NAPLES WOMAN’S CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT
2019 & 2020
A member the General Federation of Women’s Clubs
MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the lives of others through philanthropic activities and volunteer service.

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

THE NAPLES WOMAN’S CLUB
FULFILLS ITS MISSION
WITH FIVE AREAS OF IMPACT

We perform Volunteer Service with direct service to organizations that meet the needs of those less fortunate, including Baby Basics, Meals of Hope, Empty Bowls, The American Beach Cleanup, and more.

We Raise Funds via community and member events to fund grants to agencies serving those in need in the greater Naples area; these events also help fund scholarships to mature women, high school students, and continuing college students. We selected healthcare needs as our grant area of emphasis this year.

We, as members, Donate Funds to support scholarships for mature women, high school students, and continuing college and technical school students through our Circle of Support program.

We Educate the community and our members with seminars and presentations that provide information about wellness, conservation, environment, international charitable programs, technology education, and much more.

We Build A Community of dedicated women and teens who use their talents and treasures to help those less fortunate, providing opportunities for our members to provide service, feel a sense of purpose, have fun together, and form lasting friendships.
As this season comes to a close, with the threat of the Coronavirus at our door, we are blessed that we have been able to come together to help the community; we have been able to award the most scholarships and the largest number of grants in our club’s history. We are so grateful that we can be of some help at this difficult time.

Our 300+ members are dedicated and talented women who have many different skills and interests. With all the projects we completed this year and a few that were put on hold, we came together in amazing ways to accomplish our mission. Thank you to all of you, our members, for your hard work.

This work could not have been completed, though, without the help of our many sponsors, event attendees, and supporters. We received help from companies, other non-profits, foundations, chefs and restaurants, retailers, and individuals not part of the club in order to complete our programs. The many individuals who attended our events each had a major part in making the year successful, and we thank you all so much.

As we look forward to an uncertain future, we continue to be dedicated to helping those in need and welcome you all to join with us to keep up the effort. It has been a genuine pleasure to serve as your President. Please also join us in giving a warm welcome to our incoming president, Valerie White, who assumed the office in April 2020.

Sincerely,

Stacy B. Vermylen

PS: A special thanks to soon-to-be Eagle Scout and talented videographer Jack Carlsen for creating a moving video about our scholarships. The video can be seen at napleswomansclub.org.
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year this was! Despite the season’s early end due to COVID-19, we had many things to be proud of. We are so pleased to have been able to help the community in its time of need with the highest level of donations and scholarships in our club’s history.

28,000+ VOLUNTEER HOURS were put in by our members.

24,000 DIAPERS were distributed with help from NWC volunteers at a new Baby Basics site.

1,800+ FAMILIES received food that the NWC volunteers helped distribute with Meals of Hope.

305 AMAZING WOMEN are members of the Club, ages 40-95, working or retired, including 52 new members this year, and 11 on the wait list.

1,500 PEOPLE ATTENDED NWC EVENTS including Kitchen Tour, Artisan Marketplace, Dining For Philanthropy, monthly luncheons and presentations.

140 DINNERS were served for charity as part of our Dining For Philanthropy program.
118 DONORS JOINED The Circle of Support to fund scholarships.

227 VOLUNTEER HOURS were put in by our teen Juniorettes making blankets, preparing meals, and much more.

50+ POUNDS OF GARBAGE were collected from our beaches by our NWC members and Juniorettes.

42 SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded, including 9 Mature Women Scholarships for a total of $145,500.

15+ CORPORATE SPONSORS supported our events for Artisan Marketplace, Kitchen Tour, Author Talk and Dining for Philanthropy.

1 NEW AMAZING SCHOLARSHIP VIDEO was created by a talented teen.

18+ GRANTS AND DONATIONS were awarded to social service agencies and non-profits.

10+ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTNERS joined us in our mission and presentations.
A Special Thanks To The Philanthropy Committee For Researching And Recommending Our Major Grants.

