

Sixth scholarship awarded to BBHS senior

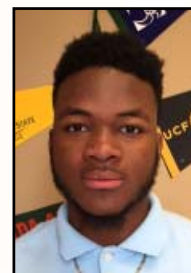
Another Boynton Beach high school senior will be getting a \$1,000 scholarship from the Boynton Woman's Club.

At its executive board meeting in early May and after the other five recipients were announced, Sebastien Edmond of Boynton Beach Community High School was selected to be this year's sixth recipient.

Sebastien has more than 1,000 community service hours, volunteering at such organizations as Five Thousand Role Models, Drug Free Youth In Town, Habitat for Humanity as well as being a

lector for his church. In the top 10% of his graduating class, he has been accepted at both Florida Atlantic University and Florida A & M.

His guidance counselor, Nadalia Charles, said, "He has challenged himself by enrolling in honors classes and has made the honor roll every marking



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Focus

Boynton Woman's Club's Newsletter

Michele Walter, President

June 2015

HELP

RETRIEVE MESSAGES

OR ENTER DATA

■ We need a member to call into the BWC office from home to retrieve our phone messages and pass them on to the appropriate member by phone or email.

■ We also need a member who likes to enter data on the computer so we can merge all the names for an invitation list for the GALA - simple data entry.

From the President

Our summer monthly lunches have begun! We had a great time and delicious food at Hudson's in Delray on the Intracoastal. Our next one is at Two George's on Thursday, June 11. Please join us for fun and conversation and no business.

We are so proud of our six scholarship winners. What accomplishments these young students have achieved and what potential for the future. Donna Artes and Denise Chamberlain attended the awards assemblies at each school for our winners. Great job Donna and Denise.

The GFWC convention was held in Orlando May 16-17. Kay Baker and Barbara Grimes delivered all of our Arts and Crafts Regional winners to the state contest. See page 5 for the results.

We are having air-conditioning problems in the dining room and might have to replace that air conditioner because it is more than 20 years old, the oldest one in the building.

Dell White has donated her expertise and repaired the two antique wicker couches on the landings. The bees are also back but thanks to Pat Waldron's eagle eye on the clubhouse, this

as well as Dell's involvement and many other things are being remedied.

We want to thank Barbara Wineberg for serving as treasurer and doing a spectacular job, as well as writing our Special Category Grant last year. We will miss her but might still see her around. If the Florida Legislature passes a budget with the Senate's recommendation, our Grant request will be filled. Barbara and Pat Waldron worked soooo hard on that grant and will be the administrators of the grant work. In case

the Florida House does not fund the grants as requested, Pat Waldron and Kay Baker have been hard at work on a Small Matching Grant with a deadline of May 31. I have been contacting our elected officials to re-issue their letters of support from the last grant with updated dates and information. The Boynton Beach CRA has agreed to be our source for the matching section of the grant. Keep your fingers crossed.

Thank you JoAnne Kriesant-Weld for stepping in and becoming our new treasurer. I look forward to working with you.

Barbara Grimes and Mary Fallon have been hard at work with next year's calendar and it looks terrific. The conservation trip is to the Morikami



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Membership meets twice monthly on Thursdays, October through May

ACTIVE membership

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*New members add \$25 fee application fee

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Boynton Woman's Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and the preservation of our historic building within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, and shall otherwise comply with any requirements under such section.

— Membership —

Dues \$60 are now OVERDUE

Another fiscal year has begun for BWC. We've accomplished a lot last year and hope to do more this year. Our membership dues this year are \$60...\$23 of which goes to the state leaving us \$37 per member for our expenses.



That covers printing and distributing the yearbook and newsletter and a few other things. Whatever is left, if any, goes into our general fund to pay for a whole myriad of things like office supplies, stamps, AT&T bills for our landline, etc.

Obviously it does not pay for everything which is why it is supplemented by members in different ways.

So please, if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so immediately.

Checks should be made out to BWC, mailed me at my home address or to the club's P.O. Box 1135, Boynton Beach, FL 33425.

During the summer, I will be vacationing but I will also be working on the yearbook. Your name will not be in it if I do not get your dues soon. Please send them out before you go on vacation. Thank you.

