

GFWC Clearwater Community Woman's Club History

1971

The Clearwater Community Woman's Club was **organized May 13, 1971** from the Community Life Department of the Woman's Club of Clearwater by former Clearwater Junior Woman's Club members. Sixty-one women formed the membership. Officers were: President – Shirley Tobias; First Vice President – Jan Mace Monroe; Second Vice-President- Joan Wyatt; Third Vice President – J'Anne Moon; Recording Secretary – Alice Thalheimer; Corresponding Secretary – Marian Dunn; Treasurer-Betty Garrett; Member-at-Large – Mrs. Richard Davies.

September 21, 1971, the Clearwater Community Woman's Club became a federated club of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The first community project was **Parental Awareness Responsibility (PAR)** a drug rehabilitation hospital. Also, work was begun at **Antwin, Inc.**, a gift shop and employment for senior citizens.

1972

On **February 29**, the first fundraiser, a champagne brunch was held at Innisbrook. At that time, the first "Daisy Award" was presented to the **Pinellas Youth Symphony**. This award is presented to a local organization for outstanding support in the community. The award winner is a secret until the presentation.

1973

The project of distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy was begun. **Project Cheer**, the wrapping of Christmas gifts for Mental Health began in December.

1974

"Send a Mouse to College" drive, which aids cancer research, was begun by CCWC. (It continued into 1976.) This was a project for students only to contribute 51 cents each. Members presented programs in the schools to introduce the project. \$3,080.45 was raised.

1975

On **July 21st**, club members participated in a fundraiser as hostesses at the Preview of the new **Maas Brothers** store in Countryside Mall. Club members also participated as hostesses at a Preview of the new **Burdine's** store in Clearwater Mall on September 16th. This was also a champagne breakfast. The club earned \$5,025 for the day's activities. This money was set aside for a special project.

The **BETSI (Breast Examination Through Self Instruction)** was begun. The club purchased four educational tools known as BETSI's. Club members used these to instruct organizations requesting a program. Members also presented programs in middle and high schools. Material on how to answer question was supplied by the American Cancer Society.

1976

"Getting Down to Basics" was a woman's forum sponsored by CCWC, AAUW and Hadassah. (The name in later years was changed to "Back to Basics".) The first forum began on March 3rd.

In **April**, five Junior League members and six CCWC members traveled to the University of Florida in Gainesville for an intensive course on the basics of historical inventories. This group documented the buildings in the inner core of downtown Clearwater. The group was incorporated as **"Volunteers in Preservation"**. Later, an historic documentation of Clearwater before 1940 was written and photographed.

In cooperation with Burdines, CCWC presented an exhibit by the local artist, **Harry Stowers**. A "by invitation only" wine and cheese party on October 15th netted \$800.

1977

"Early Start to Good Health", a new project aimed at kindergarten through third grade was begun. The program teaches a child awareness and importance of his body. CCWC members approached elementary school principals for approval and then distributed to American Cancer Society materials to the teachers to aid in instruction.

CCWC members took on the **Clearwater Free Clinic** as a project. Registered nurses were able to help the staff and others took care of office work and telephones.

1978

Safety Village became a service project. The Village was operating under the Clearwater Junior Woman's Club, but more manpower was required. CCWC members participated as teachers for the bicycle safety and pedestrian safety classes.

The first **Breakfast Fashion Show** fundraiser was held at Maas Brothers Department Store.

1980

The Clearwater Spouse Abuse Shelter became a service project of the club.

In **April**, CCWC members pledged \$10,000 to the **Lykes Cancer Center** at Morton Plant Hospital. The \$5,000 raised at the Burdine's Opening was taken from the Treasury and the additional \$5000 was given over the next three years. A plaque on the door of a room in Lykes Cancer Center states that Clearwater Community Woman's Club is a donor.

Club member Judy Lutz was elected Second Vice President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

1981

Participation in the **Meals-on-Wheels** program was begun. Club members deliver meals for one complete route every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the week.

1982

The Women on the Way program was begun at the Junior College. The program teaches survival skills for today's woman.

In **March**, sixteen CCWC members traveled to Tallahassee to observe the legislature in action. They were also entertained at a buffet supper in the home of Mary Grizzie, State Senator. Other members of Congress were present and answered questions. (The trip was repeated in 1989.)

In **September**, the **American Cancer Society's Environmental Lifestyle Study** was undertaken. This is a six-year study, ending in 1988.

1984

In **March**, members of the Home Life Department traveled to **Hacienda Girl's Ranch** for a tour of the facility. CCWC provided support to the Ranch for many years.

On **May 1st**, Judy Lutz was installed as president of the FFWC. Before the installation, members of CCWC were hostesses at a dinner in honor of Judy. Members of District 14 also attended.

Members of the International Affairs Department entertained Japanese visitors from Nagano, Clearwater's sister city, at an afternoon tea.

1985

1986

1987

Participation in the **Very Special Arts Festival** was begun. Members aided handicapped children.

The Public Affairs Department invited all members for a trip to the County Criminal Court Complex.

The Arts Department began summer classes for members and friends in Arts and Crafts including basket-making, quilting, and counted cross-stitch.

1988

In **October**, the **Clearwater Public Library** and CCWC sponsored a lecture/workshop series on budgeting, financial counseling, savings, investments and legal matters, entitled "Take Charge of your Life by Taking Charge of Your Money."

In **November**, the Public Affairs Department held "A Trip to the Dump", where the General Meeting was held at the **Pinellas County "Refuse to Energy" Plant**.

1989

Merry June Burwell was named Ms. Clearwater on February 18th. The award was co-sponsored by the City of Clearwater and the Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce.

Environmentalist Greg Howe spoke to the Conservation Department on Xeriscape and planting with native Florida plants. A social was held with husbands aboard the bay boat Flamingo. Proceeds from ta breakfast fashion show at Countryside Country Club went to the **Center Foundation**.

"Taking Charge of your Life by Taking Charge of Your Money" was presented three times in October in conjunction with the Clearwater Public Library System.

A Christmas Cookie Exchange was held at the home of Peggy Word.

The West Coast Ballet performed at the annual Christmas Luncheon.

1990

At a Centennial Luncheon held with the Woman's Club of Clearwater and Junior Woman's Club, Alice Thalheimer was honored as "Outstanding Member" of CCWC.

A net profit of \$7,230.80 was realized at the Daisy Award Luncheon/Fashion Show. This is the highest amount ever for this fundraiser. The Daisy Award was won by **Habitat for Humanity**.

In **May** at the FFWC Convention, Women of Achievement Awards were received by Alice Thalheimer-2nd Place in Humanities and Midge Coward – 3rd Place in the Arts.

Programs this year included Attorney Drucilla Bell on "Building Bridges Among Nations"; Life Link Foundation on organ transplants.

In **November**, the Board voted to place Frances Stavros on the **Women in Military Service Memorial Register**.

1991

The first annual Road Rally was held at Dayton Andrews Motors. Profits for \$2198 were given to **Gateway Children's Shelter**.

The Home Life Department assembled 1600 bicycle safety kits for the "**Keep Kids Safe**" project. Kits contain moist towelette, adhesive strip, safety pin and ID tag in a film canister.

CCWC, Junior Woman's and Woman's Club of Clearwater met at a luncheon to honor **READ Pinellas**, the county literary coalition.

The Conservation Department met at the Waste Management Recycling Center and had a program on Bat Preservation.

Ray Aquino spoke with the International Affairs Department on the current medical situation in China.

Education heard Sylvia Franklin talk about her trek in West Virginia in the footsteps of her ancestor.

Renate's Boutique presented the fashions at the Daisy Award Luncheon. Profits from the show was \$4,736.96.

Guided tours during the year included the Morton Plant Hospital Women's Center, Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Xeriscape garden and the Dunedin Art Center.

At the May FFWC Convention, CCWC won 15 awards, highest in the district. President Trudy Yates received an award from Lee Nees for being of most help to a District Director.

The second annual Road Rally raised \$2,500 which was distributed **to Florida Gulf Coast and Dunedin Fine Arts Centers** for their Outreach Education Programs.

1992

A program by a USF graduate student from China was followed by lunch of Chinese foods. Other meetings featured speakers from the Fiber Arts Institute, School System Dropout Prevention Services and Canine Companions.

At the **February** District Arts Festival, CCWC won nine awards (four, including Best in Show, by Sue McClain.) Marte Toohill was named Volunteer of the Year at Clearwater High School. Home Life raised \$164 in a Pinellas Trail Walk-a-thon for Kids Safety Kits. Most of the \$4200 raised at this year's annual Daisy Luncheon went to **Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)**.

Annual luncheon of the CCWC, Woman's Club of Clearwater and Junior Woman's Club featured Susan Peterson speaking on "Hearts for the Homeless.". Donations totaled \$400.

In **May**, CCWC received nine awards at the FFWC Convention, including the President's Award Plaque for the Bicycle Kit project for kids. Judy Lutz was named President of GFWC Southern Region. Trudy Yates was named to the FFWC Board as Division Chairman of the Education Department.

August luncheon at Pappas acquainted new members with CCWC Board members.

On **November** 13-14, a Book Fair to raise funds for **Reading is Fundamental** program was held at the Main Clearwater Library. Chairman Martie Henderson reported profits of \$3,340. On Preview Night (admission \$10), five local authors were on hand to autograph their books. Silent Auction was held for items donated by comic strip artist Dean Young and for autographed books by Barbara Bush and Norman Schwartzkopf. Saturday was free with clowns and story tellers for children.

1993

In **February**, CCWC won 14 awards at the District Arts Festival. Sue McClain won Best of Show for her pastel and Marian Menzel won Best of Show in cross-stitch. Three club members attended the Annual Child Advocacy Convention in Tallahassee and each wrote a report for published in "The Daisy Chain", the club newsletter.

In **March**, the annual Daisy Award luncheon at Sheraton Sand Key featured fashions from Daffodil Boutique modeled by club members. The award went to the Full Circle Program of the **Clearwater Marine Science Center**. Martie Henderson, Chairman, announced a profit of \$4,970.

At the **April** FFWC Convention, CCWC won ten awards – two first place in the Arts and a Best of Division to Renate Fambri for a decorated basket. Six members helped with Special Olympics. Members toured the St. Pete Fine Arts Museum and also Hacienda Girl's Ranch where items were donated for their thrift shop. HOBY recipient, J. R. Sainario, Pinellas Park High Junior, spoke at a General Meeting. The "Three Club" luncheon - CCWC, Woman's Club of Clearwater and Clearwater Junior Woman's Club – featured basket centerpieces filled with baby items which were donated to **Kimberly Home, Inc.**

May: Judy Lutz spoke on "Leadership" at Countryside Library. The installation luncheon was held at Clearwater Yacht Club. At the District 14 Workshop, Marie Gage was named Chairman of District 14.

August: New member/Board get-acquainted lunch was held at the Flagship Restaurant.

September: In response to a local church request, members collected and sent 20 winter coats and 2 ski pants to Armenia/Soviet Union. Postage was \$115. International Affairs began monthly articles to the "Daisy Chain" explaining different religions of the world.

October: Marie Gage was elected District 14 Director at the Fall Tour of Officers in Bradenton.

November: The 2nd Annual Book Fair at Clearwater Main Library benefitted **Salvation Army Oak Tree Pre-School**. Books from Bookstop were sold. Preview night (Admission \$10) had five authors on hand for signing and silent auction. Members donated refreshments. Clowns, storytellers, and puppets were featured for children on the free Saturday. Chairman Sandy Chochola reported profit of \$2,500.

