Focus

Boynton Woman's Club Newsletter

Michele Walter, President

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From the President

Dear Members,

TWO things every member needs to do this spring.

1) Arrange your schedule in order to come to your Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. when we honor the students and parents of scholarship recipients. Pot luck luncheon for side dishes and desserts only because our chef, Dane, is donating the entree. We need a good showing of member support for these students.

2) BUY or SELL two scholarship raffle tickets. It is our main charity!!! We are almost at 100 tickets so return the tickets you took or call me to send you some. We need to sell 200. There are 67 drawings and your ticket goes back in for all drawings. CASH prizes range from $15, $20, $25, $100 and final drawing – $500.

Upcoming Events:

March11 (Saturday) for a tour of WPB Museum & tour by trolley of downtown area followed by lunch. See article on page 4 for details.

March 23 (Thursday) at 6 p.m. Habitat Dinner to feed college workers. Bring desserts! Chef Dane donating dinner for students. We just visit with them.

March 30 (Thursday) Scholarship Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

April 2 (Sunday) at 3 p.m. Concert with Al Guastafeste. Please support this performance. Funds help our historic building.

April 12 (Wednesday) Mad Hatter's Tea at 2 p.m. Please note it is a Wednesday. Please sign up for a table or to join a club table. Cindy Falco-diCorrado is planning spectacular club decorations.

Having the Executive Board Meeting, Business Meeting and Luncheon all on the same day went very well last month and attendance was good. We are the only club in GFWC District 10 which meets twice a month so we are also going to once a month.

Time Changes for Remaining Meetings:

March 9 and April 6 and May 4 – Executive Board at 10 a.m. and Business Meeting starts at 10:30. (Only Executive Board Is a time change.)

April 6 is the annual meeting when Bylaw changes will be presented. Meetings are being held to an hour.

We have cancelled the April 8 cocktail party due to lack of interest.

The year is almost over and we need everyone to support the club in some way. And we still need a Recording Secretary. Please call my cell phone if you'd like to volunteer.

Thank you.

Michele

— Mad Hatter's Tea —

DATE CHANGE – Don't forget that the Mad Hatter's Tea Party is now Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Set up your own table or let us set it up for you. There will be prizes and raffles. Tickets are $20.

Please call my cell phone to make your reservation. My number is in the *Yearbook*.

Michele Walter

2016 - 2018 Officers

President ..... Dr. Michele Walter
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……Rosemarie Patrone
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Assistant Treasurer ....Pat Waldron
Imm. Past Pres..... Dr. Kay Baker
Parliamentarian .... Evelyn Weicker

Membership meets twice monthly on Thursdays. October through May

ACTIVE membership
Annual dues $60*
*New members add $25 for application fee

CORPORATE membership
Corporate: $200

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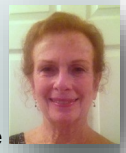
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
The Boynton Woman's Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and the preservation of our historic building within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, and shall otherwise comply with any requirements under such section.

— Membership —



My thanks to everyone for continuing to think of me. All the support, in every way, from everyone here in our Club, gives me the focus to concentrate on a good outcome rather than the process. I hope very much to be able to visit Florida for a week or two in April and hope to see all you then.

Rosemarie Patrone

Birthdays — March andApril —

MAR. 1 .....ELIZABETH LEWIS
MAR. 17..... VONCILE SMITH
MAR. 18 .....TERESA MARKEY
MAR. 21 .....THERESA SCUTARI
MAR. 21..... ELEANOR VREELAND
MAR. 24 .....BARBARA ERLICHMAN
MAR 24 .....NAIN WEAVER

APR. 1 .....PEGGY BONAN
APR. 2 .....ROZ SANTELLA
APR. 6 .....NANCY HOGAN
APR. 9 .....MARIAN ORTIZ
APR. 12 .....KATHLEEN RUPP
APR. 22 .....EILEEN DIX
APR. 26 ..... DOROTHY NEENAN

— BWC Charter Member Byrd Spilman Dewey —

Finalist for the Florida Women's Hall of Fame

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women has announced the ten finalists for the 2017 Florida Women's Hall of Fame and Byrd Spilman Dewey is on the list.

Among her many other accomplishments, Mrs. Dewey was also a 1909 charter member of the Boynton Woman's Club. She also wrote for many national magazines such as *Good Housekeeping*, the *Christian Union* and *Vogue*; she was South Florida's first newspaper columnist in 1891; she wrote the 1899 bestselling book *Bruno* and she co-founded the Town of Boynton in 1898 with husband Fred S. Dewey. She continued to work well into her 60s by becoming the Florida Audubon Society's Field Secretary, traveling the state making speeches in favor of bird sanctuaries and humane treatment of animals.