— Birthdays June through December—

JUNE 3	MARY SCHEITLER	SEPT. 20	MARIE SHEPARD
JUNE 5	MARIA FORASTIERO	SEPT. 23	DEVOTA SWENSON
JUNE 6	ALICE DEYOE	SEPT. 26	MARIE GENNACI
JUNE 7	BETTY-JANE LEE	SEPT. 27	DONNA ARTES
JUNE 10	ILIA LINDSAY	SEPT. 30	EEDDE McMURRAY
JUNE 20	CONSTANCE LEE	OCT. 6	LYDIA DELGADO
JUNE 24	CAROLYN SCHOCH	OCT. 8	WANDA KARAM
JUNE 27	BARBARA GRIMES	OCT. 10	EVELYN WEICKER
		OCT. 13	LILLIAN OSTIGUY
JULY 10	TAM PIPER	NOV. 4	MICHELE WALTER
JULY 11	JANET HAKALA	NOV. 7	JOAN WHITE
JULY 23	JEAN NOLAN	NOV. 12	ANNE WATTS
JULY 29	SUZANNE WEBER	NOV. 16	JUDITH KRUGMAN
AUG. 10	CONNIE KELLNER	NOV. 22	MARJORIE LINDGREN
AUG. 14	BETTY PAFENBACH	NOV. 26	ELIZABETH WEBB
AUG. 22	MARY FALLON	DEC. 4	KAY BAKER
AUG. 27	ELLEN POLLACK	DEC. 4	DORIAN TRAUGER
SEPT. 1	ANN SCHLOSSER	DEC. 8	BARBARA EASON
SEPT. 3	DARLENE CIALLELLI	DEC. 10	CHADDA SHELLY
SEPT. 15	DUSTY LUONGO		

► Scholarship

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period maintaining a 3.2 grade point average and a 3.4 honors point average. He always goes the extra mile.

Carmen Rosas, a school counselor said of Sebastien, "He is a focused student who places high priority towards his academics. He is friendly, cheerful and takes initiative. No matter the task, he always follows through with a smile. He is sure to have a very successful future."

Sebastien is the son of Djemps and Sylvana Edmond.

Next fun lunch is special birthday for Betty-Jane Lee

As you can see from the photograph, our end of Sseason lunch on May 14 was a huge success. We went to Hudson's in Delray Beach with its lovely view of the Intracoastal Waterway and great food. For those members who will be here over the summer, we're planning on having monthly lunches. The next one is Thursday, June 11 at Two Georges. This will be a special birthday for Betty-Jane Lee who will be turning 95 on June 7. Please join us. Pictured, from the left at Hudson's, are Jody Spinelli, Lillian Ostiguy, Barbara Erlichman, Chadda Shelly, Marie Gennaci, Maria Forastiero, Barbara Grimes, Mary Scheitler, Michele Walter, Lydia Delgado, Kay Baker, Ilia Lindsay, Pat Waldron, Evelyn Henry and Theresa Scutari.



►President

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Gardens. Mary Fallon will chair it. I will be organizing the trip to the Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale so we have many fun things planned for you. See page 6 for our proposed schedule and mark the events on your calendar.

The date of our Gala is Saturday, Feb. 20. The theme is "Copacabana." Stephanie Steiner and Judith Howard are co-chairs. Stephanie has already contacted the caterer, printer and band so things are off to a good start. Please help us by signing up for the Gala committee. You can do that by emailing Stephanie or me.



We will have another Silent Auction so contact Stephanie with your ideas or contacts for items such as restaurants, spa type items or golf packages. We also need an auction chair to coordinate things. In addition, we will be asking businesses to sponsor tables or cash sponsorships to support our restoration projects. Please give us the names of businesses that might be interested in supporting historical preservations in the community. If you have noticed a company that has been generous in the community, give us that name and we will contact them.

Get your tables together and we will have another fun, successful evening.

I want to thank all the members and the executive committee for helping and supporting me in my first year as president. I could not have done it without you. Your support of the Restoration and Preservation Fund was also outstanding.

See you at lunch this summer or in the fall. Stay safe, healthy and cool!

— Michele Walter

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Boynton Woman's Club



Roy Simon and his family thoroughly enjoyed our Gala in February which had a Roaring '20s theme. The 2016 Gala theme is "Copacabana." See you there? Pictured are Madison McLean, Blair Blanton, Roy, Charlene Simon and Laura Simon, all related to Roy.



