



# Focus

Boynton Woman's Club's Newsletter

Patti Owens, President

June - September 2011

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### What I learned at the GFWC State Convention

**K**ay Baker, Carole Koster and I attended the Spring Convention in Orlando and we really enjoyed ourselves. We received a beautiful award for being Federated for 100 YEARS. You will be able to view this in the Library cabinet.

Lots of great information was gleaned from the convention, as always. The best thing was the information on insurance. Kay and I learned a lot about coverage. Bringing that information back home, it appears that we will now be able to get the same building coverage for \$6,000 less per year. Talk about a savings!

**Conservation:** I walked away with some great ideas for incorporating Conservation into our activities and some of these will be a lot of fun. I love my newspaper hat.

**Sew Much Comfort:** I never got what this was about before but boy, it's a great cause. It's taking new clothes, cutting them up the sides and putting Velcro® up the sides so wounded Vets

can have something to easily get in and out of during therapy or whenever. We will be doing this along with two other events during the upcoming year.

**Gardening tips:** This is laughable coming from me, a person whose silk plants die, but here goes. Another use for newspaper and seed planting, create a container out of newspaper, use a pot or a spice jar as the mold. Wrap the paper around the container. Use masking tape to hold it together. Wrap the bottom like a package and tape that. Remove from container. Fold top in. Put soil in and seed. When it's ready to be planted, just put the entire thing in the ground because it's all biodegradable.

**New Club Workshop:** I attended this workshop because one of my goals is to start a new junior club or add a night group addition to our club in the future. If you know anyone that might like to participate in this, please let me know.



Patti Owens, right, introduces Barbara Mehaffey, GFWC-Florida's Second Vice President.

Southern Region Conference is in Tampa this year, Oct 28, 29, and 30. I have already reserved a two-bedroom quad suite if you would like to attend with Kay and me.

## CLUB NEWS

Don't forget the Brown Bag Lunch on Thursdays. Check the calendar on the back for dates.

Next season's calendar is coming together. We will have some exciting new fund-raising events. We have the 10-Week Draw Raffle for the Scholarship. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 each and you can win more than once with prizes up to \$500.

We are putting together a Casino Night. We hope to have another Stage Production this year by Dragonfly Productions. They performed the Andrew Lloyd Webber Production last fall which was fantastic. We will have a card party, and don't forget to start your next work of Art for the Arts and Crafts Competition.

The end of the year pot luck luncheon was a very nice event. Barbara Mehaffey, GFWC-Florida Second Vice President, was the speaker and she spoke about membership in her wonderfully humorous but informative way. Joann Haros, District 10 Director, also attended our luncheon. Certificates of Appreciation for



Joann Haros, District 10 Director, also attended our last luncheon of the year.

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## OFFICERS

President ..... Patti Owens  
 President-Elect ..... Kay Baker  
 Vice President ..... Mary Scheitler  
 Recording Secretary ..... Barbara Erlichman  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Barbara Grimes  
 Treasurer ..... Pat Waldron  
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 Immediate Past President ..... Kay Baker  
 Parliamentarian ..... Evelyn Weicker

**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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<http://boyntonwomansclub.com>

**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.

## BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE

Mary Scheitler ..... June 3  
 Maria Forastiero ..... June 5  
 Alice Deyoe ..... June 6  
 Betty-Jane Lee ..... June 7  
 Janet Daly ..... June 8  
 Iliia Lindsay ..... June 10  
 Carole Koster ..... June 13  
 Ethel Lagravinese ..... June 14  
 Gerry Sedita ..... June 14  
 Barbara Grimes ..... June 17  
 Connie Lee ..... June 20  
 Carolyn Schoch ..... June 24  
 Martha Miller ..... June 25  
 Evelyn DuPlecy ..... June 27

### JULY

Marcie Pallone ..... July 10  
 Lillian Zimmermann ..... July 10  
 Janet Hakala ..... July 11  
 Lynn Gentithes ..... July 16  
 Dorothy Weber ..... July 17  
 Jean Nolan ..... July 23

### AUGUST

Anne Tarlow ..... Aug. 1  
 Theresa Bargerstock ..... Aug. 2  
 Terry Iames ..... Aug. 6  
 Barbara Howard ..... Aug. 8  
 Connie Kellner ..... Aug. 10  
 Betty Pafenbach ..... Aug. 14  
 Mary Fallon ..... Aug. 22  
 Erna Weaver ..... Aug. 29  
 Mona Bryan ..... Aug. 30  
 Sherry Jalovec ..... Aug. 30

