



Focus

Boynton Woman's Club's Newsletter

December 2011

Patti Owens, President

Harvey Oyer Jr. talked to the membership about the possibilities of leasing the clubhouse.



Tidbits from the President

The new season is unfolding rapidly. We've had our first batch of raffle drawings, the concert is done, the Boynton Beach Parade is next, then the Holiday Decorating Party and the Presidents' Tea. Meanwhile, Christmas is galloping towards us. It feels like I'm doing the newsletter every week. Is this the time when I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. Holy Cow. It is! Here are my tidbits.

At the last business meeting our attorney, Harvey Oyer, presented information regarding leasing the building. There was a lot of great input at this meeting and questions to which we need to find the answers. I love the fact that members are invested in thinking about the issues and presenting their questions and concerns. We are pursuing those issues and once they are addressed, another vote will be sent out with clearer information and you will be asked to vote again. Thank you for participating.

Why do we vote? It has come to my attention that some of you may not realize that as a member of the Boynton Woman's Club, you are part owner of the building. As part owner, you have

the right to vote on issues concerning it.

Now to the buzz. For those of us who were at the concert, we had a small influx of honey bees again. I called the bee man and he came on Tuesday to fog the building. By Tuesday we had loads and loads of them upstairs. They are not coming from the same place and at this point we haven't discovered where they are coming in so if anyone has insight, let me know. Scott Ellis, our bee man, will be buzzing around again for follow up foggings.

I want to thank the Executive Board - Kay Baker, Mary Scheitler, Pat Waldron, Barbara Erlichman and Barbara Grimes for all of their hard work and dedication. They work tirelessly on behalf of the club and need to be recognized.

If it wasn't for Robert's Rules, where would our procedure be? Thanks to Evelyn Weicker for being our Parliamentarian and keeping us together, not to mention helping me follow procedure which she does beautifully.

Also, I want to thank JoAnne Kriesant-Weld and the Property Management team for their work in the office. What would the building be without these ladies pitching in?

And here's the scoop...the newsletter, the web page, gmail

addresses and even more...Maria Forastiero is just amazing. Well-deserved compliments come regularly on the phenomenal job she does in the techno department.

Betty Pafenbach runs that kitchen like a fine tuned watch and makes it look easy but it's a lot of work. Thanks to her and to you for helping her out.

Dot Neenan takes care of the Scholarship Committee and has been doing this since, I think, milk was delivered in bottles to your door. Thanks to Dot for her endless dedication and to her committee as well.

On top of that, those of you that volunteer to chair an event really need to be

appreciated because that is where we raise our money to meet our mission statement and without your take charge willingness, there would be no money to give.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer to help on these committees as well. The Boynton Woman's Club is a joint effort and only succeeds with many people willing to do their part. We are the Boynton Woman's Club and only we can make it what it is. So thank you to all of you for everything that you do and let's strive for continued success.

Be safe, healthy and joyous through the holidays and continued success for 2012.



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—Help!—

We need volunteers for the Jan. 12 arts competition which is a luncheon meeting. This event was not originally on the sign-up sheet but it is now.

Please call me to add your name to the list. I need at least four people to help me during this important luncheon. Thank you.

- Betty Pafenbach

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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

I have mailed out the yearbooks and membership cards on Nov. 14 to those who have not been at a meeting, or I missed if you attended. If you have not received yours by now, let me know and I'll get one to you.

Please extend a warm welcome our newest member, Yuko Hoshi, who attended our luncheon on the 10th. Add the following to your yearbook:

Yuko Hoshi

2000 S. Federal Hwy. - Apt. J201
 Boynton Beach, FL 33435
 917-617-2932
yukohoshi7@gmail.com



Nancy Kelly has rejoined, so please add her to your yearbook, and change Jean Nolan's information:



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 Boynton Beach 33436
 561-374-8464
nanckel@yahoo.com

Jean Nolan
 1341 Piazza Pitti
 Boynton Beach 33426
 561-509-7452
 (same email)

