

### KEY WEST WOMANS CLUB



PRESIDENT, AUNDREA WAGNER



### *Happy February Sisters!*

February has always been an important month for the Key West Woman's Club. During the Great Depression, members stepped forward in February of 1932 to help lead citywide relief efforts known as Welfare Week, collecting and distributing food, clothing, and essential supplies for families in need. At one of the hardest moments in Key West's history, the Women of the Key West Woman's Club worked alongside city officials and the Red Cross to support our community. Our mission hasn't changed. We are, and always have been, a service organization, helping our community where the need is greatest. If you attended our Bougie Tea Event, you saw our mission in action. A huge thank you to our amazing Chairwomen, **Kathryn Norris** and **Patty Neyra**, and to everyone who purchased a ticket and supported the event. Because of you, we met our goal and will be changing the life of a deserving child through a \$25,000 Take Stock in Children scholarship!! How awesome is that!!

As we look ahead, it's hard to believe we have only two regular meetings left before our Annual Awards Celebration on **Wednesday, April 1**. This season has flown by, and the impact we have made together has been remarkable. Our Awards Celebration Luncheon will be a special time to pause and celebrate one another and to recognize our members who have gone far above their yearly 10 volunteer hours, as well as those whose leadership, behind-the-scenes work, and steady support help keep this Club running.

It's our chance to recognize the many different ways our members show up for one another and for our community.

Be sure to check the calendar at the end of this newsletter. There are still many ways to get involved and important work ahead, even through our "off-season".

None of this wonderful work we do happens without you our dedicated volunteers. Thank you for everything you do, your time, your heart, and your commitment to this Club and our community.



*with Gratitude and Sunshine,  
Andrea*

PS See you Wednesday, dressed in pink or red



# KIDS COME FIRST



# SHOE



# DRIVE



**Please donate new shoes for children  
by the February 4 meeting.**

**A box is now available at the house.**







# SPREADING KINDNESS



One of the best parts of being at the Club each day is seeing the kindness that happens so easily here at 319 Duval. This month, I want to thank **Dick Rezba**, husband of our wonderful member **Carol Rezba**, for a truly thoughtful gift to the Key West Woman's Club. Dick took the time to identify the trees in our courtyard and had custom plant markers made, which he and Carol generously donated. Thanks to Dick's care and knowledge, members and visitors can now learn more about the beautiful and unusual trees that surround Eleanor.

*Thank you Dick and Carol !!!*



# A Note from Susan

**As some of you may already know Poinciana Gardens has closed the assisted living facility. We will now be going to Oasis assisted living for Bingo. It's located right before the hospital's main entrance. We will be playing every 3rd Thursday of every month from 2:00-4:00. In the dining room on the 1st floor. Bring a plate of cheese & crackers, fruit or cookies to share. It's a lovely afternoon and easy way to earn your volunteer hours. let's bring a little fun & sunshine to our senior neighbors. These moments mean more than you might imagine.**



**SUSAN COLLIER**  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19,2026  
FROM 2-4 PM**

**Questions call  
SUSAN COLLIER 609-425-0064**



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CONCH REPUBLIC**

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KEY WEST, FL 33040



# Sharing Sunshine This Month's Community Impact



At the Key West Woman's Club, "Sharing Sunshine" isn't just a phrase—it's a reflection of our century-long commitment to uplifting our community. Each month, we are proud to support other nonprofits that share our vision of a brighter, more caring Key West. By reinvesting in these causes, we are building a stronger future for everyone who calls this island home.

Here's who we're lifting up this month.

**KWLC Softball Team:** represents Key West High School with pride, grit, and island spirit. Known for strong fundamentals, teamwork, and competitive play, the Lady Conchs consistently showcase athletic excellence while embodying sportsmanship and school pride on and off the field.

**Alex Vega Fire Museum:** honors the legacy of the Key West Fire Department and the firefighters who have long protected our community. The museum preserves local history while recognizing the service, bravery, and commitment of Key West's fire families. Donations help keep this important piece of our island's story alive for future generations.

**Anchors Aweigh Club Inc:**

is a longstanding nonprofit recovery clubhouse in Key West that provides a safe meeting space for Alcoholics Anonymous, and offers a welcoming environment for people working toward sobriety and mutual support.