### SEPTEMBER

Emilie Borovy ..... Sept. 12  
 Dusty Luongo ..... Sept. 15  
 Lynn Bloomingdale ..... Sept. 17  
 Marie Shepard ..... Sept. 20  
 Dorothy Maddalena ..... Sept. 22  
 Devota Swenson ..... Sept. 23  
 Heide Sander ..... Sept. 24  
 Marie Gennaci ..... Sept. 26  
 Donna Artes ..... Sept. 27  
 Eedee McMurray ..... Sept. 30



**David Beaumont**  
**(561) 752-4048**

Corporate member of the  
 Boynton Woman's Club



Vice President Mary Scheitler, left, and Lillian Ostiguy

## Lillian Ostiguy honored

The Boynton Woman's Club honored Lillian Ostiguy at its May 12 luncheon by awarding her Life Membership.

"Lillian has been a member of the club since 1998 and has contributed much to the club in the 12 years," said Vice President Mary Scheitler."

She took on leadership roles almost from the minute she joined the club, agreeing to take the office of treasurer just three months after joining the club. She was elected President in 2003 and kept that office until 2006 when she left it to become chairman of property management. She continued as Property Management Chairman for another three years.

"If it wasn't for Lillian," said member Maria Forastiero, "the building probably would be bankrupt by now. It was she who formed the Property Management Committee and turned the maintenance of the club into a professional business. Her work and dedication has helped the club hold onto this historical building during these last financially stressed years."

At its recent meeting, the Executive Board unanimously voted to give her the Life Membership because "She has given so much of herself to the club that it was fitting to bestow Life Membership."

Lillian was also presented with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service as well as a 10-year pin.

In accepting, Lillian thanked BWC for this honor and credited her three mentors: the late Lee Buffan, the late Mildred Berg and Marie Sheperd. Marie and Lee once held the office of President. Mildred was a vice president. Lillian said it was those three members who made her "feel so much a part of the club" and who taught her the things she needed to know to act as President and then Property Management Chairman. "They were wonderful and I could not have done it without them."

## ARTS/CRAFTS

It's summer in Florida when all the meeting, etc. stop and we can pursue our creative endeavors. Keep in mind that the next season's Club ARTS/CRAFTS competition is set for Jan. 19 during a regular BWC Luncheon meetings.

2011 was a great year to show off our talents. At the GFWC Spring Convention Joan White took 2nd place for her crewel work, Kay Baker took two 3rd place ribbons for her beautiful Sun Flowers and her miniature Christmas stockings and Carole Koster took an honorable mention for her beautiful water color painting.

Congratulation to all the ladies who entered in the Club and District Art/Crafts shows, we are looking forward to the next year's entries.

All the categories for the contest are listed in your current 2010-2011 Yearbook, so glance through and see what challenges you and your creative abilities and surprise us all. Have a good, relaxing and creative summer.



BARBARA GRIMES  
CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY AND  
ARTS/CRAFTS  
CO-CHAIRMAN

## HISTORIAN

### Photos/clippings needed

If any of the members have pictures of our club year other than those in the newsletters, please send the pictures to me or leave them in the office, addressed to my attention. That goes for any newspaper articles too.

I'm working on the history of 2010-2011 club year. It's not a scrapbook, but I would like to include some pictures. I'm using ALL the newsletters. This is why I need pictures/article not in our newsletters.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful Summer...see you in the Fall.



DUSTY LUONGO  
HISTORIAN


## A NOTE FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

According to Henry M. Robert III, the grandson of the original Henry M. Robert, to speak in a deliberation assembly, you must first raise your hand to be recognized by the residing officer. When called upon, stand to speak either to make a motion or to take part in the discussion of a motion (debate).

To make a motion, the proper language is "I move to \_\_\_\_." To take part in the discussion, you are usually allowed two or three minutes of floor time. So be prepared as to what you want to say.



EVELYN  
WEICKER,  
PARLIAMENTARIAN

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) Every time a ticket is drawn it is returned to the pot for another chance (even same day). Winners need not be present to win.							

## BWC SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

Great odds: only 200 to be sold

Hurry - tickets are going fast!

Six winners each week starting Nov. 3

Here is the information on the 2011-2012 BWC Scholarship Drive Prize Drawing tickets.

■ Each ticket will cost \$20; we will ONLY sell 200 tickets. We have already sold 50 - get yours before they run out.

■ 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! Yes during the same day!