Pictured in front of our stage curtain, from the left, are: JoAnne-Kriesant Weld, Michele Walter, Barbara Grimes, Lillian Ostiguy and Pat Waldron. Photo by Dennis Walter

— Historically Speaking —

In May, Michele Walter, Barbara Grimes, Lillian Ostiguy, JoAnne Kriesant-Weld and Pat Waldron attended the Boynton Beach Historical Society's Annual Inside Picnic at our clubhouse.

Bud's provided delicious chicken fingers, potato salad and cole slaw. BBHS members and guests brought side dishes or desserts. Drinks were provided.

We had a great time and saw other BWC members and friends there such as Nancy Hogan, Judith Howard, Voncile Smith and Harvey Oyer Jr. and family. Voncile received an award for editing the BBHS newsletter for 10 years. During an 8-

minute video, *Bud's*' owners were interviewed about the history of their long-time business in Boynton.

The BBHS had lowered the BWC's antique curtain on the stage so when we arrived Dennis Walter took a photo of some of us in front of it. It was interesting to see the business ads of former companies printed on the curtain. Roy Simon's father was instrumental in getting the curtain for the stage. His business ad is on the lower right of the curtain.

— Michele Walter

— Community Caring —

Another busy, enjoyable and successful year's end. Congratulations!

Our members have contributed 35 grocery bags of food and personal care products this year. I am confident that we can even do better this coming year.

Wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer and look forward

to seeing you in the fall.

On behalf of the underprivileged people of Boynton Beach, I thank you for your generosity and support.

— Terry Markey, Chairman



— Arts and Crafts —

Come on - be a little crafty this summer



The summer is beginning and I presume you are making plans for a relaxing time.

I just want to remind you that the Arts and Crafts exhibit is planned for January. That may seem a long time away, but now is the time to think about a project that you will enter in the exhibit.

Joan White has been very persuasive in her attempts to increase our entries.

This year we had 22 first place winners that were eligible to be entered in the District Arts & Crafts Show. At that show we had 8 first place winners that went on to the State Arts &

Crafts Show.

BWC had five winners at the state show (see below).

I noticed that the judges were not only looking for quality workmanship, but they seemed to be favoring the unusual...usually an unusual interpretation of a traditional craft. So get your thinking caps on.



— Kay Baker

Heading to the Nationals

Kay Baker and Pat Kropp both won the right to have their work go to the National Competition for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Pat won first place for her quilling exhibit and Kay won for her paper mache mask (both pictured above).

Below are the official results submitted by Kay Baker. She and Barbara Grimes traveled to Orlando at their own expense in order to submit all the entries.

Kay said, "The judges were really looking for the unusual. Yes, there was great craftsmanship, but that wasn't the primary reason for a blue ribbon."

Kay talked with the judges and will be sharing her conversations with the membership at a future meeting.

State GFWC contest

Category 1 - Ceramics: Kay Baker, Sculpted Face, 1st Place

Category 7 - Beadwork: Joan White, Honorable Mention

Category 9 - Decoupage/Collage: Joan White, 3-D Picture, no award

Category 10 - Miniatures: Joan White, Needlepoint, no award

Category 12 - Paper Crafts: Pat Kropp, Quilling Picture, 1st Place

Category 16 - Natural Materials: Mary Fallon, Shell Handbag, 3rd Place

Category 28 - Hand Embroidery: Joan White, Crewel Picture, 3rd Place

Category 93 - Photo - Feature: Kay Baker, Gondoliers, no award



Mother's Day shared

BWC member Susan Thein invited members and some friends to a Mother's Day Brunch. Barbara Erlichman said, "We enjoyed talking to them. They were equally interested in hearing about the Boynton Woman's Club and our events. Susan prepared a delicious brunch, which ended with a beautiful sheet cake that said Happy Mother's Day. Thank you Susan, for helping us all celebrate Our Day." Pictured from the left are Kay Baker, Michele Walter, Susan Thein, Barbara Erlichman and JoAnne Kriesant-Weld.

