

GFWC FLORIDA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

ANNETTA SUE ALLEN
GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness

The perfect GFWC Volunteer of the Year is our Annetta Sue Allen! She is such a well known quantity in our local club, as well as in the GFWC State Organization! Sue's 2020 contributions to the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness are exceedingly overwhelmingly outstanding and exemplify the unselfish giving of her time, energy and talents for the target causes of our club work! This year, she has been a leader in all things GFWC locally and at State.

We must say that Sue Allen has been an active and celebrated member of GFWC for more than 35 years and has served in exemplary fashion as President of the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness from 2008-2010 and from 2016-2018. During 2020, she excelled in motivating members towards increased service to GFWC Projects and she has been one of the most enthusiastic community servants in our club! Her commitment to all of our club projects was unmatched! Also this year, she served as the current President's Project Chairman for District 5, together with her service to the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center. Representing our club, Sue attended almost every district/state meeting, even in such challenging times.

Specifically, during the 2020 service year, Sue Allen has significantly contributed to every single activity, service project, and fundraiser our club has sponsored. She has excelled in presenting novel and creative ideas for our club's functioning during the Covid 19 pandemic! In February, Sue co-chaired the major fundraiser, "A Dynasty of Fashion: A Chinese Cultural Experience" which was such a hit! She also donated and organized our first "Little Free Library". A group, including Sue, decided that we could meet by Zoom and still give assistance to shut ins as well as to nursing home residents through novel ways. She was keenly involved in our writing dozens of thank you notes to our county's first respondents. Even though we were not physically meeting, Sue enthusiastically encouraged our holiday Gifts To Needy Children project through the County Resource Center, as well as donations to the CASA Domestic Violence Center, and to the Key Training Center (Special Handicapped Center). We said, "...But we can't..." Sue said, "Yes, we can!" And so we did

Sue served as the Editor of our Club's quarterly Newsletter. Her products have been inclusive, creative, motivational, professional, and have greatly energized all of us towards ongoing service during the unusual months from March to December of 2020. In fact, because Sue is truly a talented computer graphic designer, the Newsletters have been such an effective hit with members! She has been clearly dedicated to the efficacious functioning of our excellent website. She works diligently with a volunteer professional webmaster and holds our title of Assistant Web Site Director. Also, most of the fliers for our club's work comes from her computer

During 2020, our Annetta Sue Allen designed and funded business cards for each of the club's officers, and also funded a new flag pole and flag for our club's outdoor garden.

When the club secretary resigned, Sue volunteered to fill in; she graciously worked with the garage sales and donated massive amounts of goods; recently, she engaged a substantive fundraiser, and resolved all of the related problems and issues as they surfaced; finally, she created a marvelous skit for our pending Suffragette Program.

Summarily, during 2020, Sue Allen has contributed volunteer excellence in all areas relative to the overall functioning of the GFWC Women's Club of Inverness, together with her exemplary District 5 and State work. Because of this, clearly she has demonstrated outstanding GFWC volunteerism, and is the ideal person for Volunteer of the Year!

What would we all do without our Annetta Sue Allen?