

~Festival History~

The Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1981 by a group of local businesses and community members. The Hobe Sound Chamber is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that became organized to advance the prosperity of the Hobe Sound area. The Chamber provides a means to promote business, with emphasis given to the economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial and educational interests in the area.



With more than 500 members, the Chamber serves as Hobe Sound's official welcome and visitor center. Annual Chamber events include the Christmas Parade, Inside Hobe Sound Tour, beach and road clean-ups, and various business and community events throughout the year. The Chamber also sponsors the Hobe Sound Murals Project. In February of 2008, the Chamber moved into its permanent home and volunteers and staff are hard at work raising funds for a capital campaign building fund. The goal is to purchase the building by 2012. For more information, please call 772-546-4724 or visit www.hobesound.org.

The GFWC Women's Club is the founder of Dixie Dayz now known as the Hobe Sound Festival of the Arts. The club was started in 1992 and became part of the Federation that same year. The "General Federation of Women's Clubs" began in 1868 and is now in all of the USA and worldwide. (www.gfwc.org) The GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Registration # CH6698 and FEI # 65-0353439. GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club does not retain any donations for operating costs.

As Dixie Dayz grew, the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce became a partner. The two organizations split profits from the Festival, with the entire Women's Club share dedicated to local educational projects including: scholarships for high school girls, single mother scholarships, and educational activities at the library. The Hobe Sound Elementary Science, Music and Art departments, as well as three ESE classrooms at Murray Middle School have been sponsored by the Club, as has the Life Long Learning Center of IFSC. The club is currently working with the Hobe Sound Mural Project. The GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club sponsors the Children's Art Contest for the Festival, and each of the local elementary schools get the opportunity to participate. The winning artwork goes on T-shirts sold at the Festival with the profits being returned to the schools. The GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club is dedicated to community needs in our area. For more information please contact 772-463-2442 or visit www.hobesoundwomensclub.org.