Members attended Dunedin Art Center lunch/tour.

Reading is Fun/Head Start program was begun. On the third Wednesday of each month through April, three members at each of three Head Start Centers will read and distribute children's books to about sixty 3-4 year olds.

December: Fifteen members toured Decorator Showcase at the Castle at Boot Ranch. Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at Belleview Country Club and featured the Madrigal Singers from Largo High. Donations were accepted for **Mother and Child Care Center of Clearwater**. Annual Cookie Exchange was held and extra cookies were donated to Oak Tree Learning Center. Judy Lutz was named Executive Director of the **Clearwater Free Clinic**.

1994

February: Outstanding program was presented by Dr. Stephen Weinstock, founder of American-Romanian Medical Relief Foundation. At District 14 Art Festival CCWC received eight 1st place, six 2nd place, and Best of Show for Sue McClain's pastel painting. "The Daisy Chain" began publishing minutes of each previous General Meeting.

March: Conservation department and members toured Mote Marine Aquarium in Sarasota. Education department toured Robinson Challenge School. Daisy Award Luncheon hatbox centerpieces under-scored "Hats Off to Women" theme. Profit of about \$5,000 was split with Award winner, Homeless Emergency Project - \$2,100, and PACT \$500, Meals on Wheels \$400, Florida Gulf Coast Art Center \$300, Hacienda Girls' Ranch \$163 and others.

April: At FFWC Convention, Trudy Yates was named to Public Affairs Department in charge of Crime Prevention Division focusing on women. CCWC won seven awards plus five in The Arts.

May: Installation and new member presentation was made at Flagship Restaurant. New District Director, Marie Gage, presided over District 14 Spring meeting at Safety Harbor Spa.

August: New members / Board luncheon was held at Pepper Mill Restaurant.

October: Third Annual Book Fair was held at Clearwater East Branch Library to benefit Greater Clearwater Library Foundation. Admission price was \$10; local authors were on hand to sell and autograph books, members provided refreshments. Profit was about \$4,000. The next day "Jazz by Kids for Kids" was hosted at the Main Library by their staff and club members. Vision Cable filmed the entertainment, which included member Nancy Hinrichs as a clown.

November: Arts Department and Club members toured Designer Showcase and, later in the month, the Dunedin Art Center.

December: Christmas Luncheon was held at Belleair Country Club. Joy Katzen-Guthrie presented a program on the music of Christmas with its history as she sang and played music. The cookie exchange was held at the home of Peggy Word with extra donated to YWCA's Clearwater Child Care Center.

1995

January: Public Affairs Department toured Pinellas County Criminal Courts. Judge Downes spoke on local courts. The Arts Department had 37 members tour the "Treasures of Czars."

February: Best of Show was won by Sue McClain at District 14 Arts Festival. International Affairs Department had a hat show by Ginger Corbin with hats she has collected worldwide.

March: Education Department had a dinner meeting with speaker on Pinellas County's Blueprint 2000. International Affairs had a trip to "Splendid China". Tallahassee Legislative Days were attended by Marguerite Blackwood and Marie Gage who sat in on committee meetings. A Centennial celebration skit was presented at the General Meeting and in April for the Junior Woman's Club. International Affairs couples' dinner featured a speaker on IESC and Ukraine.

April: Four club Centennial "Hats and Gloves" Tea at the Countryside Country Club, Judy Lutz speaker. Annual Daisy Award Lunch at Sheraton Sand Key, "Spring Fashion – and All That Jazz" featured Pat Lokey Fashions, Webb's Gentlemen's Apparel, and entertainment by Paulette Pepper and the Garden Avenue Seven. Proceeds of \$3,756 went to: Elfun Society (winner) \$2,111, \$500 each to Free Clinic and Meals on Wheels, \$100 each to Canine Companions, Pinellas Seabird Rehab, Florida Gulf Coast Art children's program, Aids Coalition, Hacienda Girls Ranch, Juniorettes, and \$50 each to Countryside and Clearwater High Grad parties.

May: Won two first places in "Adopt-a-Library" at GFWC Convention. Conservation Department (14 members) visited Tampa's new Aquarium. Education Department toured Pinellas Technical School.

July: President Martie Henderson designed a new club logo and put it in use. Sandy Chochola introduced new "Daisy Chain" format.

September: Clearwater Free Clinic and RCS Food Pantry were added to Meals on Wheels project. GFWC CCWC Dual Membership By-Law change was approved. Best Project Trophy for Adopt a Library was presented to CCWC at Fall Board.

October: "Jazz for Kids by Kids was again held at Clearwater Main Library with face painting, crafts, storytelling, balloon sculptures, and musical entertainment by several local youth groups.

November: Proceeds (approximately \$3,000) from the Annual Book Fair at Clearwater East Library went to the Greater Clearwater Foundation for purchase of children's books. Eleven authors autographed and sold books; wine and hors d'œuvres were provided by members; admission price was \$10.

1996

January: International Department visited St. Petersburg Museum of Arts to see Egyptian Collection.

February: Five members served lunch at Opening of the men's dorm and Thrift Store at Everybody's Tabernacle. Home Life Department observed four adaption proceedings, one domestic violence case in Judge Richard Luce's Court. CCWC Art winners entered and won awards at District Arts Festival.

March: Conservation Department toured Clearwater Marine Science Center. Annual Daisy Luncheon was at Innisbrook Resort where 297 enjoyed "Broadway on the Runway", fashions by Renate's Boutique and Webb's Gentlemen Apparel, music by "Pepper and Fine Thyme", singer Claudette Pepper. Net profit of \$5,202 was allotted to: Isaiah's Inn (\$3,000) for housing homeless families and individuals, Meals on Wheels (\$500), Florida Orchestra (\$400) and \$50 each to grad parties at Countryside and Clearwater High Schools.

April: FFWC Convention honored 25 years Club Clearwater. Martie Henderson was installed as District 14 Director, Marie Gage as Chaplain. Ten members of Arts Department toured "Splendors of Egypt". Education Department toured Frontier Elementary School which has extended school year and its own TV station.

May: Installation Lunch was held at Bon Appetit Restaurant. Three Dual Members were admitted during the year. Members volunteered 12,000 service hours and donated a total of \$9,000 to the community.

September: CCWC celebrated its 25th anniversary at the home of Berta Honey. Of the 64 who attended, 15 were Charter Members.

October: Jazz for Kids by Kids was again held at the Main Library. Charley Groth presented a free class on true Jazz. Children made hats, musical instruments, enjoyed free live jazz performances.

November: Annual Book Fair was held at Clearwater East Library. The \$10 ticket provided wine, hors d'œuvres, and opportunity to meet nine local authors who autographed their

books. Proceeds of \$4,500 were donated to Greater Clearwater Library Foundation. A record number of CCWC members attended the annual Dunedin Fine Arts Luncheon.

December: Wind songs from Clearwater High were the program at the Christmas Luncheon.

1997

February: At District 14 Arts Festival, Carol Caseber won first place for machine quilting and Trudy Yates won two first places for hand quilting and floral arranging.

March: "Greatest Show on the Runway" was the theme for the annual Daisy Award Luncheon held at Innisbrook. Fashions were from Stein Mart, and music by Florida Brass Quintet. Net profit of \$6,000 was divided between Award Winner, Clearwater Free Clinic, and others.

October: CCWC sponsored a Kids' Jazz Fest at the Harborview Center. Gibbs High School Vocal and Jazz Ensemble entertained; other free events included instrument making and a jazz clinic for ages elementary through college.

November: "An Evening with the Author" was held at the East Library featuring thirteen local authors, wine and gourmet food for a \$10 donation. Net proceeds of \$450 benefitted Greater Clearwater Library Foundation.

1998

January: Art Department program featured Sharon Drenner on "Understanding Prints."

February: Students of Model UN Club of Schiller University provided International Department's program. At the District 14 Art Festival, Sue McClain won Best of Show for her collage. Blue ribbons were won by Trudy Yates for crafts and photography, Marguerite Blackwood for photography.

March: Nine club members visited Tallahassee legislative session and toured historic buildings.

April: Sandee Pfister, CCWC, and Eve Bemett, Stein Mart, directed "Hollywood on the Runway" for the 27th Daisy Award Luncheon at Innisbrook. Music featured Pepper & Fine Thyme and big band singing star Connie Haines. Net profits of \$8,454 were distributed to: North Suncoast Florida Orchestra (Daisy Award Winner) \$4,500, Fixed Projects \$1,315, Casa \$300, Quest Inn \$200, and \$535 each to Meals on Wheel, The Haven, Food Pantry, and Clearwater Free Clinic.

May: New officers were installed May 19th at a luncheon at Bon Appetit.

June: CCWC member Judy Lutz was elected and sworn in as First VP of GFWC at its international Convention in New Orleans.

October: Public Affairs Department presented a political debate – issue “Should trial judges be elected or appointed?” Debaters were St Pete Times favorites Martin Dyckman and Howard Troxler. A political picnic-style lunch followed.

November: “An Evening with the Authors” was held at Clearwater East Library featuring Florida authors autographing their books, a silent auction and complimentary wine and gourmet refreshments. Donations were brought to the General Meeting for the Haven’s Gift Box Project and for the Christmas Shoe Box operation.

December: The Holiday Luncheon was held at the Belleair Country Club with entertainment by Largo High School Madrigal Singers. Gifts were brought for Stepping Stones mothers.

1999

January: Guests wore white from head to toe at a Home Life Social. “January White Luncheon”, at the home of Betty Lang.

February: CCWC members received seven first place ribbons at the District 14 Arts Festival.

March: 28th Annual Daisy Award Fashion Show and Luncheon was held at the Bellevue Biltmore Hotel. Member Sandee Pfister directed the production, “A Celebration of a Century of Fashion & Music” with fashions by Stein Mart. Musical group Dazzler and vocalists Nuala, Jan Crockett Hunter and Arthur Murray dancers performed. The Visitation Center of CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse), winner of the Daisy Award received \$4,000. Remainder of the \$9,032 net proceeds was disbursed among 12 other non-profit organizations.

April: Conservation Department sponsored a tour of Weedon Island.

May: The 1999 Florida Library Association’s Library Service Enhancement Award, awarded to CCWC, and was presented to Marella Cassels in St. Augustin. At the CCWC installation luncheon at the Bon Appetit restaurant, Marella Cassels was installed as president for a second term.

November: Thirteen local authors participated in “An Evening with the Authors” at Clearwater East Library. A Silent Auction supplemented the book signing and sales. Complimentary wine and gourmet refreshments were served. Net proceeds of \$4,573 were donated to benefit the Greater Clearwater Library Foundation.

December: The Holiday Luncheon was held at the Belleair Country Club. A Cookie Exchange Afternoon Tea was held at the home of Peggy Word.

2000

January: The Arts Department presented the CCWC Art Festival – speaker Joyce Scalzo.

February: Conservation Department featured the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary as their program at the General Meeting and in March sponsored a tour of Sanctuary facilities and a picnic. CCWC members won six 1st place, three 2nd place and three 3rd place ribbons at the District 14 Art Show.

March: A \$50 donation was approved for a 10"x10" tile in the new entryway of the Clearwater Marine Science Center. CCWC will be imprinted. Three CCWC members attended Legislative Days in Tallahassee.