PANIRA HEALTHCARE CLINIC – $15,000
The clinic’s goal is to diagnose and treat persons without health insurance through their walk-in clinic. Funding from NWC will be used for expansion of the number of people served as well the services available: included would be testing, education and preventive health care.

GOLDEN GATE SENIOR CENTER – $15,000
With NWC funds, direct financial assistance will be offered on a one-time basis to help seniors struggling with rising housing and utilities costs, health care bills, inadequate nutrition and other basic needs. Financial help can solve immediate, critical problems for our community’s most vulnerable populations living on fixed incomes.

HEALTHCARE NETWORK OF SWFL – $10,000
NWC funding provides access to oral health care services to those who otherwise cannot meet their dental needs. The Network’s integrated patient-centered dental model provides pre- and post-dental treatment in a new patient dental center.

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER – $10,000
NWC funding helps bolster expanding services offered to patients. In 2019, NHC served over 11,000 uninsured working adults living below the poverty line. NWC has long been a supporter of this clinic.

AVOW HOSPICE – $10,000
NWC funding supports AVOW’s Grief and Bereavement Program. Licensed counselors provide individual and group support to senior adults experiencing grief and loss from the death of a loved one.

MEALS OF HOPE – $10,000 and MEALS ON WHEELS – $10,000
Both of these organizations provide food for seniors and the hungry in Collier County. During this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, many vulnerable populations are in need of food, particularly those who are homebound. Both organizations have previously been funded by NWC and were grateful for the emergency funding.

CITY OF NAPLES RIVER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM – $10,200
Provided by the Bhatta Memorial Fund (Dates Pending)

THE GREATER FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS – $7,900
Our funds supported GFWC and Heffer International, Canine Companions, the UN Foundation, The Hugh O’Brien Foundation, Arts4All, the Junior Scholarship Fund, St Jude’s Research Hospital, March of Dimes and more.

OPERATION SMILE – $2,748
We supported this International non-profit medical services organization.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE COTTAGE OUTFITTING – $2,500+
We provided furnishing for resident transitional housing.

AVALON ELEMENTARY AND EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOLS – $2,000
We donated funds for library books for the schools.

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY – $500
Our funds supported programs by the Kapnick Everglades Wetlands Research Center.

WE ALSO DONATED TO:
The Naples Classic Chamber Concerts, Gulf Shore Playhouse, Guadalupe Center, St. Mathews House, Opportunity International, Naples Community Hospital, and Baby Basics.
FIRST YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS – $45,000
These scholarships were awarded to promising high school seniors who have gaps in the funding they have received in order to afford to go to college. We awarded 7 scholarships and 3 additional scholarships for exemplary community service during the students’ high school years. Scholarships range from $1,500 to $5,000. Several of these scholarships are named scholarships, funded by Liz Becton Read and Carol Chiu. Two students also received the Jacqueline Pierce Memorial Scholarship for Leadership.

PERSISTENT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS – $29,000
Students already in college face real challenges affording their sophomore, junior and senior years. These scholarships help students who have persevered in their pursuit of a degree. Preference was given to previous recipients of NWC scholarships. We awarded 9 scholarships, with 4 awarded to our previous scholarship students. Two of these scholarships were funded by Liz Becton Read.

MATURE WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS – $27,500
These scholarships were directed to mature women (over 21) who have faced adversity that interrupted their education. We awarded 9 scholarships this season for students studying a wide range of fields. The awards ranged from $1,500 to $5,000. Two of these scholarships are named scholarships, funded by Liz Becton Read.

FOUR-YEAR RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS – $15,000
This year we are offered 3 students a four-year scholarship at $5,000 per year. These are named scholarships, generously funded by Liz Becton Read, Blanche Hawkins and Roberta Barr. The Henry Prentiss Becton Scholarship was awarded to a student pursuing the field of applied science or engineering.

