

Chaplain
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Hi Everyone “Living the Volunteer Spirit” by “Making A Better World for Every Girl”. This is going to be a brief review of the past two Meditation Times at our State Meetings. Also, This is the first notice to all DD's to please make a list of members who have passed away during the 2016-2018 GFWC FL Administration.

Following the tradition of our federation, the last meditation at Spring Convention 2018 will honor and recognize that volunteer spirit which highlight the lives of our members who have passed away while members of one of our clubs. I will need those names one month prior to the convention so names can be included in our remembrance folder. I know this is meaningful to all of us everyone will be included that is forwarded to me. Please include the District and Club name and full name of any members who will be honored and remembered that morning.

Now about this Fall Board Meditation time. It will be at 8 am on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome. This is a time of inspiration and a great way to begin the last day of our Fall Board. Following the theme of our meeting, we'll sing songs and have some uplifting thoughts about this beautiful state of ours that is filled with all types of beaches. Once again Linda Votapka will provide us with her talent on the keyboard.

The Fall Board 2016 fell on September 11th. As a tribute to those that fell that day and the way each American life was changed by that day of terrorist attacks we reviewed songs and sang them, that had been written and performed at times of attack, war, and patriotism. These included “My Country Tis of Thee”, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. “God Bless America”. Alan Jackson's “Where were you when the World Stopped Turning?” and Sammy Hagar's “Where Eagles Fly”. Each one of these songs/hymns from different American generations, was written by someone who loved their country. These authors were not the same, one a clergyman, one a woman, one a Jewish immigrant, another a poor southern American boy, another a descendant of Arab immigrants to America. All these Americans were writing music/hymns/poems of faith, hope, and response, to war which inspire the rest of us.

The Spring 2017 Meditation encompassed the idea of women of various faiths who were either born in the 1920's or came of age in the 1920's. Maya Angelou, Golda Meir, Mother Teresa, and others were tied to music of the 1920's. Mother Teresa, born in Macedonia, went to Ireland to become a nun, spent her life in Calcutta, India, Maya Angelou born in the U.S. Became a poet laureate for the United States and also was an entertainer, actor, dancer; Zelda Fitzgerald an American writer and poet. The theme of the Convention was Roaring 20's and tying the women who continue to influence our faith, and service to others along

with the hymns and music of the era they came from that still influence all of us today.

In our clubs, the chaplain sometimes needs a moment of inspiration, and also support . Many of our clubs and districts have a moment of inspiration, faith, prayer, or encouragement at each meeting. I hope Chaplains will look at what is planned for the meeting and tie into the theme of the day or program so that all the program can tie together. Looking at the theme, researching on the web, in books, or faith materials can make the meditation a moment of uplifting thought for everyone.

Sending Blessings to all our Clubwomen. Looking forward to seeing you in September, and as ever, Yours in Federation, Maureen.

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