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GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart

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"I've learned that
people will forget
what you *said*,



People will forget
what you *did*, but
people will never
forget how you
made them *feel*."

Maya Angelou

From the Desk of the President

We had a very eventful January—Congrats to all the wonderful winners of our Arts Competition! We certainly have an array of talented ladies among us—good luck to all of you at the March 2nd competition to be held at our clubhouse! Hope to see all of you there. Our Raisin' Cane Tour was very informative and enjoyable—thanks to Bobbi for organizing. We were able to give a nice donation to the RiverKidz on January 24th from money collected from the tour. Arbor Day was a fun event for the Conservation Committee—the students at JD Parker loved their seedlings and enjoyed Daina's presentation. Thanks to Nancy and the committee for their great work.

Our Zumbathon was a great success—we raised over \$1,000 dollars and had a ton of fun! Congratulations to our own Janet Church for winning our auction basket!!

As February approaches we look forward to Food, Friends and Fashion on the 23rd @ Mariners Sands—be sure to get your tickets as this is always a sell-out! You will love the fashions and our volunteer club models will be looking for you!

In addition, mark your calendars for Treasures from the Closet this April. Pam Evert and her committee are working hard and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

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**GFWC an International Women's Club
dedicated to community improvements by
enhancing the lives of others.*



This month we look forward to our speaker, Dr. John Fasano, a plastic surgeon who will enlighten us about alternative surgery methods.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Thanks for all you do!

Cheers, Janie



Upcoming Events

February 2019 Meetings/Events Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
4	Food, Friends & Fashion Committee	1:30 pm
6	Board of Trustees	9:00 am
6	Executive Board	10:30 am
7	Historic Marker Dedication	10:30 am
11	Holiday Home Tour	
	Wrap-Up Meeting	11:00 am
12	History/Scrapbook Committee	1:00 pm
12	International Outreach Committee	1:30 pm
13	Antiquarians/Collectibles	12:00 pm
14	Molly's House Valentine Lunch	11:45 am
19	Lunch at Refuge Ranch	11:45 am
20	February General Meeting	
	Social Hour	11:00 am
	Lunch	11:30 am
	Program/Business	12:00 pm

Plastic Surgeon Doctor John Fasano will enlighten us about some alternative surgery methods available.

***General Meeting Theme:
"Healthy Heart"***

Hospitality Committee: Daina

Karol, Susan Banks, Jennifer McTeague, Angela Wohl, Barbara Iannozzi, Maureen Vaillancourt, and Patricia Bushman



23	"Food, Friends & Fashion"	11:30 am
	@ Mariner Sands Country Club	
27	Literary	10:00 am
28	"It's Five O'clock Somewhere"	5:00 pm

Monument Unveiling February 7, 2019

***You are Invited to a
Monument Unveiling***

All Club Members are invited to attend a monument unveiling honoring Betty Mae Tiger Jumper at the historic Seminole Inn at Indiantown on **Thursday, February 7th.** **The Event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon following the ceremony.**

Reservations are required for the luncheon. Please RSVP to Jo Baxter at (redacted) or jobaxter0121@gmail.com no later than February 1st if you wish to stay for the luncheon.

President Janie Copes will be among those speaking at the unveiling of the large monument which notes that it is sponsored by the Woman's Club of Stuart.

For more information, contact Jo Baxter.

Home Life Committee Update

Refuge Ranch: The Home Life Committee has scheduled a **visit to the Refuge Ranch in Okeechobee on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.**

Refuge residents will be providing lunch and a tour of the ranch. For those interested in attending, we will be meeting at the Clubhouse at 11:00 a.m. or you can meet us at the ranch. Club members are welcome, but reservations are needed so the women know how much food to prepare. **Please RSVP by February 15th to Renee Gould at (redacted) or respond by email to rdandtheboys@att.net.**

Molly's House: WCS Club Members will be providing lunch to residents of Molly House on **Thursday, February 14th for Valentine's Day, Friday, March 1st, and Friday, April 5th.** Emails regarding the menu, a sign up for the food dishes, and time will be available in the near future.

For more information or to get involved, please call or text Renee Gould at (redacted) or email her at rdandtheboys@att.net.

SafeSpace: We will be collecting items for Safe Space at the March General Meeting. Safe Space is an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children from Martin, Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

Please bring items from the SafeSpace Wish List on the next column to our March General Meeting.