**Key West Wildlife Center:** a nonprofit wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility dedicated to saving sick, injured, and orphaned native animals and returning them to the wild. They provide 24/7 rescue services and work year-round to protect and care for Florida Keys wildlife, relying on community support and donations to continue their lifesaving work.

**Literacy Volunteers of America:** a nonprofit organization that trains and supports community volunteers to tutor adults in reading, writing, and English language skills helping learners gain literacy, confidence, and opportunities for work, citizenship, and everyday life success.



# Marketing News from Marlene

**Hello from the Marketing Committee! KWWC had a wonderful, fun, successful Bougie Tea Party in January. Since then, we have continued to market the Tropical Lunch and the Wearable Art Fashion Show and Live Auction. In addition, Merchandise Sales and Restaurant Card sales have continued with Liz Calkins' team of volunteers at the Waterfront Truman Annex Market and the Artisan's Market.**



**Marlene Thorn, VP**

## **February Events include:**

**Tropical Luncheon and Garden Party, February 8, Sunday 12:00 – to 2:00 – Sold out! This is a revival of a KWWC cherished 1950's tradition presented in partnership with the Key West Art and Historical Society that will preview their Smithsonian-affiliated exhibition: Food: Celebrating Conch Cuisine. Hear Cori Convertito, Roberta Isleib, aka Lucy Burdette, and eat an Elegant Buffet lunch prepared by Chef Martha Hubbard. The Tropical Lunch will feature tropical fruits of South Fl, fresh local seafood, and dishes inspired by the 1949 KWWC Cookbook. Get your Garden Party Dress and special Garden Party Hat on and enjoy! Thank you to all the volunteers working this event on February 8. Thank you to Cori Convertito, Martha Hubbard and Kathy O'Leary, Pomona Grove, in Plantation, FL for the donated Florida fruit, Roberta Isleib, and Dee Johnson for the Tropical Decorations and Table settings!**

**The Wearable Art Fashion Show and Live Auction, February 14, Saturday – Betina Justice has once again organized a fun-filled afternoon Live Auction, fundraising for Key West High School Scholarships and raising funds for “Eleanor.” Come out, enjoy the fun, and bid on one of a kind creative designs.**

**Thank you to Stacie and the KWWC Book Club for partnering with Sharon Smarsh with the Friends of the Library, February 7, Saturday, 3:30 to 5:00 – Key Lime Murder: a Deliciously Deadly Mystery at the Library. Tickets are free, but necessary, and will be available in January.**

**Coming Saturday March 7: The KWWC Annual Fundraiser Gala: “Diamonds are a Girls' Best Friend” Susan Mitchell and her team are going strong organizing this prized Gala.**

**Thank you to the entire Marketing Committee for all the work you do to market and advertise these events. And thank you to all the wonderful KWWC members who volunteer to make these wonderful events such a fun and wonderful success.**

# COMMUNICATIONS

## Book Club



**STACIE GLEASON**

**We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
of every month  
in the Wicker Room at  
4pm.**

**Feb 17th** - The Nature of Fragile Things by: Susan Meissner

**Mar 17th** - The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of  
Lying, Stealing, Writing & Healing by: Lara Love Hardin

**Apr 21st** - The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime &  
Dangerous Obsession by: Michael Finkel

**May 19th** - The Nightingale by: Kristin Hannah

The Book Club is partnering with the Friends of the Library on their  
Murder Mystery Tea on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing the food.



**Stacie Gleason**

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Birthday: Apr 15  
Address: 181 Star Lane  
Key West, FL  
Year Inducted: 2020

## Website Update

Amy is updating the Membership directory so that everyone's information and pictures are automatically there and you won't have to do it yourself. We hope to have them completed by the end of the week. Here is an example of what the profile looks like.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Kim Gordon,  
Membership Director

Our club offers so much to do and enjoy this season. We're grateful for your commitment to helping those in need in our community.

Here's a great way to have fun and provide after-school meals for our most in-need local children this summer! Be sure to get your tickets for the Black and Red Masquerade Ball on March 14 at the Key West Theater. It will be a big, glam music and dance party to benefit S.O.S. Foundation. I'm returning to the stage with my

All-Star band featuring Grammy-winner Tim Mayer on sax. There will be great music, champagne, and prizes for the best masks and ensembles. All to feed hungry kids. Tickets are available at the box office and online at <https://thekeywesttheater.com/e/?event=1210858>

Right now, 170 of us have signed up to volunteer and are recording our hours online! Have you checked out all the activities in our Better Impact program and app? You can sign up right in this easy software and track everything using the scheduler. If you're new to recording your hours or signing up to volunteer online, go to <https://bttr.im/wvxre> on your computer/laptop or iPad to easily create your own member profile. Then the next time you can log in at [myimpactpage.com](http://myimpactpage.com). If you prefer a mobile app, go to your App/Play store and look for "My Impact."

