



Focus

Boynton Woman's Club Newsletter

Michele Walter, President

December 2017

From the President

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Dear Members,
 Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas!
 The new name of our former building is going to be The Historic Woman's Club Building of Boynton Beach.

There has already been confusion in mailing and other issues. Please use our address: P.O. Box 1135, Boynton Beach, FL 33425, when mailing things to our club membership. We had 5 checks for the fashion show that were delivered to the building and I only heard about it two days before the luncheon.

Several Board members attended the November 14 Boynton Beach CRA meeting. The CRA is NOT going to charge us for our regular twice-a-month meetings. Mayor Grant also recommended that one Gala a year would also be included rent free; however, set up and clean up would be our expense. The CRA board agreed with this.

There was also a discussion about the Boynton Beach Garden Club and the Boynton Beach Historical Society meetings being rent-free since there is quite an overlapping of members in both groups from the Boynton Woman's Club. I believe that was

taken under advise-ment.

We had a lot of fun at the Fashion Show with 108 attending at Benvenuto Restaurant. I want to thank the committee but especially Barbara Erlichman who did most of the preparation work and directed everyone at the luncheon.

The Boynton Beach Holiday Parade was December 2. Jean Nolan agreed to use her car again.

Thursday, December 7 is the Past Presidents' Tea and induction of new members. The Tea starts at 2:00. Please bring finger food. We will start decorating the tables and front entrance at noon with items that members bring. There will be a SHORT Executive Board Meeting followed by an equally short Business Meeting at 1:30 to fulfill the by-laws.

Please finish preparing items for the January 18 Arts & Crafts competition.

Michele



— Past Presidents' Tea —

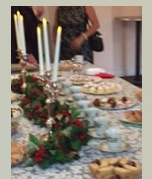
Since the last issue of *Focus*, some details about the Past Presidents' Tea have been changed.

The **December 6** Business Meeting and the Decorating Party to set out Christmas decorations for the Past Presidents' Tea **HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

The Past Presidents' Tea will take place as scheduled on **Thursday, December 7** at 2 p.m. As in the past, we will have a brief ceremony to install our new members and an observance of those members who died this year.

The Tea will NOT be catered. Members are asked to bring finger food, such as sandwiches and small cakes. We no longer have any dishes, so whatever you choose to bring, please bring it already arranged on your own platter — and don't forget to take your platter home with you. Committee members will be arriving around noon to set up and decorate, and they will bring teacups, saucers and plates, but you can also bring your own. If you do, again remember that you need to take them home with you.

We will not be decorating the building, but if you have some Christmas decorations that you'd like to put out, please bring them so we can make the building look festive. And we can always use more volunteers to help with set up and clean up (which is no longer such a big job). This is always a fun event so if you'd like to help, you can either call me (my number is in the Yearbook) or email me at bwc1909@gmail.com.



Terry Markey

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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.

Please submit your articles to
 Barbara Erlichman. You can
 either hand them in at a meet-
 ing or luncheon or email to:
newsforbwc@gmail.com

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
 DECEMBER 21**

— Membership —

Another reminder about the club address. We can no longer use the Federal Highway street address, nor can anyone just drop off packages at the clubhouse. Anything for the club must be sent via the U.S mail to: The Boynton Woman's Club, P.O Box 1135, Boynton Beach, FL 33425



Pat Waldron did an outstanding job negotiating the sale of the building and our members wanted to show their appreciation with a gift. At the November Business Meeting, Michele presented Pat with a framed photo of our Executive Board members, CRA executives and attorney George Mathews, III taken at the September 29 Signing Ceremony, as well as a gift certificate from member contributions.

Thanks again, Pat, for all your hard work.

— 2018 Yearbook Ready —

Don't forget to pick up your new 2017-2018 Yearbook when you next attend a meeting or lunch. It will be next to the sign-In sheet on the table in the lobby. Remember — all members need to sign in at every meeting.

— Birthdays November and December —

NOV. 4	MICHELE WALTER	DEC. 4	DORIAN TRAUGER
NOV. 7	JOAN WHITE	DEC. 4	KAY BAKER
NOV. 12	ANNE WATTS	DEC. 17	PATRICIA WALDRON

— Forgotten Soldiers —

Thank you for the many packages of food and toiletries that members donated during November. We ended up with 6 plastic bags filled with groceries and 6 plastic bags with toiletries. In addition to the \$125 that we received in monetary donations at our last business meeting, \$220 was collected for veterans via the 50/25/25 raffle at our BWC Fashion Show.



When I took over our items to the Lake Worth *Forgotten Soldiers* center, volunteers were already packing up the Christmas packages to go overseas. The organization estimates it will be sending approximately 500 packages to benefit 1,000 deployed soldiers this holiday season.

Forgotten Soldiers has a website where it posts many of the comments it receives. Here's just one:

"My son is good and receives packages; however, he is part of a 90 Marine task force and advises that several of his Marines receive nothing from home."

This is one of the reasons why we support *Forgotten Soldiers*. But this is an on-going project and the organization always needs donations. Below is a list of just some of the items that are always welcome.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Evelyn Henry

Food Items: Peanut Butter, Slim Jims, Crackers, Beef Jerky, Breakfast Bars, Popcorn, Trail Mix, Raman Noodles, Foiled Tuna Packets, Microwaveable Meals.

