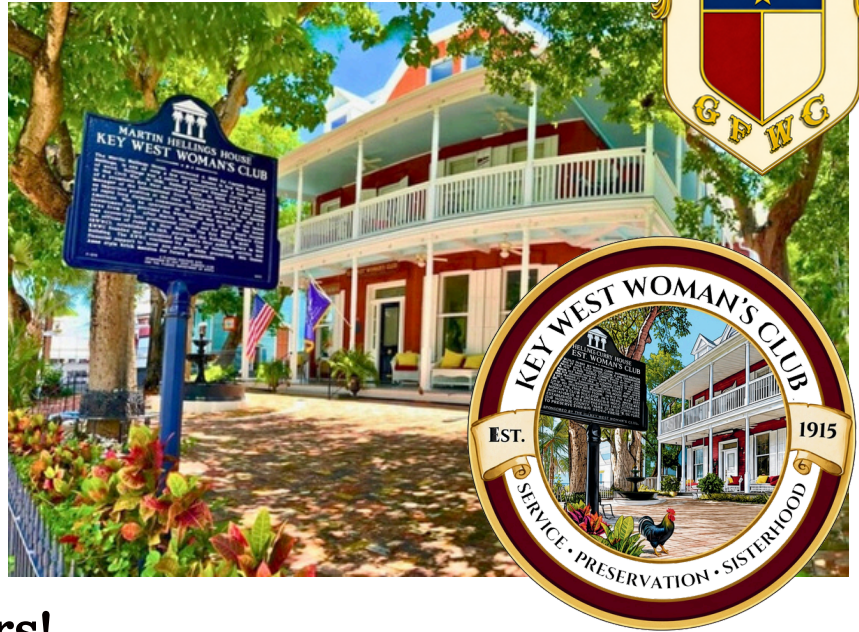


KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB



PRESIDENT, AUNDREA WAGNER



Happy September Sisters!

Our new Club season is almost here, and I am so ready to welcome everyone back! After a few months apart, I hope you are ready to come together again and get things done! I know that I am.

Our first membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, at noon. October's theme is The Power of Sisterhood, and I cannot think of a better way to begin our year. Please wear pink as we recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month and honor the strength and support women give one another. 

This time of year also makes me think about the women who have found their way to our Club from so many different places. We each bring our own stories, talents, and experiences, but we are brought together by friendship, service, and a shared love for this community.

We have another wonderful season ahead of us, filled with opportunities to support local organizations, help our schools, raise scholarship funds, care for Eleanor, and continue the work of the women who came before us. Every member has something special to offer, and everything we accomplish begins with women willing to step forward and help.

I hope you will join us on October 7 ready to reconnect, welcome our new members, and find a way to be part of the year ahead. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and beginning another season of fun, sisterhood, service, and giving back to this amazing community.

*with Gratitude and Sunshine,
Aundrea*



WOMEN GET THINGS DONE



Spreading Sunshine

This Summer's Community Impact

At the Key West Woman's Club, spreading sunshine is more than a phrase—it is what we have been doing since 1915. Through donations, volunteer service, and community partnerships, we proudly support local nonprofits, schools, and organizations that make Key West a better place.

Our Restaurant & Theatre Tour Card sales, now in its 21st year is our largest source of fundraising income and makes much of this charitable giving possible. Every card sold helps us put more money directly back into our community and continue our 111-year tradition of women helping others.

A Positive Step of Monroe County, an organization helping local young people and families build stronger futures. Its programs include mentoring, family support, and the Idle Hands Summer Youth Employment Program, which provides Key West High School students with paid summer jobs, job training, and real-world experience.

Alex Vega Key West Firehouse Museum, a local nonprofit dedicated to preserving an important part of Key West's history. Housed in historic Firehouse No. 3, the museum honors generations of local firefighters through rare artifacts, historic equipment, photographs, and the stories of the men and women who protected our island

Area Health Education Center. Keys **AHEC** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps Monroe County children receive medical and dental care, regardless of their families' financial circumstances.