Please join me in welcoming six new members this month.

Sandra McElligott, Ph.D. is a retired scientist who worked at distinguished universities and later helped scientists turn ideas into businesses through grant writing.

Ruth Agnew is a retired Air Force veteran with 30 years of service. Ruth has become a terrific docent.

Kadi MacKenzie is the founder and creative director of The Sailor's Heart, a Keys-based floral design and event planning studio. You may remember her work from the Wearable Art Fashion Show.

Sarah Hunter Wald is a former global strategy and management consultant. She's on the board of the Waterfront Playhouse and manages venue sales for the Little White House.

Suzanne Howze began her career as a Peace Corps volunteer, then taught English and mathematics, and later did education research for a teachers' union.

Laura Stewart describes herself as a long-time, stay-at-home mom. She recently moved back to Key West with her family and works at Nailtini day spa.

Are you hoping to join the woman's club? Once you've completed your ten or more volunteer hours and attended three general membership meetings, you're ready to submit your application. Just visit our website [www.keywestwomensclub.org](http://www.keywestwomensclub.org) and click on the membership tab at the top. Please fill out your application right online, print it out and have it signed by your two sponsors. To be considered for induction in March, please email your application to me at [KWWCmembership@gmail.com](mailto:KWWCmembership@gmail.com) by February 23.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The response to Pack the Bags has been very gratifying. Our membership has been very kind and generous with their donations!

All donations need to be in by **February 16**. We will **pack the bags at the club on February 18 starting at 3:00 P.M.** The bags will be given to The **Domestic Abuse Shelter** representative at Women and Wine. This organization works around the clock, 24/7, to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and abuse. We are honored to help them with these bags filled with toiletry items and gift cards. We still need \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants. Please consider helping out with whatever amount you can give.

Questions...contact  
Annita Tschanz 513-594-3711 or  
Kim Boswell 317-727-8678





# A NOTE FROM JANIE



JANIE TEITELBAUM  
MUSEUM DIRECTOR

The other day, emptying our tip box, I found a Canadian \$100 bill. It was a very nice contribution but unfortunately our bank charges a lot of money just to change it into American dollars. Luckily, I have a Canadian friend who was willing to exchange the Canadian money for American dollars. After you give a tour, PLEASE watch what your guests are putting in the tip box. We take American dollars or credit only.

I am attaching the FINAL schedule for February. Thank you to PJ and Paul Eaton and Susan Mitchell who volunteered to take regular positions on our schedule. There is only one regular position open and that is Monday afternoon from 1-4. Maybe someone reading this will step up to fill that position so we can have three people for every shift Monday – Friday. Thank you for everything you do to make our program successful.

Happy Valentines Month!

I LOVE YOU ALL!!!

Janie

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our volunteer docents are the heart of the Hellings Curry Museum, bringing Key West's history to life for every visitor who walks through our doors. Their dedication keeps our historic home open and ensures that the stories of the Key West Woman's Club, the Hellings Curry family, and our island's past are preserved and shared.

***Where would we be without them? Simply put....CLOSED!!***

Join Our Docent Team!  
WE NEED YOU!  
Love Key West stories?  
Enjoy meeting people?  
No experience?  
No problem.....  
we will teach you everything  
you need to know!  
Come by, be a porch sitter,  
soak up the history, its FUN!  
To get started, contact  
Jane Teitelbaum  
415-308-0236  
jteitelbaum@pacbell.net



***Our amazing volunteer docents leaving for the day after sharing our beautiful museum and our history with locals and visitors from around the world.***