PAULSON SCHOLARSHIPS – $12,500
We awarded 3 scholarships to students with the career goal of being an educator. We opened up the scholarship to currently practicing educators seeking advanced degrees or additional certificates as well as to high school or college students who wish to teach. These scholarships are funded from the Francis (Bud) and Beryl Paulson Memorial Fund.

DOROTHY EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS – $12,500
Five scholarships for students pursuing technical degrees (nursing, dental hygienist, and videography) were awarded this year. These $2,500 scholarships were funded from the Dorothy Edwards Scholarship Fund and they are renewable.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS – $6,000
Two scholarships were awarded to students with a career goal in the Fine Arts fields (music, art, design, architectural, etc.) at $3,000 each. Funds for these scholarships were generated by the Artisan Marketplace fundraiser last November.
AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

WE HONOR THESE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS:

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
For Extraordinary Service to the Naples Woman’s Club For Our Scholarship Programs

CO-CHAIRS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Carolyn Melvin  Nancy Geyer

NWC GFWC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Our Nominee for this National Award for the General Federation of Women’s Clubs

VP OF ADMINISTRATION AND CO-CHAIR OF THE 2020 KITCHEN TOUR

Lee Kraus

ANGEL AWARD WINNERS
Chosen by Fellow Club Members for Service Above and Beyond

Kathy Abraham
Pat Jolly
Suzanne King
Sheila McHale
Jalna MacLaren
Pat Petrow
Jacqui Riordan
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

WE HONOR THESE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS

40+ YEARS
Polly Keller (1972)

30+ YEARS
Jean Worrel (1987)

20+ YEARS
Isabelle Staffeldt (1993)
Anne Palmer (1994)
Millie Savarese (1994)
Jeanie Haustein (1997)*
Patti Stentz (1998)*
Louise Brown (1999)
Carolyn Pislek (1999)
Donna Porter (1999)
Midge Thomas (1999)
Anne Rawald (2000)

IN MEMORIAM
Joanne Bhatta
Jacqueline Pierce*

*Past President

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE NWC CHAIRMEN!

Artisan Marketplace: Elaine Sulat
Author Talk: Marcia Sack, Mary Giannini
Circle of Support: Blanche Hawkins, Roberta Barr
Dining for Philanthropy: Diana Wallenstein, Jalna Maclaren
Empowering Women: Nan Goebel
Flea Market: Kathy Abraham, Pam Zbierajewski
Hospitality: Susan Schiraldi
International Outreach: Pips Crowell, Rebecca Leonardi
Investments: Sharon Treiser
Juniors: Kerry Geroy, Ann Cox
Juniorettes: Eileen Beam
Kitchen Manager: Kathy Abraham
Kitchen Tour: Lee Kraus, Susan Schiraldi
Public Relations: Cyndee Wooley
Treasury Assistance: Debbie Pall, Heidi Orwin, Anne Palmer
Providence Cottages: Jalna Maclaren, Kath Bergin

AND VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AND RENTAL MANAGER
Leah Rivers
The “Circle of Support” was established in February 2015 by Blanche & Thane Hawkins with a $50,000 matching donation from the Hawkins Family Foundation. The campaign has continued through 2020, generating over $400,000 in funds to finance higher education scholarships.

**ANGEL DONOR**

($10,000 and above)

Liz Becton Read

**HAWKINS VISIONARY CIRCLE**

($5000-$9,999)

- Roberta Barr
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Maureen Meyer*

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**donated for the Jacqueline Pierce Memorial Scholarship for Leadership
KEY FINANCIAL STATISTICS
ESTIMATED FOR FY 2019-2020

Total Net Revenue: $443,740

Total Expenses: $423,600

Net Surplus: $20,140

($20,000 has been transferred to the Long Term Scholarship Fund to prepare for years where we might have a shortfall.)

*Not included in above is the NWC Investment Account managed by Moran Wealth Management. Grants and Scholarships awarded account for over 70% of donations and fundraising revenue.

**Does not include pending donations from the Bhatta fund of $10,200.
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