



Focus

Boynton Woman's Club's Newsletter

November 2011

Patti Owens, President

October meeting honored one, informed all

Mary Jane Range was the October guest speaker. Know who's speaking in November? It's a mystery... see page 5.



Mary Jane Range, member of the Speaker's Bureau of the League of Woman Voters of Palm Beach County, was the guest speaker at the Oct. 20 luncheon. She talked about the redistricting and how easy and best it is to vote by mail. She suggests that we all vote by mail. You save time, gas, don't have to wait in line in the heat or rain, and can vote at your leisure. I've done this for years and when I drive by those lines and know I

don't have to wait, I can't help but smile.

Call 561-656-6200, press 2 and ask for the form to fill out so you can register to vote by mail. The League will send it to you, you fill it out and return it, and from then on, you will get the papers to vote by mail each year. How great is that!

The Oct. 20 luncheon was an especially lovely event as we honored one of our own, Marie Shepard.

Marie was recognized by the membership with a cake and a pin for her dedication to the Boynton Woman's Club for more than 30 years. She was the

co-founder of the Mizner Foundation which secured funding for the BWC for many years. She has been an immense asset to the BWC with her philanthropy and her guidance as Past President. We are honored to have her as a member.



After Lillian Ostiguy and Marie's sister, Margaret, spoke of her many contributions, Marie thanked everyone for the honor and helping her celebrate her 30 years with the club.

- Patti Owens

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Tidbits from the President

- Snowbirds are slowly filtering back and we welcome them, their help, and their input with open arms.
- Library books in our library are for all members to take home and read so please feel free to browse through and select.
- The Boynton Chamber of Commerce meetings: as a member of the chamber, all meetings and events are open to us to attend at member prices. I do attend some of the luncheons and mixers to network for the BWC. If you would like to join me or go on your own to one of these events and represent us, please let me know or go to the Chamber website and find out what you can participate in.

- Executive Board meetings are open to all to attend. If you



are a committee chair, you are encouraged to attend and share updates on your event but you don't have to be on a committee or a chairman to come to the board meetings. Any member can attend and see what is going on.

- Get your tickets for our LIVE performance, Music Across The Decades from the '50s through the '90s, Sunday,

Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. This is the same production company who presented the music from Andrew Lloyd Webber last year and everyone agrees it was terrific so get your tickets now and bring your friends.

- The Toby Center for Family Transitions held a Family Harvest Fundraiser at the Boynton Woman's Club and I had a booth to advertise the building rental and membership at this event. Barbara Erlichman arranged to be at the grand opening of the new Walmart with a table to market the building and membership as well. These are great ideas to get the word out on our rental potential and joining the BWC. If you have an idea to market us, please let us know.

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Membership meets twice monthly on Thursdays, October through May

ACTIVE membership

Annual dues \$55*

*New members add \$25 fee if they are first-time

Federated Woman's Club applicants.

ASSOCIATE membership

Corporate: \$200

Individual: \$85

(includes state per capita tax)

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Boynton Woman's Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, and shall otherwise comply with any requirements under such Section.

Membership

Yearbooks

I'm continuing to pass out the yearbook and membership card at the meetings and will through the November luncheon. After that I will mail them, but it would be nice to see you attend a meeting and collect them so we save on the cost of mailing them.

Welcome

We welcomed a new member at the two October meetings. Please personally welcome Lakshmi when you next meet her. Add her information to your yearbook:

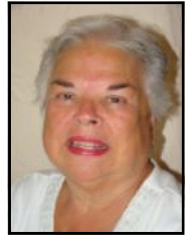
Lakshmi Witharane



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New email for Carolee

Carolee Santillo has a new email address: carolee.santillo@aol.com Please note there is a dot between her first and last name.



Community Caring and Forgotten Soldiers

Before I start, I'd just like to say I know the BWC is asking a lot from you — buying raffle tickets, concert tickets, signing up for Plan USA, Head Start, Hacienda, etc. — you must feel as though we are nickel and diming you. We don't mean to and we know you will support our charities the best way you can. A reminder that you joined our club because we were organized to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. This said, I'm also asking for your help.

Community Caring

The holidays are approaching and the need for food for the needy is great. Thanksgiving is around the corner — please consider donating food to this cause. Buy one, get one free would work here.

Forgotten Soldiers

Our soldiers overseas will miss being home with their families during this period of the year, and receiving the gift boxes Forgotten Soldiers sends lets them know we are thinking of them.

Last month I printed items the soldiers were requesting, and some were things we most likely wouldn't have but I wanted you to see what they were asking for. Here are some other items that we can provide them with:

➤ Vitamins

➤ Mousetraps (go to Ace and maybe they'll give you a discount if you tell them you're from BWC and sending the traps to the soldiers).

