



# GFWC MOUNT DORA WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

# KEY NOTES

Suzanne Gibson

May 2023

Roseanne Miller

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

As we wrap up our 2022-23 year of volunteerism, I wish to thank all of you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure in serving our community. You have touched the lives of many.

On June 1, we begin our 2023-24 year. We are in the midst of strategic planning for next fall and are also planning several social activities for this summer. I hope you take the opportunity to join us in some fun and girl-chat.

We will celebrate our club's 104th birthday at our May meeting. Please make plans to attend, because it will be lots of fun!

Thanks for all you do! You are amazing women!

Suzanne



## Mount Dora Woman's Club Annual Membership Dues

GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club Annual Dues of \$50.00 is due this month.

Payment can be made on the website\* or at the May Meeting by cash, check, or credit card\*. If you will be paying by check please make out your check to GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.

\*A convenience fee of \$2.00 will be added to all credit/debit card payments.

If you joined after January 1, 2023 you do not have to pay again in May.



## MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 1  | Annual Membership Dues  |
| May 3  | Luncheon & General Meeting<br>Registration 11:30 am<br>Lunch at Noon<br>General Meeting 1:00 pm |
| May 14 | Mothers Day   |
| May 17 | ESO   |
| May 18 | Sunset Bingo  |
| May 29 | Memorial Day  |
| May 31 | Executive Board Meeting   |



To Benefit the Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties  
Tickets on Sale at the May Meeting  
See Page 3 for details

## Board Of Directors

**Suzanne Gibson**  
President

**Roseanne Miller**  
1st Vice President

**Therese Haberle**  
2nd Vice President  
Membership

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**Flo Fenneman**  
Correspondence  
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**Gina Conway**  
Arts & Culture, CH

**Sharron Semento, CH**  
Civic Engagement &  
Outreach

**Alison Horvath, CH**  
Environment

**Jerry Hardwick, CH**  
Education & Libraries

**Mary Groeller, CH**  
Health & Wellness

**Cathleen Arciero, CH**  
ESO Book Club

**Nancy Kennedy, CH**  
Way and Means

**Linda Urry, CH**  
Hospitality

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a nonprofit organization that brings together local women's clubs in a collective effort to strengthen communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.



# Community Service Programs



## Arts & Culture

Gina Conway, CH

Thank you to everyone participating in the Arts and Culture activities this past season.

We had another successful turnout for the Symphony production and will continue to pursue getting group tickets for these wonderful shows.

Thank you SOOO much to the volunteers who help at the Senior Center ... it takes a village! They allow local seniors to meet new friends and participate in fun activities.

Our committee is exploring additional ideas for next season and would love to have any new ideas for the coming year.



## Environment

Alison Horvath, CH

Has your neighborhood lost some of its trees? Ours has. Due to disease, re-design, new house builds, and other causes, our trees are fewer this year. Summer is coming; trees are our shade, ground, driveway coolant system, and aesthetic pleasure. Arbor Day is Saturday, April 22, so PLANT A TREE, watch it grow, enjoy it, and know you have done something good for the earth.



## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

Flo Fenneman

Thank you to all who gave me the names and addresses of people I should contact with a note from MDWC!

If you know of anyone who needs a ray of Sunshine please contact me.



## Education & Libraries

Jerry Hardwick, CH



The Easter Egg Hunt at the library was a big success. Over 500 children attended the event and had great photo ops with colorful eggs, the Mount Dora Fire Department, and the Easter Bunny!

Pictured above are Jerry Hardwick, Cathy Kautz, Suzanne & Terry Gibson, and Judy and Steve Streeter.

We are currently working on locating historical and treasured items used by the Mount Dora Woman's Club in past Club events. They will be on display at the W.T. Bland Library beginning in August. If you have any, please let me know.

Have a great summer!



## Health & Wellness

Mary Groeller, CH

Thank you to our members who donated gently used backpacks, duffel bags, and suitcases. The large bags were donated to the Haven Women's Shelter in Leesburg, and the smaller bags were donated to the Guardian ad Litem program. Both organizations greatly appreciated all they were given.



For anyone looking for a summer project, we will be collecting handmade blankets for the Linus Project at the October meeting. For more information, go to their

website [projectlinus.com](http://projectlinus.com).



We'll also be collecting handmade blankets for Camp Boggy Creek. These will also be collected at the October meeting. The blankets can be knitted, crocheted or hand tied, and the fabric must be 100% cotton. The dimensions can be either 35 inches wide and 40 inches long or 40 inches wide and 50 long.