Forgotten Soldiers

"We Care" Packages for Christmas

I made a trip to Forgotten Soldiers on Nov. 14 and was told they are collecting now for the Christmas packages. The deadline for donations is Nov. 30 and will be shipping the packages on Dec. 3. I know we won't meet between now and the next meeting, but if you would like to contribute please bring your offerings to the office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, by Nov. 29. I'll pick up whatever is brought in and take it over on the 30th.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, here are food items they need: foiled packets of tuna, chicken, meats (cans are also acceptable); sweetened Kool-Aid® packets, Crystal Light® packets; breakfast and snack bars in the boxes (granola bars); snack size nuts, sunflowers, trail mix; bags of candy and gum; beef jerky, Slim Jims®, pepperoni sticks; cheese and peanut butter crackers; small plastic jars of peanut butter; packets of mayonnaise and other condiments. Anything canned should have the pop tops. Microwave meals: ravioli, mac and cheese, spaghetti with meatballs, popcorn, etc. Games: small foam footballs, dominoes, travel size combo games.

Thank you to those who filled out the holiday "encouragement" cards at the last business meeting.

Can we set up a BWC Shopper Hopper for members?

I know of two members who relied on the Shopper Hopper the city made available and because of budget cuts it was eliminated. This service provided door-to-door service twice a week; one day to Publix and the second to Wal-Mart or Target or similar store. They are picked up at their homes, dropped off at the store, then picked up about an hour or so later, and back home with help getting their purchases to their door. I approached the board members at the last meeting and they support my idea of trying to set something up for our members.

First, I'd like to know who took advantage of this service and would like to have something set up. Please give me a call (491-8033) or email me. Second, I'd like to find out who would be willing to volunteering time – perhaps once a month for two hours, if we can get eight ladies to help. Having eight would allow you to choose a specific day you'd be willing to take these ladies out. If not eight, and we try this out, we'd have to rotate turns which would more than likely mean different days. Please give it some thought and if you can help out give me a call or email. We do have some members who have been assisting other members by taking them to the doctor's and other appointments, and I know it's rewarding for them to be of help. Hopefully this will work out and perhaps get it going before Christmas.

- Mary Scheitler

Plan USA

Once again the holidays are upon us. We are all so busy doing our holiday shopping. It is a hectic but wonderful time of year. This would be a great time to think about those who are not as fortunate as we are. We continue to collect for the support of Yafreisi Peralt, the child from the Dominican Republic whom we sponsor. Please bring/send your checks to our meetings and luncheons. A \$20 check would be greatly appreciated in helping us reach our goal. Make all checks payable to the Boynton Woman's Club with a memo stating PLAN USA. Thank you all.

- Dorothy Maddalena

Past Presidents' Tea

Our annual Past Presidents' Tea will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4.

We encourage all our members to attend. A reminder



that those attending need to bring finger/tea food for this occasion. There will be entertainment as well. Also, as we do each year, we will be installing the new members and, because we haven't had a remembrance for five years, we will be remembering or honoring those members who have passed away.

This will be our last function until after the holidays, so please join us for what is always a lovely event.

- Ellen Morgan

Birthdays

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
JoAnne Kriesant-Weld	Jan. 4
Susan Thein	Jan. 21
Joan Riess	Jan. 26
David Beaumont	Jan. 27
Nancy Kelly	Jan. 27

President elect/Past Prez' corner

Wow! I always knew we were a special group of ladies, but I never guessed the extent of our talents. Our resident author Barbara Erlichman really impressed us with her presentation on Nov. 10. Her novel "One of a Kind" was recently published, and she gave us a glimpse into the trials of convincing an agent and a publisher to accept her work and bring it into that final form. Her novel is about the auction of a unique 1873-S silver dollar and involves a variety of wealthy collectors, con men and scam artists. Since I had already read the book, I was very interested in her descriptions of how she developed the plot and the characters. If you missed this presentation, you can still read the book. Barbara has copies that you may purchase.



Our first fund raiser of the year Music Across the Decades was a successful and entertaining afternoon. The eight women and men from Dragonfly Productions sang songs that brought back memories from our growing years right up to our maturity. They had us swaying, clapping and even dancing in time to the music. The money raised at this presentation will be given to the Crossroads program at Palm Beach State College. Thanks go to Terry Markey and her committee for this wonderful presentation.

We tried something new this year. The workshops that were presented on Nov. 17 were led by John Wurzell for Photography and Pat Kaufman for Watercolors. I was one of the six attending Pat's class, and since I have never used watercolors I really enjoyed her presentation and guidance in learning how to work with this medium. Only one member had experience, so I think we all enjoyed learning how to use watercolors. I hope that some will continue on with other classes and will develop this new experience.