April: 29th Annual Daisy Fashion Show was held in the Harborview Center. Fashions by Stein Mart. Member Sandee Pfister directed the production. CCWC presented "A Passport to Fashion" as the theme. A musical Voyage to the Millennium starred Pepper & Fie Thyme and featured recording artist Pete Brady. Upper Pinellas Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers (UPIVC), Daisy Award winner received \$4,000 and a plaque. Remainder of the \$10,069.85 proceeds was disbursed among 11 other non-profit organizations. At the General Meeting Rick Grajirene spoke to "Doing Business in Russia."

May: Education and International Affairs Departments sponsored joint cutting to Schiller international University in Dunedin. The spring Installation Luncheon was held at Countryside Country Club.

June: Newly installed CCWC president Petey Henning attended the GFWC 109th Convention in Boston and cast CCWC's vote for Judy Lutz as GSWC president-elect. On June 6, CCWC sponsored a community forum on Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment with 100 attendees.

September: New Yearbooks were introduced. A thirty-year tradition ended when a new, larger, user-friendly yearbook was introduced complete with email addresses. Seven members attended FFWC Fall Board. Members were saddened by the death of Lilian Vollmer.

October: An "Effective Mentoring Strategies" workshop was presented by CCWC in cooperation with the Pinellas County School Board, CJWC and Countryside High School. International Affairs Department celebrated World Food Day by collecting food donations at the General Meeting for the RCS Food Pantry.

November: CCWC honored members Fran Johansen and Mary Blackmon with a membership in WIMSA, Women in Military Services in America, for their service during W.W.II. An Evening with the Authors netted \$4,919.56 for the Clearwater Library Foundation.

December: Thousands of people viewed the beautiful "Light up a Child's Life" holiday tree created by the artist CCWC members for the Festival of Trees. Members enjoyed a tour and lunch at the Dunedin Art Center and the Holiday Luncheon at Carlouel Yacht Club. Donations of Christmas show boxed for Samaritan's Purse and cans of soup for the Clearwater Cold Night Shelter were collected in addition to a money tree for the Food Pantry and gifts for Stepping Stone Mothers.

2001

January: The Arts and Crafts show became a Brunch and Browse event for members to enjoy the talents displayed in all areas. The Watson Center (for the visually impaired) was selected as the Daisy Award Winner.

February: Arts Department sponsored a well-attended matinee production of "The King and I" at the Francis Wilson Playhouse. Home Life presented Bertie Dann, R.N. and Facts for a Healthy Heart at the Morton Plant Hospital Heart and Vascular Pavilion. District 14 Fine Arts Festival awarded six first place, two second place and one third place to CCWC members. Dues were increased \$10 due to a \$6 GFWC increase.

March: Sandee Pfister directed the "Swing into Spring" Daisy Award Fashion Show at Harborview with clothes from Stein Mart. Pepper and Fine Thyme and Connie Haines provided "swing" music. The Watson Center received \$4,000 with the Daisy Sward plaque. Members sold \$3,225 in program ads.

April: A shower of gifts for the Equither project was brought to the General Meeting where International Affairs presented former Clearwater major Rita Garvey to speak on "Friendship Force."

May: Six new members were introduced at the installation luncheon at Alfano's Restaurant. Petey Henning was installed as president for a second term. Fifteen members attended the Conservation Department trip to the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo and members attended FFWC 106th Annual Convention and District 14 workshop.

June: The Project Committee was charged with the use of the \$6,000 Lilian Vollmer Legacy.

September: After the 9/11/01 attack on the World Trade Center, CCWC and members donated \$200 to the GFWC 9/11Disaster Fund. CCWC celebrated 30 years of community service at a Celebration Coffee on our FFWC birthday, 9/21/01 at the home of Dee Davis. Charter members and past presidents were special honorees. A videotape of charter members was made for the Women's History Resource Center at GFWC headquarters.

October: Four members attended the Women on the Way appreciation luncheon. Clearwater City Manager Bill Horne was the speaker at the General Meeting when Deputy Fire Chief Randy Hibner accepted CCWC's plaque of appreciation to the Fire Department in recognition of Fire Safety Month.

November: An evening with the Authors netted \$5,203 for the Clearwater Library's new building campaign. Women on the Way received \$1,500, RCS Haven \$3,000 and Equither \$1,500 from the Lilian Vollmer legacy.

December: CCWC's second Festival of Trees entry sold for \$500. The beautiful Holiday Luncheon at Carlouel Yacht Club featured the introduction of three new members and one transfer. Soup donations for the Cold Night Shelter, gifts for Stepping Stones Mothers and a money tree for the Food Pantry were collected. Members were saddened by the death of Alice Freeman. Home Life Department initiated honoring all deceased members with a green wreath in the lobby of Morton Plant Hospital.

2002

January: A Benefit for Books Tea and Fashion Show in support of Women on the Way was sponsored by CCWC, The Woman's Club of Clearwater and Skycrest Methodist Church. The Arts and Crafts Show was held at Baty Villas Community Hall due to the construction of the new Clearwater Library.

February: Ann Schriner, nutritionist, spoke at Home Life's meeting at the MPM Heart and Vascular Pavilion. Members practiced on the new touch screen voting machines after the meeting. Members attended the District 14 Arts Festival.

March: A Seaside Celebration, the Daisy Award Luncheon at Harborview with clothes by Stein Mart, was a gala event with \$4,450 given to Women on the Way. Members sold \$3,600 in program ads.

April: Lt. Coll. Scott Lempe, USAF, spoke on Global War Against Terrorism at the General Meeting back at Clearwater East Library. FFWC 2nd vice president Pat Keel greeted members. Seven members volunteered for Clowning the Kids April 20 for the Watson Center.

May: CCWC and Clearwater Woman's Club co-hosted the District 14 Spring Workshop at the Clearwater Country Club. Two members attended the FFWC convention. The lovely installation Luncheon at the Belleair Country Club featured the Juniorette president and CJWC co-sponsor. Georgia Jensen was installed as president.

June: Marella Cassels and Martie Henderson attended the 111th Annual International GFWC Meeting in Kansas City. One of the highlights of the three day Convention was the Installation Banquet and the installation of CCWC member Judy Lutz as GFWC International President for 2002-2004. The evening was adjourned by the outgoing President and eight hundred members greeting President Lutz. Our HOBY recipient for 2002, 16 year old Jennifer Algren was chosen to represent Florida at the World HOBY Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C.

September: CCWC and Stein Mart held a benefit for Women on the Way, at the downtown store on September 22. School supplies were donated to help the students. FFWC Fall Board was held in Orlando, and was well attended with seven members attending.

October: Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner, spoke at our General Meeting sponsored by Public Affairs Department.

November: November was one of our busier months: November 6th District 14 Reporting Workshop was held in St. Petersburg led by our Martie Henderson. On November 8th Women the Way Appreciation Luncheon was attended by four members. This event was followed on November 9th and 10th by Christmas Under the Oaks, a Clearwater Junior Woman's Club event and on November 15th the Holiday Luncheon & Tour of the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Our CCWC Christmas Tree entry at the Festival of Trees at the Harborview Center November 20th through 24th sold for \$500. The money raised at the Festival of Trees goes to Children's Charities. One of our two major fund raisers – An Event with the Authors on November 22nd netted profits of more than \$6,000. The speaker at our General Meeting

was Jennifer Algren, CCWC HOBY recipient. Members gave donations of non-perishable food to help the RCS Food Pantry and Cold Night Shelter and 34 Christmas Shoe Boxes and \$35 to be forwarded to Samaritans Purse for children around the world. The Clearwater Library Foundation was voted the Daisy Award winner for 2003.

December: CCWC Holiday Luncheon and General Meeting were held at the Carlouel Yacht Club. Money: Members brought gifts to be delivered to the Haven and the Stepping Stones for children to give to their mothers.

2003

January: The CCWC Arts and Craft's Festival was held at the General Meeting on January 21st.

February: The General Meeting held on February 18th was visited by a nine-month old Golden Retriever named Lord, who is being trained as an assistance dog for Canine companions. GFWC has supported this group for the past 16 years. Many of our members won prizes at the District 14 Art Festival held in St. Petersburg. All first place winners continue to the State contest.

March: Terry Finch, Environmental Manager, City of Clearwater was our speaker. The slide presentation on Cooper's Point was interesting and informative.

April: We welcomed April with our "Rainbow of Fashion", 32nd Daisy Award Fashion Show and Luncheon, held at the Harborview Center. This event raised more than \$5,000. The General Meeting speaker was Jamsheed Marker, ambassador to Pakistan, United Nations Under Secretary General, and was informative and interesting.

May: Our Installation Luncheon was held on May 20 at the Belleair Country Club. Officers were sworn in by Mildred Rodino, District 14 Director.

Summer: We started our year with College Night Celebration to benefit Women on the Way (WOW), CCWC and Stein Mart hosted this event, admission was a donation of school supplies to help a WOW student.

September: The FFWC Fall Board meeting was held in Orlando and was attended by 11 club members. The Arts Department held an arts class for club members to raise money for the "Festival of Trees" project.

October: City Commissioner, Whitney Gray spoke about the direction of Clearwater and plans for the future. Ginger Corbin hosted a "Hat Review" presenting her collection of hats from her travels.

November: As always it is a very busy and important month for CCWC members. On November 7 several members attended the WOW appreciation luncheon. November 8 and 9 was "Christmas under the Oaks", a fundraiser for the Clearwater Junior Women's Club and was attended by many CCWC members. Our annual fundraiser "An Evening with the Authors" was held November 14. The funds from this event helped reach our pledge of

\$25,000 to the Clearwater Library Foundation's Capital Campaign. The Arts Department entered their Christmas tree in the "Festival of Trees", and it sold for \$400 with funds going to the Hospice and UPARC. At our General Meeting on November 18, John Szabo updated us on the library. The Arts Department held a holiday lunch at the Dunedin Fine Art Center on November 21. At our General Meeting 18 shoeboxes were collected for children somewhere in the world.

December: The holiday luncheon was held at the Carlouel Yacht Club on December 16. In the spirit of giving the proceeds from the money tree were sent to the RCS Food Bank. Also many unwrapped gifts were given to the Haven and Stepping Stones so that the children can select gifts to give to their mothers at Christmas. The club recognized Ann Crum as being the 2003 CCWC Volunteer of the Year.

2004

January: On January 15 members were invited to visit the Plumb House, followed by lunch, and then the day was completed at Heritage Park. CCWC Arts-Craft Festival was held on January 20. There were prizes for the most beautiful, most original, and most romantic hats. The speaker was the conductor of Florida Orchestra.

February: The General Meeting was held at the Cheek-Powell Wellness Center. Michele Drew and Frances Wilber spoke to us about osteoarthritis. On February 23 members toured the new Clearwater Library.

March: Lisa McDaniel, Public Information Specialist, City of Clearwater Waste Recycling Division, spoke at our General Meeting on March 26. The 3rd annual Daisy Award Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on March 18. The Daisy Award was presented to the Religious Community Service Food Pantry. Home Life Department held a tea at Penelope's on March 30.

April: The General Meeting speaker was Amaz Market, wife of Jamshed Market ambassador to Pakistan, United Nations Under Secretary General.

May: The Installation Luncheon was held at the Belleair Country Club on May 18. Officers were sworn in by Marella Cassels.

August: CCWC and Stein Mart held a benefit for Women on the Way. School supplies were donated.

September: Five members attended FFWC Fall Board in Orlando.

October: Judy Lutz, past president of GFWC, spoke about GFWC's affiliations in Washington, D.C. at the General Meeting.