— Potpourri —

Beam me up Scotty

Last summer I was fortunate enough to visit my great grandson in Bethesda, Md. His dad, my grandson (Joseph Spinelli), named after my dear late husband, is a neurosurgeon at Bethesda Naval Hospital having graduated from the US Naval Academy several years ago.

It was a wonderful visit, having not seen young Michael since he was christened three years ago. My visiting time was drawing to a close so I asked my grandson if he would do me a huge favor by driving me past my old apartment building in Arlington where I lived for 10 years. I have not been back there since leaving the area and moving along with my life. No problem he said, so we headed out.

After about 45 minutes we finally found the location. I can't tell you what feelings I was beginning to have.



I walked into the large lobby, all glass front, lovely new furniture a coffee bar, new concierge desk and the beautiful modern marble floor which I had always admired. As I was standing in the middle of this lovely lobby, taking it all in, people were hustling and busting around me, coming in and out, with brief cases, books in arms, packages, etc. They all appeared to be in

the 20 to 40 year age range. I felt that I had been frozen in time.

No one paid any attention to the white haired woman standing alone in the middle of the lobby. I really can't describe the feeling; it was weird. I felt as if I was having an out-of-body experience. Recalling the many friends, some whom I still keep in touch with, the many adventures I had while traveling the country with my job. Loves, loses... I was back there again.

Then the gentleman at the desk asked if he could help me. I told him I was just visiting and reviving old memories as I was one of the first tenants to move in the building. We spoke for a while, he gave me a brochure and I suddenly realized my grandson was patiently waiting for me in the car.

As I started to leave, I stopped, took one more look around. It was as if I had gone back in time. Everything was the same in a sense, yet it was different. Then I realized - I had lived in this building more than 50 years ago.

How my life has evolved. I was in my early '20s, single with a great career ahead of me. Just think these young people have so much to live for and to do, if they only knew what lies ahead of them.

I walked out the door and as I approached my grandson's car my little great grandson, clapped his hands and shouted "Here comes Grandma Jody"

Beam me up Scotty!

— Jody Spinelli

— Reminders —

Don't forget those old eyeglasses. Put them in your trunk so you don't forget them. If they are broken or missing a lens, we can't use them. Thank you.

— Jody Spinelli, chairman

2015/2016 PROPOSED CALENDAR

EVENTS ARE ON THURSDAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE AT 9:30

LUNCHEONS ARE AT 11:30

TIMES FOR OTHER EVENTS TBD

SUMMERTIME FUN LUNCHEONS

JUNE 11 FUN LUNCH AT TWO GEORGES
MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF OTHER SUMMERTIME FUN LUNCHEONS WHEN THEY ARE DETERMINED.

OCTOBER

OCT. 1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCT. 8 BUSINESS MEETING
OCT. 15 TOUR OF SOUTH TECH ACADEMY
OCT. 22 LUNCH/PUBLIC ISSUES
..... - GUEST VIVIAN BROOKS, CRA
OCT. 29 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER

NOV. 5 BUSINESS MEETING
NOV. 12 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 9:30
NOV. 14 FASHION SHOW (SATURDAY)
NOV. 19 LUNCH - CORA HARPER STORY

DECEMBER

DEC. 1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (TUESDAY)
DEC. 3 BUSINESS MEETING
DEC. 9 . DECORATE FOR PAST PRESIDENTS' TEA (WEDNESDAY)
DEC. 10 PAST PRESIDENTS' TEA

JANUARY

JAN. 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (TUESDAY)
JAN. 7 BUSINESS MEETING
JAN. 14 DAY TRIP
..... - BENZAITEN CENTER FOR CREATIVE ARTS, LAKE WORTH
JAN. 21 ARTS & CRAFTS LUNCHEON
JAN. 28 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY

FEB. 4 BUSINESS MEETING
FEB. 18 LUNCHEON MEETING
FEB. 20, SATURDAY GALA
FEB. 25 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MARCH

MARCH 3 BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 10 DAY TRIP TO MORIKAMI MUSEUM
MARCH 30 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (WEDNESDAY)
MARCH 31 MAD HATTER'S TEA

APRIL

APRIL 7 BWC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 21 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH
APRIL 28 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAY

MAY 5 INSTALLATION LUNCH
MAY 12 NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MAY 20 - 23 GFWC Convention in Orlando