Key West Business Guild & WomenFest 2026 a nonprofit organization that promotes LGBTQ+ tourism, supports welcoming local businesses, and strengthens Key West's inclusive community.

Anchors Aweigh Club, a nonprofit recovery clubhouse that has provided help, fellowship, and a safe place to gather for more than 40 years. With over 50 twelve-step meetings held each week, Anchors Aweigh offers steady support to residents and visitors working toward recovery.



CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

Marie Louise Cappick

The Woman With the Idea in 1915

Marie Louise Cappick is credited with the idea that sparked the formation of the Key West Woman's Club.

In 1915, she helped bring together the women who would form the Club. When the Club was formally organized on May 3, 1915, Laura Moreno was elected first president and Marie became the first Corresponding Secretary.

Marie was far more than a founder. She became known as a newspaper reporter, author, poet, historian, artist, and civic servant.

During the Spanish-American War, she prepared dispatches from Cuba for British correspondent George Clarke Musgrave.

She interviewed notable figures including William Howard Taft and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

She wrote fiction inspired by Florida Keys pirate lore and poetry that captured the spirit and beauty of the Keys.

At Judge Jefferson Browne's request, she spent many years compiling a detailed history of Key West.

Marie served for many years as secretary of the Civil Service Board, worked as a Post Office clerk, and was an official U.S. Weather Bureau correspondent for the Gulf to Hatteras area.

In 1934, she founded and published the literary magazine *Paths*, which featured South Florida writers and her own keen observations of island life.

She also served as a local representative for the Florida Historical Society.

Much of her work and legacy—her writings, papers, and publications—are now preserved by the Florida Keys History Center for future generations.



Marie Louise Cappick



Marie Louise Cappick, far left, with members of the Key West Woman's Club at the Club's 25th Anniversary celebration, 1940.

COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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HER LEGACY

Marie Louise Cappick devoted her life to Key West—its people, its stories, and its history.

Through her writing and service, she preserved our heritage and inspired future generations.

Her vision and dedication continue to shape the community we call home.

KWWC MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello, fellow members!

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on October 7 for our first membership meeting of the 2026-2027 season. We have a wonderful year ahead and plenty of opportunities to get involved, reconnect, and serve our community together.



Kathryn Norris,
Membership

If you've been thinking about joining the Key West Woman's Club, we'd love to welcome you. Prospective members must complete ten volunteer hours and attend three meetings before applying for membership. Applications are available at www.keywestwomansclub.org and should be emailed to KWWCmembership@gmail.com by September 18 to be considered for October induction.

Current members: Membership dues are due by **October 1, 2026.**

And please feel free to invite a friend who may be interested in our Club. Guests are always welcome to join us for a meeting and luncheon and see firsthand what the Key West Woman's Club is all about.

Kathryn

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Stronger Together -
Preserving Our Past and Ourselves

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." ~Helen Keller

Our work goes beyond preserving a historic home. We are also taking care of ourselves and each other behind the scenes. Giving your time to a cause does more than just help the community, it helps you, too.



**Betina Justice,
Direstor at Large**

September is Self-Care Awareness Month. Shared projects feed the soul. Just like the short stories in "Chicken Soup for the Soul", our shared work reminds us of everyday kindness, love, and connection. It is a wonderful way to stay young at heart.

The Mayo Clinic Health System notes that regular volunteering lowers blood pressure and encourages active movement. Helping others reduces rates of depression and boosts overall life satisfaction. Volunteering connects you with local friends and gives you a clear sense of purpose. Keeping our spirits young!!

We are not only saving a home from the past. We are building a home for our future. Our team shines because of our unique skills. We are dedicated helpers of all kinds. Each of you serve as a beacon of hope for other nonprofits. We act as mentors and strong role models for the young women on our island, our future members.