November: The annual fundraiser "An Evening with the Authors" was held November 12 at the Clearwater Main Library and was co-hosted by the North Pinellas Woman's Club. The event raised \$16,000 for the Clearwater Library Foundation Capital Campaign Fund. The Arts Department decorated a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees held November 17-21;

it sold for \$800 – the most ever! Jan Hussar, NPWC President and head of the Community Involvement Department at Countryside High School spoke about various opportunities open to volunteers.

December: The Holiday Luncheon was held at the Carlouel Yacht Club on December 17. Many unwrapped gifts were brought to give to the Haven and Stepping Stones so the children there could select a gift to give to their mothers on Christmas. The proceeds from the Money Tree were given to the RCS Food Bank.

2005

January: CCWC's Arts & Crafts Festival was held on January 18. Items could be submitted for "judging" or "not judging". Entertainment by club members included a musical duet and dance numbers.

February: The General Meeting took place at Cheek-Powell Wellness Center. Catherine Hall, RN presented information about Women's Heart Health.

March: CCWC's General Meeting moved to a new location – The Clearwater Main Library. Dee Dubendorff gave an informative talk on Florida shells, rocks and fossils. "Hats Off to America" was the theme for the 34th Daisy Award Luncheon Fashion Show March 31. The Daisy Award was presented to RCS Grace House.

April: A tour of Booker Creek Preserve was enjoyed by eight members. At the General Meeting FBI Agent Carl Whitehead spoke on the role of the FBI in Today's World. A Tea Party at the Main Street Tea House was attended by 25 members – hats were optional. Six members toured Enterprise Village on April 26.

May: The Installation Luncheon was held at Belleair Country Club. The new officers were installed by Carole Weaver, District 14 Director. Five of the seven new members were introduced.

Summer: CCWC Historian Maggie Nichols hosted an open house for members to view all Club scrapbooks (from the first to the current). CCWC and Stein Mart held a benefit for Women on the Way. Entry "fee" was a bag of school supplies.

September: The Projects Committee presented volunteering opportunities at the General Meeting and members signed up for volunteer service. CCWC was well represented at the FFWC Fall Board in Orlando. CCWC website is up and running.

October: The Education Department presented the PACE (Practical, Academic and Cultural Education) Center for Girls as the program for the General Meeting.

November: An Evening with the Authors fundraiser was a huge success. The additions of thirty opportunity baskets were a winner. North Pinellas Woman's Club co-hosted with CCWC. "Vision in Red" was the theme for Christmas tree which the Arts Department decorated for the Festival of Trees. Metro Crime Prevention in Florida provided the program

at the General Meeting. Eight members enjoyed a Heritage Village Nature Walk tour led by Verna Daniel who is docent there.

December: Festively decorated Carlouel Yacht Cub was again the setting for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Four new members were introduced and Georgia Jensen was named CCWC Volunteer of the Years. Members contributed gift items for children at the Haven and Stepping Stones to give as presents to their mothers. Proceeds from the money tree were given to RCS Food Bank.

2006

January: The Arts Department hosted our Annual Arts & Crafts Show and regaled members with a skit entitled "Let's play".

February: At the General Meeting SHINE (Serving Health Insurances Needs of Elders) presented a program explaining Medicare Part D on prescription drugs. Arts Department sponsored a high school student's arts content in recognition of Youth Art Month.

March: "Easter Parade" was the theme at the Daisy Award Fashion Show at Harborview Center. Hats were used as table centerpieces and several members wore their spring bonnets. Clothes to Kids, Inc. were the winner of the Daisy Award. Conservation Department arranged for Grant Craig to speak at the General Meeting on Weedon Island Preserve and then lead an actual tour of the preserve the following week. Twenty members participated in the tour.

April: International Affairs invited LtCdr Rebecca Badders, just returned from a tour of duty in Qatar, to speak at the General Meeting on the role of females in the war. Several members served as hostesses for the Kitchen Tour benefit for Lighthouse of Pinellas. Home Life Department organized a luncheon and tour of historic Belleview Biltmore Resort for 24 participants led by Joyce Orebaugh.

May: Belleair Country Club was the setting for the CCWC Installation Luncheon. Judy Lutz installed CCWC officers for the 2006/07 club year.

Summer: CCWC and Stein Mart held their back-to-school benefit for Women on the Way. Many members attended the District 14 meeting to show our support for new District Director Ellie Lee.

September: Projects Committee presented volunteering opportunities at the General Meeting and members signed up for volunteer service. CCWC was well represented at the FFWC Fall Board in Orlando. CCWC and NPWC partnered to present a PR Seminar for Non-Profits which was well received by an overflow crowd.

October: Public Affairs Department invited Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark to the General Meeting to update us on new voting procedures, methods and trends.

November: An Evening with the Authors fundraiser was again a success. Victorian Fantasy was the theme for the Christmas tree which the Arts Department decorated for the Festival

of Trees. The Education Department invited Jan Luth, Director of Heritage Village to present the program and paper bag school lunches were distributed to members at the General Meeting. PACE was voted as the Daisy Award winner.

December: International Affairs hosted a Christmas Tea for Heifer at Peggy Word's lovely home. Carlouel Yacht Club was again the festive setting for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Four new members were introduced and Marie Grein was named CCWC Volunteer of the Year. Members contributed gift items for children at The Haven to give their mothers and proceeds from the money tree were given to RCS Food Bank.

2007

January: The Arts Department hosted our Annual Arts & Crafts Show at the General Meeting. Members voted to award \$1,000 grants in the future rather than awarding a Daisy Award to only one recipient.

February: A clown welcomed members to the General Meeting at Cheek Powell Pavilion hosted by the Home Life Department. Members had fun, relaxed as they learnt creative stress management techniques. Home Life also arranged an excursion for a demonstration and opportunity to try Tai Chi.

March: Janet Ginn, CEO of the Heifer Foundation mesmerized members at the General Meeting hosted by International Affairs and at lunch at the Yacht Club following. The "Spring Fling" Fashion Show Luncheon was again a huge success. PACE was the proud winner of the Daisy Award.

April: Feature writer and author Jeff Klinkenberg delighted members with tales of old Florida at the start of the General Meeting hosted by Conservation. Membership Survey Committee Chair Ruth Henderson presented the survey results to the membership at the closed annual business session that followed. Conservation also arranged a field trip to the International Museum to visit the "Wolf to Woof" exhibit.

May: DD Ellie Lee installed the CCWC Officers for 2007-08 at the annual Installation Luncheon at the Belleair Country Club. Two new members were welcomed into the Club.

Summer: Members and their husbands enjoyed and "Islands" theme August Social at Barbara DeBarr's home. CCWC and Stein Mart held a benefit for Women on the Way – bringing bags of school supplies.

September: Change was the theme for the new Club Year as the Board enacted some of the recommendations from the Membership Survey. The Officers' opening skit got the General Meeting off to a hilarious start and new Department Breakout Sessions were a big success. Judy Lutz gave a presentation on Leadership. Seven members attended the FFWC Fall Board in Orlando. CCWC and NPWC sponsored the second successful PR Strategies for Non-Profits.

October: The Education Department invited School Board member Carol Cook to present at the General Meeting. She explained the controversial school choice plan and gave us

insight into the Board's procedures. CCWC hosted the District 14 Annual Meeting and Fall Tour at the Clearwater Country Club.

November: The revamped "Evening with the Authors" fundraiser was a grand success. Positive changes included highlighting one author, Jeff Klinkenberg who entertained attendees with tales from old Florida. Door prizes replace opportunity baskets and a more spacious layout showcased the event. Wine and hors d'œuvres. The Arts Department decorated our entry at the Festival of Trees using recycled items – it was one of a kind.

December: Festively decorated Carouel Yacht Club was again the setting for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Three new members were introduced and Ruth Henderson was named CCWC Volunteer of the Year. Our "Twinkletoes Troup" performed a cute dance skit and led us in Christmas carols. Members contributed gift items for children at The Haven to give to their mothers. Money tree proceeds were given to RCS Food Bank.

2008

January: The Arts Department hosted our Annual Arts & Crafts Show and along with the display and judging, presented a very entertaining program on "Things My Mother Taught Me".

February: The program of the February meeting was to be a gynecologic oncologist speaking on women and cancer in the 21st century; however, he was called away for emergency surgery. Our capable Home Life members took over the program leading an informative club member exchange re women's health issues.

March: Conservation hosted the General Meeting introducing guest speaker Judy Stark, editor of Home and Garden in the SP Times, who urged us to be "Green Samaritans", greening our home environment. To aid club efforts, members held a successful "Bakeless Bake Sale."

April: The highlight of the Daisy Fashion Show Luncheon was the award of six Daisy Grants. Fashion, music and dance were featured – the theme, "Swing into Spring". Preceding the annual meeting, Frank Swacker spoke on the effect of China and other World Trade Organization countries on the US. International Affairs Department served an international food brunch.

May: Home Life organized a "Living Healthy Day" for members – an invigorating hike in Philippi Park followed by a health lunch at Green Springs in Safety Harbor. DD Ellie Lee installed CCWC Officers for the 2008-09 Club year at the Installation Luncheon at Belleair Country Club. Two members were welcomed.

September: Ellie Lee presented Heifer International as the new State President's Project. Ellie Lee started collecting quarters to fill a piggybank to support Heifer. Members contributed school supplies to Women on the Way. "Tea for Tots", a fundraiser for Lighthouse of Pinellas was well attended by members.

October: Being a big election year, Public Affairs organized an appropriate program for the General Meeting. Dr. Susan McManus, professor and political analyst gave a good grounding and an official from the Supervisor of Elections demonstrated an actual voting machine. Jackie Pearce, past GFWC International President drew a large crowd to Harborview for her keynote address "Moving Toward Social Change."

November: Member Marie Grein spoke about her involvement as President of the Florida Retired Teachers Association. Well known author Robert Macomber delighted the attendees at our Evening with the Author with tales of his adventures which served as research for his books. The theme for our entry for Festival of Trees. Members participated in CJWC's annual Christmas under the Oaks and the Festival of Trees.

December: Members enjoyed the Christmas tea at Peggy Word's home and showed their support for Heifer by buying Heifer "gifts" in honor of friends and family. Our traditional Holiday Luncheon at festive Carouel continues to be the highlight of the season. Two new members were introduced and a deserving Ellie Lee was named Volunteer of the Year. Kali Crum sang Christmas songs and led a sing-along. Members brought unwrapped gifts for children at the RCS Haven to give their mothers for Christmas.

2009

January: Arts and Crafts entries were judged by two talented members from Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs. Two members of the Clearwater City Players, PJ Pucci at the keyboard and Suzanne Ruley vocalist led members in patriotic singing, followed by their own hilarious rendition of several familiar songs, accompanied by B.J. on keyboard.

February: Becky Dixon from the Cheek-Powell Wellness Center gave a power point presentation on women's heart health. We learned about nutrition and how exercise helps to keep our hearts healthy. She also demonstrated the exercises and joined Club members for a healthy lunch. Winners of the club's Arts and Crafts went on to the District Art Festival.

March: Harborview was again the setting for the Daisy Luncheon & Fashion Show, "Pretty Woman." Almost 300 attended. Grants Committee Chair presented five grants to deserving organizations. "Making the world a little greener" was the program at the General Meeting. Addressing a need in the community, members donated 157 pounds of canned goods, boxed food items and baby food to the RCS Food Bank.

April: Leah Haslett presented an interesting photo & descriptive account of her six months stay working and living "down under" in Australia. The annual meeting followed. Support of the military continues. Edie Banks has sent 16 boxes to the service men and women at a cost of \$11.95 each.

