

# July 2025 Monthly Newsletter

## KEY WEST WOMANS CLUB



**PRESIDENT, AUNDREA WAGNER**



Happy July, Sisters!

I hope you girls are all soaking up summer, whether you are traveling, spending time with family, or just enjoying yourself here on the island. We miss everyone who's away and can't wait to welcome you back when the season picks up again.

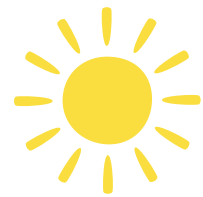
We are already cooking up big things for an unforgettable 2025–26 season. One exciting new addition this fall: we are bringing in dynamic guest speakers to speak on conversations that matter. Mark your calendar for November 13th when we will be teaming up with one of our Business Members, Mount Sinai, for a powerful presentation on Breast Density Awareness featuring Dr. Katrina Rabinovich. Dr. Rabinovich will break down what breast density really means, how it impacts mammograms, and why this is something every woman should know. It's going to be eye-opening, informative, and possibly even life-saving.

Mark your calendars now: our first meeting back is the first Wednesday of October, and this year, we are asking everyone to bring a bottle of wine or liquor to help us restock the bar for Fantasy Fest. Think of it as a festive contribution to the cause—one sip closer to supporting our mission!

Speaking of Fantasy Fest... this year's Nightgowns & Nightcaps Parade Viewing Party is shaping up to be pure magic. If you haven't checked out the details yet, be sure and do so. With our event chairwomen, Dee Johnson and Diane May, it's going to be a one-of-a-kind pajama party, that you do not want to miss!

As we take a break from regular Club meetings, the Hellings Curry Museum will remain open, except for a short summer rest. We will be closed July 20 through August 16 to give our amazing docents a much-deserved breather and to freshen up Eleanor so she's looking her best come fall.

Thank you for being part of this sisterhood.



*with Gratitude and Sunshine,  
Andrea*



# WOMAN OF THE MONTH

**JULY 2025**

*Kathryn Norris*



Kathryn is an example of what it means to show up with heart, vision, and commitment. She currently serves in our Membership Department, where she will continue to work her magic—and so excited to share that she's also joining our Marketing Team! Kathryn recently co-chaired the Bougie High Tea, leading the charge on our \$25,000 Take Stock in Children scholarship, an incredible first for our club. Her creativity, leadership, and passion for giving back have made such a difference, and we are so lucky to have her as a KWWC sister. I asked Kathryn a few questions about what drew her to the Key West Woman's Club, what keeps her inspired, and what causes speak to her soul. Here's what she shared:

***Where are you from and How long have you been in Key West?***

*I grew up in Atlanta, GA and came down for Spring break in 1994 and stayed for 3 years only to return in 2008 and never looked back!*

***How long have you been a member of the Key West Woman's Club?***

*My first luncheon was October 2021 and I joined in February of 2022*

***What inspired you to join our club?*** *To feel like I'm contributing to our community, to help others, and meet like minded strong women!*

***What is your favorite aspect of being a part of the Key West***

***Woman's Club?*** *The smiles I see at the club, watching the checks being handed out to the community non profits, and of course being given the opportunity to raise funds for our first TSC scholarship. (save the date: Jan 17, 2026)*

***Background, Hobbies, Interest-*** *I have a background in hospitality and an MBA in sales. I enjoy working out, traveling, and spending time with my family and that includes all the fabulous KWWC sistas!*

***What causes are important to you?*** *Scholarships for children, equal rights for all, affordable healthcare and housing!*

***Fun facts about you, something unique or favorite book, movie, travel destination etc.*** *I volunteered with "Sugar" the dolphin at Sugarloaf lodge and I used to feed the dolphins there. I worked at Zoo Atlanta and met "Ivan" the gorilla and even got to feed him a peanut. I have run for political office and worked for Congress during the pandemic in 2020. I love Ireland and plan on applying for my Irish citizenship so I can spend summers there in the future!*



**Kathryn, you are a**

*Total RockStar!!!!*



# CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

*Cir 1899*



*319 Duval Street, Key West*



**2025**

A cornerstone of Key West's architectural and civic heritage. Constructed in 1892 by Captain Martin Hellings and Eleanor Curry Hellings, this historic residence has played many roles over the decades — a family home, a public library, a wartime sewing room, Henry Flaglers overseas railroad celebration headquarters and now, the Hellings Curry Museum.

