



GFWC TEMPLE TERRACE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

Junior Journal

Sharing Our Gifts and Talents

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Important Upcoming Events:

April

- 1 – Board Meeting
- 9-12 – GFWC Spring Board
- 15 – General Meeting
- 17 – TT Art Auction
- 24 – GFWC Federation Day
- 29 – Hope Lodge Cookout

Mark your calendars
NOW!

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President's Message

Hello Ladies,

At the **GFWC Florida Federation Board of Directors Spring Convention**, TT Juniors raked in awards and we even received the 2009 Judith Lutz General to Junior Interaction Award for our work with the TT Woman's Club! We also received our second Emmy in 2 years! The Emmy is for best reporting club in Category 3. Thanks Ladies – your volunteerism shows at the state level!

Our April meeting will be very busy with 2 speakers. **Susan Smith** with Javamo will tell us about an exciting fundraiser and **Karen Atherton** with the American Lung Assoc. will tell us about their upcoming event! Come early 6:30 as we will be putting together Teacher Appreciation gifts.

The Social at **Gaspar's** was fantastic and owner **Jimmy Ciaccio**, besides donating 50 hamburgers for our event, gave us a Cuban sandwich and wing platter! Please patronize his business. Look forward to partnering with the **Tampa Juniors** and **TT Juniores** on **4/29** at the **Tampa Hope Lodge cookout** for the residents then bingo and a card making party afterwards. If you can, bring some bingo prizes (Dollar Store items much like stuff for the Hope Lodge baskets) to our meeting. Thanks so much to **Sharon and Mike Grace** for donating hotdogs and buns.

Riverhills Clean-up, TT Garden Club Spring Market and TT Arts Council Art Auction all on Sat. 4/17. Antonio's Take-Away Meal for the TT Woman's Club 4/18. then Federation Day event with Tampa Juniors 4/24 make for a very busy April!

Thanks for all you do,

Anita



Anita, Joyce and Lynn at GFWC Florida Spring Convention.

Membership News



April Birthdays

Debbie Baker (Apr. 3)
 Sharon Grace (Apr. 4)
 Kim Schisler (Apr. 6)
 Amber LaFountain (Apr. 26)

April Anniversaries

Ruth & Marc Morris (Apr. 4)
 Karen & John Jackson (Apr. 20)



Hi, Ladies!

It's a great time to join Juniors! From now through the Summer the Membership Special Price will be just \$40! Many thanks to the very generous **Debbie Baker** who has offered to meet the Challenge.....**Debbie** will pay the additional \$15 for each new member joining now through the end of the summer. Thanks you **Debbie**...let's go ladies!!!!

Also, **Lauren and Jon Marler** gave birth to little **Noah Marler** March 10th at 6:11 p.m. Noah weighed in at 8 lb. 5 oz. He has lots of dark hair and he and his mommy and daddy and big brother Nicolas are all doing great! (As are grandparents Joyce and Tracy Johnston).



Nancy Hutson and Michele Prado-McCary, VPs of Membership

Department Updates

The Art Auction is coming on April 17th, don't forget to get your reservations in before April 10th. We'll be working on Teacher Appreciation gifts at the April meeting. **BIG THANKS** to our Relay For Life team for our 8th year with this event. Keep up the good work!

Jeannie Waterman, VP Departments

Art Department

Many thanks to the ladies that made & displayed their Artful Bras at the March meeting. All were fantastic works of art! A few were displayed at the Relay For Life and earned even more money for our team.

On Saturday, April 17th at 6:30 pm at the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club the Arts Council will hold their annual Live & Silent Art Auction. The cost is \$30 per person with heavy hors d'oeuvres being served. This is a fun event that many Juniors and their spouses attend. Please contact **Donna or Nancy H.** if you'd like to attend or mail your check to Temple Terrace Arts Council, PO Box 291266, Tampa, FL 33687.

Donna Meketsky, Art Department Chair

Department Updates – Continued

Conservation Department

I would like to thank everyone who helped in putting the March meeting together. Several members requested the recipes for the Green cleaning products, so I have printed them below.

