Rogers, Genia Ellis, Susan McClellan and Gregory Stuart

As part of the City's 100th birthday celebration, the CAB presented a special **Centennial Award** to the most historic property over the past 100 years. The CAB members reviewed properties designated as "historic," or those that are 75 years old or older. Fifty-two properties were judged and narrowed down to three properties. It is with great pride to announce that the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club earned the most votes and the Centennial Award was bestowed to Building Chair, **Genia Ellis**, and Architect **Susan McClellan**. On behalf of the Woman's Club members, congratulations Genia and Susan on your achievement for restoring and preserving our clubhouse in the spirit and history of Fort Lauderdale throughout outstanding architecture and design.

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, August 19 — \$5

6:00 to 9:00 pm

Program — Let's Get Acquainted

FLWC Clubhouse

Chair: Kathy Schauer

Fort Lauderdale Women's History Walking Tour

Saturday, September 3 — Free

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Meet on North side of Library

Tour Guide: Mae Silver

GFWC Florida 2011 Fall Board

September 15 -19

Rosen Plaza, Orlando

Contact: Jo Ann Smith

FLWC General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, September 16 — \$5

12:00 to 1:30 pm

FLWC Clubhouse

Program — Home Life Projects

Chair: Donna Richardson

GFWC Florida District 13 Fall Tour

Saturday, October 1 — \$25

12:00 to 1:30 pm

Hosted by Coral Springs WC

at Coral Springs Country Club

Contact: Darlene Vlazny

FLWC General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, October 21 — \$5

12:00 to 1:30 pm

FLWC Clubhouse

Program — Human Trafficking

Chair: Alice Sakhnovsky

BIG Pasta Festa is a BIG Success!

The FLWC hosted an Italian feast on Friday, April 15 and invited the community to join club members in raising funds for the restoration of our historic clubhouse. The reasonably priced \$15 ticket attracted over 100 guests for a spaghetti dinner served table side with salad and rolls. Each guest also received two beverages and a selection from a vast array of homemade desserts.

Event chairs, **Cindi Hutchison and Jo Ann Smith**, with their team of helpers transformed the clubhouse into an Italian style Trattoria with delicious food and amazing decorations. To add to the ambiance, **Christopher Bigney** serenaded everyone with Italian songs on his accordion. Chris, a retired Media Specialist from Wilton Manors, has been playing the accordion since he was eight years old — and actually played at the Woman's Club in 1971. Full circle at its best!

We are thrilled to announce the event raised \$2,066 (net). Special thanks to **Jaime Adams** (Urban North, LLC) for contributing \$100. **Mae Silver** for gathering \$350 in raffle ticket sales. Our waitresses **Genia Ellis, Jeri Pryor, France Karr and Doris Cotnoir** for earning \$74 in tips. And, **Donna Richardson** for graciously donating \$80 worth of expenses and organizing the dessert table. Workers and guests alike had a fun time!



District 13 Spring Workshop Features Domestic Violence



Jackie Pierce, Darlene Vlazny

On Saturday, May 7 members of District 13 gathered at Deicke Auditorium in Plantation for the Annual Spring Workshop. Past-President of GFWC International **Jackie Pierce** spoke about GFWC Signature Project, domestic violence, of which 20-25% of women nationally will experience at some point during their lives.

Other presenters included **Pat Hinde** updating us on sale of memorial bricks (\$100 each) to help renovate the state headquarters in Lakeland; **District Director Darlene Vlazny** congratulating winners on awards from recent GFWC Florida Spring Convention; and each club president giving a 2-minute synopsis of her club's recent and future activities.

Attending from FLWC were **JoAnn Smith, Alice Sachnovsky, Ann Mihaiu, Bev Hoppe, Suzanne Franklin and Dr. Priscilla Marotta** (pictured on right) who gave all attendees an autographed copy of her book, *Power and Wisdom, A Path for Women*, a step-by-step guide for women to develop positive power skills needed to make their professional and personal dreams come true (www.solutionsnottalk.com). If you have not received your copy already, you may pick it up at any of the upcoming FLWC general meetings.