Since 1941, it has served as the headquarters of the Key West Woman's Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to community betterment and historic preservation. This house is more than a landmark — it's a living record of service, resilience, and leadership.



# A NOTE FROM JANIE

I don't know about you, but unless I'm traveling somewhere I never look at Trip Advisor. Well, the other day, Marlene Thorn, one of our Docents, and the head of the Marketing Committee, pointed out that we (the Hellings Curry Museum and its Docents) have been getting great reviews on Trip Advisor.

Who knew??? Here are just a few:  
"Do not miss this gem on Duval Street "

"The tour guide was incredibly knowledgeable on the history of Key West and the house/museum."

"The tour guide (Peggy?) was very friendly and knowledgeable about the history and it was clear that she took great pride in sharing this special place."  
"Do not pass up this free tour of the Curry Mansion. It is packed with interesting facts and tid bits about the house and Key West in general"

"We absolutely loved the tour that Patty gave us. We loved learning about both the history of Key West and the house itself. We got great local recommendations for the rest of our day. Seriously, so glad we stopped here!"

"Stopped in as interested in period architecture – did not disappoint! Very informative tour summarizing its rich history with many points about Key West too."

Reading these reviews just made my day. If you want to smile, just go on Trip Advisor and look up THINGS TO DO IN Key West and scroll down to the Hellings/Curry Museum and you will be pleasantly surprised.

## NOW, FOR THE SCHEDULE:

You will notice that the schedule is for two months, July and August. That is because Aundrea and I decided to close the house for four weeks – two in July and two in August- to give you guys a break and to give Aundrea some time to put some finishing touches on the house without anybody in the way. If you are a docent and are going to be away, and I don't have a record of it, please let me know. We have only six Docents in town and available to substitute this summer.

If you would like to become a Volunteer Docent please reach out. Thanks for your help.

Janie



JANIE TEITELBAUM  
MUSEUM DIRECTOR



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Volunteer docents are the Heart of the Hellings Curry Museum, bringing Key West's history to life for visitors. Their dedication makes our historic home a popular attraction and helps preserve the stories of the Key West Woman's Club, the Hellings Curry family, and our island's past.

## Where would we be without our amazing Docents?

Docents are more than just friendly faces with fun facts about history, they are our magic behind the scenes. Thanks to their time, and commitment we keep our museum status, stay eligible for restoration grants, and give guests the kind of experience that has them telling friends, "You have to visit!" **KWWC Docent Schedule –July-August**

### Tuesday

AM

PJ and Paul Eaton (need sub 8/17)  
(Vicki Golay to sub 8/26)  
Patty Carey, (Jennifer Glynn to sub 6/17-7/22)

PM

Peggy Guidotti (need sub 7/15)  
Rebecca Lacey

### Wednesday

AM

Connie Hunter( need sub 7/16)  
Teo Chapa

PM

Jody Gross (Kathy Corey to sub 7/7  
and Karen Leonard to sub 7/16)  
Nancy Romain

### Thursday

AM

Myra Ciardi/Kathy Torrey  
Joanne Garzarella/ Marlene Thorn

PM

Francine Gittins  
Eileen Kawaller

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](mailto:jteitelbaum@pacbell.net)







# SPREADING KINDNESS



Kindness has a way of finding us, often when we're simply going about our day. Jimmy and I were recently at an estate sale when we came across a 1880s vintage spyglass. I was in the process of purchasing it when I mentioned it would be going to the Hellings Curry Museum, home of the Key West Woman's Club. The gentleman running the sale, from Island Antiques on Fleming Street, paused and asked, "Do you happen to know Dawn Martin?" As it turns out, he used to be Dawn's neighbor when she lived in Key West. When I told him she was one of our past presidents, his face lit up. "What a wonderful organization," he said. "You ladies help so many." And with that, he handed me the spyglass and insisted we take it as a gift—for the museum, for the community, for the good work we do.

