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Mary Fallon, left, and Terry Markey are looking at some of the entries at the Arts and Crafts competition. To see who won what, turn to page 5



# Focus

*Boynton Woman's Club's Newsletter*

*Michele Walter, President*

*February 2015*

## — From the President —

Dear members,

We had a very busy January. Our piano concert with Al Guastafeste was very enjoyable and successful. We also participated in the annual Race for the Cure with several members walking and several staying home in the donation area called Sleep In for the Cure.

Our gala is around the corner and I would encourage you to still ask people to attend. We can take a few late reservations. We have some great silent auction items including a gold and aquamarine ring, a three-day and two-night including breakfast resort stay at the historic Bethel Inn in Maine which includes unlimited golf in summer and cross country skiing in winter. We also have several restaurant gift certificates, golf green fee gift certificates, spa and perfume items and a lovely bouquet from the Blossom Shoppe in Boynton Beach. A big screen TV has also been promised to us for the auction.

We have a great band and hope to have a fun Roaring '20s party. The band and singers are entertaining to listen to even if you don't like to dance. Think of it as a great concert with dinner with wine and beer included in the price.

Mayor Jerry Taylor is our honorary chairman. We thank Mayor Taylor, historic preservationist Warren Adams and the CRA of Boynton Beach for all their support in our grant proposal to the state to help us restore our doors and windows. We are 29 on the list of 50 grant requests so we hope the state legislature funds the list at least down to #29. Speak to your Florida legislators about the appropriation to fund the historic buildings in our state. That is our heritage and we don't want to lose it.

Hope to see you at the Gala!

— Michele Walter

## Gustafeste concert a huge success

Once again, pianist Al Guastafeste was a huge hit when he performed his *Around the World in Music* concert at the clubhouse on Jan. 18.

More than 70 people attended and enjoyed music from a number of different countries. Among the popular choices that Al played were such favorites as *Greensleeves* (from England) and *Otchi Tchornyia* (also known as Dark Eyes).

The big crowd-pleaser, though, which brought the audience to its feet, was *Fifty Nifty US States* where Al sang – in alphabetical order – the name of every United States state.

Many guests also attended the reception that followed. And, as usual, the member-provided food was excellent. Thanks to everyone who helped make this concert such a success.

—Barbara Erlichman and Chadda Shelly.



From the left are: Michele Walter, Al Gustafeste, and co-chairs Barbara Erlichman and Chadda Shelly.

## Officers

President..... Dr. Michele Walter  
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 Imm. 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

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Boynton Woman's Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and the preservation of our historic building 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 —

Can't help recognizing a few of our newest members who have jumped in with both feet: Joyce Delaney has agreed to take over the Conservation Community Service Program since longtime member Martha Miller has moved. Stephanie Steiner is helping us get rock bottom prices on fabric to cover our very worn couches and chairs in the Library. Ellen Pollack helps out wherever she can and does a great job. Of course so do our veteran members: Kay Baker sewing the cushions for those couches; Terry Markey cleaned the furniture, Jean Nolan got student volunteers to clean our "house" (see page 5) to name just a few. It takes a village as you all know and we have a great one named Boynton Woman's Club.



## — Birthdays —

PATRICIA KROPP ..... FEB. 6	ROZ SANTELLA ..... APRIL 2
MADELENE HAWKINS ..... MAR. 4	LILLIAN FLOYD ..... APRIL 5
LENORE MOSS-FISHMAN ..... MAR. 5	MARGE MACNEIL ..... APRIL 5
BARBARA WINEBERG ..... MAR. 12	NANCY HOGAN ..... APRIL 6
VONCILE SMITH ..... MAR. 17	MARIAN ORTIZ ..... APRIL 9
TERESA MARKEY ..... MAR. 18	KATHLEEN RUPP ..... APRIL 12
LILLIAN CAMPISI ..... MAR. 20	CARMEN STRATOS ..... APRIL 19
THERESA SCUTARI ..... MAR. 21	EILEEN DIX ..... APRIL 22
ELEANOR VREELAND ..... MAR. 21	STEPHANIE STEINER ..... APRIL 25
BARBARA ERLICHMAN ..... MAR. 24	DOROTHY NEENAN ..... APRIL 26
NAIN WEAVER ..... MAR. 24	

