

The Spirit of Volunteerism

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jacksonville



March 2007

Our Next Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 13th** at North Florida School located at 223 Mill Creek Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211

We will meet **promptly** at 6:30 pm to tour the facility. We will not be having a Social time, so bring a snack, if you like.

The February Meeting was held at The City Rescue Mission. After a tour of the facility, Brenda Flowers presented information on this non-profit corporation that provides emergency services and residential recovery programs to homeless men and women. CRM receives no state or federal funding because they are a faith-based program. We have decided to adopt a room in the men's dorm and redo it.

Admission Price: We will be collecting school supplies for the North Florida School. Here is their wish list: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, paper towels, anti-bacterial wipes, arts and crafts supplies, chapstick, dry erase markers, mechanical pencils, play-dough, travel size deodorant and toothpaste, paper plate, napkins, plastic utensils, group board games, small balls, magnets, stress balls. We will collect supplies for female troops at our April Meeting.

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St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, which commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, Bishop Patrick, who in the year 432 left his home to bring Christianity to Ireland.

Tradition says that Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland, but biologists say there were none in the country at the time.

Shamrocks are associated with St. Patrick's Day because the Bishop used the three leaves to illustrate the Trinity.

The holiday, March 17th, is marked by parades in cities across the United States. The largest of these, held since 1762, is in New York City, and draws more than one million spectators each year. In Ireland, it is a religious holiday similar to Christmas and Easter. The parades, shamrocks, and green beer are provided primarily for tourist. Thank you **Sharon Paquin** for your contribution to our St. Patrick Day information corner.

ART: Start your "**wearin' of the green**" wardrobe with this sweet St. Patrick's Day pin.

Craft Materials needed: Green Lollipops, Aluminum Foil, Twist tie, plastic wrap, green and white ribbon, tape & safety pin

1. Unwrap three green lollipops and lay them on a piece of aluminum foil. With the sides butting and the sticks overlapping, form a shamrock and secure it with a twist tie.

2. Cover the candy tightly with a circle of plastic wrap and twist the excess wrap around the sticks. Tie a length of narrow green or white ribbon into a bow around the twist tie.

3. Use a strong piece of tape to attach a large safety pin to the back of the top lollipop.

Variations:

For a longer-lasting but non-edible pin, unwrap the lollipops and paint them with white glue or polyurethane. Insert the lollipops into a potato half so they stand free when drying. Then arrange the dried lollipops on foil to form the shamrock. Squeeze glue on the sticks where they overlap and allow to dry. Tie bows around the sticks, and add a safety pin to the shamrock's back.

[More St. Patrick's Day Fun »](#)

**WCJ Art & Soul Program
"Casual Bonsai for Beginners Workshop
-- Myra Jean Schick"**

Myra Jean Schick, artist and recognized avid gardener, will be sharing basic techniques for Bonsai beginners. She will be teaching techniques for keeping a Bonsai alive and still have a life! Myra Jean will introduce Bonsai "do's and don'ts" along with all the materials you will need for this project, including handcrafted clay containers designed especially for this project by Myra Jean and Cookie Davis. Wear your gardener best because there will be dirt.

Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Women's Center of Jacksonville \$25.00 --
Limited Seating (10 seats available)
904.722.3000

Conservation: Thank you to Debi Chastain, Janet Ricker, Rhonda Godtland, Sharon Paquin, Susan Rickard & Sharyl Mitchell for helping with Roadside Clean up. We collected 11 bags and completed our strip in 2 hours. Way to go ladies. April 14th is our next scheduled clean up...Mark you calendars.

Ronald McDonald House still needs our help, so please continue to collect pop-tops! This provides money for them to pay the electric bill.

District News: Spring Convention will be held in Orlando at the Rosen Plaza Friday, **April 20th through Sunday April 22nd**. Sign up sheet will be available at the meeting! Or Contact Debi Chastain 614-5882 email: JWCJax@aol.com. This is a great chance to learn about how other clubs work and bond with club members! It's informative and fun!

Education: Thank you to Carol Hamilton, chairman of our Dr. Seuss Party, with North Florida School. She did a great job!! Sharyl Mitchell for providing the fun cakes and carrots with snacks in them. An additional Thank you for those that participated: Shannon Kelly, Debi Chastain, Tressa Kirilloff and Charla Griffith. The students had a great time with Cat in the Hat and reading Dr. Seuss. The Elementary students made hats out of construction paper and sang a song about the fun of reading and going to the library! They were so adorable! They have asked we consider this an annual event. Let's say YES!!!

The Women's Center of Jacksonville Library presents FAB (Females and Books)
Bring your lunch to the Women's Center of Jacksonville for a monthly book talk. The second Thursday of every month you are welcome to come to a stimulating book talk with an opportunity for discussion and socializing. Contact Cathy for more information at 904-722-3000 x 234.

Second Thursday of each month
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Women's Center of Jacksonville
cost: Free 904.722.3000

Please keep saving your **box tops** for education on behalf of Grace Episcopal Day School. The school receives donations of equipment and supplies from the companies who support the program.