The following are needed in travel sizes:

➤ Foot and body powder

➤ Mouthwash

➤ Men's shaving cream (foam)

➤ Hand sanitizer

➤ Hand lotion

➤ Tissues

Additional items:

➤ Bars of soap

➤ Fusion razors and other men's razors

➤ Small shower gel/body wash

➤ Tampons (don't forget we have women serving)

➤ Dental floss

➤ Insect repellent, small sunblock, Q-tips, men's and women's deodorants, toothbrushes, small toothpaste and on and on.

They need so much. Next month I'll list food items they would like.

- Mary Scheitler

Tidbits ... From page 1

- Please step up to join a committee and help out. Also, money is needed for Plan USA, the child we have sponsored for years. Please send in your \$20 check to support this lovely little girl.

- Attending our meetings is an important part of being a member. Let's get more of us to these lunch and business meetings so we all know what is going on.

- Welcome back to Carole Andrade who has been fighting health issues. Carole is a vital and wonderful member and we have missed her.

- Do you need a quick gift to give someone, a birthday present, a thank you gift...consider the raffle tickets...the gift that can keep on giving because even after you win once, your ticket goes back into the raffle and you could win again.

- I'm looking forward to us having a great year. Members are working hard on their various committees and in Property Management. Without YOU we wouldn't be...so thank you for participating.

- Patti Owens

Hacienda Girls Ranch

At this time of the year, be thankful the children you raised were given so much and so many opportunities.

The young girls at Hacienda Girls Ranch were not as fortunate. Many of them arrive at the ranch directly from court with only the clothes on their backs.

They need some items which we can supply such as toiletries. Watch for sales and specials when you shop such as two for one sales and coupons.

The foster home part of the Ranch is housing 10 girls between 12 to 17 years of age. The transitional section has six girls ages 18 to 23.

In addition to the toiletries, the girls can use towels - a set of three pieces (wash cloth, hand towel, bath towel).

Lastly, as we have done in the past, we will have a fundraiser so we can purchase gift certificates for them for the holidays.

- Eileen Dix

Bridge anyone?

Connie Lee and Kay Rupp want to play - bridge that is. Interested? Give one of them a call.

President elect/Past Prez' corner

It was wonderful to see many of you at our October meetings.

I'm looking forward to two exciting events during November. The Nov. 13 Music Across the Decades Concert promises to be a wonderful event. If you attended the Andrew Lloyd Webber event last year, you'll know why this concert shouldn't be missed. And if you didn't go last year - you absolutely have to get your ticket for this program. The performers are fabulous, and the presentation is very professional. In addition to having a delightful afternoon, you will be supporting the Crossroads Program at Palm Beach State College which assists displaced women who are trying to enter the workplace. That's a well-spent \$20!

The second event is something we are trying for the first time. Since fewer and fewer of our members have been entering our Arts and Crafts competition, we thought it might be beneficial if the BWC offered a workshop to encourage some of you to either try something new or to improve your skills in a current talent. We also want to bolster your confidence. The two people teaching the Photography and Water Color classes are experienced teachers and artists. This is an opportunity to try something out in a small group non-

threatening situation. The date is Thursday, Nov.

17 at 9:30 a.m.

There is absolutely no fee to join, but you will need supplies or equipment. Last month's FOCUS explained that, but call me at 561-649-5363

and I'll give you the details.

Now two reminders: if you volunteer for an outside organization, give me your monthly hours and the organization's name. Both GFWC Florida and the national GFWC use these hours to help obtain grants and donations from various organizations. So you are not only helping your local organization, but you are also helping GFWC. All that in addition to that "feel good" satisfaction you get for yourself.

Nametags to be ordered

Second reminder: I will be ordering the new plastic name tags this month. They come with magnets for simple attachment or can be ordered with a pin back. Depending on the number I order, they probably will cost \$8.50. If you would like one, see me at the meetings or call me.

- Kay Baker



Plan USA

As we approach this Thanksgiving season we are collecting for the child that we sponsor from the Dominican Republic. Her name is Yafreisi Peralta.

Her country does not celebrate Thanksgiving but she is thankful to us for the support that we send her way. Please remember how lucky we are at this time of Thanksgiving and contribute to help make her life a little easier.

Checks in the amount of \$20 would be appreciated. We will be collecting the donations at our meetings and luncheons.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving.



- Dorothy Maddalena

Close but no cigar yet!

At last count, we still had about 40 raffle tickets to sell. Help...please!
 If you haven't bought any yet, now is the time! We need to sell ALL 200 to make our scholarship goal. And there's a good chance - a really good chance, you'll win the cost of the ticket back.

Here's how it works. Instead of the annual Fashion Show we are going to hold a 10-week raffle, each ticket costs \$20. After each drawing the winning ticket will be put back in the hopper for a chance to win again.

