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**Upcoming Events**

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Hamburger Mary's  
Canine Companions for Independence

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
General Meeting  
10:30am ~ Clubhouse

Evening Meeting  
6:30pm ~ Clubhouse

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Juniorette Meeting ~ 6:30pm ~  
Clubhouse

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fashionollia 67  
Renaissance Hotel 10am – 2pm

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Junior Meeting ~ 6:30pm ~ Clubhouse

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting ~ 10am ~ Clubhouse

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thrift Sale ~ Clubhouse

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Card Party ~ 10am ~ Clubhouse

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>  
GFWC Federation Day  
10am – 1pm ~ Clubhouse

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**President's Message**

**By**

Tuky Vargas

April 2015



Happy Easter! I hope you are enjoying some outdoor activities because this is certainly one of the nicest times of the year in our beautiful city of Tampa. It's time to mark your calendars and get ready to support our biggest event, the 67<sup>th</sup> Fashionollia on April 11, 2015. It should be a great day for fun, ambience and friendship.

**Federation Day - April 24**

Each year on April 24, GFWC clubs across the country and over the world celebrate **GFWC Federation Day**, the commemoration of the Federation's founding. On this day in 1890, members of 63 women's clubs from throughout the United States came together to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs at a ratification convention in New York City. We have a special celebration at the clubhouse planned for that day; please refer to the Public Issues article. Let's all participate in this special event.

**History of Federation Day**

In celebration of its twenty-first anniversary in 1889, the Sorosis Club of New York City (founded by "Jennie June" Croly) proposed a conference of women's clubs to pursue the cause of federation. That conference was held in New York City on March 20, 1889, with the goal of preparing a constitution for ratification the following year. Sorosis President Ella Dietz Clymer closed her address at the March conference with the words, "We look for unity, but unity in diversity."

Clubs that had already applied for membership in the new General Federation of Women's Clubs were invited to the ratification convention, which was held at the Scottish Rite Hall in New York City, April 23-25, 1890; sixty-three delegates from seventeen states attended. After some discussion and amendments, the constitution was ratified on April 24, 1890, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs was born.

The celebration of April 24 as Federation Day was added to the GFWC standing rules in 1976.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Linda Reece

### April 2015 News & Views Membership

If you were at the March general meeting, you may remember how our Mystery Board Member of the Month really stumped the membership! The guesses were flying and we were running out of members to guess! I hope that you learned something new about our very own Susie Donley and had fun doing it. And congratulations and a FREE lunch to Jordan Martin, with an assist from Kathleen Hudson.

Let's see if this month we can stump you all again....This Board Member—

- Was a gymnast in high school
- Has traveled around the world—all the way
- Has won 1<sup>st</sup> place for bread baking at a county fair
- She met her husband while on vacation

Don't forget—one "fact" is not true...

Just a reminder, we will have a Celebration of Life and a balloon release at the May meeting for the members who died in 2014. I will also supply balloons for anyone who would like to honor a loved one of their own.



### News and Views

Is currently being compiled and edited by Janelle and proofread by Christine Bonaventura. We welcome your feedback.

Please email or call the office.

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### April Meeting

#### From The Kitchen

The meal in April will be catered by Mary's Cafe. The menu is Caribbean Grilled Chicken, coconut rice, vegetable and a salad. Unit 7 will make dessert.

Please remember to bring your recipes and place in the suggestion box along with you suggestions about the kitchen and your units.

If you like to cook please let Brenda Cardwell know. We need to start cooking our own meals!!

## Public Issues

April 2015  
Elena Coates

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## GFWC Federation Day

24 April 2015

10am - 1pm

**Celebrating 125 years of GFWC  
Federation and service in our  
communities!**

What a proud history we've had since Jane Cunningham Croly first gathered club women from around the country to form a federation of women's clubs in 1890.

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From libraries to bomber planes, child labor laws to the Pure Food and Drug Act, Peace Committees to the Maternity Act, the National Park Service to Epsilon Sigma Omicron, C.A.R.E. to seat belts, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to the Violence Against Women Act, the Everglades and so many more accomplishments.