## Save the Date

**Saturday**

**February 7, 2015**



## Roaring 20s Celebration

6:30 - 10:30 **\$55**

### Boynton Woman's Club

*Hors d'oeuvres, Carving, pasta, and seafood stations, salad and dessert.*

**Wine and beer included.**

*The celebration will benefit the restoration and preservation of our 1925 historic building, designed by the renowned Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner.*

### Silent Auction, Music & Dancing

**For reservations or information, call 561-369-2300 or email us at [bwc1909@gmail.com](mailto:bwc1909@gmail.com)**

*Cocktail or Roaring 20s attire...*

*zoot suits allowed but no ties required.*

## — Minding the Mizner —

### Building spruced up; more history discovered

Spring cleaning has come early this year in preparation for the Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Gala. The library wall and both bathrooms have been repainted. The damaged wicker back couch is out to have the cane replaced. Kay Baker has volunteered to make new seat and back cushions on the couches and fabric has been ordered. The library and dining room floors are scheduled to be cleaned and buffed. New front door mats have been ordered. It is a busy time trying to coordinate everything.



Many thanks to Terry Markey who has cleaned the library and dining room furniture, Jean Nolan and the volunteers from South Tech who have cleaned the library windows and other areas.

I found a book on the life and art of Bernard P. Thomas while cleaning the office. I always assumed he was a south Florida muralist but after reading about his life and work, have a newfound respect for the mural in our dining room.

He was born and raised in Sheridan, Wyoming, studied art in

Paris and moved to Boynton Beach in 1953 where he lived until his death in 1994 at age 76. He is noted for his western art and documentary murals, most which is in private collections today.

He taught art classes at our building and the stage mural was painted by his art students in the early 1960s. He painted the mural for our club. The only other local public painting is a religious painting called "After the Last Supper" which hangs at the First United Methodist Church In Boynton Beach. His wife, Betty, was a long-time member of our club and has a park in Boynton Beach dedicated to her. She and their daughter were at our 100th anniversary open house.

The building is full of history and priceless items that can never be replaced and we have a tremendous responsibility to protect what has been entrusted to us.

— Pat Waldron, co-chairman

### Dress-age! for dinner

We have arranged another trip to the Wellington Equestrian Center; this time to the Dressage Arena. We will meet at the Arena at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 20. Barbara Lang, who has been our guide before, will conduct a tour of the facility and explain the various manoeuvres to music that the horses complete. Dressage is occasionally referred to as "Horse Ballet." She will give us some pointers on what to look for when we attend the Dressage Freestyle International Competition later in the evening. After Barbara speaks she will take us to the tent in the same Arena where we will have a buffet dinner. Then we will attend the Dressage Competition at 7 pm.



The price for this event is \$30, which includes parking, admission to the Arena, the tour & instruction, dinner and the competition. Guests are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Eileen Dix at 791-1448. The deadline for reserving a seat and sending payment is February 1. Eileen has directions to the Arena which is not at the same location we went to previously, but it is nearby.

### Wedding photos on display Feb. 19



For our Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon we will have two special but very different events. Ladies you are invited to bring and display a photo of your wedding or one of you in a formal event such as part of a bridal party or prom photo. No albums please.



Sonia Hendricks from Learning Ally will present information on this not too well-known organization that does so much good for so many in our community. The organization, with a chapter in Boca Raton, has become a critical resource to students, parents, families and educators.

— Barbara Grimes, co-chairman

## — Conservation —



Hi everyone,

My name is Joyce Delaney. I am a new member and have agreed to step in as Conservation chairman since Martha Miller is moving out of the area.