And, the photo workshop was also a huge success. John Wurzell worked with each participant's knowledge base of photography, expanded on it and made suggestions for improvements. Each of the four attending then used her own camera to take photos outside the clubhouse after which John critiqued the photos diplomatically only pointing to their strengths. He then gave a brief lesson in how to improve them on the computer through digital editing software.

I'm still tabulating the volunteer hours that our members contribute to other organizations. I'll be passing my sheet around at the Dec. 1 meeting, but if you won't be attending please send me your hours by email: kay@aboardkibon.com or call me at 561-649-5363. I still have a lot of blank spots from the summer months, especially for our snowbirds.

- Kay Baker

Property Management

A special thank you to Terry Markey who found the new curtains for the Library doors while setting up for the concert. Kay Baker was checking out curtain fabrics and prices for the dining room while Connie Lee washed and brought in a nearly new set of curtains. So those old curtains held up during washing! Thank you Patti for volunteering to refinish the table in the ballroom lobby. Sorry about the bees deciding to swarm during the "Decades" concert. They were sprayed recently and we shouldn't have a problem. Mark your calendars for Feb. 11 when the Indie Retro Market returns.

Although they are missed, we wish Dotty James and Wendy Marsh the best in their new Monday morning adventures. We need more volunteers to help in the office. Remember this building is where the club has three rent-free meetings a month, plus a very reduced rate for other functions. The rental for the ballroom on a Sunday afternoon or evening is \$1,900; the club paid \$209 rental for the concert. If the club didn't have our building, they would be paying between \$300 to over \$1,000 a month to have meetings and/or functions elsewhere; so help us out and think about volunteering, even if it's only one day a month. May you have a Blessed Christmas and the Happiest New Year!

- JoAnne Kriesant-Weld

Yes we have a raffle!

The BWC Scholarship Raffle drawings have begun. There were drawings on Nov. 10, 17, 20 and 28. The December drawings will be on Dec. 1, 7, and on the 8 at the Past Presidents' Tea.

Our first winners so far are: Alfalla, Baker, Blinderman, Daboll, Kilcoyne, Kilner, Kelly, Lee, Marsh, Miller, Morgan, Manning, Pughet, Rosario, Trauger, White, Waldron Vanlerbroke, Bambrick, DiPerna, Jeroloman and Radell. Two of these have already won twice!

We will print the last names of the winners from the other drawings in the next issue.

We will be doing another raffle starting in March and tickets will be on sale soon for it. We need the second raffle to raise enough money for all of our scholarships.

In the current raffle there are a total of 63 winners. In the Spring drawing there will be a total of 81 winners increasing the odds. So plan on getting your tickets soon. We will sell ONLY 200 tickets.

When they are gone, the sale ends.

In the current raffle there are 6 winners each week:

2 for \$25, 2 for \$20, 2 for \$15.

In the spring drawing there will be 8 winners:

2 for \$30, 2 for \$25, 2 for \$20, 2 for \$15.

In the current raffle there are three bonus drawings of \$100, \$100 and \$500. In the Spring drawing there will be three bonus drawings of \$100 each.

Each time a ticket is drawn these tickets will be put back into the pot! BWC will net \$2,000 for its Scholarship Fund in the current raffle and \$2,100 in the Spring raffle.

If you have any questions call or email:

Michele Walter	200-4223	dmwalter1@gmail.com
Dotty James	386-8888	djamesfl@yahoo.com
Sherry Jalovec	752-9397	abbergirl@comcast.net

BWC contest is Jan. 12

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

The next Focus deadline is Dec. 17



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David Beaumont
(561) 752-4048

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Game on! - Save the date - Jan. 19

Annual card/game party and luncheon - 11. am.

Once again 3Gs is our caterer. Lunch will be a deli tray, beverage, cookies. If you have a group - bridge, pinochle, scrabble (whatever) bring them or come by yourself and we'll find you a game.

Cost of \$22 includes lunch and donation towards scholarship fund. For more information Sherry Jalovec, Natalie Warren or Jan Ramsay.

Hacienda Girls Ranch

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

- Eileen Dix

Head Start

Please do not forget your Christmas gifts for Head Start. Deadline is Dec. 9. Thank you again for your generosity.

-Ethel Lagavinese

2011 EVENTS

All are at the clubhouse unless otherwise noted

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	9:00
	Business Meeting	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	