Now that antique spyglass is proudly displayed in our Museum, a piece of the past made even more meaningful by the kindness that brought it to us.

To our generous friend at Island Antiques: thank you for believing in what we do! Your kindness is now part of our story, and our history.



# SAVING ELEANOR



Scraping off the old paint and applying new, Nothing like a fresh coat to make an old gal feel brand new!!





## **Marketing Committee News:**

This is a shout out to our Marvelous Marketing Committee, their creative ideas and the work they have done over the past 3 years. Did you ever wonder how all our events are publicized, sold out, and held in such high regard by the Community and fun? How we are able to raise funds that are contributed to the Community and raise funds for Saving Eleanor? Well...one way is through our excellent, creative, and fun Marketing Committee members.



Marlene Thorn

Meet the Committee: Vice President Marlene, coordinates and tries to manage all the ideas...including her own, President Aundrea, provides overall information, makes decisions on the spot in the Committee, designs logos, ensures the Facebook pages are updated and manages the DropBox to ensure that our history is maintained, and writes our newsletter. Vice President of Communications Stacie Gleason, manages the two websites and gets the KWWC Newsletter out, Patti Neyra, Director of Marketing and Sponsorships and Business Memberships lands sponsorships for our events and Business Memberships and coordinates the communications and benefits they receive and informs organizations of about our events, Kim Livingston who is creative adding a wealth of consulting support and non-profit information, Kathy Hemmesch, contributes and researches merchandise ideas, built our Historic Celebration website and ensures that the KWWC Calendar is posted on the website, Joanne Garzarella, brought in our Instagram and Trip Advisor and Google Reviews and creates events for children at our family events, Sheila Cullen ensures our events are published in the various newspapers, Becki Balcer writes press releases, and Jill at Daily-Plan-It also us provides with marketing support. Other members, Kathy Molina, Francine Grittins, PJ Eaton, Regina and Mary Kay Treasurer contribute to all of the above activities and tasks. We want to thank the Janie Teitelbaum and the Docents for all the work they do spreading our history, the KWWC mission, and selling the merchandise and the Restaurant Cards during the year.

Welcome to the Marketing Committee fall of 2025:

Liz Calkin – Joins the Marketing Committee will lead KWWC participation and volunteers in the weekly Waterfront Market and Artisan Markets for our merchandise sales, including selling The KWWC Cookbook and the Restaurant Card. Please contact Liz or me if you are interested in volunteering for this active. It is a wonderful community out- reach and publicity for the KWWC, increases our funds, and you get to know the volunteer members.

Kathryn Norris – She also joins us, and while specifics are still under discussion will provide coordination assistance with all of us on the Committee to ensure our publicity vehicles: websites, social media, Instagram, print, radio, and communication email blasts with organizations are all coordinated in a timely fashion. She will add to the overall fun and joy of the Membership Committee.

# COMMUNICATIONS

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## Book Club



**STACIE GLEASON**



### **Book Club**

A small but mighty group meet for our May Book Club.

July 15 - "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

Aug 19 - "Isola" by Allegra Goodman

Sept - skipping this month

Oct 21 - "Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting" by Clare Pooley

Nov 18 - "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki

## **WEBSITE - PERSONAL INFO**

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN OUR MEMBERS SECTION THERE IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN ADD PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF LIKE HOBBIES AND SUCH. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD PERSONAL INFORMATION PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO

**KWWCSTACIE@GMAIL.COM.**

# BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## HELLINGS CURRY MUSEUM

Please join me in welcoming our new bronze business member Ocean Blue Galleries located at 109 Duval Street. Ocean Blue Galleries Key West presents breathtaking art from around the world with over 50 years combined experience in specializing in the art world, they have built a coveted reputation of networking and representing many of the top selling & most collectible artists from around the country & overseas. For details regarding live artist shows go to <https://www.oceanblue.gallery/upcoming-artist-shows-key-west/>.



