

# TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the program is at 7 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members. There will be ***no scheduled meeting in December***. Our Christmas get-together is set for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., at the Wedgewood Manor Community Clubhouse, 37420 Wedgewood Drive (off Geiger Road). *Also remember that Members will be decorating the Military Christmas tree at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Bring your red, white & blue decorations as well as any military items you want to donate for the tree.*

### Speakers

Our speakers for the November meeting were Charles and Ernestine Giles Pressley. Charles played baseball in the Major Leagues with the Cleveland Indians. He was very entertaining as he talked about the good old days. Ernestine was raised in Zephyrhills, and she talked about what the town was like when she was growing up. She did so mostly by giving a tour of downtown businesses as she remembered them. When she would momentarily draw a blank on some location members from the audience would chime it. Everyone had a great time. This couple proved to be one of the most entertaining presentations we've had.

### *From the Desk of the Editor Membership and Advertising*

It's time again to ask for your monetary support in regard to our organization and this newsletter. Dues are \$15 per year, advertising for members is \$15 (non-members is \$25), Boardwalk Booster is \$5, and contributions to the scholarship fund are welcome in any amount. If you are renewing and nothing has changed you can simply mail your check to me or bring it to a meeting. If something is different you are welcome to send me an email to keep the records straight. Thanks in advance.

**Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, is our next  
Scholarship Fundraiser at Mike's Smokehouse on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**

We are meeting at 5 p.m. on that day.

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My email address is on the opening page

### ZHA Mission Statement

The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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**THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF ZEPHYRHILLS  
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**By Clereen Brunty**


Several historical members attended the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Greater Federation of Woman's Club of Zephyrhills on Sunday, November 15, 2015. This is the oldest civic organization still in existence today in our community.



Pictured are: Robin Ringeisen, assistant to Danny Burgess, FL State Representative District 38, Clereen Brunty, Judy Meserve, Gina Granger, Emilie Mastin and Jerry Pricher, ZHA President. *(Photo provided by Charles Granger)*



On November 3, 2015 several members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills attended the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners as they presented a proclamation in advance of our 100th Anniversary celebration on November 15th. Thanks County Commissioner Mike Moore for sponsoring the resolution.

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Also Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield reads a proclamation recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Zephyrhills Woman’s Club at the City Council meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We truly appreciate the recognition and are proud of our 100 years of service and look forward to 100 more.



Betty Smith, Joan Peaks, Judy Meserve, County Commissioner Mike Moore, President Linda Weyer, Lana Moors, and Gina Granger.

*(Photo provided by Gina Granger)*



Emilie Mastin, Lana Moors, Betty Smith, Clereen Brunty, Gina Granger, President Linda Weyer, Alice Deyne, Patricia Nugent, Judy Meserve and Mayor Gene Whitfield.

*(Photo provided by Adam Porter – The Zephyrhills News)*



### The Rest of the Story

by Dave Walters

November 12, 2015 — Zephyrhills Free Press


### GFWC Woman’s Club Marks Centennial

It’s time to scream some birthday wishes out to the oldest existing civic organization in our community – The Woman’s Club of Zephyrhills. This incredible organization celebrated its 100 birthday on Nov. 11 and received a proclamation from Mayor Gene Whitfield Monday evening during the city council meeting.

Looking back, early projects involved cleaning the streets, improving schools, spearheading a community library and preserving Zephyr Park. We continue the traditions begun by early club members. The GFWC Woman’s Club of Zephyrhills was organized on Nov. 11, 1915, by 15 civic-minded ladies. It was federated the same year. When you think of the Zephyrhills Woman’s Club, you think of the beautiful rock building on Fifth Avenue at the corner of Ninth Street.

We can thank the efforts of Walter R. Gall and Mayor B.F. Parson and the WPA (Works Progress Administration) for building the Clubhouse from native rock hauled from a quarry on the Hillsborough River. The Woman’s Club first met there April 18, 1941.