Fundraising: Our first fundraiser with Cookie Lee was held at **Sharyl Mitchell's** home. It was a great turn out. Thank you to all that attended.

Quest is playing Friday 3/9 in Avondale and Saturday 3/10 at Atlantic and Hodges Blvd. Lets show our support.

Our next Body Shop fundraiser will be held on March 30th at **Debi Chastain's** home. The theme is Tropical Girls Night Out. The fun starts at 7pm. This is a great way to bring potential members too! If you need directions, please contact Debi522@aol.com

Home Life: Thank you **Carol Hamilton, Susan Rickard and Leigh Wright** for hosting our annual Valentine's party with the residents of St. Johns Terrace...it was a wonderful time as always!

NEW ADDITION: Thank you Sharyl Mitchell for our monthly Fitness Corner tips, recipes and ideas on how to lose weight. We have also extended our weight loss program for one more month.

International Affairs: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's. The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men.

However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into

university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. Annually on 8 March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate their achievements. While there are many large-scale initiatives, a rich and diverse fabric of local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatric performances, fashion parades and more. The United States even designates the whole month of March as 'Women's History Month'.

So make a difference, think globally and act locally !! Make everyday International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/about.asp>

Traditionally International Women's Day is a much bigger event in the International Community than in the US, the Women's Center of Jacksonville brings this phenomenon to the City of Jacksonville each year. WCJ convenes a broad coalition of women's groups and international organizations to plan our local celebration. An international potluck dinner is included with a variety of foods. The evening continues with testimony by women about conditions in their home countries. Women from Senegal, Mauritania, Colombia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq have all participated in past years. The evening concludes with live entertainment and dancing.

<http://www.womenscenterofjax.org/index.asp>

DUES ARE PAST DUE: Remember annual club dues of \$50.00 were due by March 1st. Active members. Please make checks payable to GFWC Jr Woman's Club of Jacksonville. You can mail to our treasurer, Susan Rickard at 1424 Biscayne Bay Drive, Jax, FL 32218

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member or for more information on the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Jacksonville, please contact Tressa Kirilloff, 616-8121 or: JWCJax@aol.com. **Remember, membership starts with you!**

Public Affairs: The National AIDS Quilt will be on display at UNF. Here is the information: Wednesday, April 4 – Saturday, April 7, The University of North Florida Sports Arena 4567 St. Johns Bluff Road ~ Jacksonville, FL

Opening Ceremony – Wednesday, April 4 at 12:00 (noon) – Reception to follow.

Admission to the opening ceremony and display is free of charge; donations are welcome!

More than 30 blocks of the National AIDS Quilt are coming to Jacksonville, Florida. The AIDS Quilt is the internationally famous monument to those lost to HIV/AIDS. More than 45,600 individual panels sewn into 5,700 blocks make up the Quilt. The Quilt represents the names of nearly 90,000 Americans who have died, roughly 20% of the total number of deaths due to HIV/AIDS in this country.

We sincerely hope that you will pass along this unique opportunity to your friends, family members, religious and civic groups, and members of the community you believe will benefit from seeing the Quilt. In addition to its impact as a memorial, the National AIDS Quilt is also regarded as the largest example of folk art in existence today. School and youth groups as well as college classes will have a chance to benefit from both the Quilt's beauty and its many messages about what AIDS has cost our world.

Learn more about the National AIDS Quilt at www.aidsquilt.org.

Display Times for the Quilt

Wednesday, April 4: 12:00 p.m. (noon) – Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, April 4: 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Viewing

Thursday, April 5: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Viewing

Friday, April 6: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. –Viewing

Saturday, April 7: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Viewing

For more information about display times, contact the UNF-CADIC Office at **904-620-2557**.

Volunteers Needed

We will need a large group of volunteers to assist with the Opening Ceremony. Those

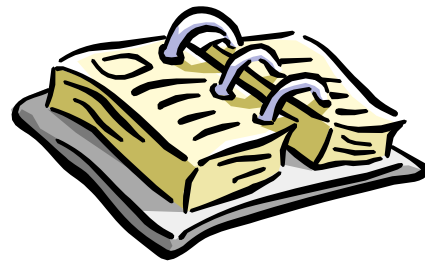
volunteers will need to arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4 and should plan to stay until at least 1:00 p.m. (2-hour total time).

Other volunteers are needed through the duration of the display to monitor the Quilt while it is open to the public. Those wishing to volunteer can call Kevin M. Modglin in the UNF Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center (CADIC) at (904) 620-2557 or email him at kmodglin@unf.edu.

MEMBER NEWS:

Thank you Tressa Kirilloff for adding information available in the Jacksonville area for our newsletter.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact JWCJax@aol.com so we can let the members know what is new with you.



Calendar of Events:

Friday March, 9 Quest - Avondale at Monty's on St. John's Avenue

Saturday March 10 Quest - Atlantic and Hodges Blvd. Lets show our support.

Tuesday, March 13th

JWCJ Monthly meeting at the North Florida School

Friday, March 30-Fundraiser with the Body Shop party at Debi Chastain's house

April 4-7th National AIDS Quilt displayed at UNF