

2007 CLUB HISTORY

GFWC NORTH PINELLAS WOMAN'S CLUB INC.

We began the year with 54 members and a full slate of officers and chairmen for each of the departments and committees. We ended the year with an 18% increase in membership. Three of our members (Laurie Auth, Jane Hussar, and Sandy Incorvia) accepted invitations to serve on the GFWC FFWC Board of Directors under FFWC President Linda Dennis, 2008-2010. New interests groups were added this year, Girls Night Out and Cooking Connection. President Elect, Fran Falkenhayn was chosen as the District 14 Leads Candidate winner. Receiving awards at installation were: Alana MacBain - Chairman's Award, Fran Falkenhayn - Tomorrow's Growth Begins Today Award and Nancy Roth received the Jane Johnson Hussar Leadership Award. We recognized Mildred Randino and Judy Lutz as honorary members for their continued support. Together with our two sister clubs we sponsored the Clearwater Juniorettes. We submitted our application to the IRS to become a 5016. Our club donated \$ 100.00 for redecorating the entry of the GFWC Washington headquarters. Our club's name will appear in the entry hall for all to see. This year we became a member of the 1734 Society and the 1895 Society to help maintain the Washington and Florida headquarters. We embraced our International President Jackie Pierce's projects, Empowering Women and Domestic Violence by holding several seminars on the subjects, Teen Dating 101 and a domestic violence workshop for all ages. We also held an Italian Dinner fundraiser for FFWC President Pat Keel's Cancer Scholarship Project which netted over \$3,000.00. Our Public Relations Committee partnered with a sister club and held the Public Relations for Non-Profits seminar. **ARTS:** Our Club made and provided beautiful centerpieces for the District 14 Workshop. We supported and attended a fundraiser for the library. Our club had 4 entries in the District 14 Arts and Crafts Festival with one of them advancing to state competition. Purse kits were purchased and given to the children at the domestic violence center to make and give to their mother on Mother's Day. Club members made and sold holiday wreaths and donated proceeds to a UPARC art studio. Five hundred cowboy boot mugs were donated for FFWC Fall Board and used as table decorations for Rodeo Night. Knitted Christmas ornaments were made and given as table favors to those who attended the Installation Banquet. **CONSERVATION:** We joined with Keep Pinellas Beautiful/Marine Litter Patrol and adopted an island that we named Fantasy Island. Members of our club kayaked over to area islands and removed over 1400 pounds of garbage. We became members of the Tampa Bay Aquatics. We participated in the Great Scallop Search and located 550 scallops. The Conservation department purchased cloth bags to sell to members for use when shopping instead of plastic bags. We educated members about the importance of recycling. **EDUCATION:** We started an ESO book club this year. We continued our "Learning at the Laundromat" project, distributing children's books to Laundromats to encourage children to read. A newspaper article about this project brought in over 3,000 book donations. Members tutored ESOL students. We contributed to the Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas County. Our department educated members about Lifelong Learning at St. Petersburg College. We gave a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the Women on the Way program at St. Petersburg College. We donated to PACE Center for Girls and help them maintain their boutique, Beth's Closet. **HOME LIFE:** Members participated in the Jingle Bell run/walk to help raise money for the mentally ill, homeless and disabled. We did a program on Financial Planning and had a speaker. Club members made over 1000 breast cancer comfort pillows for women. Club members made holiday cookie platters for a mental health facility. Some members worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a house. We volunteered at the Special Olympics and made a monetary donation. We supplied school clothes to Clothes to Kids. **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:** We attended the International Folk Fair and experienced the culture of over 30 countries. We sponsored a child through Plan USA, We honored 14 ESOL graduating seniors. We donated to Plan Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund to assist families who suffered disasters. The Club purchased a flock of geese through Heifer International. We became members of the local chapter of the United Nations Association of the USA. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** Members mailed 40 boxes of snacks to the troops. We donated sheets, bibles and books to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. We arranged for a free CPR training class for our members and their families. We collected and donated used cell phones to be programmed for 911.

Sandy Incorvia, 2007 President