Each week there will be 6 winners:
 2 for \$25, 2 for \$20, 2 for \$15.

Each time a ticket is drawn these tickets will be put back into the pot!

On the first week there will be an additional drawing for \$100.

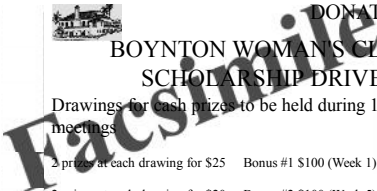
On the 5th week there will be an additional drawing for \$100.

On the 10th week there will be a final drawing of \$500!

These drawings will pay out a total of \$1,900 to the winners. BWC will net \$2,000 for its Scholarship Fund

If you have any questions call or email:

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 Sherry Jalovec 752-9397 abbergirl@comcast.net

Name		Address		Phone		Sold by	
 DONATION: \$20 BOYNTON WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE Drawings for cash prizes to be held during 10 BWC meetings 2 prizes at each drawing for \$25 Bonus #1 \$100 (Week 1) 2 prizes at each drawing for \$20 Bonus #2 \$100 (Week 5) 2 prizes at each drawing for \$15 Grand Prize \$500 (Week 10)							

The next Focus deadline is Nov. 17.



David Beaumont
 (561) 752-4048

Corporate member of the
 Boynton Woman's Club

Property Management

Thank you to those who contributed to UNICEF. For those who missed out, we will have the Trick-or-Treat boxes out to collect at the next few meetings.



Now that some of our much loved snowbirds are back, look around your club and suggest how we can improve its appearance. Most of the woodwork, trim and doors need painting and the wicker furniture needs to be repaired and/or painted.

Anyone up for making new lace curtains for the dining room French doors and/or the ballroom bathroom windows? Also we need cleaning or recovering of some cushions on the wicker furniture. While you're out shopping, keep your eyes open for a bargain on a pair of new/used Queen Anne chairs for the library and speaking of that, please check out some books — we have an overflow.

You all looked great at our first meeting, now it's the club's turn to get clean and pretty for the season.

- JoAnne Kriesant-Weld

Head Start

It's that time of the year to help the children who are less fortunate than others. We need 30 holiday gifts for boys and girls, ages 4 to 5.

Please wrap and indicate the age and sex of the child. A cost of no less than \$25, usually covering two outfits and possibly a toy would be greatly appreciated. When you bring the gifts in, please put a sticky note on it with YOUR name so I will know who has bought the gift.



Any questions please call me at 561-742-2565 or email to samethel5@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your generosity.

- Ethel Lagravinese

Birthdays

Ellen Morgan	Nov. 1
Michele Walter	Nov. 4
Joan White	Nov. 7
Natalie Warren	Nov. 14
Marjorie Lindgren	Nov. 22
Elizabeth Webb	Nov. 26
Wendy Marsh	Dec. 1
Kay Baker	Dec. 4
Dorian Trauger	Dec. 4
Clarice Boos	Dec. 15
Marjorie Powers	Dec. 16
Carolee Santillo	Dec. 17
Pat Waldron	Dec. 17
Carole Andrade	Dec. 22

2011 EVENTS

All are at the clubhouse unless otherwise noted

Nov. 3, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
Nov. 4, Fri.	Dist. 10 Fundraiser at Harry & the Natives	6:30
Nov. 10, Thurs.	Luncheon Meeting Guest speaker: BWC member/ author Barbara Erlichman	11:30
Nov. 13, Sun.	Music Across the Decades Concert	2:00
Nov. 17, Thurs.	Photo/Art/Sew Workshop	9:30
Nov. 19, Sat.	District 10 Reporting Workshop, Lantana	
Nov. 20, Sun.	New Members Meet and Greet at Mary Scheitler's home	2:00
Nov. 28, Mon.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Dec. 1, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
Dec. 3, Sat.	Boynton Beach Holiday Parade	3:30
Dec. 7, Wed.	Decorating Party	5:00
Dec. 8, Thurs.	Past Presidents' Tea	2:00

2012 EVENTS

Jan. 5, Thurs.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Jan. 12, Thurs.	Arts/Crafts entries to be dropped off Business Meeting	9:00 9:30
	Arts & Crafts Competition/Lunch.	11:30
Jan. 19, Thurs.	Game & Card Party	11:30

