



*Women of the Western
Communities*
January 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message

February brings a lot of things to mind. When I lived up north, it was the bridge between winter and spring. Still is, even though the seasons are very different here. Groundhog Day. Valentine's Day. Presidents' Day (even though I was brought up knowing that Lincoln was born on the 12th and Washington the 22nd and both were celebrated). Some years Leap Day. All different ways of uniting people in thought and deed.

Lucky for us, WWC unites us in thought and deed all year long. We celebrate things that are easily taken for granted--a delicious meal in the company of kind, thoughtful women; seeing the power of each of our monthly donations grow into a rich bounty that warms the hearts and comforts the souls of other women who've found the courage to escape a life of abuse for themselves and their children; and enriching the future of the world through the money we raise for our scholarships. We do these things one meeting at a time, one fundraiser at a time, one member at a time and one guest at a time.

If you're as filled with inspiration as I am by what we accomplish together, please help us keep up the momentum by attending all our meetings and fundraisers and by inviting your friends and family members to join us. Many hands make light work, but they also create abundant joy. I look forward to seeing you and meeting your guests February 7th!

Warmly,

Cheryl Dunn Bychek



Lynda Chicano & Donna Kuebler greet you with a smile!



Lovelies Kathleen Bagwell, Kim Strong and Lydia Krause



Donna Banno, Teresa Harrington, Deborah Clein and
Tina Evans wear their best smiles





Mimi Barnhart, Robin Blom, Magdalena Maxwell, Phyllis Gauger, Mary Kastner, Janette Meyers & Brenda Murphy



Kerrilynn Collins and Kaycee Blanchard "Connect Four"



Robin Blom, Connie Saxon & Christine Vocaturo play Jenga



Kathy Zangen battles the Jenga tower



Mimi Barnhart, Allyson Samiljan and Tammy Pickett try their hand at "Prosecco Pong"



Phyllis Gauger, Teresa Harrington and Lydia Krause team up to solve a puzzle





Deborah Clein, Tina Evans and Kim Strong don't look "Sorry" at all...



TIMBER!! Kathleen Bagwell and Brenda Murphy laugh as the Jenga tower falls!



Jo Cudnik, Magdalena Maxwell, Kathy Zangen and Evette Bilbo enjoy a lively game of "Battle Ship"



Janette Meyers, Mary Kastner, and Donna Banno almost finish the puzzle



Raffle winners Kathy Zangen and Phyllis Gauger choose their winnings with Treasurer Donna Kuebler



Donna Kuebler and Allyson Samiljan with the amazing food donations for Harmony House!



*** Please start thinking about our April fundraiser, and see if you (or your friends) have anything to donate for our big auction!**



SWANK FARM FUNDRAISER

Please join the WWC on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM for a fantastic farm-to-table dinner at Swank Farms, located in Loxahatchee! The WWC is the receiving charitable group for this event! This “Master Chef Series” dinner will include hand passed canapes and cocktails, a six course plated dinner with Swank Farm grown produce and proteins paired with wines, and a yummy dessert. Seating is limited! Tickets are \$160, and can be purchased online here:

<https://swankevents.ticketleap.com/swank-masterchefdinners/dates/Mar-16-2019-at-0630PM>

LET’S GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT! SEE MAIR TO JOIN US!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Paula Castro.....January 12
 Mimi Barnhart.....January 24

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Dunn Bychek.....February 6
 Kathleen Bagwell.....February 13

MEETING REMINDERS

Happy Hour / Meet and Mingle starts at 6:00 pm. Arrive then, and have a glass of wine or a cocktail, chat and unwind! Please arrive by 6:30 pm to check in.

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 You may consider arriving early to check out “Cosi”, the new ladies’ boutique at Wellington National Golf Club. Complimentary glass of champagne for those who enter. Directions at our check-in desk.

Please RSVP to Lynda Chicano for the February 7th meeting no later than Saturday, February 2nd! Guest fee is \$30.

INVITE A FRIEND OR 3!!

MONTHLY DONATION

The February monthly donation is pajamas and slippers for the residents of Harmony House (all sizes for women and children). If you have any other food donations of non-perishable food, please bring to this meeting.

Nominations for our new Board of Directors will be held in March. All of the positions are available, but several positions are term limited and must be filled this season. Those positions are:

President, 2nd Vice President (Membership) and Treasurer. We will also have seat openings for three Board members at large. Please consider joining the Board! We have a lot of fun at our meetings, and we would love to have you join us!

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS!

Nominations for our Executive Board of Directors will be held in March. Here is a description of the positions on our Board. An * marks those positions that are open for member nominations due to term limits or new additions. New board is nominated in March, voted on in April, installed in June, and begins in July.

* **PRESIDENT**: Chief executive officer of the WWC. Presides over all membership and Executive Board meetings, and any other special meetings needed. Prepares agendas and schedules for said meetings, and oversees the duties of all other Board members and committees. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

1st VICE PRESIDENT (Programs): Serves as Programs Chair, and is responsible for our monthly meeting activities. Seeks and schedules guest speakers, and designs creative interesting activities for members and guests. In the absence of the President, can carry out the duties of the President. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

* **2ND VICE PRESIDENT (Membership)**: Serves as the WWC Membership Chair, and is responsible for sending monthly meeting invitations to members and previous guests, meeting name tags, monthly attendance count, and membership directory. Checks in members and guests at each monthly meeting. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

* **TREASURER**: Chief financial officer of the WWC. Collects all fees for annual membership dues, monthly meetings, guest fees, and fundraisers via check or credit card. Responsible for monthly bank deposits, credit card processing, vendor payments, bank reconciliation, annual tax returns, QuickBooks maintenance, and reports to Executive Board of Directors and club membership. Prefer nominee to have some working financial knowledge. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Prepares, designs, and sends the monthly WWC newsletter to all members, sends any special notices to members, and maintains any outside correspondence on behalf of the club. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Attends all Executive Board meetings, as well as any special meetings needed. Responsible for preparing written minutes of each meeting, and submitting said notes to the Board of Directors in a timely manner. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

* **THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT-LARGE**: These three club members will attend Board of Directors meetings, as well as any special meetings needed. Responsible for meeting and introducing guest attendees to other guests and members at each monthly meeting, sending occasion cards (birthday, condolence, get-well) to members, and assisting Executive Board members with monthly meetings, events, and fundraisers. Great step towards accepting a position on the Executive Board.

* **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**: Assists the incoming President and new Board members, and helps the three "at-large" Board members with their duties, particularly at the monthly meetings. Assists with any and all fundraising for the WWC.

If you are a current club member in good standing, and are interested in any of the available positions, please let one of the Board members know as soon as possible. We look forward to having new incoming Board members!



WWC MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

2018-2019

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Monthly Donation: School Supplies

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Monthly Donation: Cleaning Supplies

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Monthly Donation: Thanksgiving Food
Ticket Auction Donations (for Dec)

*Thursday, December 6, 2018

Monthly Donation: Holiday gifts for children
& Moms

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Monthly Donation: Non-perishable food

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Monthly Donation: Pajamas and slippers
for children & Moms

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Monthly Donation: Health & Beauty Aids /
Feminine products

**Sunday, April 7, 2019

FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Monthly Donation: Mother's Day Gifts

***Thursday, June 6, 2019

Monthly Donation: Summer Activities for
children

* Indicates Winter Fundraiser meeting

** Indicates Spring Fundraiser Sunday Brunch

*** Indicates Scholarship Awards / Officer
Installation

Couple more pictures from our fun game night!



Connect Four!



Prosecco Pong!



Gold medals for everyone!