# MEMBERSHIP

**Membership**  
Therese Haberle, Ch

Welcome to Maureen and Barbara! And a big THANK YOU to Jan (and other friends) for bringing us Maureen, and Donna Kelley for bringing us Barbara. I am so happy we are growing the club "by referral"! It certainly is making my job easy, and I hope we are all enjoying meeting new gals that share our interests in community service. I know I am!

I hope we have a strong "renewal" rate for our "next" year. Based on the level of activity and participation in various Club functions over the last few months, I am confident that almost all of you will return! Remember, our Club year goes from June 1 to May 31, so dues are now due!



**HOSPITALITY**  
Linda Urry, CH

Hospitality has been very busy planning some summer get-togethers....wine tasting, bunco, potluck, Dora Queen, the endless possibilities! We are also in the planning stage for next season. We're going to have some fun!

To finish this year, we would like to recognize the waitstaff at the Country Club with a tip box placed at each table. They sure work hard serving us! The amount of your donation will be for you to decide!



## SUNSHINE

## COMMITTEE

If you know a club member going through a rough patch and could use some TLC, i.e., a ride to the doctor, help with meals, a call, or a visit please let a Hospitality/Sunshine Committee Member know so we may bring some sunshine their way. Contact Linda Urry.



**ESO**  
Cathleen Arciero, CH

Hello Everyone! The next ESO Book Club Meeting is Wednesday, May 17th, 1:30 pm in the Community Room at the W.T. Bland Library. It's a fun read! No pressure!! Just come, bring a smile, and share your favorite author. We have fun, fun, fun!

Cheers Cathleen



**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
Nancy Kennedy, CH

Dear Ladies,

A friendly reminder that the last fundraiser of the Club's fiscal year is "Sunset Bingo" on Thursday, May 18, 2023. All proceeds benefit "The Haven." You can purchase tickets on our website or at the next general meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Your support is appreciated and necessary to produce a successful fundraiser, let's close the year out with a BANG! **Thank You!**

It was my pleasure to get acquainted with all of you talented ladies this year, and I look forward to another successful fundraising year together. A big thank you goes to all members, members of this committee, and all committees!! Together, our fundraising proceeds have reached those in most need of assistance.

Blessings,  
Nancy Kennedy  
"Ways and Means" Chair

Hosted by the GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.

# SUNSET BINGO

An Evening of Fun & Prizes to Benefit the HAVEN OF LAKE & SUMTER COUNTIES

Serving Victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Since 1977

**\$20.00 DONATION PER PERSON**  
Includes 4 Bingo Cards per Game  
(additional cards may be purchased)

**THURSDAY, MAY 18TH**  
Food & Drink Specials Starting at 5:30 pm  
BINGO STARTS AT 7:00 PM

THE DOG HOUSE  
201 W RUBY STREET  
TAVARES, FL 32778  
Located in the Key West Resort on Lake Dora

Purchase your ticket online at [gfwcmdwc.com](http://gfwcmdwc.com)  
Tickets on Sale at the May Luncheon

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## Announcements

*Happy Birthday*

5/3 *Suzanne Gibson*

5/6 *Kathy Jenkins*

5/14 *Nancy Kennedy*



### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



*Maureen Melvoid*

*Barbara Shaffer*

### SPOTLIGHT ON



#### CECELIA SANTOS

Cecelia was a military brat born at Fort Brooke, US Army base in San Juan, Puerto Rico and has lived in Florida for 34 years. She has a BA in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico, was a US Army National Guard member in the 1980s, and retired from the US Forest Service in May 2016. Cecelia joined the Mount Dora Woman's Club in 2017 and volunteers at Rafiki, the Mount Dora Senior Center, at schools, and helping her neighbors. Her hobbies are traveling, spending time with family, gardening, and playing with her fur babies, Skyler and Izzy.

#### *A Message From the Editor*

Another great year for the Mount Dora Woman's Club! THANK YOU for everything you do. Your dedication, your loyalty, your hard work and your diligence do not go unnoticed. You are valued and appreciated more than you will ever know.

I want to extend a big THANK YOU to all who helped me with the newsletter this year. Therese Haberle, Denise Mulcahy, Diane Cole, and Kathy Jenkins. I look forward to working with you for another year and welcome Alissa Constant and Joanna Fox.

I also would like to thank the CSPs and Committee Chairs who sent me their "blurbs," I couldn't have done it without you!

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at some of the summer events the Hospitality Committee is planning.

Hugs, *Roseanne*



***Bears, Bears & More Bears!***

Suzanne Gibson brought 16 Boggy Bears to the GFWC Convention. The bears, and a handmade blanket are given to each child who attends camp at Boggy Creek.

Suzanne Gibson, Cathleen Arciero, Donna Biba, Roseanne Miller, Judy Streeter and Sue Mason helped sew and stuff the bears.