Jan. 26, Thurs.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Feb. 2, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
Feb. 16, Thurs.	Luncheon Meeting Speaker: Janet DeVries - Celebrating Boynton Library's 100th year	11:30
TBD, Sat.	Casino night	Evening
Feb. 23, Thurs.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Mar. 1, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
Mar. 1, Thurs.	Workshop for Mad Hatter's Tea	11:30
Mar. 3, Sat.	District 10 Arts & Crafts Show, Vero Beach	
Mar. 8, Thurs.	Habitat for Humanity Student Dinner	6:00
Mar. 15, Thurs.	Mad Hatter's Tea	2:00
Mar. 22, Thurs.	Luncheon Meeting Home Life speaker from Crossroads	11:30
Mar. 29, Thurs.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Apr. 5, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
Apr. 19, Thurs.	Annual Scholarship Luncheon	11:30
Apr. 26, Thurs.	Executive Board Meeting	9:30
Apr. 26 - May 1	GFWC- FLORIDA Convention, Orlando	
May 3, Thurs.	Business Meeting	9:30
May 3, Thurs.	New Executive Board Meeting	12:00
May 10, Thurs.	Installation Luncheon	11:30
May 19, Sat.	District 10 Spring Workshop	

Barbara Erlichman to speak next

Barbara Erlichman, BWC Recording Secretary, will be the speaker at the Nov. 10 luncheon. She will talk about her

journey as an author and the twists in the paths that led to writing her novel.

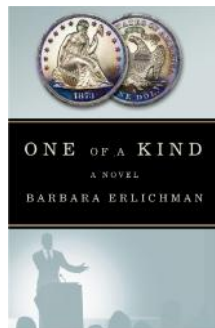
Barbara recently published "One of a Kind," a novel about the discovery and auction of a San Francisco minted 1873

silver dollar — the rarest of the rare. Even though one hasn't turned up yet, that didn't stop her from writing about its discovery.

Copies of the novel will be available for signing at the luncheon, which starts at 11:30 a.m.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the BWC. Reservations are required for non-members and tickets will be available in advance for a donation of \$7.

To make a non-member reservation, please call the Boynton Woman's Club at 561-369-2300 or Barbara Erlichman at 917-915-9961.



Music Across

the Decades Concert

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar. Call your friends and neighbors. You do not want to miss the nostalgic, musical fun journey, Music Across the Decades from the '50s through the '90s.

The same company, Dragonfly Productions, who put on the marvelous "Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" (at the clubhouse in 2010) will be performing in the ballroom.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event and will be available at the next meetings, at the BWC office or by phone.

For more information, call Terry Markey at 561-364-9559 or the BWC office at 561-369-2300.

Proceeds will benefit the Crossroads Program at Palm Beach State College. For more than 20 years, Crossroads has been helping displaced homemakers overcome a variety of obstacles and who go on to be gainfully employed.



- Terry Markey



JOIN US FOR A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE AS SONGS FROM THE 50's THROUGH THE 90's COME ALIVE ONCE AGAIN

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011
2:00 PM**

**BOYNTON WOMAN'S CLUB
1010 S. FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BOYNTON BEACH**

**COST: \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF THE EVENT
FOR TICKETS CALL: 561-369-2300, OR 561-364-9559**

BENEFITS THE CROSSROADS PROGRAM AT PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

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—Reminders—



All volunteers who signed up to serve on business or luncheon committees will be sent a reminder card (bright pink) for that meeting. If you are unable to serve at that time please find a substitute and let me know who that is!

- Betty Pafenbach

Don't forget those old eyeglasses. Put them in your trunk so you don't forget them. If they are broken or missing a lens, we can't use them.




"Eye'll" be seeing you at the meeting.

- Jody Spinelli

BWC annual arts and crafts contest

Painting, photography, crewel, knitting, jewelry making, sewing and embroidery are just a few of the 46 categories you may choose from for the Jan. 12 competition. Check your BWC yearbook; they are all listed in the back with important details you need to know to submit an item. **Important - you may submit only one item per category.** If you have questions please call either of the co-chairs.

- Barbara Grimes and Carole Koster



Gratitude House

HERE THERE IS HOPE

24th Luncheon & Fashion Show
Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:30
West Palm Beach Marriott
Raffle Items & Silent Auction
Gratitude House Thrift Store Booth
Fashions from Palm Beach County boutiques
Donation \$60.00, Tables & Sponsorship Available
Call JoAnne Weld 561 736 9357 to Reserve Tickets

www.gratitudehouse.org

Proceeds to the Gratitude House Give Hope Community Challenge to pay for much needed capital renovations to the residential building, as well as to the annual operating budget for all of our clinical programs.

**Individualized
substance abuse treatment
programs for women.**

**Some of the Raffle and Silent
Auction Items**

Arbutus, Watches

Aigner, Watches

*Attwood & Sawyer, Royal
Celebration Pendant & Ring*

Liadro, "My Little Girl"

Toscow, black pearl pendant

Swarovski, jewelry

Tumi, small messenger bag

*Scents & Creams from...
Coty, Estee, Doune Karan
& many others.*

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