**We will be receiving a Proclamation from the Mayor and  
the City of Tampa**

The history of GFWC and of the Tampa Woman's Club will be on display

**Come show your pride and relive our history!**

Refreshments will be served

*Please contact Janelle to let us know if you plan to attend.*

**"Unity in Diversity"**

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

### Cindy Bower

This month's column focuses on Vietnam, the second country visited during my recent trip to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Cambodia. Vietnam is a country of contrasts:

- It is a communist country, but one with strong ties to capitalism—everyone is working hard to make a dollar (and dollars are accepted everywhere!)
- Modernization is rampant (especially noteworthy were the scores of telephone and electrical wires all tangled together on telephone poles), but ancient traditions are revered. Small shrines are evident in many local businesses and the smell of incense is everywhere.
- Wealthy cities like Saigon (aka Ho Chi Minh City), where we strolled by many of the same stores that one sees in NYC (e.g., Chanel, Hermes, Rolex) are notably different from the small villages where individuals sell soup by the side of the road and residents all tend their individual rice fields.
- The north (Hanoi) is more hurried, somewhat more provincial, and definitely grittier than the south (Ho Chi Minh City), which is more relaxed, cleaner and with a temperate climate.

Vietnam is also a beautiful country: Halong Bay (or Bay of the Descending Dragon) was our first stop; it is dotted with more than 3,000 limestone islands, a truly remarkable natural wonder. Hoi An, another stop, is a quaint merchant town on the Thu Bon River, and noted for varied architectural styles (Japanese, Chinese and French). And surprisingly, beautiful beaches abound in Vietnam. We saw the well-known China Beach, as well as beautiful beaches in Nha Trang (a favorite destination of Russian tourists.) And the food is varied and excellent!

The Vietnamese people are welcoming to American visitors. Although they haven't forgotten the Vietnam War (or as they call it, the American War)—and evidence of that war is everywhere—they are anxious for American support given the proximity of China. Vietnam is clearly a country on the move—there is energy and excitement about the future.

### Other items of note:

1. International Dinner will be held on 9 May at the clubhouse. Tickets are \$25. See Susie Donley or Janelle Tate for more information. Tickets go fast, so don't be late!
2. International Holiday of the Month: 25 April is World Malaria Day.

## GEOGRAPHY QUIZ FOR April 2015

With this issue of the newsletter, we bring the focus on Tampa's sister cities to a close. This final (and seventh) sister city, located on the Gulf of Mexico, is Mexico's oldest, largest, and historically most significant port. It also is the gateway for Mexico's automobile industry. Its name derives from the Latin, meaning True Cross. When Spanish explorer Hernan Cortes arrived in Mexico, he founded this city, naming it for the "True Cross" because he landed there on Good Friday, the day of the Crucifixion. This city includes a blend of cultures, mostly indigenous Mexican, ethnic Spanish and Afro-Cuban. This has resulted in a unique style of music, evident in the song La Bamba, which Richie Valens made famous. Other US cities that have a sister city relationship with this Mexican city are San Jose, California and Galveston, Texas. Name the city.





## HOME LIFE

Joyce Dixon  
**April 2015**

We made our first donation to Belle of the Ball and we were so proud of the Tampa Women's Club. We donated 30 dresses, 4 evening jackets, 3 evening pants, 6 blouses, 13 boxes of shoes and 4 purses. Thanks to all of you that brought in items to donate to the girls. I spoke to the director and she was thrilled with our generosity. I will still collect any items you might have thru our April meeting. They will be delivered to the cleaners and then delivered to their warehouse just in time for their distribution function in Clearwater on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Kathleen Hudson took some men's clothes to DACCO for us. We also had several donations made to Lifepath Hospice, and delivered baby formula and baby shampoo, lotion and soap to the Alpha House.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Adelaide Alonso, Betty Lumia, Dee Grosser, Joyce Dixon, Sara Baynes, and Tuky Vargas went to the Alpha House for a Lunch and Learn. We were very impressed with the program for the girls. We learned they have a proven record of success in reaching their program goals of healthy births, safe housing and increased ability to attain and retain employment and maximizing the potential of each child in their care. They won our hearts with our visit and we would like to help them anyway we can. They are always in need of items for the babies and their mothers. Several of the things they need are diapers, wipes, baby lotion, baby oil, baby powder and baby shampoo. They told us they use 84000 diapers a year. If you could donate any of these items to the organization please bring them to the next meeting. We have a group that will be going back in April and would love to be able to donate some of these items to them.