May: Using butterflies as the theme, Ellie Lee installed the officers for the 2009-10 club years at the luncheon at the Belleair Country Club. New members were welcomed. Immediately following the luncheon, members walked over to the historic Belleview Biltmore Hotel for a group photo –to be submitted to GFWC for its "This Place Matters" feature.

September: During the summer, Board members were busy planning our fundraisers, programs and activities for the upcoming 2009-10 club years. Diane McKeever, the new Library Volunteer Coordinator funded by CCWC, the Friends and the Library Foundation, was introduced to members at the General Meeting. Members signed up for Volunteer Service Projects of their choice.

October: Library hours of operation were cut back (city budget cuts) so the Club had to change its starting time accordingly. Clearwater City Manager Bill Home spoke to the club about how budget cuts will affect the City going forward. Members continue to bring coins for UNICEF to the meetings.

November: Andrew Hulse addressed a full house at the Evening with the Author at Main Library, featuring his just published book "Celebrating the Columbia Restaurant's Centennial." Columbia Restaurant served guest their famous paella, 1905 salad and sangria! \$7,900 was raised. "Bess the Book Bus" came to the November Meeting. Jennifer Frances, founder of the mobile literacy outreach, presented a program and gave tours of the "Bess". The Art Department created a "Butterfly Kisses" tree to display at the Festival of Trees.

December: Members enjoyed tea and cookies at the Christmas Tea. Proceeds from jewelry sales were donated to Heifer. Several members participated with the Junioresettes in a Christmas parade. Two new members were inducted at the traditional festive Holiday Luncheon at Carlouel. Urith Fitzgerald was named volunteer of the Year.

2010

January: Ken Hannon, from the Dunedin Fine Arts Center judged for our Arts & Crafts Show. The Arts Department performed a Woman's Club version of a poem by Shel Silverstein, re-named "I am sick and I can't go to the Woman's Club today."

February: The Suncoast Hospice Foundation presented an insightful program, showing us that there is more to Hospice than meets the eye. Interested members later were given a comprehensive tour to the Hospice facilities. All six entrants in the District Art Festival earned a first price ribbon in their categories and will be going on to the State competition.

March: Arts Department displayed three winning pictures created by pupils of Clearwater Central Catholic School. Members voted on their favorites. Art supplies from Michaels will be divided among them.

April: A fun but busy month! The highlight was our revamped Fashion Show Luncheon at a new venue, Belleair Country Club and with a new format was a smashing success! The theme was "Steppin' Out" – Art Department collected and decorated dressy shoes to use as centerpieces, a pianist provided entertainment – no runway so models walked among the tables giving guests an up-close look at the fashions. Grants Chairman Betsy Dort presented five grants –and increased profits to create a base for future grants.

Some members helped clean up the butterfly garden at Belcher Elementary, some volunteered on Paint Your Heart, and some attended the Federation Day picnic at Ft. DeSoto Park. The International Affairs Department prepared a program "Come Travel Around the

World” featuring ten of our own members who shared short commentaries of their trips complete with their lovely photographs featured in a slide show. Members were invited to bring their own photos and memorabilia from their travels to display and many dressed in costumes from a country they have visited.

May: The Installation was held at the Belleair Country Club. Diana Vericelli, past District Director, used “Traveling to Membership” as her theme in installing Officers for the 2010-11 Club year. Following the installation, Edie Banks inducted two new members.

September: This year was the club’s 40th anniversary. Marie Grein, president, introduced three founding members; Alice Thalheimer, Jean Stuart and Marian Dunn. Sharon Olipant and Mary Jacobs, chairpersons of GFWC FFWC President’s Project, outlined the three faceted project: 1) service projects around the state, 2) financial stability and to raise funds to improve state headquarters, 3) increase the club’s identity.

October: Nick Fritsh, Vice-Chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee of TBARTA, presented plans for high speed rail. Members donated items for our platoon (10 members) in Afghanistan and money for postage. On October 21, members attended the annual luncheon for the Haven, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

November: Denise Nye, media and technology specialist at Clearwater High School, stated it was the first school in nation to give each student a kindle. The high school incorporated kindles (electronic readers) into many classes. Members practiced using the kindles Denise brought to the meeting. For the Festival of Trees, the Arts Department created all handcrafted decorations for our tree, using the theme, America: Our Home Sweet Home. For that, the club won a special ribbon. On November 19th, the Evening with the Author featured speaker was Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas French. He discussed his new book, Zoo Story. A field trip to the Chihuly Glass Collection and a beignet / coffee breakfast was enjoyed on November 4.

December: At the annual holiday luncheon, held at the Carlouel Yacht Club, nine past presidents were introducing two who were founding members: Alice Thalheimer and Jean Stuart. Edie Banks installed five new members: Anne Caleroni, Frances Dean, Hannah Hurd, Rosalie Murray and Lynn Sutherland. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Maggie Nichols.

2011

January: Arts and Crafts CSP invited Ken Hannon, Associate Executive Director at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, to judge the entries in the annual competition. This was followed by Kathy Pollack, a member and a publisher author and illustrator, speaking about the process involved in writing and publishing a child’s book.

February: International Outreach sponsored a social luncheon on February 8 at the Greek Town Grill. Jack Olson spoke about difficulties of being sight impaired and how Lighthouse of Pinellas helped him.

March: Three boxes were sent to the adapted military platoon. Lauren Matzke from the City of Clearwater's Greenprint project explained the purpose of the project was developing a community action plan for sustainability. Members voted to donate \$5,500 to the Clearwater Library Foundation for the benefit of the Clearwater Library System.

The Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was held March 31 with fashions from SteinMart. Sixteen charter members gathered prior to the function for pictures and libations. Martha Hickey took the pictures and sent a copy to each charter member. Table decorations featured birthday cupcakes and balloons. Five grants were awarded to deserving non-profits.

April: A trip to the new Dali Museum was held April 14. Dr. Kathleen Griffin, Associate Provost at St. Petersburg College, discussed international programs available at the college and introduced an exchange student from Columbia. Members again donated items for our adapted platoon.

May: The Installation Luncheon was held May 17. Judy Lutz, past president, installed the officers for the 2011-2012. She used a jewel theme, giving each newly installed officer a different colored jewel necklace to remind her of the duties of her office. Martha Hickey and Judy Blanton presented a power-point presentation "Forty Fabulous Years", a look back through the scrapbooks of the club since its beginning.

September: A DVD made by Martha Hickey, highlighting events of the past 40 years of club activities, was shown. Chairmen of the Volunteer Services Projects explained volunteer opportunities and members signed up volunteer projects since everyone is required to participate. Maggie Nichols, a long time active member died in June. At her memorial service a copy of her famous pound cake recipe was shared. Money donated in Maggie's memory was to be spent later in the club year.

October: Robert Wittenberg, Executive Director of Senior Citizens Services, Inc., spoke about Senior Citizens and its accomplishments and the services it provided.

November: Marcella Estevez, the Hispanic Outreach Liaison at the East Library, shared information about the new outreach program. The Art Department decorated our tree for the Festival of Trees, using the theme, "Visions of Sugar Plums". The Evening with the Authors was held on November 18 with Lisa Unger speaking about her life as a bestselling author and her latest book, "Darkness My Old Friend". Items were collected for packages to be sent to our assigned military platoon of 25 servicemen posted to Afghanistan in time for Christmas.

December: At the Annual Christmas Luncheon, dancers from the Tampa Bay Ballet School performed extracts from "The Nutcracker". Sue Meier welcomed three new members: Kathy Hardwick, Mary Pheasant, and Margo Tarr-Boyington. Alice Thalheimer was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year. Marian Dunne was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her 40 years of volunteering with Meals on Wheels. \$250 was collected on the Giving Tree and many mothers' gifts for moms at RCS Haven.

2012

January: The Arts Department's program consisted of three parts: 1) arts and crafts created in 2011 were judged by Camille Muller of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center; 2) members brought their favorite arts and crafts pieces to share, not to be judged; 3) a silent auction of 8 signed and framed donated by Roger Bansemer.

February: Megan Kempshall, the Humane Education Specialist at the Humane Society of Pinellas, and her dog Cleopatra were the featured speakers. Members brought canine supplies which were donated to the shelter.

March: A tour of the Humane Society of Pinellas was conducted on March 8th. The Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on March 22, with clothes from Patchington being featured. The theme was Fashions on Parade. Grants were presented to seven worthy non-profits. Willow Hecht from Big Cat Rescue, a non-profit educational sanctuary which houses over 100 rescued cats, showed slides and spoke about some of the cats.

April: A field trip to the Big Cat Rescue was held on April 12 and a trip to the Clearwater Aquarium to see Winter was held on April 24. Russ Luther from the Seed Band of ECHO presented a power-point program and distributed materials explaining how seeds are used. From the EWA funds, \$5,500 was donated to the Clearwater Public Library Foundation.

May: A plaque in memory of Maggie Nichols was installed on a bench in the Tarpon Springs History Museum on May 8. Money collected in Maggie's memory was used to purchase the bench and plaque as well as two scholarships to the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. The annual installation luncheon was held on May 15 with Alice Thalheimer, a past president, installing the incoming officers. Two additional large boxes were sent to our adapted platoon in Afghanistan.

September: Ethel Grimsly, a Daisy Grant recipient, spoke about her foundation, Faith, Hope and Determination. She used the money from the grant to create a DVD to raise awareness about bone marrow donors. The Volunteer Service Project Coordinator's summarized their projects and encouraged members to sign up for at least one activity.

October: Jackie Dryden, the Executive Director of the Homeless Emergency Project, shared a video about the services that HEP provides. Sherry Orr and Trish Gregory, District 14 chairpersons, spoke about the Florida President's Project which is "Schools and Scholarship".

November: Jennifer Obermeier, Assistant Library Director, updated the club on the state of the library and its plans for the future. CCWC's entry for the Festival of Trees had the theme "Florida: Christmas in the Pink". The Juniorettes sold 300 Christmas bags at Christmas under the Oaks. Evening with the Author was held on November 16 with Craig Pittman, an investigative reporter for Tampa Bay Times, as the featured author. The featured book was "Scent of Scandal".

December: The Holiday Luncheon held on December 18 at a new location, the Countryside Country Club, featured Victoria Garcias, a harpist. It was announced Kathe

Hardwick was selected as the winner of the LEADS program for District 14 and Mary Jane Robbins was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year.

2013

January: The Arts and Crafts Festival was held on January 15, with members bringing items they had created during the previous year. Viv Ruegger, judge, spoke about her artistic background. In addition, art and craft supplies used in the centerpiece were donated to children living at RCS Grace House. Public Issues organized a tour of Heritage Village on January 30.

February: Tom Iovino, Public information Specialist for the Communications Department of Pinellas County and an expert on hurricanes, emphasized the importance of being prepared for storms and hurricane alerts in the county. A tour of the Hurricane Preparedness Center for Pinellas County was held on February 26. Members voted to give \$5,000 from the Evening with the Author proceeds, to the Library Foundation.

March: Member Joanie Yunker shared the basics of a yoga course she attended at the Ashram in Nassau. Members participated in some moves. The Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on March 21. The theme was "Fashions du Printemps". Five grants were presented to worthy non-profits.

April: Ivan Penn spoke about the play "Passages of Martin Luther King", which was performed in Israel and on the West Bank followed by September Penn singing songs from the play. The annual business meeting followed: election of officers for 2013-2014; a bylaw change and a standing rule change were approved; money was collected to send 6 boxes to our platoon.

