

2004 CLUB HISTORY

GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club, Inc.

January 2004 marked the beginning of the first full year for our organization. We were founded on July 9, 2003 and Federated on September 27, 2003 at Fall Board in Tampa, Florida. Linda Boyd was FFWC President. We went to Convention in Orlando in April 2004 and won our very first award in Public Affairs!

ARTS: We donated placemats and made nine afghans for the Boley Mental Health Facility. We had our second first club arts and crafts show with 13 entries from our members.

CONSERVATION. After the devastating Hurricanes Charley and Frances, we donated \$75 to the SPCA who took many of the animals. Our name is on a brick at the Friendship Trail. We treated children from Tampa's Children's Home in Tampa to J.B. Starkey's Flatwoods Adventure and then had a cookout. The president of the Safety Harbor Garden Club spoke at a meeting.

EDUCATION: We collected Campbell's Soup labels and donated them to a school. We supported Safety Harbor Secondary School with school supplies and holiday baskets for families. Parent University featured over 80 seminars for parents. We were a major sponsor. We collected books for and volunteered at the brand new downtown Clearwater Public Library. A new book club read six books. GFWC Clearwater Community Woman's Club asked us to co-sponsor An Evening with the Authors. We supported the PACE Center for Girls and the Reading Counts program at Countryside High.

HOME LIFE: We helped Sharon Coil and the Women on the Way Challenge Center at St. Petersburg College. We started our Breast Cancer Awareness Stamp purchases and began making Comfort Pillows for women with breast cancer. Jeanne Stephenson was the first chairman. We walked the Relay for Life Cancer Walk and wrapped gifts for Hospice.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: We purchased a chick through Heifer International and donated dictionaries to an elementary school ESOL class. We had a speaker on 4H and donated 260 pairs of eyeglasses to Unite for Site that went to people in Pakistan. We collected CDs, gum, beef jerky and wet wipes for soldiers in Iraq.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: We had a self defense seminar and invited the Clearwater Juniors and GFWC Clearwater Junior Woman's Club. We helped the LEAF students Life Enhancement for Adolescent Females giving them socks throughout the year. We were known affectionately to them as "the sock ladies." Student Jennifer spoke to us and director and club member Susan McLean spoke to our members. We collected cell phones for the Spouse Abuse Center, made goodies for the pool workers and sponsored a member as a woman in military service during the Viet Nam war.

We had our first Mother and Daughter Tea at the Safety Harbor Tea House coordinated by Susan Petersen, learned to play Bunko and rented a luxury motor coach to take 58 members around Pinellas County for the Holiday Lights Tour coordinated by Sandy and Joe Incorvia. We started a knitting club and travel club and was in the Safety Harbor Holiday Parade. We started the after the meeting coffee socials and brown bagged it before the meeting at 6:00 p.m. We have club apparel with the palm tree logo and GFWC emblem.

We celebrated our first anniversary on Clearwater Beach at the Palm Pavilion, Beach balls and sunglasses were everywhere. We made palm tree centerpieces out of carrots and green peppers. Everyone receive a cross-stitched palm tree pin celebrating our anniversary. Our FFWC District 14 outgoing and incoming directors, Mildred Randino and Carole Weaver, attended.

Our newsletter, web site, e-mail address and PO Box are connecting us to our community. We attend District 14 and FFWC meetings and this year went to the GFWC International Convention in Orlando. We delivered chocolate chip cookies to our new members and delivered Halloween Spirit to all of our members' homes. We recruited members at the Palm Social.

Months of collecting stuff turned into our first garage sale. We made \$3,128. We helped with two Burdines Charity Sales events and made \$863. We started the Tomorrows Growth Begins Today Award and Jeanette Robson was the recipient. We began monthly leadership awards and nominated President Jane J. Hussar for the FFWC Volunteer of the Year. She was named the District 14 Judy Lutz Clubwoman of the Year. The 2002-2004 GFWC International President Judy Lutz installed our officers. We ended the year with 50 members.

Jane J Hussar, 2004 President