There is a visit scheduled to the Shriner's Children Hospital on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan to tour the hospital and visit with the children. The tour begins at 10:00 and we will have lunch in the cafeteria. We are looking forward to the visit and spending time with the children and hope we can learn how our club can help this wonderful facility. We will be taking a donation to the hospital for \$100.00 so the staff can purchase toys, books, stuffed animals, games, or anything the children might need to keep them comfortable.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April showers bring May flowers" and Happy Birthday wishes to the following TWC members:

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Melissa Bertoch                              | April 1  |
| Brenda Cardwell                              | April 2  |
| Nancy Townley                                | April 2  |
| Gay MacDonald                                | April 4  |
| Sita Monti                                   | April 8  |
| Katy Slater                                  | April 8  |
| June Coe<br>June currently lives in Maryland | April 9  |
| Jan Pardo                                    | April 11 |
| Joyce Hendricks                              | April 13 |
| Denise Andretta                              | April 19 |
| Judy Felentzer                               | April 21 |
| Pat Ellington                                | April 22 |
| Connie Lodato                                | April 22 |
| Irene Bembry                                 | April 26 |
| Pat Glasgow                                  | April 27 |

April is such a beautiful month and its gem stone, the diamond, certainly reflects the sparkle and brilliance of the days we enjoy in April. There are two beautiful flowers that are considered the special flowers for April: the daisy and the sweet pea. The daisy is said to convey innocence and purity. It is also a flower given to a friend that you know will keep a secret. According to legend, daisy means "I'll never tell." Another flower special to April is the Sweet Pea and it often refers to blissful pleasure.

The special days in April include:

April Fool's Day on April 1

Good Friday on April 3

Passover begins at sundown on April 4 and continues until April 11

Easter is Sunday, April 6

Income Tax deadline – April 15

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins at sundown on April 15

Earth Day is April 22

National Arbor Day is April 24

In April we also celebrate the birth of 4 past presidents. Thomas Jefferson, our third President, was born on April 13; our fifteenth President, James Buchanan, was born on April 23; Ulysses S. Grant, the eighteenth President, was born on April 27, and our fifth President, James Monroe, was born on April 28.

April is such a beautiful month with all of the lovely blossoms and new growth for the coming months of sunshine and flowers. Enjoy our wonderful springtime and its many beautiful flowers and fabulous weather.

The Old Farmer's Almanac wrote in 1896: "Never plant a garden all at one time, but begin as early as the land is in good condition, and plant something every week until August." Happy flower planting.

### NOTE FROM FRONT OFFICE

Ladies please remember that you must call the clubhouse to cancel your lunch on the Monday before the meeting if you are on the permanent lunch list, otherwise you will be responsible for paying for your meal. Provisionals are on the permanent lunch list. If you wish to be removed from or added to the list please call the office – **813-839-7457**

## LADIES OF THE EVENING

Cindy Argerious

The TWC evening group met at the Brookdale Senior Living on the Bayshore Boulevard for our regularly scheduled March meeting. It was a wonderful dinner prepared by the Brookdale Chef of corned beef and cabbage, chicken and vegetables and the Chocolate Mint Martinis (in honor of St. Patty's day) were so delicious. Thank you, Renée Brunelle for sponsoring and organizing such a lovely dinner/meeting. You are also a great bartender!

Cathy Geary, our "Volunteer of the Year" reported on events of the day meeting. Elena Coates reported on her trip to Washington DC and provided information on the program Shot@Life which will be the charity recipient for the upcoming TWC International Dinner on May the 9th. Elena was 1 of the 7 GFWC worldwide members invited to this event. This was a huge honor for Elena and GFWC Tampa Woman's Club. Congrats to both Cathy Geary and Elena Coates, you both rock!

We enjoyed having Ruth Lovell and Nora Barkett attend our dinner/ meeting, and visit with the evening group members. Also Michelle Northrup of the TWC Juniors and Elizabeth Lowe were in attendance also. A good time was had by all...the dinner, dessert and martinis made the evening extra special.

Fashionollia 67, it right around the corner. I hope you all are gathering great and fabulous items for the Silent Auction on April 11th. Remember nothing is too large or too small. Need me to pick up something, just call. And don't forget to buy your tickets, there will be tables set aside for the evening group ladies and their guests.



Happy Spring to everyone!

## EDUCATION

Dee Grosser

The Education Committee worked hard on preparation for the March Luncheon. It started with table decorations, which were donated by artist Peggy Daubar, who is one of our provisional members. Her signed and numbered prints were in keeping with our program and were titled "Live Work Play, We Have it All in Tampa Bay." Many thanks to Peggy for her beautiful work. We did sell several prints with proceeds going to scholarships. You can still purchase if you missed this opportunity.

Our Speaker, Kristen Hare, Author of "100 Things to Do in Tampa Bay Before You Die," took us on some of her adventures around our great bay area. She reminded us "Don't let the tourist have all the fun!" We enjoyed her presentation about how she came to write the book and why she selected Tampa as her home.



