



GFWC Woman's Club of Lake Wales

March 2019 Newsletter



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Welcome to the 1st addition of our Woman's Club of Lake Wales Newsletter! Our Club has been very busy, so sit back and enjoy, as there is a lot to read about!



The Woman's Club of Winter Haven hosted the District 9 Arts and Crafts Meeting on February 23rd. Six of our nine 1st Place Blue Ribbon winners won 1st place again and will go on to the State Competition at the District 9 Annual Convention in Orlando. Good job ladies!

“Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in big things in life, we are at one.”

March is **Women's History Month**. Did you know: a woman invented the windshield wiper, breaks, and break lights; a woman was responsible for our Library, the Garden Club, and The Little Theater; a woman was also responsible for the Everglades National Park.



The **GFWC Conservation Community Service Program** encourages awareness of our natural resources and caring for the world around us. It offers information and ideas to promote environmental appreciation and protection. Work to preserve, maintain, and restore our natural resources;



protect habitats for plants and animals; and develop sustainable habits.

We have an opportunity to participate in the Arbor Day **Plant a Tree Project**. For a \$10 membership the Club

would receive in their name, viable trees to plant that would go to District 2 for replacement of trees lost due to the hurricanes. The Club would submit the \$10 membership fee and this can be supplemented with matching fees by the Club members to increase the number of trees received.

The GFWC Florida Women's Club President Sharon Oliphant has chosen "**Smiles Across the Miles**" as her theme for the next two years. Sharon set a fundraising goal of \$250,000 towards this cause. In order to accomplish this goal, GFWC Florida Woman's Clubs were asked to assist with awareness and projects to share Operation Smile. The GFWC Woman's Club of Lake Wales pledged \$2500 as their goal of support to Operation Smile. A surgery costs \$240.00—and with that, a cleft palate or lip can be repaired with no cost to the recipient or family. At \$2500 this is 10 "Smiles"! On February 8, 2019, they held a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in support of**



Operation Smile at the Woman's Club House in Lake Wales. Tickets were sold for \$7.50 and a delicious dinner of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert was offered for dine in or take out. The Woman's Club members provided all the supplies needed for the dinner as well as preparing the food and serving their guests. Because there was essentially no expense, over \$1100 was raised for Operation Smile – half of the \$2500 goal met! Guest were made aware of the reason for the fundraiser and encouraged to provide additional donations. All of the guests left raving about their experience. Truly a reason to "Smile"!



Be sure to visit lakewalesnews.net – a free online news site that reports LOCAL news, entertainment, and sports. Editor and Publisher, Chevon Baccus heads up this volunteer run news site with funding from local businesses. The site is updated daily and articles run for five weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- AAUW Candidate Forum at the Austin Center March 14th at 5:30
- Life Line Cancer Screening event Thursday, March 21st (Appointment only)
- AAUW Card Party at Lake of the Hills Club House March 23rd from 1 – 4PM
- Lake Wales Care Center "Run Like You Care" 5k and 10k walk or run event April 6th at Kiwanis Park on Lakeshore from 7 – 9 AM
- District 9 Annual Convention in Orlando April 4th – 7th
- District 9 Workshop in Lake Placid May 18th
- Tour of Officers at the Lake Wales Woman's Club October 18th

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