Thank you.
Renee Gould

Ways to Help SafeSpace Wish List

Immediate/Continuous Needs

Gift Cards: to Walmart, Walgreens, Publix and Gas Cards
Paper Goods to include toilet paper, cups, napkins, plates, tissues and paper towels.
Cleaning Supplies to include Bleach, Clorox Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Pine-Sol/Mr. Clean, Lysol, and Magic Erasers. Lice Kits.
Forks, spoons, can openers, big bowls & Pitchers, Pots/Pans.
Meats, Milk, Eggs, Individual Snacks & Desserts for kids, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Granola Bars, Chips, Kids Juice Boxes, Formula and All Sized Diapers, Diapers, Diapers-sizes 5 & 6 especially! Diaper Bags & Pull up sizes 3, 4, 5, 3T, 4T and 5T.
Sippy Cups, Bottles, Highchairs, Strollers/Double Strollers, Baby Tubs, Baby/toddler car seats.

Household Items

Light Bulbs 40W/60W, Batteries, Dishwasher and Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets, Pillows, Bath Towels, Shower curtains/rugs/bathroom accessories, Twin Size Sheet Sets, Twin Sized Blankets, Mattress Covers, ear plugs, Small Fans for Rooms, 911 Cell Phones (with correct charger attached), Toilet Brushes, Sponges, Zip Lock Bags, Trash Bags and Disposable Baking Pans, plastic cups, bowls and plates.

Personal Hygiene

Shampoo/Conditioner, Hair Dryers, Hair Straighteners, Hair Dye, Feminine Supplies/tampons, Nail Polish Remover, Hair Ties and Hair Brushes, QTips, Deodorant, Hand Soap, Baby Wipes, Children's Sunscreen, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Women and Children's Under Garments, Maternity Clothes, Socks, Pajamas, Razors, Flip Flops and Slippers. Umbrellas/Ponchos, finger nail clippers.

Miscellaneous

First Class Stamps, Pens, Envelopes, Pocket Calendars, Special Event Access Tickets/Passes. DVD Players, New/Used DVD's, Kids DVD Movies (no VHS please), Self-Help Books, School Supplies, Lunch Boxes, Back Packs, Toys, Adult Bikes/Bike locks and PS3 Games.

Holiday Needs

Gifts for Women and Children of All Ages - Holiday and Birthday Supplies

Please take items not listed, such as clothing or housewares, directly to our

Thrift Shoppe located at:

10011 S. US Highway 1, Port St. Lucie

Remember your group or organization can help save and change lives by volunteering, sponsoring a project, or making a donation!

Holiday Home Tour Wrap-Up Meeting

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND!**

On February 11th at 11:00 a.m. a **Wrap-Up Meeting for the 10th Annual Holiday Home Tour** will be held at our **Clubhouse**. We are looking for fresh ideas (and faces) from everyone and thoughts for this year's Tour.

Any questions, please contact Lisa Pinkley at 630-632-5667 or Lisa.pinkley67@gmail.com. Hope to see many of you there!!

"Food, Friends and Fashion" February 23, 2019

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

Tickets are \$50.00 and will be available for purchase at February luncheon or on our Website, www.gfwcwomansclubofstuart.com.

We are in need of additional auction items so please help us out. If you wish to donate, please see Nancy Hayden who will be coordinating the items.

Thanks in advance for your generous contributions.



Club News

Sugar Cane Tour

On Friday, January 18, more than 30 members and their guests ventured out to Clewiston on the Raisin' Cane Tour of the sugar cane fields and production facilities. **\$165 was collected on behalf of the Conservation Committee to be donated to RiverKidz, the youth group of the Rivers Coalition.**



Antiquarians/Collectibles



When the Antiquarian/Collectible group meets at the Clubhouse we display our "treasures" on black velvet tablecloths. Twice in the last 6 years we have lost our black velvet cloths and had to buy new ones. When we inquired about the cloths we are told they must have been thrown out when the Clubhouse was cleaned out.

This is to ask all of you that should you find black velvet fabric in the Clubhouse, please don't throw it away...Save it for the Antiquarians/Collectibles group.

RiverKidz Donation

On Thursday, January 24, 2019, a donation was made by the GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart to RiverKidz, an organization to fight for a safe, healthy, and ecologically balanced Saint Lucie River Estuary and Indian River Lagoon.

The donation was made in recognition of the Club's dedication to fight for the ecologically balanced natural resources of the River Estuary and Lagoon that are vital to the economy and quality of life of Martin County and the Treasure Coast.

Presenting the Donation are Club Members Janie Copes, Bobbi Demers, and Becky Bruner.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is hard at work securing our Executive and Trustee Boards for next year.