The next time you feel stressed, rushed, or asking yourself, "Why do I do this", remember who you are. You are a volunteer for the Key West Woman's Club making a real difference. At the same time, do not forget your own needs. Being selfless does not mean you should push your personal self-care aside. Take time to care for yourself, too!!

Betina



New Membership Software

Exciting News — We're Moving to Neon One!

We're excited to share that we are transitioning our membership management and volunteer hour tracking to Neon One!

This new system will make it easier for members to keep their information up to date, manage their membership, and track volunteer hours more efficiently.

We also plan to use Neon One to send out our newsletter and, as we begin testing the system, send text message reminders for select events when you have signed up to volunteer. We'll start with just a few events as we try out this new feature and see how it works for our members.

Behind the scenes, Neon One will help us streamline communications, renewals, volunteer tracking, reporting, donation letters and overall recordkeeping.

Our goal is to make things simpler, more organized, and more convenient for everyone. We'll be sharing more information soon about how to access and use the new system!



Book Club

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of
every month
in the Wicker Room at 4pm.

Sept - None

Oct 13 - "This Book Made Me Think of You" by Libby Page

Nov 17 - "The Sober Diaries" by Claire Pooley

Dec 15 - "Christmas with the Queen" by Hazel Gaynor & Heater Webb

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

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 ensures that the stories of the Key West Woman's Club, the Hellings Curry family, and our island's past are preserved and shared.

The museum will be closed during August and September for a seasonal break. This will give our hardworking docents time to rest and recharge while we freshen up Eleanor and complete our kitchen project. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in October.



**Thank you Patti, Mary and Phyllis
for sharing our history and
keeping our museum open!!**



**Thank you Tiger
for keeping our beautiful
fountain clean and Beautiful!!**



Marketing Committee Update

The Marketing Committee has been busy getting ready for the fall season!

Liz Calkins and Kathy Hemmesch are working on plans for the markets, while Becki Balcer has our KWWC radio spots and upcoming appearances on US 1 Radio organized and ready to go. Kathryn Norris has prepared a press release to help spread the word about our radio presence.



Dr. Marlene Thorn
Vice President

Patty Neyra has secured sponsors for Fantasy Fest, is working on the Holiday Open House, and continues to bring in new Business Members for the Hellings Curry Museum.

Kathleen Goldstein and Becki Balcer are also working together to increase community awareness of the Woman's Club, especially the volunteer work and charitable giving our members do throughout Key West. Their plans include speaking engagements, social media, and other opportunities to share our story. And the list goes on!

There is a lot happening, and we appreciate everyone who is helping get the word out about the Key West Woman's Club and the work we do in our community.

Marlene

BUSINESS PARTNER NEWS

In 2024, the Key West Woman's Club introduced the Hellings Curry Museum Business Membership program, giving local businesses a meaningful way to partner with us in preserving one of Key West's most treasured historic landmarks while helping us carry out our mission in the community. As a Business Member, you will receive social media recognition, a feature in the Key West Woman's Club newsletter, discounts on venue rentals, and VIP sponsorship opportunities. We invite you to join our distinguished list of current Business Members who are working alongside us to protect history and strengthen our community.



Patricia Neyra
Business Membership

Please join me in welcoming our new Bronze Business Member

ISLAND LIFE REALTY EXPERTS!

As a local Florida Keys real estate expert, Jimmy Lane helps buyers and sellers navigate one of the most unique and desirable coastal markets in the country. He and his team provide guidance on everything from waterfront property considerations and flood zones to vacation rental regulations and neighborhood insights across the islands. With strong negotiating skills, up-to-date market knowledge, and a trusted network of local professionals, he is dedicated to making your real estate experience smooth, informed, and successful whether you are investing, relocating, or finding your perfect Keys escape. His lovely wife Natasha Lane is a member of the Key West Women's Club.

For a market update and team news go to their website:

<https://islandlifere.com>



SAVING ELEANOR



Saving Eleanor

As work continues in the kitchen, we discovered a few unexpected areas of rot and decay hiding beneath the surface. The good news is that everything is repairable and is being addressed properly. Historic houses do like to keep a few secrets, and Eleanor apparently had one more for us!



KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

Community Giving



The Teddy Bears Are Here!



Yes... they're still naked.

Our teddy bears have arrived, and now they are ready for a little Woman's Club magic. Each year, our members dress these bears before they are donated to local first responders, who keep them on hand to comfort children and others during difficult moments.



Why the naked bears?

They arrive plain and undressed so our members can lovingly outfit each one. What begins as a simple teddy bear becomes a small gift of comfort, kindness, and reassurance for someone who may need it most.



waiting for a wardrobe...

How you can help

- Pick up a bear
- Dress it with care
- Return to Club by December 1st
- Help send comfort into our community

The Teddy Bear Project is one of the sweetest ways our members give back. A dressed bear may seem like a small thing, but in the right moment it can mean the world.



Dressing a bear counts toward Club volunteer hours.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

October 7, Membership Meeting

Maxine will be unable to attend the October Membership Meeting, so Roxanne Wood will be coordinating the meal in her place. Volunteers are needed for: lunch setup and cleanup. We also need side dishes and desserts.

Contact: Roxanne Wood 562-716-2786

Women & Wine Hostesses Needed

We are looking for hostesses for the following Women & Wine gatherings:

October 14

November 18

December 16

Hostesses may sign up through the website, on the sign-up sheets in the workroom

contact: Roxanne Wood 562-716-2786

It's easy to help host:

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

That's it—simple and fun



Fantasy Fest Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers in October to work our Over-the-Fence Bar during the three days of Fantasy Fest. We need members to work shifts, help with setup, and join in the fun. Last year was a blast!! We dressed up, met lots of people, told them about the Key West Woman's Club and Hellings Curry Museum, sold drinks, and raised money for Saving Eleanor.

If you are interested in volunteering

Thursday 22, Friday 23, Saturday 24 afternoon or evening

Please contact me (Aundrea) 423-304-8982

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Museum/Docent Community Appreciation Reception Thursday, November 5 | 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Setup • Food & Drink Preparation • Bartending •
Welcome Desk • Cleanup

Demetria Danieldes: demetriadandy@gmail.com
Marlene Thorn: thornmarlene26@gmail.com

You may also sign up on the volunteer list in the House.

Supporting the Residents of Poinciana Gardens and Oasis at The Conch Republic

Twice a month, the women of KWWC come together to brighten the day for residents of Poinciana Gardens and Oasis at The Conch Republic with an afternoon or evening of Bingo, fellowship, laughter, and snacks. Volunteers help create a welcoming and joyful experience for residents, and KWWC provides a \$10 Publix gift card for each game winner.

Poinciana Gardens: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Oasis at The Conch Republic: 4th Thursday of each month,
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Please consider joining us as we share kindness with our neighbors, some of whom look forward to KWWC visits as a special highlight of their month. Come play, cheer, visit, and help us make a meaningful difference!

Contact Christina Chew 610-470-1176

DON'T MISS WHAT'S COMING UP

KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

2026-2027 SEASON

Welcome Back!

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE POWER OF SISTERHOOD



WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2026



12:00 PM



319
DUVAL STREET

FRIENDSHIP • COMMUNITY • SERVICE



Members & prospective members welcome



WEAR PINK!

In recognition of
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month

ROCK THE HOUSE!

Party Like a
ROCKSTAR

KEY WEST'S MOST EXCLUSIVE FANTASY FEST PARADE VIEWING PARTY!



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PARADE VIEWING



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COCKTAILS



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HORS D'OEUVRES



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RESTROOMS

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— KEY WEST —

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COME DRESSED AS
YOUR FAVORITE
MUSIC ICON!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 2026
6pm-10pm
\$350 PER GUEST

319 Duval Street, Key West



DON'T MISS WHAT'S COMING UP



Veterans Day Parade Watch Party

Come celebrate Veterans Day with us on Wednesday, November 11, from 3:00–6:00 p.m.! Members and their families are invited to watch the parade roll right past our front door on Duval Street while enjoying burgers, hot dogs, and plenty of fun! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

sign up or contact Roxanne Wood to volunteer 562-716-2786



HELP US WELCOME KEY WEST'S MUSEUM COMMUNITY

Thursday, November 5, from 5:00–7:30 p.m.