All Purpose Cleaner

¼ cup white vinegar
2 tsp. borax (can be found at Ace)
3 ½ cups hot water
20 drops of antibacterial essential oil
(lemon, eucalyptus or peppermint)
¼ cup liquid dish soap
Or substitute
½ cup castile soap
(instead of liquid soap and oil)

Window Cleaner

¼ cup white vinegar
½ tsp. liquid soap or detergent
2 cups water

The Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up will be in May and a date and time will be announced at the April meeting along with a sign-up sheet.

Please remember to bring any eyeglasses, used printer cartridges, batteries or cell phones you would like to donate. We are also collecting aluminum cans to help with club expenses. In addition, many teachers need craft items such as, yarn, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, etc. for their students.

Coleen Garner, Conservation Department Chair

Education Department

Thank you to all who gave more box tops for Education! Remember it is a super easy way to help schools get free money! Also, a reminder, we will be putting together our teacher appreciation gifts at the April meeting. Please come and help show a great big thank you to all those teachers! A sign-in sheet will be available at the April meeting to sign-up to deliver Teacher Appreciation gifts to each school in Temple Terrace.

Remember, keep collecting the Campbell's Soup labels as another great way to help gain funds for area schools☺

Please see the message from Conservation Department regarding craft items that can be given to teachers to use in their classrooms for art projects with their students.

If you have any more ideas please let **Kim Schisler** know at 813-401-8040.

Kim Schisler, Education Department Chair

Home Life

Thanks to everyone who helped make our first couple projects of the season a great success. The 40 Hope Lodge Spring Baskets were overflowing with goodies and were delivered the week before Easter. We were also able to provide our Relay Team with some refreshments to help keep their energy up during the 18 hour event.

Relay For Life on March 26th & 27th was a huge success. Our team consisted of **Cheri Donohue (Team Captain), Anita Long, Joyce Johnston and several Junioresettes**. They did an outstanding job organizing and participating in this event. Donations are still being accepted.

Department Updates – Continued

Home Life (Continued)

Lynn Werner and Jane Land continue to deliver Meals On Wheels on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Our Club has been participating in this wonderful service for well over 12 years now. The time commitment is minimal, about 1 ½ hour beginning at 10:30 in the morning just 1 day a month. If you'd like to join our team as a regular driver or a substitute, please contact **Jane or Lynn** for information.

We are planning on having two speakers at our April 15th meeting, **Susan Smith** with Javamo Coffees to discuss a possible upcoming fundraiser and coffee tasting. Also invited is **Karen Atherton** from the American Lung Association to tell us about their upcoming event in June.

Kelly Hancock, Home Life Department Chair

International Affairs Department

I would like to have you consider a few possible cuisines for a girl's international night out possibly in May or June. Check your calendars (Thursdays or Fridays) and think about different international cuisines we might venture to try. I know we have been to many oriental as well as Mexican/Latin types of restaurants so let's be bold daring ... perhaps French? Indian? German? Put on your thinking caps and at our general meeting let's figure out something exciting, different but yet won't break the bank!! If you want, email me the names of restaurants you might want to try. Oh yeah, if you want we could bring our significant others ... let me know! scdancertt@verizon.net

Sharon Grace, International Affairs Chair

Public Affairs Department

Please check your newspapers weekly for coupons. Clip the coupons (brand names only, no store brands, such as Target or Publix) and bring to each monthly meeting. These coupons will be sent to military families to be used at military base exchanges. They will honor coupons up to 6 months past the expiration date.

We also hope to participate in the 4th of July Parade again this year, joining the TT Woman's Club and the TT Junioresettes. More details later.

Julie Bedford, Public Affairs Chair

Ways & Means

Our major fundraiser is scheduled for December 6 at Woodmont Clubhouse. We will be holding a Holiday Open House Vendor Sale just before Christmas and Chanukah! We have 2 co-chairs for this very important project, **Coleen Garner and Mindy DeVane**. Even though December seems like it is eons away, planning needs to start now, vendor letters need to be sent and all the details figured out.

We are looking for volunteers to be on the committee to help make this a successful event. Please sign up at the meeting tomorrow night or call me at 988-3453 if you would like to discuss this important opportunity. I will be waiting for your call!