PATRICIA NEYRA

If you would like to join this amazing group of business members please contact

**Board Member**

**and Business Membership Chair**

**Patricia Neyra at**

**[KWWCmarketingdirector@gmail.com](mailto:KWWCmarketingdirector@gmail.com)**.





# CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

Happy 4th of July!

I hope you're enjoying a fun summer filled with family, loved ones and vacations. Our first membership meeting of the new season starting in October will be here before we know it. And that's the perfect month to invite your women friends who you think might like to join the club.



KIM GORDON

We'll welcome them as guests for three meetings, then they can submit their applications for induction and become new members. All before the end of the season.

If you receive this newsletter and haven't yet become a member, please visit our website [www.keywestwomansclub.org](http://www.keywestwomansclub.org) and click on the Membership tab at the top. You'll find all the helpful information you need right there, including an application. Don't worry if you haven't already got two friends in the club to sponsor you. By the time you've completed your volunteer hours and attended meetings, you will have many new friends eager to become your sponsors.

Once you've completed your ten or more volunteer hours and have attended three general membership meetings, please fill out your application right online, print it out and have it signed by your two sponsors. Then email the application to me at [KwwcMembership@gmail.com](mailto:KwwcMembership@gmail.com).

Contact me anytime with questions. And I'll see you at the club this summer!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**HOSTED BY**

**MINDY SCHNIIENI  
KEITH DODSON  
VALERIA MCCALL  
DONNA FARROW**

**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO WOMEN & WINE!**

**GATHER WITH US FOR OUR MONTHLY  
WOMEN AND WINE EVENT IT IS ALWAYS  
A FUN EVENING. BRING A FRIEND, SIP  
ON DELICIOUS WINE OR A REFRESHING  
MOCKTAIL, AND ENJOY LIGHT BITES  
COURTESY OF OUR FABULOUS  
HOSTESSES.**

## BE A HOSTESS!



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
HELP HOST THE NEXT  
WOMEN AND WINE  
PLEASE TEXT OR CALL  
ROXANNE WOOD  
HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR  
562-716-2786**

**IT'S EASY TO 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!**

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

# BINGO!

## AND ICECREAM

## POINCIANA GARDENS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

*1664 DUNLAP DR  
KEY WEST, FL 33040*

The Key West Woman's Club proudly sponsors  
MONTHLY ICE CREAM and BINGO social

## SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00PM

JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM AND GOOD COMPANY AT  
POINCIANA GARDENS—OUR NEIGHBORS THERE  
WOULD LOVE A VISIT, AND YOUR SMILE MIGHT  
JUST MAKE THEIR DAY.

**JULY, 12  
6:00PM**



Contact:

Sandy Higgs

305-797-6992

Or Susan Collier

609-425-0064



SAVE THE DATE



# Nightcaps & Nightgowns

*a Moonlight Pajama Party*

## Fantasy Fest Parade Viewing

Saturday, October 25, 6:00pm-10:00pm

### Two Premier Seating Options

#### VIP Velvet View: \$350 pp

- Reserved VIP table seating with prime parade viewing
- Signature welcome cocktail
- One premium drink ticket
- Evening hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dessert treats, Chocolate Fountain
- Access to Eleanor's Elixirs at The Martini Dream Bar

#### Star Light View: \$250 pp

- Reserved seating
- Evening hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dessert treats, Chocolate Fountain
- Access to Eleanor's Elixirs at The Martini Dream Bar

## One night, One view, One Unforgettable Pajama Party!

*Themed Attire Encouraged Nightgowns, Pajamas, Robes, Glam Onesies, Feathered Slippers—If it Sparkles, it's welcome*

**Tickets are limited! Reserve yours now!**



319 Duval Street  
Key West, FL 33040



<https://keystix.com>



# Understanding Breast Density

SAVE THE DATE!