Spread the Word if you know a Docent, Tour Guide, Volunteer, Concierge or Museum staff member who should attend.

Contact:

Demetria Danielides —
demetriadandy@gmail.com

Marlene Thorn —
thornmarlene26@gmail.com

The poster features a warm, Italian-themed background. At the top left, a gold banner with the text 'KEYSTIX.COM' is set against a backdrop of red flowers and a building facade. The central text is framed by a decorative arch. The background includes a string of warm-toned lights, a large Italian flag on the right, and a scene of people in Italian attire walking on a cobblestone street. In the bottom left, there is a still life with a bottle of red wine in a woven basket, a glass of red wine, and a basil plant. The bottom right corner shows a decorative wrought-iron chair and more red flowers.

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KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB

WELCOME BACK!

Members only Party
AN ITALIAN EVENING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 6-9PM

DINNER • LIVE MUSIC • DANCING
FREE FOR MEMBERS + ONE GUEST

Italian attire encouraged

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Key West Woman's Club Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- **Sept. 10** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Sept. 24** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM

OCTOBER

- **Oct. 1** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Oct. 7** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Oct. 8** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Oct. 13** – Book Club – “*This Book Made Me Think of You*” by Libby Page – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Oct. 14** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Oct. 22** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM
- **Oct. 24** – Fantasy Fest Parade Viewing Party – Studio 319 – 6:00–10:00 PM

NOVEMBER

- **Nov. 4** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Nov. 5** – Docent Appreciation Party – 5:00–7:30 PM
- **Nov. 11** – Veterans Parade Viewing Party – 3:00–6:00 PM
- **Nov. 12** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Nov. 17** – Book Club – “*The Sober Diaries*” by Claire Pooley – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Nov. 18** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Nov. 19** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Nov. 21** – Welcome Back Party – 6:00–9:00 PM

DECEMBER

- **Dec. 2** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Dec. 5** – Holiday Market – 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- **Dec. 5** – Holiday Parade Viewing Party – 6:00–9:00 PM
- **Dec. 6** – Holiday Open House – 4:00–6:30 PM
- **Dec. 10** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Dec. 15** – Book Club – “*Christmas with the Queen*” by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Dec. 16** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Dec. 17** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Dec. 24** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM

JANUARY

- **Jan. 6** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Jan. 14** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Jan. 16** – Bougie Tea Party – 1:00–3:00 PM
- **Jan. 19** – Book Club – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Jan. 20** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Jan. 28** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM
- **Jan. 28** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM

FEBRUARY

- **Feb. 3** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Feb. 11** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Feb. 13** – Wearable Art Fashion Show – TBD
- **Feb. 16** – Book Club – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Feb. 17** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Feb. 21** – Tropical Luncheon – 1:00–3:00 PM
- **Feb. 25** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM
- **Feb. 25** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM

MARCH

- **Mar. 3** – Membership Meeting – 12:00 PM
- **Mar. 6** – Denims to Diamonds – 6:00–9:00 PM
- **Mar. 11** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Mar. 16** – Book Club – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Mar. 17** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Mar. 25** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM
- **Mar. 25** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM

APRIL

- **Apr. 7** – Awards Luncheon – 12:00 PM
- **Apr. 8** – Poinciana Gardens Bingo – 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Apr. 20** – Book Club – 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Apr. 21** – Women & Wine – 5:00–6:30 PM
- **Apr. 22** – Oasis Assisted Living Center Bingo – 2:00–3:30 PM
- **Apr. 22** – Board of Directors Meeting – 4:00–5:00 PM

Friendship • Community • Tradition