Misc. Toiletries: (Travel Size) Baby Powder, Foot Powder, Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Baby Wash, Men's Deodorant, Men's & Women's Shaving Cream, Razors.

Games and Misc. Items: New Playing Cards, Puzzle Books, Batteries, Socks, Loose Leaf Paper, Silly String, Pens and Pencils, Insect Repellent, Wipes.

— Arts & Crafts —

The Arts and Crafts Show is coming up next month on January 18. I am soliciting all of you to help us put on a varied show.

This beaded picture, made by Joan White, won first prize in that category at our show. Later it was taken to our District 10 competition, and it won first there. A few months later, it was taken to State where it won first again. We never had an item that went that far before. History-making!



Now I speak to all of you about our show. We need participants. Please study pages 33 through 40 in our wonderful, helpful Yearbook. Do not hesitate to call me as I can answer your questions about this. My number is in the Yearbook. Kay Baker co-chairs this with me.

Pat Kropp

— Fashion Show —

Our November 16 Fashion Show was a great success. Michelle Gaskins, owner of That Spot on Ocean in Lantana, (pictured far right with Fashion Show Co-chairs, Barbara Erlichman and Michele Walter,) provided the commentary. You can see the clothes she selected for our lovely models on pages 5 and 6. Unfortunately, the room was bathed in a blue light, and while it made all of us look 20 years younger, the photographs turned out to be a problem.



The Fashion Show Committee did an outstanding job. Our thanks to Barb Grimes and Mary Scheitler, who staffed the registration desk, and Evelyn Henry, Marian Ortiz and Cindy Falco-Di Corrado who handled ticket sales for the raffle baskets and the 50/25/25 (which alone raised \$440 with \$220 going to Forgotten Soldiers.) A special thank you to Barb G who also arranged the seating plan for the tables and made the eye-

catching poster below so everyone could easily find their table. Cindy also did the beautiful flower arrangements of blue hydrangeas and white roses. One lucky person at each table got to take the arrangement home. And Shannon Tarrant proved to be a lifesaver when Barbara E's camera refused to work.



We also had 7 raffle baskets with the items donated by some members and local vendors: Bailey's Blendz, Café Frankie, The Salt Station and the Wick Theatre and Costume Museum. Additional goodie bags were provided by Glenn's Hair Design and Image Skin Care. In addition, there were coupons on each table from Bailey's Blendz, Lion Arcade and Buffalo Wild Wings, which is one of our sponsors.

It was a truly memorable occasion and our thanks to everyone who attended.

Barbara Erlichman and Michele Walter

— Head Start —

Thursday, December 7 is the last (and only) day to bring in your Head Start gifts. (It's also the day of our Past Presidents' Tea.)



As in the past, we are asking members to contribute an outfit and a toy. Head Start asks that we do NOT wrap the gifts but put each present in a separate Christmas bag. The children like toys but they also need clothing for everyday wear so please provide one of each if you participate. The two gifts should not exceed a total of \$30. Both boys and girls attend Head Start, and the children range in age from 2 years to 5 years old.

Michele and I will be taking over the gifts, but if you have questions, Carolyn Schoch will be happy to answer them. Her number is in the Yearbook.

Thank you for supporting this very worthy project.

Eileen Dix

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2017-2018 CALENDAR

**ALL EVENTS ARE ON THURSDAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
ONLY ELECTED OFFICERS MUST ATTEND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
BUT ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS ARE AT 9:30 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE ON THE SAME DAY AT 10:30 A.M.

LUNCHEONS ARE AT 11:30, TIME FOR OTHER EVENTS AS NOTED

DECEMBER

Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday **CANCELLED** EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday **CANCELLED** BUSINESS MEETING
 Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m. Thursday..... BUSINESS MEETING
 Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Thursday..... PAST PRESIDENTS' TEA

2018

JANUARY

Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING
 Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m. ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW AND LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING
 Feb. 22, 2 p.m. MAD HATTER'S TEA

MARCH

March 8, 9:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 March 8, 10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING
 March 22, 11:30 a.m. SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH

April

April 12, 9:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 April 12, 10:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 April 12, 11:30 a.m. LUNCHEON AND GUEST SPEAKER

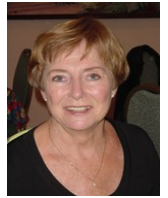
May

May 3, 11:30 a.m. LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
 May TBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Note: TBA means time to be announced

— Community Caring —

During this Holiday Season, please don't forget to share some of our blessings and bounty with the poor and needy in our Community.



I will be collecting non-perishable, unexpired foods, beverages, home and personal care products as well as any Holiday treats at the Past Presidents' Tea on December 7.

Thank you for your support. Blessed and Safe Holidays to all.

Terry Markey



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– Fashion Show –

Here are some of the beautiful outfits that Michelle Gaskins selected for our models
Lydia, Mandie, Marian, Marie, Michele and Nancy
A big thank you to everyone.



Lydia



Mandie



Marian



Marie



Michele



Nancy



Lydia



Marian



Marie



Bathed in Blue



Michele



Nancy