Together, Martha and I have arranged a trip to Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge for March 19 and it will start at 9 a.m. at the refuge.

I will have signup sheets at our next meeting and also more details. In the meantime, if you think you'd like to come, pencil it in on your calendar.

— Joyce Delaney, chairman

**David Beaumont**  
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Corporate member of the  
Boynton Woman's Club

**Newsletter deadline is Feb. 19**  
Please email articles by noon or bring to luncheon.

— Arts and Crafts —



2014 contest awards

First place entries will advance to the District 10 contest

Cat	Name	Descrip.	Place	
1	Ceramics	Sculptured face	Kay Baker	First
6	Jewelry	Necklace	Kay Baker	First
7	Beadwork	Picture	Joan White	First
9	3-D collage picture		Joan White	First
10	Miniatures	Needlepoint P	Joan White	First
12	Paper crafts - Quilling		Pat Kropp	First
13	Memory book-handmade	BWC 2014	Barbara Erlichman	Third
14	Memory book		Kay Baker	First
16	Natural Materials	Handbag	Mary Fallon	First
17	Recycle Materials	Patriotic Vase	Joan White	First
18	Floral (no live materials)		Michele Walter	Sec.
			JoAnne Kriesant-Weld	Third
			Joan White	HM
20	Wreaths	Christmas	Joan White	First
26	Crochet - clothing	Scarf	Carolyn Schoch	First
27	Crochet - Afghans	afghan	Joan White	First
28	Hand Embroidery	Crewel picture	Joan White	First
31	Cross Stitch - Counted	Picture	Betty Pafenbach	First
38	Special Event Sewing	Red Hat	JoAnne Kriesant-Weld	Third
42	Open category	Digital Calendar	Maria Forastiero	First
70	Oil Painting		Donna Artes	First
73	Watercolor		Pat Kropp	First
90	Photography	Portrait	Michele Walter	First
91	Photography	Natural History	Kay Baker	First
92	Photography	Scenic	Kay Baker	First
			Donna Artes	Sec.
93	Photography	Feature	Kay Baker	First
			Maria Forastiero	Sec.
95	Photography	Enhanced -NY	JoAnne Kriesant-Weld	First



Lydia Delgado and Ellen Pollack look at the photo entries.



Barbara Grimes and Wanda Karam check out John White's handiwork.



JoAnne Kriesant-Weld, Theresa Scutari and Mary Fallon examine some entries.

— Joan White, Betty Pafenbach and Pat Kropp, co-chairmen

## First BWC Prez Cora Harper returns March 4

Boynton Woman's Club founder and first president, Cora Stickney Harper, will be the subject of a March 4 talk by local historians and authors Janet DeVries and Ginger Pedersen.

Mrs. Harper, 1858 to 1914, was among the first graduating classes of Wellesley college. She founded several women's clubs in Florida and belonged to several others. A trailblazer, she had education, money and the means to get the club started.

Come and hear this amazing woman's story on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30. (NOTE: This was originally scheduled for Feb. 26.)

This is a free event but reservations are required. Either call or email Barbara Erlichman at 561-737-9381 or [jaybar@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jaybar@ix.netcom.com) to make your reservation.

— Barbara Erlichman

## Bylaws committee meets Feb. 12

The bylaws committee will meet to establish our calendar for the proposed amendments on Feb. 12 following the business meeting. Call me at 737-7983 if you would like to be on the committee.

— Evelyn Weicker, chairman

## ▶ More award photos

... from page 4



Wanda Karam, Joanne Kriesant-Weld and Michele Walter.



The first group to help clean were: Ruth Joseph, Gabrielle Rios, Diana Rodriguez, Jean, Rochelle Ellie, Miriam Aranda, and Ezequiel Aranda.

## Clean-up earns community credit for DECA students at South Tech

Nine energetic, personable, hardworking South Tech High School students have begun helping clean and refurbish our clubhouse and grounds. They've been there now at least two times. The first group is pictured above and the second below.

