



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

a report to the membership



June

2025

Karen Goodman...In Memoriam

On May 1st we lost a long-time member, former Treasurer and President Elect, Karen Goodman to a long-term illness. Her club bio read:

I grew up in Detroit, Michigan, married and raised my family (a son and a daughter) in the Hartford, Connecticut area. In my forties, I returned to University, finished my undergraduate degree and went on for a Masters degree in Public Health. For 25 years, I was the President of a Consortium of 12 hospitals in the greater Hartford area dealing primarily with the training of physicians after medical school.

My partner of 21 years, Joel Caplin, and I moved to The Villages ten years ago. We are in our third and final home here in the village of Gilchrist. Together, we have four grandchildren in college and a toddler granddaughter.

Joel and I have been (pre-Covid) avid travelers, have loved visiting many wonderful places in this world from Machu Picchu to the sacred mountains of China. In The Villages, we both enjoy golf, playing bridge, Samba and swimming. My personal hobbies are painting and playing Mahjongg and canasta.

My first husband was a member of Civitan in Hartford (no women then), so when Betty Rohan invited me to join, I was not only familiar with the organization but was eager to do community service work. I love this group of women and all the wonderful work we do.



Karen will be missed.

Here is a photo collage of Karen in her club roles that was shared with the members at the June General Membership meeting.



The Club sponsored a very successful Bunco Party fundraiser on May 15th. Special thanks to the hard-working committee members Doris Field, Ilene Hyams, Mary Anderson & Betty Rohan who brought in over \$1,500 in earnings.



A number of Hometown members attended the walk on the 26th, including Deb McCoy & Daniella Nevells.

The Hometown "team" raised over \$700 for Best Buddies. Hometown was one of the leading fundraising groups. Thanks to all who participated in person and through your donations!



See our slider notation on our Website Home Page for a link leading to great advice to consumers from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



Go to the Video Channel on our Website to see the video on our 10th Year Celebration.

The video includes wonderful personal observations from many past and present club and international officers.



We learned about Days for Girls International and their program of feminine hygiene products production, distribution to areas of need, and hygiene education for girls and women around the world.



There will be no general membership meeting in July as we take our summer break.

Also, there will be no general membership meeting in August as a number of our officers will be attending the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Our next general membership meeting will be September 2nd at Evans Prairie Restaurant.