If you are interested in a position, please contact, Sue Riordan, Tonya Axton and or Mona Salisbury. Our new slate of officers will be announced in March.

GFWC Florida Hurricane Relief Efforts

In the month of December, **the GFWC was able to disburse \$18,000** to seven clubs to assist with clubhouse repairs, assist with loss of income of clubs/canceled fundraisers, and reimburse clubs that set up and coordinated relief efforts.

We received donations from Florida, California, SC, Alabama, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia and NY.



Guests at General Meetings

Please register your guests for the February General Meeting with Gail Kearney by **Friday, February 15th.**

Any guest request made after this date cannot be honored.

New Member Orientation March 26, 2019

New Member Orientation will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 26th at 2:30 p.m. New and existing members are welcomed to attend! Please bring your Yearbook with you!!

For more information, contact, Gail Kearney at (redacted) or gkear@verizon.net.

Arts & Crafts Competition

Our Club's District 10 Arts and Crafts Competition was held at our January General Meeting. The following is a list of our winners. Pictures from the competition are on the next page.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Award</u>
Paula Rosen	Mosaic "Seahorse Dream	1st Place
Charlene Cook	Stained Glass "Seahorse"	1st Place
Nancy Hayden	Painting on Canvas "Full Moon Over River"	1st Place
	Painted Jar on Linoleum "Lilacs"	2nd Place
Jacqueline Brock LaLone	Mixed Media "The Potting Shed"	1st Place
	"Fruit Coasters" Painted on Wood	1st Place
	"Can you Spare Some Change" Photo	1st Place
	"Guarding the Palace" Feature Photo	1st Place
	"Bird of Paradise" Nature Photo	1st Place
	"Eyes of Poverty" Photo	2nd Place
	"Cowboy Musician" Photo	3rd Place
Sharon Mason	Four (4) Photos (3 Under Enhanced Category "Native American Braces" (Portrait) "Spooky Grave Yard (Scenic) "Psychedelic Jazz" (Feature) "Santorini" Postcard	1st Place
Ruth Martini	Two (2) Photos "Feeding Frenzy" and "Denali"	2nd Place
	Two (2) Photos "Peek A Boo Bear" and "Artic Sunset:	3rd Place



*Congratulations To All Of You -
You created a Masterpiece!*



New Member Bios



Alisa Hart is a single Mom to a grown son and a teenage daughter. She has a morbid fear of heights, an infinite love of animals and a pathological desire to travel.

She lives in Palm City with her teenage daughter Gracie, their two dogs and a cat that thinks she is a dog. She can be found gardening, at the beach, or on FB.



Lois Parker: Here are some highlights of my life: Mother of three accomplished children: Debbi, Andy, and Ashley. Grandmother to four: Drew, Jennah, Holly, and Noah. Grew up and spent most of my life in New England. Moved to Florida in 2018.

Close friends with several in the Woman's Club including Marie Jureit-Beamish (Mother of my daughter-in-law, Laura Parker), Grace Linn, Pat Wiencke, Faith Paul, and others.

Devoting most of my life to full-time Mother and Wife, have also taught ESL for four years.

International Outreach Committee

Help Us Wave Goodbye to Human Trafficking

Save the Date: March 23, 2019

An educational luncheon overlooking the ocean at Kyle G's

The International Outreach Committee of the Woman's Club of Stuart needs your support to help prevent human trafficking that is happening in our backyard. Please join us on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Kyle G's restaurant in Jensen Beach for a luncheon benefiting Catch the Wave of Hope, a local organization dedicated to abolishing human trafficking.

Many believe that sex trafficking happens overseas or in major metropolitan cities, but it is happening in our communities on the Treasure Coast. We can prevent these horrific crimes by learning to identify the signs and save children – possibly our own children and grandchildren from traffickers and predators. Knowledge is power: know what the signs are and say, “Not on my watch!”

Did you know?

- ***The average age that a girl is first sold/trafficked is 12 to 14 years old.***
- ***On the average a trafficked girl or woman is sold over 20 times per day.***
- ***Through awareness presentations Catch the Wave of Hope has helped close brothels in our backyard on the Treasure Coast.***

Learn more and equip yourself with the tools to keep your family and our community safe. There will be two expert speakers featured during the event including a survivor of human trafficking and Dr. Mary L. Rosier, wife of the former Executive Director of Education for the State of Washington. Mary will share her story on how love blinds and the signs to identify suspicious behavior.