Governor Scott will select up to three of the top ten for induction into the 2017 Florida Women's Hall of Fame in March. Please write him a letter of support for Mrs. Dewey. His address is, Office of Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

— Refreshment Committee —

UPCOMING REFRESMENT ASSIGNMENTS

March 9 — Business Meeting
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March 30 — Scholarship Lunch
Kay Baker, Terry Markey,

We can always use more volunteers at the Scholarship Lunch
Please sign up to help out at one of these events.
Email bwc1909@gmail.com

— Next Newsletter Deadline —

Please have articles for the APRIL issue to Barbara Erlichman by MARCH 27. Email to newsforbwc@gmail.com

Bylaws Changes

The Bylaws Committee met on February 16 and the members have decided that the following Bylaws need to be amended. We will vote on the amendments at our annual meeting on April 6. Please make sure you read the Bylaws prior to the meeting. You will find them on pages 33 and 37 of our *Yearbook*.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES

Section 8

A **Committee** (*delete Auditing*) of three (3) members to be appointed by the President of the Club shall **review** *(delete audit)* the books and all accounts of the Club, and shall submit a written report for filing and report to the membership once a year. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer may not be members of this committee.

Section 9

The **Finance** *(delete the Budget and)* Committee composed of the Treasurer and four (4) other members shall be appointed by the President and shall submit budgets for the Boynton Woman's Club and its Property Management to be approved by the Executive Board. Such budgets may be amended by this committee. The fiscal year shall be from June 1st through May 31st.

Section 10

(a) The Executive Board of the Club shall consist of the elected officers*, (delete the following*: *chairmen of the community service programs, chairmen of standing committees,)* the immediate past president and non-voting parliamentarian. This sentence will now read: The Executive Board of the Club shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president and non-voting parliamentarian.

ARTICLE XII – QUORUM

b) A quorum of ten percent (10%) *(delete twenty (20))* members in good standing must be present for any Special Meeting or emergency during recess of the Club.

Evelyn Weicker

Habitat for Humanity Student Dinner

On Thursday, March 23, we will host a Habitat for Humanity dinner for students from various universities who volunteer to work in a project around our area. Chef Dane will prepare and donate the dinner.

Members are welcome to join us and I will need some volunteers to help me set up the tables. Also, if you plan to join us for dinner, please bring dessert as this is not included with the dinner.

Dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. but we need to get there at 5 p.m. to set up. Students who volunteer for such a great cause are special and we enjoy talking to them. A special thanks to Chef Dane. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please call me. My number is in the Yearbook.

Marie Gennaci

— BWC Office Now Open —

As many of you know, we have had a contract with Celebrations who has been managing the rentals of our building for the past five years. This contract has allowed us to pay all the bills involved in the maintenance of our historical – and 92 year-old – building. Since that contract concludes on June 30, 2017, it is necessary that we discover a way to continue to pay those bills. We have decided to revert to our previous method of staffing the office, answering the phone and promoting the rental of our building. Prior to our contract with Celebrations, these rentals allowed us to pay for the insurance, utilities, and contracts for services necessary to operate the premises. We know it will take time and effort to get back to that goal, but the Executive Board has confidence that we can do it.

The operative word is WE. There aren't too many members left who volunteered in the office before, but I am gratified to see that we have new volunteers who are learning how to talk to prospective renters and how to convince them that our most beautiful building is the venue for their event. Twenty volunteers have been staffing the office from 10 am to 1 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays since the beginning of February and will continue through the summer. Our plan is to supplement or even replace these volunteers with a part-time person in the fall.

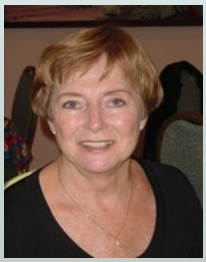
Most of the current volunteers have been obligated to be in the office for only one or two mornings this month, and I hope to continue that schedule. We may have some difficulties during the summer when some of our members go north for vacations. Therefore, I am hoping that a few more members will call me to volunteer a day or two each month to help keep this building open.

The recent Florida and CRA grants have allowed us to refurbish the windows and doors in the ballroom and upstairs lobby. Now we need to encourage the people of Boynton Beach and its environs to hold parties and weddings and social and religious events in the spacious ballroom or more intimate lower level rooms.

Did you see the word WE a few paragraphs above? WE are doing as much as we can to keep this building together. There is one other pronoun that can help us. That is YOU.

Kay Baker

— Community Caring —



Spring is almost here and let us not forget the great need in our community. Please bring your donations of unexpired no-perishable foods, paper products and personal and household care products to any of our meetings. Thank you for your support of this important cause.

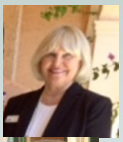
Terry Markey

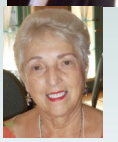
— Day Trip to West Palm Beach —

Our tour of the Richard & Pat Johnson Museum and Historic Trolley Tour of the Palm Beaches is March 11, 2017. Meet at the BWC at 9:00 a.m. for carpooling to the museum. Parking is at the garage on the south side of the Museum and directions will be available for drivers at pickup. We still have space for 4 more participants. Lunch will be out of the Palm Beach area due to the walking required to nearest restaurants. We will depart at end of trolley tour for the Key Lime House. Still need 2 drivers, let me know.

