

2006 CLUB HISTORY

GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club, Inc.

We accomplished great things in 2006. In February, six members attended the District 14 Arts & Crafts Festival, with several blue ribbon entries from our club contest entered in the competition. In March, we sponsored the arts and crafts show at the two-day Harbor Sounds Seafood & Music Festival, working with the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce. At FFWC Convention, we received Club of the Year in Category 11 for the second consecutive year. We held our third anniversary party at Palm Pavilion on Clearwater Beach. Six members attended FFWC Fall Board and were Mickey Mouse Club "Mouseketeers" for a night. We partnered with the Chamber of Commerce again for the two-day Dock of the Bay in October, providing 30 booths of arts and crafts. We invited FFWC President Pat Keel, our district director, our JDD & all district presidents to our August summer salad meeting, at which the chairwoman of the Pinellas County School Board was our speaker. We presented Pat Keel with a FFWC logo tote bag. Our Public Relations Committee joined with GFWC Clearwater Community WC in putting on a very successful "Public Relations for Non-Profits" Seminar in September, attended by 130 people.

We continued our popular Friday Night Out Dinners twice a month throughout the year.

ARTS: Our club members knitted 13 afghans for the 13 residents of Boley Centers' new apartment building. Six members attended and our President spoke at the dedication of this new facility for those suffering from mental illness. We made embellished flip-flops for a FFWC Southern Region fundraiser and sold them at Dock of the Bay to raise money for The Haven, a domestic violence shelter for women. Members attended the Tampa Bay Symphony, where member Carolyn Waidley is second chair violin.

CONSERVATION: Projects included "Paint Your Heart Out" Safety Harbor and Dunedin, building oyster bars, monofilament cleanup and making Easter baskets from recycled containers for the Children's Cancer Center. We recycled paper rolls for a motivational message project. The President of the Pinellas County Rose Society presented a program on Beautification with Roses at one of our general meetings.

EDUCATION: We continued with our popular book club this year. We expanded our Reading at the Laundromat program, with book donations totaling approximately \$4,000. We presented a \$500 scholarship to Women on the Way. We collected both new and gently used books for a large donation to the New Orleans Library, with one member personally delivering some of the books. Our President served as table captain for the PACE fundraising luncheon with nine members attending. Two members worked as ESOL tutors for adults, serving a total of 311 hours.

HOME LIFE: Our three president's projects fell within the area of Home Life this year: Mental Health & Well-Being, Helping Kids with Cancer, and our Breast Cancer Comfort Pillow Project, which we continued for a second full year. Home Life held a baby shower at Kimberly Home, and we volunteered at the Clearwater Free Clinic and Special Olympics. Members donated clothes to Clothes to Kids and volunteered at The Children's Cancer Center summer camp. 21 members participated in the Jingle Bell Run fundraiser for Boley Centers, and we hosted a picnic for the residents of one of their housing centers.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: We continued a project based on the "Flat Stanley" books, naming the project Flat Isaac after the first-grader who benefited from the project. We collected food for Metropolitan Ministries. We sponsored a child in Sri Lanka through PLAN USA and received letters from her. We donated 500 t-shirts & sweatshirts to migrant workers, donated \$293 to Operation Smile and donated to UNIFEM and CARE. We hosted a program with a speaker on the Global Aids Crisis.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: We donated food, bedding and toiletries to Fisher House and attended their barbeque and Thanksgiving luncheon. We sponsored a \$1,000 table at The Haven's "Faces of Domestic Violence" luncheon. We participated in the "Three Days of Caring" for The Haven and at the "Passion for Fashion" event at Stein Mart, also benefiting The Haven, where our own Patti Snyder modeled.

LEADERSHIP: We honored our founding president by establishing an annual award named "The Jane Johnson Hussar Leadership award". Fran Falkenhayn was the first recipient of this award. Jane installed our 2007 President, Sandy Incorvia, and other officers at the Countryside Country Club. Debbie Struk received the Chairmen's Award of Excellence, and Sandy Incorvia received the "Tomorrows Growth Begins Today" award. We ended the year with a 12% membership increase.

*Laurie Auth, 2006
President*