DO YOU KNOW OF AN INDIVIDUAL, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RENTING OUR CLUBHOUSE?

Our historic jewel is a great place for weddings, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations or reunions. It's also ideal for meetings, trainings, concerts or recitals (we have a baby grand piano!). Conveniently located downtown across from the city parking garage, we have tables and chairs to sit 160 and total occupancy is 203 people.

For more information, call 954-761-9407 and leave a message for the Rental Coordinator.

May Meeting — A Day at the Races to benefit Disaster Relief Funds

During the FLWC monthly luncheon meeting on May 20, members and guests donned their best chapeau and bet on their favorite pony at the first annual “Run for the Hibiscus.”

Thanks to **Ann Mihaiu, Jo Ann Smith, Alice Sachnovsky, Sharon Hynds and Bev Hoppe** for stepping in as “jockeys.” **Edna Salg** for making the beautiful medallions worn by each jockey, **Jo Ann Smith** for creating the Derby style atmosphere, **France Karr** for coordinating the menu (including mint juleps!) and **Cindi Hutchison and DonnaLee Minott** for selling tickets at the betting windows.

The \$330 collected was designated to the **disaster relief funds** for three women's clubs in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. These states experienced widespread destructive tornadoes this past April.



From Public Affairs Committee — put some ZIP into your TRIP!

— submitted by **Sally Alshouse, Public Affairs Chair**



The FLWC is working in conjunction with the **GFWC on its Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**. We ask you to collect small unused toiletries for emergency kits to give to women who have had to leave an abusive situation in a hurry. These women generally leave with what they have on their back and greatly appreciate a kit containing some female comfort items.

When you pack for your business or vacation trips, be sure to include a gallon size **Ziploc bag** so you can stuff it with all the **toiletries** you probably won't use in the hotel (or whatever you can convince housekeeping to give you!). Please bring items, along with old cell phones, to the monthly meetings from now until December. There will be hatboxes on each table for collection purposes and distributed to Women In Distress (Home Life program).

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.gfwc.org.

I hope you are having a wonderful and safe summer. See you soon!

Sally Email: sawcr@aol.com

"Well behaved women seldom make history" - Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

From Education Committee — Updates about the Scholarship Fund

— submitted by **Mae Silver, Education Chair**



We are pleased to report we have reached our goal of \$3,000 and awarded two 2011 scholarships to **Broward College** at \$1,500 each. We will invite the winners to one of our meetings and let you know. Several donations have come in for next year's scholarship. Our thanks to **Genia Ellis, Liannette Marquez and Helen Landers** for their contributions, and to **Susan McClellan**, who illustrated "Watch Out Ivy." Between the sale of our book and Susan's watercolors, our talk in honor of Women's History Month in March about the life of Ivy Stranahan at the main Broward County Library, we raised \$200 for the 2012 Scholarship Fund (and another \$200 went to the Friends of Fort Lauderdale Libraries).

Exciting news, we have obtained a very **special drawing prize** to help raise money for our 2012 Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be available soon for the chance to ride on the Goodyear Blimp! This is a once and life time experience and cannot be purchased, you can only win it through charity auctions or drawings. Save the date and join us for an evening meeting on **Friday, November 18** where we will draw the winning ticket and have **Mandy Martin, Goodyear Blimp Pilot**, as a special guest speaker. More details to be announced soon.

Mae Call: 954-779-1707

P.S. We continue to press the issue about the **Broward County Main Library closures** on weekends and appreciate members getting petitions signed. Please provide **petitions** to me at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Join Mae Silver the first Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm for a "Women's History Walk"

It is the only one done in Fort Lauderdale's 100 year history! Free one hour tour starts in Stranahan Park and ends inside FLWC Clubhouse. Call Mae to RSVP or to arrange for a special tour.

Membership Update

— submitted by Kathy Schauer, Membership Secretary



Please welcome our new members!