■ On the 1st week an additional drawing for \$100

■ On the 5th week an additional drawing for \$100

■ On the 10th week grand prize drawing for \$500

So, when you buy one \$20 ticket, you have 63 chances of winning. If every member of the club buys two tickets each, we have made our goal. Please keep in mind that this is intended to replace our annual Fashion Show which is our major fundraiser for scholarships.

These drawings will payout a total of \$1,900 to the winners and BWC will net \$2,000 for our Scholarship Fund.

If you have any questions contact:

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**Dottie James**, 386-8888, djamesfl@yahoo.com

**Sherry Jalovec**, 752-9397, abbergirl@comcast.net

We will be collecting over the summer. Call all your friends. The first drawing will be Nov. 3 at our business meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

I continue to collect dues from members. Those who have not paid to date should mail your check to the club at P. O. Box 1135, BB 33425. As mentioned in April, the bylaws state they should be paid by June 1...about a week away. I will send either an email or mail a card to those I have not heard from after the June 1 date.

Also, if you have a change of address, phone, email, etc. please let me know as soon as possible, as we will be working on the yearbook this summer and the deadline for that is Sept. 1. We'd like to have the membership information as up to date as possible. Either email me (scheitlerm@bellsouth.net), call me (561-491-8033) or drop me a note if you're out of town (81 Cedar Circle, BB 33436). Those of you who wish to have your cell phone number included in the yearbook also need to let me know.



MARY SCHEITLER  
CHAIRMAN

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in the fall.

## COMMUNITY CARING

The May 12 luncheon was the last date for collecting food for Community Caring. The last delivery to CC was on May 13. Please do not bring any during the summer as it will take up space in the office.

Thank you to those who have contributed food this past year- the center really appreciates it and the need is great.

## FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS

### Tons of supplies needed

Once again, Forgotten Soldiers need supplies to ship. Their warehouse looks mighty bare! So we can start collecting toiletries, tuna etc. in light packages, snacks also in light packages. Please no outdated items and please hold onto them until our first meeting in the fall or drop them off yourselves and tell them it's from BWC.

You can go to their website at <http://www.forgottensoldiers.org/help/donate-items-list> where you will find a list of supplies needed.



JEAN NOLAN  
CHAIRMAN

*The next issue of Focus will be the October issue.*

*You should receive it by the end of September.*

***Deadline for news articles is Sept. 8. The website will be updated on an as needed basis.***



## ► President...

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chairing or co-chairing a special event were given to Barbara Grimes, Ellen Morgan, Terry Markey, Michele Walter, and Mary Scheitler. Some chairmen were not present to receive their certificates. They are: Dotty James, Pat Waldron, Carolyn Schoch, Kay Baker, Marian Ortiz and Jean Nolan. Special recognition for many contributions by a newer member was given to Barbara Erlichman. The Executive Board and Standing Committees were also recognized.

The sum of something is only as good as its parts and all of you who participate and contribute are what makes us succeed. Keep up the great work.

Carole Andrade attended the lunch and we are thrilled to

see her back after her health struggles this year. We're glad you're back, Carole, because we missed you!

Also, this year we were proud and fortunate to be able to recognize two past presidents who have served the club for over 10 years with dedication and enthusiasm, Lillian Ostiguy and Joan White. These ladies are wonderful examples of why our club continues to thrive for more than 100 years. Both were at the May 12 luncheon. Be inspired to consider being a part of the wonderful group of ladies who make it all happen.

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**Budget:** We reached our budget this year by cutting overhead and doing a great job with rentals. It appears we even made a \$5,000+ profit and that is great. Thanks for all of your hard work.

**Party:** P.M. had its end of the year celebration dinner party. This group of terrific ladies did a fantastic job in cutting costs and bringing in tenants to rent. We are looking for new people to join our Property Management team. No experience needed because you will be trained and not left alone. It's only three hours of phone and walk-in coverage two-three times a month. We're on the hunt for YOU. Please volunteer.

**Rental Learning Curve:** There is a club that rented their building to a group for a birthday party. The party was really a prostitution event. The same people returned another time, used a different name, and rented it again, but were caught and cancelled. This club's events had no supervision so people could do as they please and word got out that they were an easy mark. The fact that we supervise our events either with a guard or by us is of the utmost importance.

A Martial Arts Group that rented our second floor for a two-hour family event and buffet wound up there for many hours. I arrived at 3:45 to make sure all was well and children were jumping off the library table unsupervised. They had decided that they would take over the entire building without asking. I would not allow them in until they gave me a check. Pat Waldron joined me a bit later and we were there until after 11 p.m. Pat is not a regular P.M. office coverage person but she has been there with me to supervise the problems. This group had no respect for our building, the murals, the kitchen, the hardwood floors or the terms of the lease at all. They cancelled the check for the additional rent. We kept the security and they will be reported to the Better Business Bureau.