May: The Installation Luncheon was held May 21. Judy Lutz, past president, installed the 2013-2014 officers and presented each officer with a star to signify her role and contribution to the club. As a result of a survey the Evening with the Author was changed to and Afternoon with the Author.

September: Karen Mertes, Lt. Col. (Ret) spoke about her organization, Fulfill Your Destiny, which she founded to assist victims of traumatic injuries whose lives and careers were cut short. She shared how anyone can be a H.E.R.O. – Hands Eagerly Reach Out to help others.

October: Brian Aungst, legal counsel for the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, presented a talk about the proposed relocation of the Aquarium and the upcoming referendum on the proposed negotiations for lease of the properties involved.

November: The format of the Evening with the Author has been changed to An Afternoon with the Authors. On May 15, after a gourmet boxed lunch, Pam Brandon, Katie Ferdinand and Heather McPherson, food editors who compiled a book "Field of Feast", gave a presentation and demonstration of the recipes. At the General Meeting, Anna Marie Millet, from the Pinellas County Consumer Protection Office, taught members how to protect themselves. The Arts Committee decorated a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees.

December: At the annual Christmas Luncheon members brought gifts for children staying at The Haven to give their mothers for Christmas. The "Money Tree" was decorated with dollar bills (\$234) which was sent to the RCS Food Bank. Judy Blanton was chosen for the Volunteer of the Year award.

2014

January: Members brought art work completed during 2013 for the annual Arts Department's exhibit and competition. Entries were judged by Cathy Workman from Dunedin's Art Center. Blue ribbon winners will go to the District Competition.

February: A representative from Arden Courts spoke about memory issues involved with aging – the signs and symptoms of potential problems. A \$3,000 donation was made to the Clearwater Library Foundation, from money raised at An Afternoon with the Authors. Part of this money was designated for hanging rods for the large meeting room.

March: Ashley Chango, a representative from the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP), described their programs. Planning for the Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was finalized in the group meetings.

April: The 43rd annual Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on April 17, with the models wearing clothes from Patchington. Six non-profits were each awarded \$1,000. The International Committee invited three speakers to tell about the Nagano Sister City program. International themed foods were served.

May: Judy Blanton, CCWC's Volunteer of the Year, served as a Flight Guardian on the May 6 Mission to Washington, D.C. The annual Installation Luncheon was held on May 20 at the Belleair Country Club. Marie Grein used the theme "It is Written" in installing Officers for 2014-2015. Plans were made to hold informal luncheon / get-togethers during the summer months.

June / July / August: Some members decided to visit new cafes / restaurants during the summer months. These were fun meetings with no business being conducted – purely social.

September: JoAnn Roby, president, announced the club's theme will be "Making a Difference" and said she will be giving monthly awards for volunteering. Laurallyn Segur, a supervisor of the Eckerd Foundation, spoke about the foster care program Eckerd runs for Pinellas County. It was announced Carole Weaver, GFWC Florida President, will have as her project Canine Companions for Wounded Warriors.

October: Public Issues invited the Director of Marketing and the Nutritionist for Meals on Wheels to speak to the club. The club has been volunteering since 1981 with Marian Dunn volunteering for the longest period of time.

November: The speaker, Tracey Reed, manager of the Countryside Library, updated members on the new library to be built near the Countryside Recreation Center. The Afternoon with the Author featured Ben Montgomery who wrote "Grandma Gatewood's

Walk". Over 180 people enjoyed a box lunch from Wildflower Café and a fascinating presentation. The Art CSP members decorated a Christmas tree with handmade ornaments for the Festival of Trees.

December: Mary Jane Robbins installed two new members, Laurie Neiman and Carol Bolden. She announced Linda Parker was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year. Gifts for mothers were donated to RCS Haven and the money tree to RCS Food Bank.

2015

January: Members brought arts and crafts items for the competition and Sandy Grace, the State Art Chairman, served as the judge. Eight blue ribbon winning entries will be going to the District competition in February.

February: Samantha Lauricella, a nurse manager for the open heart at Morton Plant Hospital, showed a film, "Just a Little Heart Attack", and provided information about women and heart disease. Lunch consisted of delicious heart healthy food. At the District Arts meeting, Barbara DeBarr's and Martha Hickey's entries received blue ribbons and will move to the state competition in May.

March: A \$5,000 pledge was made to the capital campaign for the new Countryside Library with \$2,500 to be given in the 2014-2015 club year and \$2,500 in 2015-2016. Jan Tracy, from the Solid Waste Management division of Clearwater spoke on safe ways to dispose of medications no longer in use and general tips on recycling. At the Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon, held March 19, 2015, grants were awarded to seven non-profit organizations. The theme of My Fair Lady was carried out by fashions from Talbots.

April: International Outreach arranged a program on Cuba, presented by Pat Baker, who took part in the first trade commission after relations had improved with Cuba. This was followed by a Cuban themed lunch.

May: At the May Luncheon held at the Belleair Country Club, Trish Gregory, District 14 Director, installed the officers for 2015-2016, using passages from "The Collect". This was followed by Mary Jane Robbins installing three new members. President JoAnne Roby was presented with a club gift, a book spine on the Wall of Honor in the downtown Clearwater Library, on behalf of her service these last two years.

June / July / August: Members so enjoyed last summer's get together to visit area cafés and restaurants that they chose to continue this activity. The "Summer Lunch Bunch" was hosted by Ann Crum at the Safety Harbor Spa in June. Kathe Hardwick was hostess to members at the Columbia Restaurant on Sand Key in July. Members enjoyed lunch at Sea Riders Restaurant in delightful Dunedin in August, hosted by Rosalie Murray. A wonderful way to enjoy good food and one another's company – no business, purely social.

September: Newly installed President Lucille Casey introduced this year's theme, "Living the Volunteer Spirit" and will present a "Spirit Award" each month to a member. She also would like the Collect to be said at the end of our general meetings. The keynote speaker was Ashley Rhodes-Courter. Ashley spent nine years in the foster care system. Adopted by

a loving, supportive family and receiving a quality education, she has become a success story. Her book, "Three Little Words", was on the New York Times best seller list. Starting a non-profit organization, The Foundation for Sustainable Families, she aims to help others to empower themselves to succeed. Ashley had her book available for purchase and signing after the meeting.

October: Public Issues CSP invited Kay Jones to share her inspirational story of having a canine companion to encourage her special needs son develop special skills. She was accompanied by "Weaver" to demonstrate the training needed for a certified service dog. Canine Companions is our GFWC State President's service project. Weaver was named for our State President, Carol Weaver.

November: Hosted by the Education CSP, the speaker was Randall Russell who spoke about his book, "American History and Civics Literacy in our Country" and played God Bless America on his saxophone. An Afternoon with the Author featured the book, "Me, Myself and Pie" by Amish food writer Sherry Gore. Those attending enjoyed a box lunch from Wildflower Café and a special treat this year of Yoder's apple pie samples. The Arts CSP's Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees was a beauty with Rosalie Murray's hand stitched ornaments depicting the history of Clearwater. The Festival Committee priced it at \$950.

December: Members enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon at Countryside Country Club. Mary Jane Robbins introduced Sue Meier a Volunteer of the Year and installed new members Sonia Goncalves and Rosemary Keller. New member, Addie Spicuzza shared her singing talent with a seasonal medley. Gifts for mothers' were donated to RCS Haven and the money tree to RCS Food Bank.

2016

January: Hosted by Arts CSP, members brought their arts, crafts and photographs completed during 2015. Trish Gregory, District 14 Director, judged the many entries. Seven blue ribbon wines moved on the District 14 Arts & Crafts Competition in February. Our talented first place winners were Martha Hickey, Lucile Casey, Joan Junker, Judith Curtis, Marge Leavy, Marie Grein and Ann Crum.

February: Home Life CSP invited Kathy Mize-Plummer, Director of Ready for Life, to speak to members. This non-profit organization works with youth who have aged out of foster care. At the GFWC District Art & Crafts Meeting, CCWC members won the most blue ribbons of any club. Moving on the GFWC FL Spring Convention were First Place winners: Martha Hickey, Joan Yunker, Marge Leavy, Judith Curtis, Marie Grein and Lucile Casey. Martha Hickey also took honors for "Best of Division in Photography." Julie Panton represented CCWC at the Florida LEADS seminar. Many club members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy at Tarpon Springs High School hosted by the Education CSP.

March: Hosted by the Conservation CSP, Mr. Rick Clark from Pinellas County Solid Waste Management Department spoke to members on new policies regarding home solid wastes. CCWC's 45th Daisy Fashion Show and Luncheon was held at the Belleair Country Club March

31st. Seven Pinellas non-profits received grants up to \$2,000 which included a special Georgia Jensen Memorial Grant. Total amount of grant money given was \$11,500. Marian Dun was recognized at the luncheon for her 50 years of Woman's Club membership.

April: The meeting was hosted by International Outreach CSP and featured Scotland. Bob and Ray from Dunedin's American Society provided history and humor from Scotland, the UK and Ireland. Both were dressed in traditional kilts and Ray played the bagpipes to end the program. Home Life had a field trip to Ready for Life followed by lunch at Cheddars.

May: The annual Installation Luncheon was held on May 17 at the Belleair Country Club. Past President JoAnne Roby used a floral theme to install club officers for 2016-2017. Newly installed 3rd VP Kay Estock installed two new members, presenting them with tote bags and bouquets.

June / July / August: Members once again enjoyed get-together at area cafés and restaurants. The June "Summer Lunch Bunch" was hosted by Joan Yunker at Café Alfresco in Dunedin. Rosalie Murray was July hostess for members dining at Sandpearl on Clearwater Beach. In August members enjoyed lunch at Café Ponte at Icot Blvd hosted by Kathe Hardwick. Fun time for food and friendship.

September: CCWC Membership Committee, chaired by Kay Estock, held a Get-Acquainted Social for prospective members on September 12 at the Clearwater Main Library. Light refreshments were served followed by a power point presentation on the club and a question and answer period. At September's General Meeting, President Lucile Casey welcomed back members to another fulfilling year of Living the Volunteer Spirit and to celebrate our own CCWC 45 years of enhancing lives in our community. Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos presented a Proclamation recognizing our 45th Anniversary. Other special guests included City Councilmen Dr. Bob Cundiff, Pinellas County Commissioner Karen Seel who presented a proclamation from Pinellas County, and District 14 Director Virginia Papadopolous. Karen's mother, the late Ellie Williams was recognized as a founding member along with Alice Thalheimer and Dee Dubendorff. Keynote speaker was Ashley Rhodes-Courter and her husband Erick. They explained how the Daisy Grant they received last March has been used on the former sugar mill in Pinellas Park that they are developing into a working farm for their Foundation for Sustainable Families. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and 45th Anniversary birthday cake.

October: Hosted by Public Issues CSP, the keynote speakers for October were from Clearwater Community Sailing Association's "Camp Awesome." Henry Yonkin, a Camp Awesome camper spoke briefly of what Camp Awesome had meant to him. His mother, Kirsten Yonkin followed with her comments and slide show. Camp Director Rich White explained how the camp program works. All thanked members for the \$2,000 Georgia Jensen Special Grant received at March's Daisy Grants Fashion Show and Luncheon.

November: Mr. Nicholas Geinosky from the Children's Home Society and the Hacienda Girls Ranch was the keynote speaker hosted by Education CSP. The Hacienda Girls Ranch is the new GFWC President's Project. Mr. Geinosky talked about the history and purpose of the facility and how it serves the needs of the girls who live there. Donations were collected during the meeting for this President's Project. Another successful "Afternoon with the

Author" was held on November 9 at the Main Library. Author Ben Montgomery returned by popular demand with his soon to be published book, "The Leper Spy." Arts CSP outdid themselves again by decorating a 7 foot cookie cutter theme tree for the UPARCA's Festival of Trees. The beautiful tree sold quickly for \$475 to help our community.