Barbara Grimes, Event Coordinator

— Scholarship Lunch —





Our Scholarship Lunch is Thursday, March 30. Pleases make every effort to attend this lunch where we honor our scholarship winners. Their families and counselors are also invited and it is very important that we have a good attendance by all our members.

The lunch will be one of the few pot luck lunches we will be having. Chef Dane will donate a pasta entrée and members can bring their own favorite entree, salad or dessert.

This is one of the most important lunches of the year. Please attend — and bring twice as much food as usual. Thanks.

Donna Artes and Denise Chamberlain

2016-2017 Calendar

Events are on Thursdays unless otherwise noted

Executive board meetings are at 10:00 a.m.
Business meetings are on the same day at 10:30 a.m.
unless otherwise noted

Luncheons are at 11:30, Time for other events as noted

March

March 9, 10:00 a.m. ..... Executive Board Meeting
March 9, 10:30 a.m. ..... Business Meeting
March 11, 9:00 a.m. ..... Day Trip to WPB
March 23, 6:00 p.m ..... Habitat Dinner
March 30, 11:30 a.m... ..... Scholarship Lunch

April

April 2, 3 p.m. Sunday..... Concert - Al Guastafeste
April 6, 10:00 a.m. ..... Executive board meeting
April 6, 10:30 a.m. ..... Business Meeting
April 12, 2 p.m. ..... Mad Hatter's Tea
April 20, 11:30 a.m. CANCELLED..... Luncheon Meeting

May

May 4, 10:00 a.m. ..... Executive Board Meeting
May 4, 10:30 a.m. ..... Business Meeting
May 11, TBD ..... Day Trip on Lady Atlantic boat

Note: TBD means time to be determined

— Minding the Mizner —

The final phrase of the renovation project was completed recently. Our contractor, Bill Rielly, really went above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to the scheduled work, he also donated the window in the men's bathroom upstairs.

I have had two door closers installed on the ballroom French doors. And Bill is again helping us out by installing locks on all but two of the remaining doors. This is to prevent further damage from the doors being left open during events. Bill's crew also repaired the French door that had been damaged during an event. To prevent this happening in the future, there will be brass guards on two doors which will limit how far they can be opened and prevent the wind from catching them.

Again, Bill, thanks for a great job.

Pat Waldron

— New Photo Competition —

Last call!!!! For the GFWC State Photo Contest, that gives three money prizes for Best in State award. Categories are Living Things, GFWC Volunteers in Action and Seasons of the Year. If anyone would like to enter, please call me for details. (My number is in the *Yearbook)*

The time is NOW!

Pat Kropp

— Al Guastafeste Concert on April 2 —

Do you have the Al Guastafeste April 2 concert down in your calendar? Al will be back to perform one of his ever-popular concerts. This one, Baroque to Modern, will include music of Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, and Khachaturian (Modern). And as a special treat, Al may also play one of his own compositions. As usual, he will introduce each piece with a brief explanation of the time period it represents as well as a demonstration.

Al, performing since the age of six, has played in concert halls, and on radio and TV in the United States, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Guam, and the Philippine Islands. He is equally comfortable performing Popular, Jazz, and traditional Classical programs. At a piano recital at Carnegie Recital Hall, N.Y. in 1981, he gave the world premiere performance of his Contemporary Jazz-Rock Piano Sonata.

Al is the recipient of several awards from the United States Army for Outstanding Performer, Musical Director, Technical Advisor, Production Consultant, and Musical Producer.

This is the last in a series of three Sunday afternoon concerts and will be held in the library, starting at 3 p.m. It will be followed by a reception where the audience will have the chance to meet Al. Tickets are $20 each.

For tickets or more information, contact Kay Baker or Barbara Erlichman at 561-369-2300 or email BWC1909@gmail.com

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AL GUASTAFESTE

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 3 P.M.

Everyone's favorite pianist, Al Guastafeste, will be performing his unique Baroque to Modern program, including music of Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and Khachaturian.
Reception to follow.

BOYNTON WOMAN'S CLUB
1010 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, FL

Tickets are $20

Proceeds from this event will go to the Boynton Woman's Club for the Preservation and Restoration of its historic building

For more information or order tickets please call Kay Baker or Barbara Erlichman at 561-737-9381 or email to bwc1909@gmail.com

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The BWC's charities are supported in part by our corporate members and sponsors: Accessible Health Care, Buca di Beppo, Buffalo Wild Wings, Century 21/Larry Bach, David Beaumont/Allstate, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Flower Market, Pugh's Pools, Touch of English

Boynton Woman's Club

1010 S. Federal Highway

Boynton Beach, Florida

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 2:00p.m.

Tickets: $20.00

Set up your own table or let us set it up for you.

Prizes and Raffles!!

Make Your Reservation by Contacting:

Michele Walter at 561-369-2300

Proceeds benefit the restoration of our 1925 historic building.