Sarah Zaki, our Lucille B. King Scholarship recipient from the University of Tampa also attended the Luncheon. She is majoring in Management Information Systems and graduates in May. She has been employed by a Tampa company. Congratulations Sarah!

Thursday, April 2nd is Children's Book Day. There is still time to donate your gently used books.

Geography answer:

Answer: Veracruz, Mexico

Presidents Message.... continued from front page.

**Pinwheels for Prevention**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheel serves as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It is a reflection of hope, health and safety, reminding everyone that all children and pinwheel activities in nearly every state. deserve a bright future. With millions of pinwheels distributed since the program began in April 2008



Everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and supporting families. We are participating supporting child abuse prevention; our Fashionollia 67th table decorations will be a bouquet of Pinwheels, let's all as club be present on April 11, 2015 at the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

Please remember to bring all your unwanted treasures for our Thrift Sale the Busy Finger Ladies are planning on April 18th!

*Tuky*



The GFWC Tampa Woman's Club wants to  
Congratulate our own Cathy Geary for being  
Selected as the 2015 GFWC District 8  
Volunteer of the Year.  
Congrats Cat.... We are so proud of you!

We are tickled pink!





## Treasurer's Corner

Cathy Geary and Gail Meyer

### DUES

For 2015 ~ if you have not paid your dues by the April 2, 2015 club meeting, we will be sending you an invoice for your dues. You may pay us via check, major credit card (VISA, MC, AMEX or Discover) and of course cash. Dues payable are as follows:

Life Members - \$10 Unit Fee  
 Regular, Evening Members & Provisionals - \$75  
 Associate Members - \$85

Please note: Provisionals that came in with the January 2015 class only paid a "pro-rated" portions of last years dues through April. The \$75 is due for 5/1/15-4/3/2016.



### 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Christine Bonaventura

This month you will find a continuation of our new feature on our Provisionals. Spotlited here are the two remaining members of the January 2015 class. Please join me and welcoming them to our club.

We are also attempting to get a photo of each member for the phone book, if you need your photo taken please see me



## Provisional Spotlights

### Aminta Goynes



A Tampa native, Aminta has recently relocated back to the Tampa area. She works as a licensed Realtor and provides marketing consultation for online marketing, public and media relations and social media.

Her Sponsor is Linda Reece. She has volunteered for Metropolitan Ministries, Dress for Success, The Spring, Habitat for Humanity, just to name a few.

### Patricia Stephens



Patricia is from Jacksonville Beach, FL and is a former member of the GFWC Jacksonville Beach as well as Ocala, FL and a past member of the Junior Woman's Club. She is a retired Legislative Secretary.

Her sponsor is Linda Reece and she is interested in Public Issues, the newsletter and being a Club greeter.

**Welcome aboard Ladies!**

# March Meeting



President Tuky Vargas



Dee, Tuky and our Sarah Zaki, our Lucille B. King Scholarship recipient.



Dee introducing our speaker Kristen



Kristen Hare and Tuky



Paintings by Peggy Daubar were our centerpieces

## **Tampa Junior Womens Club**

### **President: Diania Pimenta**

The Tampa Junior Woman's Club had a great March full of volunteer work and fundraising.

On Friday, March 6th they hosted a fundraiser at The Getaway. They had several baskets to raffle off as well as a 50/50 in which the proceeds went towards their T.I.G.E.R Scholarship. The night was a great success with the Juniors raising \$285.00.

The Ralph F. Schiller "TIGER" Scholarship was setup in honor of one of our member's fathers.

Mr. Schiller dropped out of High School at 16 to get a job to help his grandparents support his four brothers and sisters. Later in life, he was told that he would finally be a father.

As he reflected on this, he realized that he would soon have a child and he had not yet completed high school. He had a wonderful career in the military, but how could he encourage his child towards higher education, if he himself had not accomplished the same.

At the tender age of 44 he went back to high school, completed his high school education and at 55 he received his bachelor's degree in history and political science at USF. Until his death in 1985, Mr. Schiller promoted education to his daughter and to other young people by going back to speak at USF and occasionally at University of Tampa. Many individuals have a dream of going to college and continuing their education, however, with the rising costs of higher education; many cannot afford this luxury.

The Junior's look forward to continue to raise funds for this scholarship throughout the year and really appreciate the support that the Junior's are given by the Tampa Woman's Club.

## **Conservation**

**JoAnne Leal**

Why does the Conservation committee recycle and donate certain items?

This question was posed to me recently. Maybe it's time to revisit that topic, especially for some of our newest club members and as a reminder to all of us.