The cost of attendance will be \$60 per person and will include a three course luncheon with menu options, valet parking and a ticket raffle. As space is limited please be sure to reserve your seat soon. Advanced reservations are required.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Jeannie Silvester by phone or text at (redacted) or by e-mail at Jean1851@comcast.net or go to [Catch The Wave Of Hope.org](http://CatchTheWaveOfHope.org) and search under the Events tab.

The International Outreach Service Committee very much appreciates your support and looks forward to enjoying an important luncheon and tackling this urgent community matter together.

For more information, contact Mona Salisbury.

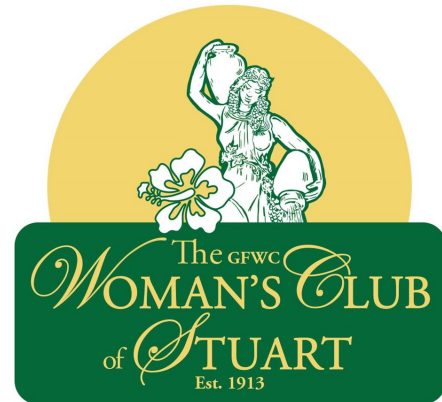
February Birthdays

**Best Wishes on Your Birthday and
Throughout the Coming Year!**

Shelly Hammer - 2/1
Lisa Geng - 2/13
Judith Fitzgerald - 2/4
Julie Sullivan - 2/8
Lorene Grant - 2/11
Gail Rice - 2/15
Linda Snyder - 2/18
Ellen Trocchia - 2/18
Laura Van Wallendael - 2/19
Pam Alverson - 2/21
Deb Pfrogner - 2/21
Julia Sansevere - 2/21
Maureen Vaillancourt - 2/22
Angela Wohl - 2/23
Patricia Bushman - 2/23
Pam Jacobsen - 2/28



***Our February Meeting
will be held on
February 20, 2019***



***A Social Hour will be held
at 11:00 a.m.***

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

***The General Business of our Club
will be discussed at 12:00 Noon.***



Zumbathon - January 12, 2019

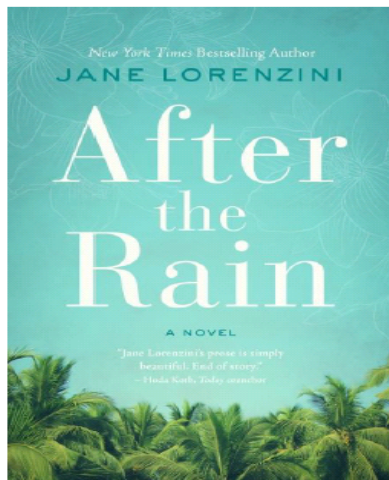


January 16, 2019 General Meeting



The following book After the Rain about Women's Clubs is being recommended by our President, Janie Copes for you reading enjoyment.

A journalist fell in love with acres of history three decades ago. Now, she's rekindled her passion for the property in a debut novel, *After the Rain*.



Author: Jane Lorenzini

Pages: 252

Genre: Women's fiction | Historical backdrop

Publication: October 2, 2018

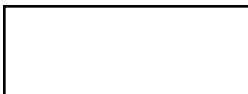
Formats: ebook, paperback, hardback

Price: \$9.99, \$14.99, \$27.99

Available through: Amazon, IngramSpark

Trim: 5.5 x 8.5

ISBN:



ebook

paperback

hardback



It's 1888. Can Belle Carson reinvent her life by moving in next door to Thomas Edison's winter estate?

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jane Lorenzini comes a story of heartbreak and healing set against the backdrop of exotic Southwest Florida.

January 1888. The small town of Fort Myers is buzzing about a possible visit from famous winter residents Mina and Thomas Edison. When the local newspaper reports that the couple needs a gardener for their riverside estate, nearly everyone lines up to apply.

For twenty-five-year-old Belle Carson, a painful childhood secret has kept her world — and her hopes for the future — small. But with lush gardens already sprouting in her imagination, Belle decides to fight for the job and the opportunity to move from a cramped storage room to a charming cottage next door to the Edison homes and laboratory. Yet, when her dark past threatens to destroy everything she has so carefully cultivated, she must battle harder than ever for her best life — and the chance to live it.

Jane Lorenzini spent thirteen years as a television journalist in various cities, including Fort Myers, Florida. There she interviewed a horticulturist at the historic Thomas Edison winter estate, an expansive botanical wonderland. After leaving broadcasting, Jane co-wrote three non-fiction books (with her dear friend Hoda Kotb) about inspirational people and their journeys. Curious about whether she could create fiction, Jane recalled her passion for the historical treasure — now the Edison and Ford Winter Estates — and set her debut novel there.