**Monday**

**AM**

**Lora Wandras**

**Jean Shannon**

**Dianne Brendle**

**PM**

***Need one person to take this position***

**Kathleen Mahoney**

**Sue Lynch**

**(Judy Langowski to sub 2/16)**

**Tuesday**

**AM**

**PJ Eaton**

**Paul Eaton**

**Patti Carey**

**PM**

**Peggy Guidotti**

**Tunie Hamlen**

**Rebecca Lacey**

**Wednesday**

**AM**

**Cathy Hesse**

**Janie Teitelbaum**

**Teo Chapa**

**PM**

**Jody Gross**

**Nancy Romain**

**Janet Stampfl**

**Thursday**

**AM**

**Myra Ciardi/ Kathy Torrey**

**Joanne Garzarella/ Marlene Thorn**

**Rita Marshall/Susan Merrill**

**PM**

**Lonnie Gordon**

**Joan Shea**

**Louise Weithas**

**Friday**

**AM**

**Melinda Hudson**

**Susan August (Demetria Danielides will sub 2/6)**

**Susan Mitchell**

**PM**

**Francine Gittins**

**Eileen Kawaller**

**Mary Means**





# Tropical Luncheon & Garden Party

*A Taste of the Keys.  
A Touch of the Past.*



Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>



12:00pm - 2:00pm



Key West  
Woman's Club



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# DID YOU KNOW?



## THE HISTORY OF THE TROPICAL LUNCHEON

The **Tropical Luncheon** traces its roots back to the 1930s, when the Key West Woman's Club introduced the event as a winter-season fundraiser during the Great Depression. Even in difficult times, members believed in gathering with purpose, using the luncheon to support education, welfare programs, and civic projects throughout Key West.

By 1937, the **Tropical Luncheon** had become an established annual tradition. That year, when available facilities could not properly accommodate the event, the club made the decision not to hold the luncheon in its usual form. Instead, members hosted a supper at the Hospitality House on Duval Street.

Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, the **Tropical Luncheon** grew into one of the most anticipated events of the season. Known for its tropical décor, gracious hospitality, and strong community support, the luncheon played an important role in sustaining the club's charitable giving and the care of its historic home.

Nearly a century after it began, the Key West Woman's Club is proud to bring the **Tropical Luncheon** back on **February 8, 2026** honoring the generations of women who gathered before us to serve this island. From its earliest days to today, the Tropical Luncheon reflects the heart of our club bringing people together with purpose and tradition.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## WOMEN AND WINE WEDNESDAY

HOSTED BY



Jackie Sauter, Audrea Marion,  
Eliza Lewis, Diane DiBlasi,  
Jennifer Schwartzman,  
AnneMarie Forney, & Rosanne Firriolo

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**  
**4:30–6:00**

*It's easy to help host:*

- *Help with setup*
- *Bring one appetizer and one dessert (finger foods are ideal)*
- *Provide two large bottles of wine (1.5 liters—one red and one white) to share*
- *Stick around for cleanup at the end*

*That's it—simple, fun, and a great way to be part of the evening!*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP HOST THE NEXT WOMEN AND WINE  
PLEASE TEXT OR CALL OUR HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR**

**Roxanne Wood: 562-716-2786**

# COMMUNITY



## *Food Drive*

**Join us and make a difference in the lives of our fellow residents.**

We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items to help families within our own community..

**Key West Woman's Club  
319 Duval Street**





KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

# THE WEARABLE ART FASHION SHOW



GET TICKETS

@Keystix.com



FEB. 14th  
2026

2PM - 5PM

Join us as  
Epiphany Get Paid,  
Sushi & Queen Mitch  
step in as guest hosts.

Get ready for  
a one-of-a-kind  
local innovation  
live auction!



Hellings Curry Museum  
319 Duval Steet

**CONTACT BETINA JUSTICE  
TO VOLUNTEER**

**423-618-8284**



— 2026 —

# MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

**February 28, 2026**

at

**KEY WEST WOMEN'S CLUB**

**Check in 11:00 am**

**Play starts at 11:30 am**

## Cash prizes

**\$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00**

**Reservation fee \$30.00  
includes lunch**

**Limited to 36 players  
Rounds will be timed**

**Proceeds go to KWWC**

**Register with**

**Cori Ross 305 304 4250**

**Linda Badwey 508 498 8746**

**leave call back message if necessary**







THE KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

# Diamonds

*are a  
girls  
best friend*  
**Fundraising  
Gala**

**Saturday, March 7**

**HELLINGS CURRY MUSEUM  
319 DUVAL ST**

**6-10 PM \$150PP**

**OPEN BAR**

**FULLY CATERED DINNER  
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION  
LIVE MOTOWN AND JAZZ  
PERFORMED BY  
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**BLACK & RED**  
**MASQUERADE BALL**