Mindy DeVane, VP of Ways & Means

Committee Corner

Yearbook update - I am working on getting the yearbook so that each member can have access to a copy. I will have an update at the general meeting!

Ruth Morris, VP of Committees

Treasurer's Report

Balance as March 31, 2010:

General Account:
\$3,062.39

Project Account:
\$8,308.48

Cheri Donohue, Treasurer

Juniorettes

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a HUGE success with over 220 children plus multiple parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles attending. After expenses, it looks like we made about \$500 for our Relay for Life team, which is fantastic! The weather was beautiful and everyone said it was well organized and they had a great time. Many thanks to those of you who donated eggs/candy/cookies/cupcakes/brownies and/or attended. A special thank you to **Anita** for taking photos for us and making new signs for us (which worked out great!). Also thanks to **Jeannie, Robin and Anita** for helping with registration, egg hiding, prize distribution, and all the other jobs that helped make our hunt such a success. Our April meeting is being hosted by our Conservation Department and they plan on making a video with the girls talking about conservation tips. Should be quite interesting! Also in April we will be helping out at the Lewis Elementary Carnival on the 23rd and we will be working at the cookout and bingo party at Hope Lodge on the 29th.

Joyce Johnston, Adult Advisor

General Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order 7:17 PM

Anita Long

Pledge of Allegiance

Coleen Garner

Junior Pledge

Julie Ames

Devotional/Blessing

Joyce Johnston

Birthdays/Guest Introductions

Nancy Hutson/Michele Prado

Nancy Hutson welcomed our new provisional member **Julie Ames**. **March Birthdays** (**Ruth Morris** – Mar 10, **Norma Walker** – Mar. 19, **Carla Caltagirone** – Mar. 19, and **Lauren Marler** – Mar 25). **Anniversaries** (**Kelly Easom** – Mar. 1, **Michele Prado-McCary** – Mar.20, **Karen Sheffield** – Mar. 20, **Sharon Grace** – Mar. 29).

General Meeting Minutes - Continued

Membership

Nancy Hutson/Michele Prado-McCary

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of amending the by-laws to have the membership due be \$40 permanently. However, it was decided that the Club would run a special \$40 rate through the end of summer as **Debbie Baker** offered to pay the difference for any new members that join through the end of summer.

Secretary

Amber LaFountain

The meeting minutes will be part of the next Newsletter. Newsletter articles must be submitted to **Amber LaFountain** by March 25th.

Treasurer

Cheri Donohue

Anita Long reminded everyone that check reimbursements need to be done on a monthly basis.

Department Projects

Jeannie Waterman

Education Department – **Kim Schisler** requested that everyone continue to bring Box Tops for Education monthly. Also, she stated that for Teacher Appreciation at April Meeting we would be wrapping danishes. She is also looking into how we can partner up with Renee Blain and Clouds of Hope.

Home Life – **Jane Land** discussed the Mother/Daughter tea that would be taking place in May. She also thanked everyone for helping to complete the Hope Lodge Spring Baskets. There was a sign-up sheet for walkers for Relay for Life that was passed around as well as an announcement that any snacks could be dropped off at **Kelly Hancock's** house.

Public Affairs – since **Julie Bedford** was not present, **Kim Schisler** made the announcement that the department will be collecting Coupons for Military Family's monthly.

Conservation – **Coleen Garner** went over several "Green" cleaning products and announced that the recipes will be in the next month's newsletter.

Art – **Jeannie Waterman** discussed that the Art Auction will be held on April 17th this year. **Donna Meketsky** hosted the voting on the best Artful Bra.

Committees

Ruth Morris

Ruth Morris discussed that a proxy vote would need to be placed in the next newsletter in order for quorum to be met to vote on changing the by-laws to a \$40 membership due permanently. However, it was decided that the \$40 rate would only be for new members that join before the end of summer.

Ways & Means

Mindy DeVane

Mindy DeVane stated that the Holiday Open House will be on December 6th and the newsletter article will ask for a committee leader for the event.

