

## 2005 CLUB HISTORY

### GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club, Inc.

We began 2005 with plans for our first arts and crafts show, partnering with the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with their Harbor Sounds Music Festival. We had 25 artists and craftsmen at the March 25 event, and the Chamber asked us to do another show in the fall. The Dock of the Bay Music Festival and Arts and Crafts Show on October 8 brought 35 artists. Those shows brought us \$4,541. At Spring Convention in Orlando, we were named Club of the Year in Category 2. We celebrated our second anniversary at the Palm Pavilion on Clearwater Beach.

**ARTS:** Members knitted 36 shrugs and 20 baby hats for a local hospital, provided funds for a high school art teacher, had six entries at our club arts and crafts contest, knitted Christmas ornaments for our banquet, and knitted two baby blankets for the Kimberly Home. Our club co-hosted the District 14 Arts and Crafts Festival at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club. Cathy Stein created two beautiful scrapbooks for our president.

**CONSERVATION:** Projects included Paint Your Heart Out Safety Harbor, Coastal Cleanup City of Dunedin, International Coastal Cleanup Tampa Bay, native plantings at the Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserve. We had a program by Tampa Bay Watch celebrating Earth Day and did cord grass planting.

**EDUCATION:** Our Book Club had nine gatherings. We volunteered on Wednesday night at the downtown Clearwater Library. An Evening with the Authors netted \$9,365 with the Clearwater East and Countryside Libraries sharing those funds to enhance their children's sections. GFWC clubs in our area worked on Parent University at Countryside High School and we supported Safety Harbor Secondary School. We provided funds to buy books for those displaced by the hurricanes and wore bracelets in support of literacy. We collected books for the laundromat project and members Sandi Walling and Nancy Roth spent 114 hours tutoring adults who are learning English. We supported Women on the Way and gave our first \$1,000 scholarship.

**HOME LIFE:** Kim Ferrara, Alana McBain and Jane Hussar served on the St. Petersburg College's Women on the Way 25th Anniversary Celebration committee. We modeled in their fashion shows and co-sponsored WOW's holiday luncheon. Twenty members had a baby shower for the Kimberly Home. Our 350 Comfort Pillows were placed all over town. Ladies in Tennessee heard about our project and sent us 100 pillows. We gave blood, and eight members walked the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. We performed the awards ceremony for Special Olympics in Tampa. We gave Clothes to Kids lots of clothing and began a new walking club. Our efforts resulted in over 1,000 petitions being signed for the Floridians for Youth Tobacco Education Constitutional Amendment.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:** We learned that a first grader at McMullen Booth Elementary School was troubled. Robert needed some special attention. Based on the book Flat Stanley, we turned our Robert into "Flat Robert." We gave him the Flat Stanley series of six books so he could read and understand our project and his role in it. We gave him a world map and our members who traveled mailed postcards and brought him back gifts. Robert, his mother and sister came to a meeting to meet us. This was a favorite project. We also helped Metropolitan Ministries, the San Jose Mission and its migrant workers and sponsored an eighth grader named Sasikala from Sri Lanka through Plan USA.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** We gave gun locks to our members, donated to hurricane victims, had an attack avoidance seminar, sent school supplies to the Hacienda Girls Ranch and helped at-risk foster children. We sponsored two indigent Vietnam Veterans at their reunion in Branson, Missouri. A member who is a veteran also served with the Red Cross as a "donut dolly." We shared print space with CocaCola, American Airlines as a sponsor.

GFWC President Chadyne Carruth's project was Operation Smile. We gave \$750 for a full surgery, made 84 smile bags, and filled coin purses with our change every month. We enjoyed the Princess Diana exhibit at the Florida International Museum. Our website and newsletter continued to be a great connection with our members and the community. We started the Friday Night Supper Club. At our Third Annual Installation and Awards Banquet, Judy Lutz installed Laurie Auth as president. Susan Petersen received the Tomorrow's Begins Today Award and Debbie Stitt received the Chairman's Excellence Award. The highlight of the evening was a magnificent video presentation as a tribute to our founding and outgoing president of 25 years. We ended 2005 with 48 wonderful members.

*Jane J. Hussar, 2005 President*