## AFTER HOURS

SUPPORT WOMENS HEALTH



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
HELLINGS CURRY MUSEUM,  
HOME OF THE  
KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB  
319 DUVAL STREET, KEY WEST, FL 33040**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Katrina Rabinovich, as she presents vital information on breast density and its impact on breast cancer screening and diagnosis. Learn why understanding your breast density matters—and how it could help save lives.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Free Event sponsored by

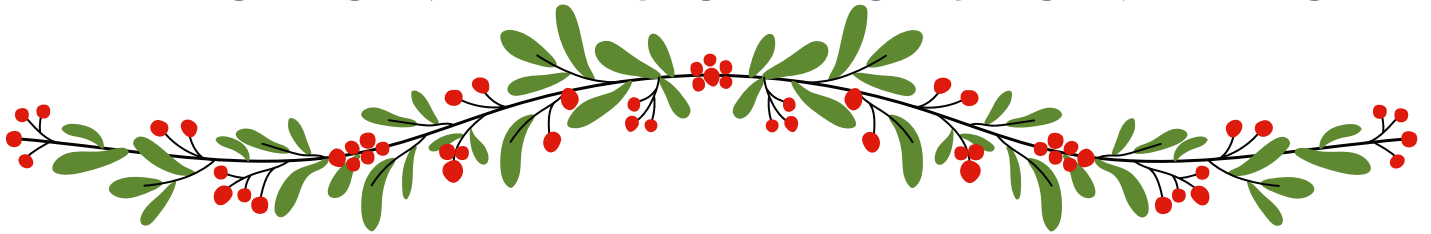
**Mount Sinai**

**MEDICAL CENTER**

RSVP AUNDREA 423-304-8982



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## Calling All Holiday Helpers!

It's time to add some Key West sparkle to Eleanor! We need many hands to deck-out our clubhouse and museum. Come join us to get in the holiday spirit, have some fun and transform our historic halls into a holiday showplace!

### DECORATIONS GO UP

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2025**  
**10AM-UNTIL FINISHED**

### DECORATIONS COME DOWN

**MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026**  
**10AM-UNTIL FINISHED**

SIGNUP ONLINE OR IN THE  
WORKROOM



**Contact:**

**Wendy Van Der Wegen**

**262-309-1912**

**or**

**Jane Goble**

**803-602-8342**





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Key West Woman's Club

### OPEN HOUSE

Join us for  
Appetizers, Desserts, and Amsterdam Eggnog!

Music Presented by:

*Bahana Village Children's Choir & Key  
West Community Orchestra*

Donations of unwrapped, new clothing items for  
students K-12 appreciated

Sunday December 7, 2025

3:30-6:30



THE KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB  
IS BRINGING FESTIVE CHEER W  
A BRAND-NEW EVENT ON  
DECEMBER 6, 2025!

European-Style  
**Holiday  
Market**

Get ready to spark your holiday spirit and  
let those creative juices flow!

We're inviting members to donate hand-craftt  
holiday gifts and homemade specialties – perfect  
for seasonal giving.

☀️ All proceeds benefit our Saving Eleanor campaign ☀️

Want to sell your own creations?  
Members are also welcome to reserve  
a table and showcase their wares!

Questions? Contact Annita Tschanz at [argail.com](mailto:argail.com)



## BOUGIE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



Live Music  
Fun Contests & Prizes  
Cocktails  
Wine & Champagne  
Beautiful Decor & Tea

Finger Sandwiches  
Petite Quiches  
Salads  
Scones & Cream  
Desserts

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 17, 2026**

KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

## THE WEARABLE ART FASHION SHOW

COMING SOON



LIVE AUCTION  
LOCAL INNOVATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDS

**FEBRUARY 14,  
2026**

Hellings Curry Museum  
319 Duval Street





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**KEY WEST  
BEAUTIFUL**  
BEST AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



# Plogging the Keys

A healthy you.....A healthy planet

**Early Bird Clean up  
Duval and Eaton  
Streets hosted by the  
Key West Woman's  
Club**

**January 9, 2026  
8am-9am**



# Gala

# Denim to Diamonds

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026**



# WOMEN AND WINE WEDNESDAY





# PRIDE PARADE VIEWING

## JUNE 29





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