Leadership

Lynn Werner

Lynn Werner discussed the GFWC Florida Federation Spring Board which would be occurring this year at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando Friday, April 9th through Monday, April 12th and encouraged everyone to attend.

Continued Business & New Business

Anita Long

- The ornament project is still being discussed as far as whether or not we will have a Florida College ornament again or a different ornament.
- **Joyce Johnston** discussed the Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 3rd. Also, she stated that the Juniorettes did the Tallahassee Delegate Days with the Women's Club and it was a great success.
- Relay for Life – March 26th-27th
- TT Art Auction – April 17th
- GFWC Florida Federation Spring Board Convention – April 9th-12th

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Anita Long

Amber LaFountain, Secretary

A note from the Leadership Chair

My **professional inspiration** role model was a woman named **Marilyn**. **Marilyn** was the resource teacher at Central Memorial High School. She taught the “down and out” kids – the ones that society really did not want a lot to do with. Her job was to take these learners and try to make them into something. I must be honest; it was not a coveted job. Yet she was an amazing master. These young people walked into her classroom bitter and disillusioned, and transformed into something entirely different under her gentle guidance. I use the term guidance because she was indeed a guide. She did not try to shape, mold, or structure anything. She simply taught them to look inward and see the beauty that was within them. The significant memory I have is of a simple statement that Marilyn made to me one day. As the leadership teacher, I was eager to have everyone involved and participating in the extra curricular activities around the building. It was my role as the leader to round them up, and get them involved (whether they wanted to be or not!). I was expressing my enthusiasm one day in the staff room, and remarked to **Marilyn** how it would be good to get her kids involved in a certain project. She asked me if they had expressed interest, or if I had asked them what they were interested in. My response was “of course they would be interested, it would be good for them, it would help them grow.” She stopped me midsentence and asked me, “Is that your place?” At the time I was infuriated. Of course, that was my place. I am an educator here to shape minds of the future and show them the way to success and happiness. How dare she ask me if it was my place to involve these kids? And then, because I really respected her and what she was doing, I began to really think about what she had said. I now realize that was the beginning of the formation of my philosophy of leadership. Leadership is not about rounding up the troops and making them do things. Leadership is about relationships. Had I taken any time to build a relationship and find out what was significant to these learners, or had I simply decided what would be best for them? Leadership is about inspiration. It is about inspiring others to reach their potential – not telling them what their potential is. Leadership is servant-based, not hero-based. I needed to provide the support, not necessarily build the structure. I began to see what my place was and **Marilyn** was completely correct in questioning me. I began to really question my teaching philosophy. Was I really helping learners become leaders or was I simply leading them along the way? There was a big difference! Through many deep discussions with Marilyn I began to understand the true essence behind this and really see why her students were so successful. A key component of this philosophy is in the work of **Angeles Arrien**. In her book *The Four-fold Way* she explores life by walking the path of the warrior, teacher, healer, and visionary. The text encompasses four basic premises for life, which I find just as applicable for leadership learning.

The *Four-fold Way*¹

- Show up
- Pay attention to what has heart and meaning
- Tell the truth without blame or judgement
- Be open to outcome not attached to outcome

Through **Marilyn** I realized that leadership was much deeper than I had thought. It had so much to do with acknowledging people, paying attention and inspiring others. I often think of her gentle reminder, and her question about my place. It has done wonders for my teaching and my relationships. We are all here together and all have something to offer. The key is to look for everyone’s individual gifts. You will be amazed at what you will find. Thank you, **Marilyn**, for showing me the four-fold way and inspiring me to become a better teacher, leader, and human being.

~ **Kimberly Homes**

Notes

1. **Arrien Angeles**. (1993). *The Four-fold way. Walking the Paths of the Warrior, Teacher, Healer and Visionary*. Harper Collins Publishers.

About the Author

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Lynn Werner, Leadership



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Some of the Artful Bras for breast cancer awareness that will go on the GFWC National Tour. All 4 of ours were chosen – great job, ladies!



Lunch with the Orlando Juniors at Convention. Robin, Leslie Landefeld, Anne messer, LaRinda Braun, and Anita