December: A delicious lunch was enjoyed by members attending the December Holiday General Meeting at Countryside Country Club. Sisters Emily and Katie Sinz from the Countryside High Drama Troop snag a duet of "Let it Be." Third VP Kay Estock presented a 20 year pin to Pam Blanchard and installed six new members: Claudia Arcabascio, Martha Byrne, Pat Dalton, Susan Luce, Georgiana Roos and Linda Tredo. The Volunteer of the Year presentation was made by Sue Meier honoring our 2016 winner Kay Estock. Gifts for mothers were donated to RCS Haven and the money tree to RCS Food Bank. President Lucile Casey noted that CCWC had the largest community dollar donations of any club in District 14 for the year 2016.

2017

January: Hosted by Arts CSP, CCWC's very talented members brought in their arts, crafts and photographs completed in 2016. The displayed items were judged by Susan Benjamin of Syd Entel Galleries and District 14 Director Virginia Papadopolous. Club winners moving onto the District 14 Arts and Crafts Competition in February were: Joan Yunker, Marge Leavy, Irmi Karpinski, Nan Shane, Ann Crum, Martha Hickey, and Lucile Casey. A table set up with arts supplies gave members the opportunity to create valentines. On Tuesday, February 14 these valentines were delivered to Sylvan Health Center at Regency Oaks where our own sustainer Babs Michael lives. Also interest groups within the club are forming: Marge Leavy, Bridge; Mary Jane Robbins, Book Club; and Nancy Hughes, Mah Jong. New members enjoyed a field trip January 10 to tour the Pinellas County Solid Waste followed by lunch.

February: The meeting's speaker was Shentrella Diggins of Fisher House. Located at Bay Pines VA facility, Fisher House provides a home where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving hospital treatment. Club members filled a table with household supplies and a collection raised another \$188 in addition to the \$50 donation by Home Life CSP hosting the meeting. Julie Panton and Rosemary Keller were presented with LEADS certificates. Rosemary was also selected to act as District 14 LEAD representative at the state meeting in April. The District 14 Arts Meeting was held February 22 at the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club Clubhouse. CCWC members Marge Leavy's needlepoint and Martha Hickey's photographs were winners to advance to GFWC State Meeting in Orlando in April.

March: Hosted by the Conservation CSP, the meeting was held at North Greenwood Library. The speaker was Kristen Bates of the Jerry Branch Berry Ranch, home of the Highlander Hydro-Stacker. Located in Dunedin, it is a pick-your-own farm. "Hats Off to Fashion," was the theme of the 46th Daisy Grants Fashion Show and Luncheon at Belleair Country Club March 30. Five Pinellas non-profits received \$2,000 grants each for their work

in our community. Eighteen members and guests attended the play "Evita" at the Largo Cultural Arts Center.

April: CCWC Members Martha Hickey was the featured speaker for International CSP hosting the meeting. Martha spoke and presented slides of her tour guide of Africa last fall. Members took two tours in April: The Fisher House at Bay Pine VA and then Jerry Branch Berry Ranch Home in Dunedin both followed by lunch. Many members also enjoyed attending "The Kind and I" production at Countryside High School.

May: At the May Installation Luncheon, Virginia Papadopolous, District 14 Director installed new officers for 2017-2018. Virginia presented each with a bag of appropriate gifts for their new office as she described their basic duties. Receiving a Daisy bouquet were new members: Connie Allen, Dina Colgan, Clara Saulnier, Rhona Townes and Shirley Waggoner. Outgoing President Lucile Casey was presented a gift for her service to CCWC and was nominated for the GFWC Jennie June Award. Newly installed President Kay Estock took over the gavel and introduced the "WOW" awards.

June / July / August: The "Summer Lunch Bunch" again enjoyed good food and friendship. June, hosted by Rosalie Murray, began with a tour of Susan Benjamin's Gallery in Safety Harbor. Due to the large number of members attending, some enjoyed lunch at the Safety Harbor Spa while others feasted at the Green Spring Bistro. Alfano's Restaurant on Clearwater Largo Road was the site of July's lunch event hosted by JoAnne Roby. Rosemary Keller was August hostess at Bon Appetit in Dunedin.

September: The meeting under the direction of our newly elected President, Kay Estock, was hosted by the Board of Directors. Robin Gipson, the Executive Director of the Grace House of Religious Community Services, was our speaker. She shared with us how much the 2016-17 Daisy Grant meant to the facility for the purchase of linens. She also explained that Grace House is an 8-week program helping families with children to become self-sufficient. The book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, a 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner for non-fiction, was a suggested informative source.

October: Karen Seel, the featured speaker, encouraged the club members to renew the Penny for Pinellas sales tax for the next 10 years. So much has been accomplished since its introduction. (It passed.) The meeting was hosted by the Public Issues CSP. Six of our members walked proudly behind our Club Banner in the Alzheimer's Walk on October 28, and many more donated. CCWC teamed with RCS to urge the Mayor to make October "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." Our member Judy Lutz, past GFWC President, was presented her 50-Membership Recognition Pin in a congratulatory letter from President Kay Estock.

November: The Education CSP introduced Terry Fortner, granddaughter of the author of *Yesterday I Lived in Paradise* and the *Caladesi Cookbook*. She gave an overview of her family's connection to Caladesi and shared pictures of the island, its residents, and guests from the early 1900s. Clothing and monetary donations to Clothes to Kids were collected. The Fundraiser for the library was November 16 at a cost of \$25. The featured author, John Capouya, presented his book *Florida Soul*. Box lunches were provided by Wildflower Café.

December: A festive Christmas luncheon was held at the Clearwater Country Club. The Haven and Grace House appreciated the 61 Christmas gifts which we donated for children to give their mothers. We also sent a check for \$485.00 from the cash so generously attached to the money tree. Claudia Arcabascio, 2nd VP, announced that plans were progressing for the Daisy Fashion Show. 3rd VP Rosemary Keller inducted Debbie Foley into CCWC. We were our own entertainment this year: a Christmas trivia game and the singing of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Martha Hickey, our photographer and producer of the District 14 Newsletter.

2018

January: Our talented members brought in their arts, crafts and photographs to be judged by Sue Benjamin and Syd Entel from the Syd Entel Gallery in Safety Harbor. Members moving on to the District 14 Arts and Crafts competition in February were Nan Shane, Marge Leavy, Irmi Karpinski, Martha Hickey, Monique DeSart, Joan Yunker and Lucile Casey. A table was set up with art supplies for members to create valentines to be delivered to residents at a retirement home. WOW awards were presented to Nancy Hughes for December and Susan Luce for January. Both ladies give a lot of time and effort to making CCWC great. A delicious lunch was served by the Arts CSP.

February: The meeting was held at the Countryside Library and hosted by the Home Life CSP. Amanda Wood of the Alzheimer's Association spoke of the ten warning signs of Alzheimer's and the importance of early diagnosis. Nancy Hughes presented Amanda with a \$50 check to the Alzheimer's Assn. from CCWC. Treasurer Susan Luce announced that via a chip reader the club will now accept credit cards. Irmi Karpinski has been asked to attend the LEADS weekend. CCWC will donate \$4,000 (from AWA funds) to the Clearwater Library Foundation to be used for the Book Bash. Grants Chair JoAnne Roby presented the grant recipients approved by the Board: Kimberly Home, Lighthouse for Pinellas, Empath Suncoast Hospice and Goodwill Industries. A favorable vote was passed by the membership.

March: The Conservation CSP presented the speaker Dr. Joseph Long, Research Oceanographer of the Southwest region of Florida currently based at St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center. He explained the role that winds, waves and circulation have on transforming the beach, and emphasized changes in the climate which cause significant erosion in Florida's coastline. It was an interesting and enlightening presentation. Christine Turpin will chair the Domestic Awareness activities, the signature project of GFWC. Martha Hickey was congratulated on being District Volunteer of the Year and will go on to state competition. Kay presented the WOW award to Lucile Casey, our "Energizer Bunny!"

April: Kathe Hardwick read the poem "Human Family" by Maya Angelou to introduce the International CSP program, presented by Martha Hickey. She gave a spirited account of her recent tour of the Amazon River through Peru. Kay shared the new CCWC website, which has been created by Kay and Katie Moore. They welcome input from members. All members were asked to read and sign a "model" release form, giving permission to allow photographs to be published (if they so desired.) The slate of officers for 2019, presented by the nominating committee, was approved unanimously by the membership. They are Kay

Estock as President, Irmi Karpinski as 1st Vice President, Claudia Arcabascio as 2nd Vice-president, Rosemary Keller as 3rd Vice-president, Susan Luce as Treasurer, Jill Baker as Corresponding Secretary, Pat Dalton as Recording Secretary, and Ann Brewer as Member-at-Large. The 2018 Daisy fashion Show and Luncheon, "Spring into Summer," was a big success. Four \$2,000 grants were awarded to Kimberly House, Lighthouse for the Blind, Good Will and Empath Suncoast Hospice.

May: At the May Installation Luncheon, Virginia Papadopolous, District 14 Director, installed new officers for 2018-2019. Virginia presented each with a candy bar appropriate for her new office as she described the basic duties. 3rd VP Rosemary Keller installed Khristin Turpin as a new member of CCWC. The CCWC membership is pleased to have Khristin as a member. On behalf of the membership, Lucile presented gifts of appreciation to Kay for her leadership, positive changes to move the club forward, and her boundless energy to move us to be the best CCWC members. Kay's motto for 2018-2019 is "Creating Smiles by Changing Lives."

June / July / August: The "Summer Lunch Bunch" again enjoyed fellowship and good food. In June Mary Ellen Bader hosted the club at Clear Sky Restaurant. The Palm Pavilion at Clearwater Beach was a fun location in July. Some of the ladies took the ferry to get to the beach. Susan Luce and Lucile Casey were our hostesses. The final Lunch Bunch of the summer took place at Carmel Restaurant, planned by Virginia Papadopoulos, our District Director.

September: On September 11 a social was held to introduce prospective new members to the club. Rosemary Keller, membership chair, is following up with those who have indicated interest. The first meeting of the year under President Kay Estock was hosted by the Board of Directors. Our speaker was LaShante Keys from Empath Health. He thanked CCWC for the grant to Healing Healthy Hearts Camp and shared many functions of Empath Health. We will soon be unveiling a new logo to make sure everyone knows who we are and what we do.

October: Laura Donnelly from GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club presented information on Operation Smile, a program to fund surgeries for children born with cleft palates. We need donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Kay presented our new logo with a daisy design, including our new slogan of "Women Making a Difference." The Book Heroes project now has collected 600 books toward our goal of 1,000.

November: The Afternoon with the Authors Literary Tea on November 13 at Countryside Country Club featured Ben Montgomery and Susan Santangelo, who entertained us with fun stories of how to write a book. The speaker at our November meeting, Paul Alford, informed us about Career Online High School available at four libraries in Pinellas County. \$1200 from AWA will be donated to the Main Library's scholarship fund.

December: The Christmas luncheon was held on December 4 at the Clearwater Country Club. We were delighted by the entertainment of the Madrigal singers from Largo High School. Members, as usual, brought cash for the money tree and gifts for children to give to their mothers at the Haven. The Volunteer of the Year award went to Lucile Casey.

