



March 2018 Newsletter

Photos from March 1, 2018 Meeting

**“Train Your Brain”
With
Jill and Jess Merrell**

President's Message

Happy Spring!

As always, I hope this message finds you and yours well and happy.

Across the world, spring is celebrated as a time of renewal and growth. Our spring fashion show gives us the perfect opportunity for both. Beautiful fashions, a beautifully delicious brunch buffet in gorgeous surroundings and a spectacular auction of beautiful items combine for one of the most delightfully fun events of the season.

The growth comes from you sharing the event with friends and family outside our membership. Having them come with you amps up your fun (and theirs!) and it grows our mission! Every person who attends brings us closer to our goals of a large donation to Harmony House in June and more college scholarships for deserving youth in our community. And, there's always the possibility that your guests will enjoy themselves so much that they'll want to join our club and help us have an even greater impact on the community. So please make sure you've got your ticket for the fashion show and that your friends and family do, too. As with all things fun, the more the merrier!

I look forward to seeing you on April 8th!

Warmly,
Cheryl



Kathy Zangen and Lynda Chicano



Club Treasurer Donna Kuebler



Faye Ford, Anne Gerwig, Connie Saxon,
Tara Zimmerman, and Kathleen Bagwell





Mary Rowe and Cheryl Dunn Bychek



Mary Kastner, Mair Armand, and Teresa Harrington



Mimi Barnhart and Kristi Knight



Speaker Jill Merrell, Cheryl Dunn Bychek, and speaker Jess Merrell (Merrell Family Foundation)



Anna Moreau, Mary Rowe, and Jo Cudnik



Jill Merrell, Jess Merrell, Karen Carney and Jamie Castellanos



CLUB REMINDERS

Our annual spring fundraiser will be held Sunday, April 8th at 11:00 AM at The Wanderers Club, and will feature a delicious brunch menu, fashion show by dressbarn, and our (almost famous) silent and ticket auctions!

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If you have not yet purchased your tickets, please contact Lynda Chicano as soon as possible! Member tickets are \$25, non-member tickets are \$50. RSVP is required; deadline to RSVP is Sunday, April 1st.

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Please arrive on Sunday, April 8th no later than 11:30 AM to check in and be seated. Brunch will begin shortly thereafter. The auctions will open at 11:00 AM.

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The fundraiser on Sunday, April 8th serves as our April meeting, so the next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd.

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If you have donations for the auctions, please contact Mair at 561-635-0011 or Lynda at 561-310-7833 for pickups.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Faye Ford – April 19

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Thursday, September 6, 2017
Meeting cancelled

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Monthly Donation: cleaning supplies

Thursday, November 2, 2017
Monthly Donation: Thanksgiving food
Ticket Auction donations

* Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Monthly Donation: Holiday gifts for Moms and Children at Harmony House

Thursday, January 4, 2018
Monthly Donation: Non-perishable food

Thursday, February 1, 2018
Monthly Donation: PJs and slippers for Moms and children at Harmony House

Thursday, March 1, 2018
Monthly Donation: Health and beauty aids / feminine products

**** Sunday, April 8, 2018
Annual Spring Fundraiser and
Brunch**

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Monthly Donation: Mother's Day gifts / gently used purses with useful items inside

*** Thursday, June 7, 2018
Monthly Donation: Summer activities for children

+ Thursday, July 12, 2018
Monthly Donation: To Be Announced

* Indicates Winter Fundraiser meeting

** Indicates Spring Fundraiser Sunday Brunch

*** Indicates Scholarship Awards / Officer Installation

+ Indicates meeting for September cancellation

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT APRIL 8TH IS OUR LARGEST & MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR, WITH OUR ULTIMATE CHARITABLE CAPABILITY DETERMINED BY THE EVENT'S SUCCESS. ATTEND AND INVITE FRIENDS!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Teresa Harrington

Teresa Harrington was born on October 7th, and is a rare find in this area: a true native Floridian! She was born in Fort Lauderdale, and has spent most of her life in the Sunshine State. She attended Madonna High School, and received her AA degree from Broward Community College, and her BS degree from Florida International University, as a Certified Meetings Professional. She has lived in various locations in Florida, including St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Miami, and Boca Raton, and lived for a short stint in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Teresa and her second husband, John, now live in Loxahatchee, where they have resided for the past 9 years. John works at a water plant, and they share his four children: Katie and Christine, 58 year old twins, Nancy, who is 53, and Patrick, who is 49 years old. Teresa and John do have a full house, though! They own four dogs, Jetson (black Lab), Lexie (plot hound), Layla (whippet), and Sheyanne (Australian cattle dog). They also have a cat named Starsky (whose brother Hutch recently passed over the Rainbow Bridge).

This busy lady owns her own meeting and event planning business called Ancomp, which she has owned for 29 years, having been in the event planning industry for 32 years. Teresa has provided the décor for WWC events in the past, and will generously and beautifully decorate our spring fundraiser in April. She loves her work, but is considering retiring soon to travel and enjoy her life with her husband and pets.

When Teresa isn't creating lovely events for others, she enjoys jewelry design, interior design, traveling, and donating her time to local charitable groups, including Dress For Success. She thinks her work is fun, which is certainly something we all strive for!

In her family, Teresa was known to excel at sports, and loves to make people laugh. She has been awarded scholastic honors, as well as business accolades.

Interesting tidbits about Teresa:

- She was one of the first women in the United States to sell tractor trailers!
- She is a die-hard NASCAR fan, having attended the Daytona 500 26 times!
- She has bravely driven a car 160 miles per hour on a track!

Teresa was once a member of the Women of the Western Communities, back when it was called the Wellington Women's Club, and has returned this season. She truly enjoys interacting with other members, and believes in our missions so much, she has agreed to become a member of the Board of Directors next season. ☺ Make sure you introduce yourself to Teresa Harrington...she is a fun-loving, wonderful woman whom we are happy has come back to the WWC!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Priscilla Fonseca

Priscilla Fonseca was born in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 5th. She lived in Las Vegas for sixteen years, and moved to West Palm Beach, where she lived for ten years. She and her family have resided in Royal Palm Beach for the last ten years. She attended Palm Beach Atlantic University, where she achieved her MBA.

She has been with her husband, Lorenzo, for 17 years, married for the last 10 years. He works for Florida Power and Light. Together, they have three daughters: Dalila, who is 19 years old, Daniella, who is 5, and Tiffany, who is 3 years old.

Priscilla is an Investment Advisor with PNC Wealth Management, and has held this position for more than 12 years. If you are thinking about investing your money, you should consult with this dynamo!

Whenever she isn't making money for other people, Priscilla enjoys spending time with her girls, planning activities like swimming and softball. Her favorite thing to do is something we all may have a passion for...SHOPPING!

Priscilla also likes to plan parties and events in her spare time. You may be surprised to know that she has a collection of roosters, and a collection of elephants. Her favorite color is green (naturally!), and she loves emeralds.

Priscilla joined the Women of the Western Communities this past October, after she attended our spring fundraiser last season. She and her daughter, Dalila attended together, had a great time, and walked away with a few large gift baskets! She joined in order to meet other like-minded women in the community, and is truly interested in helping those in need. Say "hello!" to Priscilla the next time you see her, and she will show you her fantastic smile! Thank you for joining us, Priscilla! Happy to have you as a member!