**GLAM MUSIC & DANCE PARTY SET IN A MAGICAL VENETIAN CARNIVAL**



**MUSIC BY KIM GORDON  
AND HER ALL-STAR BAND**

**LED BY GRAMMY-WINNER  
TIM MAYER ON SAX**

**Join the Party of the Season and Win Prizes for the Best Mask and Best Ensemble**

**March 14 • 7:30 PM • The Key West Theater**

**Black Tie  Masquerade Costume  Keys Formal**

**Choose the best seats now online or at the box office**

**<https://thekeywesttheater.com/e/?event=1210858>**



**All to Feed Our Kids**

**Proceeds fund after-school meals this summer prepared by S.O.S. Foundation  
for our most in-need children**

**With your help, we won't let our kids go hungry!**  
**Become a Sponsor or Donate at <https://cffk.org/feedourkids>**

**A MUSIC WITH HEART, INC. EVENT TO BENEFIT THE S.O.S FOUNDATION.**



With special thanks to the Monroe County  
School Board and in partnership with the  
Community Foundation of the Florida Keys  
and the Key West Woman's Club

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF THE FLORIDA KEYS**





# 2026 Awards Luncheon

*Did someone mention  
going to Tiffany's for lunch?  
Well, you're in luck because that is our  
Awards Luncheon theme this year!*

## Breakfast Tiffany's

Our celebration will be held on **April 1, 2026** at the **Beachside Resort, 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, Florida**. Parking is available in the garage.

Our buffet menu consists of a Champagne welcome toast, Tomato Basil soup with breadsticks, Caesar Salad, Tomato Caprese, Penne Rustica, Chicken Parmesan, Gorgonzola Meatballs, Herbed Risotto, Brussels Sprouts and Cheesecake with fresh berries for dessert. Water and coffee are included and cash bar will be available

The cost is \$50 per person and reservations and payment must be made by **Friday, March 20, 2026**.

So, dust off your black hats and your little black dresses and join the fun! We look forward to another fun event as we honor our volunteers and members!

QUESTIONS...CONTACT  
ANNITA TSCHANZ 513-594-3711.  
LISA MENDITCH 240-463-2346



# JANUARY





# Plogging





# BOUCIE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY









## Mark Your Calendars

Feb 4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon – 1:00
Feb 8	Sunday	Tropical Luncheon & Garden Party	12:00 – 2:00
Feb 12	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00 – 8:00
Feb 14	Saturday	The Wearable ART Fashion Show	2:00 – 5:00
Feb 17	Tuesday	Pack the Bag	2:00 till finished
Feb 17	Tuesday	Book Club – The Nature of Fragile Things by: Susan Meissner	4:00 – 5:00
Feb 18	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Feb 26	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30 – 4:30
Mar 4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon – 1:00
Mar 7	Saturday	Denim to Diamonds	5:30 – 9:30
Mar 12	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00 – 8:00
Mar 14	Saturday	Black & Red Masquerade Ball	7:00 – 10:00
Mar 17	Tuesday	Book Club – The Many Lives of Mama Love by: Lara Love Hardin	4:00 – 5:00
Mar 18	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Mar 25	Wednesday	New Member Orientation	11:30 – 2:00
Mar 26	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30 – 4:30
Apr 1	Wednesday	Awards Luncheon	Noon – 1:30
Apr 9	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00 – 8:00
Apr 15	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Apr 18	Saturday	Donate art for “Art in the Attic”	
Apr 21	Tuesday	Book Club – The Art Thief by: Michael Finkel	4:00 – 5:00
Apr 22	Wednesday	Art from the Attic - Opening Reception	5:30 – 7:30
Apr 23	Thursday	Art in the Attic sale – Thru May 8 <sup>th</sup> (not Sundays)	10 - 4
Apr 23	Thursday	BOD Meeting	

Apr 26	Sunday	County Line Dancing Party	5:00 – 8:00
May 2	Saturday	Women Song writers perform at KWWC	4:00 – 7:00
May 8	Friday	Art in the Attic sale ends	10:00 am – 4:00
May 19	Tuesday	Book Club = The Nightingale by: Kristin Hannah	4:00 – 5:00