Dues in 1915 were \$1 a year. The first president was Mrs. L.N. Gilbert, and the Cherokee rose was selected as the club flower with moss gray and pink as the club colors. The original pledge was: “Holding my membership in the Woman’s Club of Zephyrhills worthy of unfailing loyalty, I will sustain its good work and guard its reputation.”



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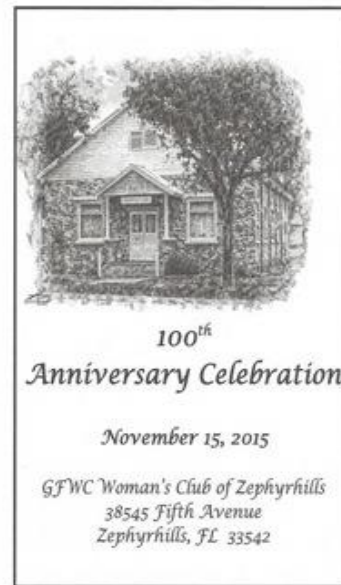
Their members work in six areas: the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach and Public Issues. They currently donate to: East Pasco Meals on Wheels, Helping Hands Food Pantry, Support our Troops, Pregnancy Care Center and HPH Hospice.

Members also contribute volunteer hours with the Friends of the Library, Zephyr Haven Nursing Home and Everyday Blessings, a care center for abused and neglected children. They also “adopted” a second-grade class at West Zephyrhills Elementary School, and provide yearly scholarships to needy students within the community.

Zephyrhills has always been led by strong women. Without them, this town wouldn't be what it is today.

Thanks to the Zephyrhills Woman’s Club for making such a strong impact on our community.

Happy 100th Birthday and here’s hoping that the strength and caring your organization provides will continue for another 100 years.



Photos provided by Gina Granger

**GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills – Facts on Facebook Page**

The GFWC Woman’s Club of Zephyrhills was organized on November 11, 1915 by fifteen civic-minded ladies, and federated the same year

- ❖ Annual dues were \$1 in 1915 (they're only \$25 annually today)
- ❖ The first President was Mrs. L.N. Gilbert
- ❖ The Cherokee rose was selected as the club flower
- ❖ Moss gray and pink as the club colors

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*The Woman's Club of Zephyrhills was organized on November 11, 1915. The Club was federated with the national General Federation of Woman that same year.*

### WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE

The Woman's Club is dedicated to community service, civic participation and educational programs. Members work together in a spirit of friendship for the betterment of the community, and support local national and international relief efforts.

### WHAT WE DO

Our members work in the six GFWC Department areas, the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues. We currently donate to Meals on Wheels, Helping Hands Food Pantry, Support our Troops, Pregnancy Care Center and HPH Hospice.

Our members also contribute volunteer hours with the Friends of the Library, Zephyr Haven Nursing Home and Everyday Blessings, a care center for abused and neglected children. We also "adopted" a second-grade class at West Zephyrhills Elementary School, and provide yearly scholarships to needy students within the community.

### ABOUT OUR CLUB

On November 15, 2015 we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary with special guests and presentations. Looking back, early projects involved cleaning the streets, improving schools, spearheading a community library and preserving Zephyr Park. We continue the traditions begun by early club members.

### WHEN DO WE MEET

Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday at 12:30 pm during the months of September through May at the Club House at 38545 Fifth Avenue in Zephyrhills. Each meeting is hosted by one of the departments.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all women who reside in the area. Dues are \$25 annually. All are welcome to join, simply download the application and bring it to one of our monthly meetings. Each member is encouraged to participate in at least one activity and department.

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

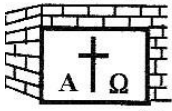
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### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

On November 15, 2015, the GFWC Woman's Club of Zephyrhills celebrated 100 years of service to our community. Thanks so much for your support.

Several members for various Woman's Clubs joined in the celebration with a wonderful lunch catered by "Dish It Up Catering" owned by Jeanie (McLeod) Bahr of Zephyrhills.