Please take note of the sparkling clean windows throughout the building and a cleaner kitchen. The students, members of the school's DECA organization, earn community service hours for their work.

— Jean Nolan, chairman



At the second cleaning were Jeanne Joseph, Quinzie Demesmin, Cheyenne Kell, Gabrielle Rios, and Rochelle Ellie.



### Squaring off in GFWC's history

GFWC Florida is recognizing 120 years of service by creating a quilt with a square from each club. The quilt will hang at headquarters in Lakeland. Sherry Jalovec, a former Boynton Woman's Club member, made our square. It was presented to the club at the Arts and Crafts luncheon on Jan. 15 and has been sent to GFWC Florida Headquarters. Some dates are very interesting. GFWC was founded in 1890 and is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year. GFWC Florida was founded in 1895 and is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> year. Our Club is not too far behind. We were organized in 1909, federated in 1911 and are celebrating our 106<sup>th</sup> year.

— Kay Baker

### — Community Caring —

At my recent delivery to the community Caring Center, I was informed of a shortage of spaghetti sauce, pasta and canned meats.

Please bring your donations of non-expired, non-perishable foods, household and personal care products to our meetings.

Just place them inside the entrance next to the Community Caring bag.

Thank you for your support.



— Terry Markey, chairman

### — Reminders —

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.



— Jody Spinelli, chairman

### 2015 meetings/events

All are at the clubhouse unless otherwise noted

#### February

Thurs.	Feb. 5	9:30	Executive Board Meeting
Sat.	Feb. 7	TBD	Great Charity Challenge ..... in Wellington
Sat.	Feb. 7	6:30	Dinner/dance for Historic ..... Preservation of the clubhouse
Thurs.	Feb. 12	9:30	Business Meeting
Thurs.	Feb. 12	11:30	Bylaws committee
Thurs.	Feb. 19	11:30	Luncheon
Fri.	Feb. 20	4:30	Wellington Dressage Trip

#### March

Wed.	Mar. 4	6:30	Cora S. Harper Story
Thurs.	Mar. 5	9:30	Executive Board Meeting
Thurs.	Mar. 12	9:30	Business Meeting
Sun	Mar. 15	11:30	Ziegfeld Brunch
Thurs.	Mar. 19	9:00	Loxahatchee conservation trip
Thurs.	Mar. 19	TBD	Habitat Dinner
Thurs.	Mar. 26	2:00	Mad Hatter's Tea

#### April

Thurs.	Apr. 2	9:30	Executive Board Meeting
Thurs.	Apr. 9	9:30	Business Meeting
Thurs.	Apr. 23	11:30	Scholarship Luncheon
Thurs.	Apr. 30	9:30	Executive Board Meeting

#### May

Thurs.	May 7	9:30	Business Meeting
	May 15-18		GFWC FL Convention ..... Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

### Don't forget our soldiers

We still have soldiers overseas and many in dangerous locations and one way to support them is to donate to **Forgotten Soldiers**.

I will continue to have a bag or box at the front door for you to place items you're donating. Also, a monetary donation is always appreciated as it goes toward the mailing of these boxes, which costs about \$25 per box. If you give me a check, make it out to BWC and the club will make out the check to them, then both the club and you can write it off.

Once a month, when I pick up the newsletter, I drop off any donations received, since they are near our printer. We tend to start out strong, but then the donations seem to dwindle.

— Mary Scheitler, chairman



### Upcoming refreshment assignments

ALL REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE SET-UP AND CLEAN UP.  
IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, FIND A SUB AND CALL MARIAN ORTIZ OR THERESA SCUTARI.

**FEB. 12, 2015**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**ARRIVE 8:30 A.M.**  
MARY FALLON  
EVELYN WEICKER  
LILLIAN OSTIGUY



**FEB. 19, 2015**  
**POTLUCK LUNCH**  
**ARRIVE 10:30 A.M.**  
EILEEN DIX  
DEVOTA SWENSON  
TERRY MARKEY  
JODY SPINELLI