The information following is taken from the actual TWC Conservation CSP's 2014 annual report narrative section, and hopefully explains how some of our donations help to assist our community:

13. Ronald McDonald House donations: Donated over 25 pounds of aluminum pop tops to Tampa's Ronald McDonald House. Funds from the sale of the recycled pop tops supports their "Home Away from Home" residence operations that assists seriously ill or hospitalized children and their families during medical treatment.

14. Humane Society donations: The TWC Conservation committee and contributing club members continue to recycle and donate gently used sheets, towels, blankets, as well as animal food to assist Tampa's Humane Society animal shelter.

15. Batteries Plus donations: TWC Conservation committee members collect and donate all types of used batteries for use in the manufacture of new items including batteries, textiles, glass, (and yes) detergents.

16. Lions Club donations: Over 4 dozen pairs of used eyeglasses and cases have been donated to the Tampa Lions Club "Recycle for Sight Program". These items are then recycled and donated to needy individuals, including developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

Please keep these items coming! Remember that the other committees also collect and donate many other items as well; check with them for appropriate items. The items mentioned above can be left in the office with Janelle, or in the Conservation CSP box in the Busy Fingers closet. Thanks, ladies!



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The United States Flag is the third oldest of the National Standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France. The flag was first authorized by Congress June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as Flag Day throughout America. The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire for three days later in the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

It was first decreed that there should be a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of both; for the states at the time had just been erected from the original thirteen colonies. The colors of the Flag may be thus explained: The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The star (an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt) symbolized dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspirations. The constellation of the stars within the union, one star for each state, is emblematic of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

The symbolism of the Flag was thus interpreted by Washington: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

In 1791, Vermont, and in 1792, Kentucky were admitted to the Union and the number of stars and stripes was raised to fifteen in correspondence. As other states came into the Union it became evident there would be too many stripes. So in 1818 Congress enacted that the number of stripes be reduced and restricted henceforth to thirteen representing the thirteen original states; while a star should be added for each succeeding state. That law is the law of today.

The name "Old Glory" was given to our National Flag August 10, 1831, by Captain William Driver of the brig Charles Doggett.

The Flag was first carried in battle at the Brandywine, September 11, 1777. It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands; Fort Nassau having been captured by the American in the course of the war for independence. The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the french admiral LaMotte Piquet, off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778.

The United States Flag is unique in the deep and noble significance of its message to the entire world, a message of national independence, of individual liberty, of idealism, of patriotism. It symbolizes national independence and popular sovereignty. It is not the Flag of a reigning family or royal house, but of 205 million free people welded into a Nation, one and inseparable, united not only by community of interest, but by vital unity of sentiment and purpose; a Nation distinguished for the clear individual conception of its citizens alike of their duties and their privileges, their obligations and their rights.

It incarnates for all mankind the spirit of Liberty and the glorious ideal of human Freedom; not the freedom of unrestraint or the liberty of license, but an unique ideal of equal opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, safeguarded by the stern and lofty principles of duty, of righteousness and of justice, and attainable by obedience to self-imposed laws.

Floating from lofty pinnacle of American Idealism, it is a beacon of enduring hope, like the famous Bartholdi Statue of Liberty enlightening the World to the oppressed of all lands. It floats over a wondrous assemblage of people from every racial stock of the earth whose united hearts constitute an indivisible and invincible force for the defense and succor of the downtrodden.

It embodies the essence of patriotism. Its spirit is the spirit of the American nation. Its history is the history of the American people. Emblazoned upon its folds in letters of living light are the names and fame of our heroic dead, the Fathers of the Republic who devoted upon its altars their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Twice told tales of National honor and glory cluster thickly about it. Ever victorious, it has emerged triumphant from eight great National conflicts. It flew at Saratog, at Yorktown, at Palo Alto, at Gettysburg, at Minala bay, at Chateau-Thierry, at Iwo Jima. It bears witness to the immense expansion of our national boundaries, the development of our natural resources, and the splendid structure of our civilization. It prophesies the triumph of popular government, of civic and religious liberty and of national righteousness throughout the world.

The flag first rose over thirteen states along the Atlantic seaboard, with a population of some three million people. Today it flies over fifty states, extending across the continent, and over great islands of the two oceans; and two hundred and five million owe it allegiance. It has been brought to this proud position by love and sacrifice. Citizens have advanced it and heroes have died for it. It is the sign made visible of the strong spirit that has brought liberty and prosperity to the people of America. It is the flag of all us alike. Let us accord it honor and loyalty.