Check out her facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dish-it-Up-Catering-365769853439762/>

<p><b>CornerStone</b>    <b>Baptist Church</b>          7th Street &amp; 8th Avenue          Come be our special guest          Coffee &amp; Donuts 10:30***** Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.          Dr. Neal Resue—Pastor          * NealDoe1956@verizon.net</p>	<p>In Memory of  <b>Ryals Furniture Exchange</b>          And Great Parents  <b>Powell &amp; Maude Ryals</b>          From son James  <b>God Bless America</b></p>
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**Presidents of the Woman's Club of Zephyrhills**

1915	Mrs. L. N. Gilbert	1966-1968	Mrs. F. A. Renne'
1916-1917	Mrs. A. D. Penry	1968-1970	Mrs. Albert C. Dean
1917-1918	Mrs. L. H. Hennington	1970-1972	Mrs. Justin Tucker
1918-1919	Mrs. T. H. Adams	1972-1974	Mrs. F. A. Renne'
1919-1920	Mrs. C. H. Curtis	1974-1976	Mrs. Francis V. Adams
1920-1922	Ms. Harriet B. Dimm	1976-1978	Mrs. Harvey E. Voight
1922-1923	Ms. Alice Rogers	1978-1980	Mrs. Victor Larke
1923-1924	Ms. Elinor Smith	1980-1982	Mrs. John M. Jones, Jr.
1924-1925	Ms. Mildred Hart	1982-1984	Mrs. Wilmer C. Albright
1925-1926	Ms. Ada Crawford	1984-1986	Mrs. Edward M. Sunka
1926-1928	Mrs. Fred Sawtelle	1986-1988	Mrs. Floyd Ness
1928-1930	Mrs. J. P. Elliott	1988-1989	Mrs. S. P. Olszewski
1930-1932	Ms. Emma Robbins	1989-1992	Mrs. Roger L. Sibley, Sr.
1932-1934	Mrs. James W. Kerr	1992-1993	Ms. Ursula Bennett
1934-1936	Mrs. K. A. Huse	1993-1994	Ms. Juanita Goeden
1936-1938	Ms. Dora E. Coan	1994-1997	Mrs. Charles Merk
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1940-1942	Ms. Mary Alsobrook	1998	Ms. Virginia Sayer
1942-1944	Ms. Luella Brackett	1998-1999	Ms. Emilie Mastin
1944-1946	Mrs. Fred B. Gill, Sr.	1999-2000	Ms. Lillian Miller
1946-1948	Mrs. Emerson D. Arnot	2000-2001	Ms. Maggie Mishic
1948-1950	Mrs. LeRoy B. Boylan	2002-2004	Ms. Joan Gray
1950-1952	Ms. Maude S. Thomas	2004	Ms. Virginia Sayer
1952-1954	Mrs. Ira C. Hopper	2004-2006	Ms. Betty Olszewski
1954-1956	Mrs. Ira C. Hopper	2006-2008	Ms. Luella Wheeling
1956-1957	Mrs. S. H. Crandell	2008-2010	Ms. Mary Keefe
1957-1960	Mrs. A. J. Thompson	2010-2012	Ms. Linda Weyer
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Gina Granger  
Mistress of Ceremonies



FL GFWC President Carole Weaver  
Presents Certificate to Linda Weyer



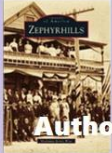
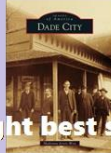

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**Seated, left to right:** Pat Keel, GFWC Florida Past President; Carole Weaver, GFWC Florida President; Linda Weyer, GFWC Zephyrhills President

**Standing, left to right:** Gina Granger, Mistress of Ceremonies & GFWC Zephyrhills Public Relations; Mary Jane Neale, GFWC District 8 Director; Cheryl Benton, GFWC Florida Corresponding Secretary; Anita Long, GFWC District 8 Junior Director



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