- ◆ Vicki Lynch
- ◆ Audrey Ljung
- ◆ Eileen Pangione
- ◆ Kenya Richi

“Let’s Get Acquainted”
Friday, August 19
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Calling all members to attend the August meeting being held in the evening. Please bring a dish to share and potential new member!!

In Memoriam

Sharon Menish passed on May 17. Sharon was a member of the FLWC since 2005. Many who knew her said, “Sharon always made an effort to give people the benefit of the doubt, to lend an ear for those in need, and to find beauty in the world around her.” On behalf of the club, we extend our sympathy to her family. She was a lovely lady!

Virginia (Ginny) Bell Hutchinson passed away on May 29. Mother of two of our FLWC members, Sharon Hynds and Cindi Hutchinson, Ginny attended and supported many of our club events and she will be missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ginny's name to the Noble A. McArtor Adult Day Center, 1480 SW 9 Avenue, Ft Lauderdale, FL, 33315.



Birthday Celebrations



June

- Arlene Bothwell — 06/01
- Joan Courtade — 06/03
- Kathy Mitchell — 06/04
- Priscilla Bird — 06/05
- Julia Fraser — 06/05
- Jean Deering — 06/05
- Susie O’Leary — 06/08
- Meagan Albright — 06/09
- Petula Celeste Burks — 06/14
- Eija Contento — 06/21
- Marci Boland — 06/26

July

- Nancy Lambert — 07/03
- Vicki Lynch — 07/03
- Carolyn Phillips-Williams — 07/04
- Kenya Richie — 07/04
- Janet Schwartz — 07/08
- Louisa Nossell — 07/14
- Sally Alshouse — 07/18
- Lorraine Vreeland — 07/18
- Patty Ribera — 07/19
- Veronica DePadro — 07/23
- Gretchen Thompson — 07/25
- Ana Segura — 7/30

August

- Susan McClellan — 08/-6
- Edna Salg—08/08
- Kathy Schauer — 08/11
- Gloria Hood — 08/14
- Nola Richardson — 08/15
- Barbara Wells — 08/17
- Diana Lacz — 08/18
- Terry Patterson — 08/20
- Polly Ann MacMillan — 08/23
- “Lynsie” Xerri — 08/27

October is National Awareness Month for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence. Here are two Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club projects that you can have fun while giving back!

5th Annual Glam-A-THON

Saturday, October 15
12:00 to 3:00 pm
Esplanade Park, Downtown



Join the FLWC team (invite your friends too) and help raise funds for local breast cancer patients and their families.

If you are interested in participating, please **attend committee meeting on**

Thursday, August 25
6:00 to 7:30 pm at Clubhouse

To RSVP or for more information, contact:

Linda Postyn, Team Captain

954-817-1096 ~ theprissyhen@gmail.com



WOMEN IN DISTRESS™
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

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13th ANNUAL SAFEWALK-RUN 5K

To benefit Women in Distress
presented by Pollo Tropical

Saturday, October 29
7:30 start time
Markham Park, Sunrise

Women In Distress is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County.

The FLWC is organizing to have a team to participate in this important fundraiser. We have learned they have added a "Family Fun Zone" and "Vendor Village" so there will be lots of activities for adults, kids and dogs too! To join in the fun and make a difference in the lives of families in need, please contact:

Donna Richardson, Home Life Chair
954-762-9444 ~ drdonnalou@yahoo.com

PAVING THE WAY — ONE BRICK AT A TIME

You have the opportunity to become a part of GFWC Florida history!
Contribute \$100 and you will receive an engraved brick (4 x 8 / 3 lines) placed in walkway or driveway leading to the front entrance at our headquarters in Lakeland. Your donation will add beauty and assist with the maintenance of this important landmark.

To purchase a brick or ask questions, please contact Project Chair, Pat Hinde
Cell: 954-661-3830 — Home: 954-966-7654 — Email: pathinde@aol.com