2019

January: Susan Benjamin was the judge again for CCWC's Arts and Crafts Festival. Many Blue Ribbons were won by Nan Shane for quilted pieces, Martha Hickey for photographic art, Joan Yunker for painting and Lucile Casey for photo scenic vista. Today's winners will compete in the District competition.

February: The speaker for Home Life CSP was Maureen Skalkeas who spoke about a YMCA program for cancer survivors called "Live Strong." Plans were being finalized for the Daisy Luncheon and Fashion Show, "Soar into Spring Fashions." Book Heroes has now donated 831 books with only 139 to go to reach our goal of 1,000 books. Congratulations to Lucile Casey, who received the District Volunteer of the Year award.

March: Our speaker Wendy Proctor introduced us to Boggy Creek Camp for children who have been living with ongoing illnesses. The children are given the opportunity to experience a week at camp free of charge. March 26 was the date for a very successful Daisy Fashion Show Luncheon. Grants of \$2,000 each were awarded to Lighthouse for the Blind, Starting Right Now, Love Your Neighbor, and Guardian Ad Litem.

April: Sponsored by the International Outreach CSP, the program was given by Scott Mangus, who shared his experience while on several missions to Guatemala. Volunteers provide medical, dental and vision services. So far GFWC-FL has raised \$88,331.00 for Operation Smile, a two year project of the state president.

May: The General Meeting and Installation luncheon was held at the Clearwater Country Club. Kay installed the following new members into CCWC: Jodi Patzer, Karen Bell, Belinda McAbee, Nickie Chopra, and Mary Maloney. Allie Laughran, Carolyn Lofton and Sharon Smith were absent.

Virginia Papadopoulos, Director of District 14, installed the new Executive Board for 2019-2020: President – Susan Luce, 1st VP – Irmi Karpinski, 2nd VP – Martha Hickey, 3rd VP – Dena Colgan, Treasurer – Sue Meier, Recording Secretary – Debbie Foley, Corresponding Secretary – Dottie Stutler, Member at Large – Ann Brewer.

June / July / August: The "Summer Lunch Bunch" had their first gathering on June 18 at Clear Sky on Cleveland, followed by a very interesting and informative tour of Kimberly House. On July 16 we met at PF Chang's in Countryside, reservations having been taken by Pat Plumlee. After our delicious Chinese lunch, Dena Colgan announced that the gathering for potential new members will be held at the newly opened Clearwater Historical Society on September 10. Virginia Papadopoulos presented an interesting history of GFWC and distributed fact sheets to many of us. Mary Ellen Bader organized our final lunch bunch at Heilman's Beachcomber on August 20, attended by 27 members. Our President, Susan Luce, made several announcements pertaining to our upcoming new year.

Autumn Tea – On September 10 Membership Chairman Dena Colgan and her committee hosted a get-acquainted tea for prospective new members at the newly opened Clearwater Historical Society. Our new Orientation PowerPoint presentation, created by Jodi Patzer, was shown to 16 members and 11 guests.

September: The CCWC Board hosted the meeting. Our new president, Susan Luce, introduced speaker, Kate Kelly, Executive Director of Kimberly Home, a nonprofit pregnancy center that provides resources, housing and support for unplanned pregnancies. Kimberly Home will be our project for the year. Kate was genuinely surprised and appreciative of the members' generous donations to Kimberly House. New members are Belinda McAbee, Norma Malis and Mary Taylor. For Book Heroes we have already donated 831 books in the community, closing in on our goal of 1,000. Twelve members attended the Pont of Light luncheon, a fundraiser for Lighthouse for the Blind.

October: The Public Issues CSP introduced the speakers, Ed Thiebe, Director of Community Service Foundation, a non-profit providing affordable housing and support in Pinellas County; and Carol Purcell, VP of the Board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen. They belong to the Going Home Coalition, whose mission is to reduce homelessness. At the GFWC Fall Board Lucile Casey is a finalist for the Jennie June award, a great tribute to her "Volunteer Spirit." New members are Judy Del Barto, Shannon Matthews, and Tricia "Trish" Commons.

November: Sharon Oliphant, President, GFWC Florida, spoke to us about the intricate management of GFWC. Sharon has chosen Operation Smile for her President's Project for 2018-2020. More than \$190,000 has been collected plus many boxes of dental supplies. CCWC presented a check for \$1000 to her at the November 2 District meeting. Swarna Mohan has collected over \$1100 from a letter sent to 54 of her friends around the country!

December: Our Teddy Bear Christmas Tree was sold for \$800, benefitting ARC. The Holiday luncheon was held at the Clearwater Country Club. Delightful entertainment was provided by violinists from Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School, one being the granddaughter of our member and former President, Kay Estock. Money tree donations were given to RCS. Gifts for children to give to their mothers were taken to the Haven. Kate Kelly, Executive Director of Kimberly Home, was our speaker. She was given a \$1,300 donation for Kimberly Home from GFWC-CCWC. JoAnne Roby was the 2019 Volunteer of the Year. 8 new members were installed and presented with tote bags and bouquets of daisies.

2020

January: The Arts CSP invited Suzanne Ruley from the Pinellas Community Foundation to be our speaker. She gave an interesting program featuring applications of art and art therapy. The Art CSP was collecting art supplies for Kimberly Home's preschoolers. Talented members displayed their photos, quilts, paintings and other handiwork. Winners of this year's competition, judged again by Susan Benjamin, were Nan Shane, Irmi Karpinski, Cindy Bayern, Lucile Casey and Martha Hickey. First place winners will enter the District competition.

February: "Strike a Pose with Yoga" was the theme for our Home Life meeting. Shannon Matthews, a yoga-certified instructor, gave a short talk on wellness and then took us through a series of chair yoga exercises. After our "strenuous" exercise, we were ready for a delicious lunch provided by the Home Life CSP. It was always an honor in February to have many of our sustainers join us. We celebrated them with flowers and individual recognition.

The \$2,000 2020 Daisy Grant winners were announced: College Fund of Pinellas County, Inc.; Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects; Starting Right, Now; Voices of Hope for Aphasia.

March: Due to the Corona Virus, the meeting was cancelled. The Conservation CSP would have normally planted a tree during their month, but instead they donated \$50 to the Arbor Foundation. The members who entered the district arts competition were highly successful. Martha Hickey, Nan Shane and Cindy Bayern won first place ribbons and will compete at State.

Due to the Corona Virus, our Daisy Luncheon was cancelled. However, we voted to award the Daisy Grants, \$2,000 each to the Daisy Grant members announced last month, a total of \$8,000.

April: Both the Board and General meetings were held via Zoom since the corona virus forced all of us to be in "lockdown" at home. The May Installation luncheon and the Florida Spring Convention were cancelled. The slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee follows: President-Susan Luce, 1st VP-Belinda McAbee, 2nd VP-Martha Hickey, 3rd VP-Dena Colgan, Treasurer- Sue Meier, Recording Secretary-Debbie Foley, Corresponding Secretary-Dottie Stutler, and Member-at-Large-Key Estock. The slate was accepted unanimously and officers will be installed at the May meeting. CCWC will celebrate our 50th year on May 13, 2021. Irmie Karpinski is the chair of our 50th Anniversary Committee. Let the celebration begin!!!

May: The Board and General meetings were held via Zoom again. Restrictions were beginning to be lifted, but large groups were still not allowed. Nevertheless, officers for the 2020/2021 term were installed with Virginia Papadopoulos and Laura Connelly taking leading roles in their induction. This was our last meeting before summer break. Lunch Bunch gatherings were longed for, but the virus might keep that from happening.

June / July / August: The Board and General Meetings were held via Zoom throughout the summer. CCWC members celebrated Flag Day by distributing flags to houses in Clearwater's Del Oro Groves neighborhood.

September: Allison Dolan, President of the Clearwater Historical Society, spoke on the Clearwater Historical Museum's current and future exhibitions. Highlights included the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage movement and "Firsts" of local Clearwater ladies currently on exhibit. The meeting was conducted on Zoom.

Historian Susan Luce as of October 2020

October: At the general meeting (via Zoom), Terri Lipsey Scott, director of the Woodson African American Museum, spoke about the Black perspective on the women's suffrage movement. At the Walk to End Alzheimer's, club members raised thousands of dollars.

November: The Arts and Culture committee made ornaments for the annual Festival of Trees benefiting the ARC charity, which serves the disabled community. The Environment committee brought recycling bins to the Kimberly Home and taught residents which items to recycle. The speaker at the general meeting was Jennifer Obermaier, Library Director for the city of Clearwater, who also became a member of CCWC.

December: Officer James Frederick, Jr. of the Clearwater Police Department spoke to the group about police programs that support community non-profits. Food and gifts were donated to The Haven (domestic violence shelter), the Kimberly Home, Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels. CCWC displayed its tree at the Festival of Trees, and amended its bylaws to aid functioning during challenges like the pandemic.

2021

January: Bob Helms of the Toy Makers of East Lake regaled the group with stories of ingenious creations that help children with special challenges. Irmie Karpinski was named the chapter's Volunteer of the Year. The Tree of Life that group members painted in the Kimberly Home lobby was decorated for the season, beginning a monthly tradition. The Civic Engagement committee visited Moccasin Lake Nature Park's raptor sanctuary.

February: At the general meeting, aesthetician Stephannie Billings provided tips on skin care during cold weather. The Junioresettes made gift bags for human trafficking victims. Members earned honors at the annual Arts and Crafts Competition, and Nan Shane's quilt received the Best of Show award.

March: Dr. Anne Weaver, known as the "Dolphin Lady" for her work with those incredible creatures, fascinated the group with her research findings at the general meeting. The Environment committee made valentines for the nursing home residents and announced the first of many beach cleanups. The group installed a Little Free Library filled with children's science books at Moccasin Lake Nature Park.

April: Daisy grants were awarded to four local organizations whose representatives spoke at the general meeting. Committees continued their activities, including book club, storm drains painted by the Junioresettes, an Earth Day celebration by the Environment committee and a trip to Toymakers of Eastlake's shop by the Arts and Culture committee.

May: A picnic at Eagle Lake Park provided the first chance for an in-person get together since the start of the pandemic. The month's big event was the fifty-year anniversary party at the Sand Key Sheraton, including wonderful food, music, a performance by the Daisy Dancers, and fabulous decorations.

June/July/August: The group held a daylong meeting at the Clearwater Historical Society to discuss activities for the coming year. The lunch bunch met at area restaurants, and a Biography Project chronicled the lives of all current CCWC members. The group began selling food at minor league baseball games at Spectrum Field to raise money for its activities.

Historian Liz Drayer as of September 2021

September: General meetings relocated to the Church of the Good Samaritan on NE Coachman Road, and evening meetings were added at Moccasin Lake Nature Park to attract members who work during the day. New projects include collection of "regifted" items, as well as a kids' shoe collection to benefit Clothes to Kids. A "getting to know you" brunch was held at the Historical Society and prospective members were invited.

October: The group chose a "big idea" to concentrate its fundraising and volunteer efforts, selecting human trafficking as the focus for the near future. At the general meeting, Bill

Losasso from the Florida Dream Center described the group's work with sex trafficking victims. At the same meeting, CCWC President Susan Luce was honored for outstanding work and commitment throughout the pandemic, keeping members connected and active during an extremely challenging time. The group sold food during all four days of the Clearwater Jazz Festival to raise money for its activities, and took part in Drag Queen Bingo at Hamburger Mary's to socialize and fundraise.