It is important for us to be choosy when we rent. It's far better to say no for questionable events than reap the havoc of a horrible mess. People also need to know that events will continue to be supervised, either by a guard or by us so they will know we aren't an easy mark.

## PREZ ELECT'S/PAST PREZ' CORNER

### Reporting

When Patti Owens, Carole Koster and I attended the GFWC Convention in Orlando, we received a pleasant surprise. We have only been reporting the activities of the Boynton Woman's Club to GFWC for two years, and this year we received a second place for the programs we held under Home Life.

I don't know if our club received any honors in the past, but I feel very pleased that you members contributed to the programs held during 2010 that helped us achieve this honor.

They were our Artful Bra Workshop for Breast Cancer Awareness, the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, handmade items donated to Bethesda Hospital, dinner for Habitat for Humanity student volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day, hospice and financial trusts speakers, Community Caring Center monthly food contributions, monetary donations to Canine Companions for Independence and Special Olympics and Rock Camp/Boggy Creek, the David Crohan Concert for Community Caring Center and the Seminar for Smart Choices in Retirement.



KAY BAKER  
IMM. PAST PREZ  
AND PREZ ELECT  
G&D CHAIR

We also received an ovation for the programs classified in International Outreach. Those programs were Plan USA, the Mad Hatter's Tea for Heifer International, the golf club money donated to the Haiti Earthquake Fund and our UNICEF collection during October.

Thank you to those chairmen and their committees who organized these events, and thank you to all of the members who supported them.

For all those members who volunteer for other agencies, don't forget to send me your hours for April (kay@aboardkibon.com) or to my address in the yearbook. Since there won't be any issues of FOCUS during the summer, be sure to either send me those hours or mark them on your calendars so it will be easy to recall them in the fall.

### Convention

Our four entries in the Arts and Crafts Competition all won prizes. See Barbara Grimes' report on page 3.

One of the workshops I attended presented four of the organizations that GFWC supports under partnership with individual clubs. The latest update on the Hacienda Ranch for Girls is a feasibility study to investigate building a facility to house 15 elderly women. The hope is that these women and the girls will interact and provide support for each other.

I was very impressed with the presentation made by Sew Much Comfort. This organization creates new clothing or

adapts store made items for use by disabled veterans. This may be a project that some of our members would enjoy either as a group or individually.

The Canine Companions for Independence will visit any club interested in sponsoring or raising a puppy.

A young tennis player from Special Olympics talked about her upcoming visit to the Olympics in Greece, and we were given a demonstration of the children's exercise and sports kits that individual clubs can purchase for Special Olympics use. We may want to further investigate these organizations to diversify our fundraising.

## G&D COMMITTEE

The Grants and Donations Committee has been investigating the replacement of our windows and doors. After interviewing two companies and talking to someone who does historical research in West Palm Beach, we've discovered it is a much larger project than we first thought. We are looking at grants from Florida's Historic Preservation Office and from our own Boynton Beach CRA. We are also approaching Home Depot for a small grant that we can use for the driveway or for the kitchen floor.

Since we last listed the names of contributors to our Capital Improvement Fund, we have received three additional donations. Our thanks go to Joan White, The Toby Foundation and to Erna Weaver. Although summer is coming soon, the committee will continue to work on behalf of all the members of Boynton Woman's Club. Emails and phone calls keep us all in touch. Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in October.

## JUNE-OCTOBER EVENT SCHEDULE

ALL THE DATES BELOW ARE THURSDAYS. A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLINE WHEN COMPLETED. AT THE END OF THE SUMMER, ALL EVENTS WILL BE LISTED IN YOUR NEW YEARBOOK AND IN SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTERS.

June 2, Brown bag lunch .....	11:30
July 7, Brown bag lunch .....	11:30
Aug. 4, Brown bag lunch .....	11:30
Sept. 1, Brown bag lunch .....	11:30
Sept. 15-17, Fall board .....	Orlando
Oct. 6, Executive board meeting .....	9:30
Oct. 13, Business meeting .....	9:30
Oct. 20, Photo/Art/Sew Much Comfort Workshop .....	9:30
Oct. 20, Luncheon meeting .....	11:30
Oct 27., Executive board meeting .....	9:30

## HACIENDA GIRL'S RANCH

Hacienda Girl's Ranch needs a new computer. If anyone has any computer connections or would like to donate one, call Kay Rupp or one of the board members.