

The Scoop

April 2024

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2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters of GFWC, I hope that all of you are well and are enjoying the early days of spring. We have a busy month ahead of us. Lots of events are going on. We will hold the annual Mother's Day event for the children in Leesburg Elementary School on April 30th. We will be visiting Mayfield Assisted Living in April to help make fascinator hats, and help them plant flower seeds, too! We will be holding our May meeting at the Brick and Barrel in downtown Leesburg, to see if this might be an option for future meetings. The decision to change our meeting location will be up to you, our members. Please do your best to attend the May meeting. Quarter Auction meeting for fundraiser in October, will be held at the Colored Easel on April 29 at 10:00am. All members are encouraged to attend.

.....Rose Martens.....

MAY GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

The May meeting is at the Brick and Barrel located at 209 W. Main Street, Leesburg. The meeting will be held in a private room at the restaurant. The meeting fee (\$10.00) is waived for this meeting. Door opens at 10:30am and the meeting begins at 11:00am. There is no speaker, but several key items of business will be discussed. The following options will be available for lunch:

- Roasted Vegetable Flatbread
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich with Kettle Chips
- B&B Burger with Kettle Chips
- Fried Fish Sandwich with Kettle Chips
- Buttermilk Fried Chicken Tenders with Fries
- Entree Caesar Salad

Each of these items is \$12.99. The total with tax & gratuity is \$16.49. Water is included. Other drinks would be an additional charge.

2024-2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS CONFIRMED

At the April general membership meeting, Jean Brown (representing District 7) led the installation service for the newly elected Board of Directors.

President – Rose Martens

1st Vice President, Ways and Means – Barbara Howell

2nd Vice President, Programs – Linda Way

Secretary – Laura Hannam

Treasurer – Jane Ward

Investment Treasurer – Jean Rudderow

Supporting the Board are the following committee chairs:

Membership – Perri Cook

Chaplain – Bonnie Miller and Bunnie Davis

Arts and Culture – Darlene Violetto

Environment – Wendy Churchville

Health & Wellness – Lorna Fogg

Education & Libraries – Jane Ward and Rose Martens

Upcoming Events

April TBD

Arts & Crafts - Project: Fascinators for
Mayfield Retirement Center Residents
10:30am – 12:00pm
The Colored Easel

May 6

Board of Directors' Meeting
10:00am – 12:00pm
The Colored Easel

May 13

General Meeting & Luncheon
10:30am – 1:00pm
Brick & Barrel

May 21

Arts & Crafts - Project: TBA
10:30am – 12:00pm
The Colored Easel

May 26

Flags for Fallen Vets – Flag Placement
8:00am – 11:00am (or until done)
Florida National Cemetery - Bushnell

June 1

Flags for Fallen Vets – Flag Removal
8:00am – 11:00am (or until done)
Florida National Cemetery – Bushnell

August 28

Membership Recruitment Meeting
4:30pm – 7:00pm
Mote-Morris House (Leesburg)

Birthdays

May

2 – Sandy Wilkinson
8 – Laura Hannam
23 – Mary Zollner

July

16 – Missie Schork
21 – Jean Rudderow
23 – Darlene Violetto
31 – Pat Silverstein

August

15 – Linda Way
28 – Joan Nyarady

Civic Engagement – Bonnie Miller

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors and Committees.

2024-2025 BUDGET

The budget for the upcoming year was approved by the Board of Directors on April 1. The budget was then presented to the General membership at the April 8 meeting. The budget was unanimously approved.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Perri Cook who will take over as chair of the Membership Committee on May 1st, and a big thank you to committee members Janet Schroko, Mim Retzke, and Lucille DiSanto for their service on this committee. During FY 2023-24 we were able to hold a well-attended new member orientation at Perkins, and welcome new members with induction services at our monthly meetings. Congratulations to our newest members Concetta Germain, Arlene Golden, LisaMarie Provo, and Haven Power. I encourage everyone to consider serving on the committee and continuing to invite friends, family, and neighbors to the monthly meetings.....Barb Howell

Member Survey

Laura Hannam presented the results of the member survey at the April meeting. Comparing the results of last year's survey to this year, the club improved in several areas. The survey also provided areas where we can continue to grow. Rose Martens will be providing information on some of the areas the Board will be addressing.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Membership Committee is planning a special membership recruitment on August 28 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm at the Mote Morris House. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

2024-2025 Fall Quarter Auction

Our Board of Directors approved our next Quarter Auction, on Saturday, October 12th, at the Legacy of Leesburg Social Hall. Lucille DiSanto is providing the Auction flier, the Quilt Raffle flier (red, white, and blue for the Veterans), and the fundraising letter that can be used now that it is official. For those of us that are in a community, like Plantation, you can have the flier posted on your community network and on community bulletin boards. The sooner the better for everyone to save the date. We will begin selling Quilt Raffle Tickets shortly.

Fliers were distributed at the April meeting and all members are asked to begin posting them everywhere. When visiting businesses to ask for a donation, be sure to take a solicitation letter. It will be great having all summer to collect items. Each member is asked to donate two auction items valued at \$25 each.

Lucille distributed a Sign-up Sheet for everyone to sign up to be on one of the committees. We plan to make this event even more fun and bigger, so we will need everyone's help.

Our first Quarter Auction Planning Meeting will be on Monday, April 29th, at 10:00 am, at The Colored Easel, on Magnolia Street! If you have items for the auction, please bring them to the meeting.

If you have any questions, would like more fliers, or need more information, please contact Lucille at 585-409-1237 or disantolucille55@gmail.com

And finally, here is the link to our Facebook Event Page! Please go on and invite all of your contacts to this page!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/448279441007721?ref=newsfeed>

Forever Stamps

Jane Ward is taking over the Forever Stamps fundraiser. Jane is selling sheets of 20 stamps for \$10.00. Contact her for stamps at 352-638-8094 or janebultward@hotmail.com

Belk Charity Days

Belk is planning another Charity Days campaign in May. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the Club. Stay tuned for more details!

ANNOUNCING...UPCOMING DISTRICT 7 MEETING

A District 7 meeting is taking place on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am – 12: 45pm. The meeting is hosted by the GFWC Oviedo Woman’s Club (414 King St., Oviedo). The speaker is Diana Chia speaking on “Empowering Women”. Cost to attend is \$20 which includes lunch. Contact Jane Ward at 352-638-8094 or janebultward@hotmail.com for more information or to register for the event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mother’s Day Jewelry Event

The Club will once again be holding a Mother’s Day Jewelry event at Leesburg Elementary School. This is an amazing event. Students from the 2nd and 3rd grade classes will be choosing 2-3 pieces of jewelry for their mothers or the female figure in their life.

Volunteers are needed to work at the event which is on April 30 (approximately 8:00am – 12:00pm). If interested, please contact Jane Ward at 352-638-8094 or janebultward@hotmail.com

Flags For Fallen Vets



Flags for Fallen Vets at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell will be on May 26 (flag placement) and June 1 (flag removal). If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Becky Fadik at bfadik@comcast.net

2024-2025 Club Yearbook

A volunteer(s) needed to update the Club Yearbook for 2024-2025. The update needs to be completed by August 15. If you are interested, please contact Rose Martens at 352-446-6296 or martensrosalie@gmail.com

GFWC NEWS AND NOTES

For the latest updates on GFWC International, National, and Florida news and happenings or to learn more about the organization, visit the website: www.gfwc.org.

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