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February 2024

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President's Corner

Hi Ladies,

Do you have fond memories of potluck dinners? Those gatherings at church, reunions, and club meetings were legendary for the abundance of mouthwatering dishes-- a delightful medley of flavors and choices.

Our club mirrors a potluck dinner in many ways. Each member brings something unique to the table. Our collective talents, skills, and life experiences create a rich tapestry of opportunities.

We cordially invite all of our new members to participate in our potluck. We can promise you a delicious array of opportunities in volunteer work, fund-raising, education, and fun. Don't be shy. Fill your plate and enjoy!

Suzanne

P.S. During March, in celebration of Women's History Month, I will be spotlighting famous Florida women.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March Program Collection of Books for Children in Grades K through 5

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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 1 Women's History Month Begins
Center Street Kitchen
- Mar 3 Trivia at Boggy Creek
- Mar 6 Luncheon & General Meeting
Registration 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Noon
General Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 14 Walk n' Talk
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 ESO
- Mar 25 Orientation
- Mar 27 Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 29 Center Street Kitchen
- Mar 31 Easter



Join us for AFTERNOON TRIVIA a Fundraiser for CAMP BOGGY CREEK

March 3, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

30500 Brantley Branch Road, Eustis, Florida

Boggy Creek is a camp that provides life-changing experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families.

To participate, please buy your ticket on the Events page of our website: gfwcmdwc.com. Invite your spouse, friends, neighbors, and anyone who loves trivia and a good cause. Let's make this fundraiser a success! Tickets on sale until Friday, March 1st at 12 Noon.



Community Service Programs



ARTS & CULTURE Gina Conway, CH

Hello everyone! Here are details regarding our Arts and Culture activities:

The Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra 1235 Mt. Homer Rd, Eustis

The next concert is scheduled for March 21, 2024, at the Unitarian Church in Eustis.

- There are no reserved seats at the concerts.
- You must arrive early to get a good seat.
- We can only get the group rate if we have a minimum of 10 tickets purchased.
- Tickets cost \$30.00 and must be **prepaid**, so money is due at our monthly meetings. Tickets cost \$45.00 at the door.

The final concert of the season is on April 18, 2024, also at the Unitarian Church in Eustis. The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., and I recommend arriving at 6:30 p.m. or before.

Train Trip to The Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, with lunch

- The trip is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024.
- We will meet in the parking lot of Harbour Freight, Rt. 441 and Donnelly, Ave., Mt Dora, between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Those not wishing to stay in Winter Park for lunch should carpool together or drive separately.
- Lunch location will be decided upon while there.
- The train station is a short walk from the museum.
- Admission to the museum is \$5.00 for seniors.
- The train ticket is \$5.00.
- Lunch is out of pocket.

Ice House Theatre (Sonntag Theatre)

1100 N. Unser St., Mt Dora

The next volunteer date is April 11, 2024, so there is still time to sign up!

- It will be a musical titled "Shout".
- You can either be an usher or sit at the 'will call' table and hand out tickets.
- In exchange for about an hour of volunteering, you get to see the show for free!

Mount Dora Senior Center

803 Florida Ave, Mt Dora

- We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- In March that is 3/12 and 3/26.
- We can always use help putting out the food for lunch, organizing games, or cleaning up.



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES Jerry Hardwick, CH

Last chance for your book collection and donation for K through 5th grade students of new or gently-used books. Books will be collected at the March Luncheon and then delivered to Lake Cares Food Pantry for distribution in the food backpacks of eligible students. A car will be waiting outside the Mount Dora Country Club entrance in advance of the luncheon for your convenience for drop-off.

We will be co-sponsoring the 2024 Green Garden Lab on March 15, 2024, with the library. Monies contributed to this project come from the book scanning program. A few volunteers are needed to assist children with planting their plants and gathering their worms. Volunteers will be asked to be present from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. that day.

Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the library's Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Volunteers are asked to be present at the library at 9:00 a.m. for setup. Some volunteers are being asked to return at 11:45 a.m. to assist with the tear-down.

Look for Signup sheets for the 2 volunteer opportunities at the March Luncheon.

NATIVE PLANT INITIATIVE



Green Garden Lab

Nunan Butterfly Garden
Friday, March 15, 2024
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Children ages 12 & under
No registration required

Young gardeners can explore a variety of learning stations to engage their natural curiosity with activities to make and take home. Drop-in lab includes native plant seed balls and gardening with worms to take home.

Sponsored by the GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club

 CITY OF MOUNT DORA	W.T. Bland Public Library (352) 735-7180 (option 5)	1995 N. Donnelly St. Mount Dora, FL 32757 library@cityofmountdora.com
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ENVIRONMENT Alison Horvath, CH

Thank you to all who participated in the 'towel' drive for Lake County Animal Shelter. We amassed over 200 pounds of goods to improve the lives of pets waiting for adoption.


Many members also enjoyed a gorgeous day trip to see the manatees at Blue Spring State Park.

Thank you to those who raided their piggy banks this month. The final tally of cash raised for World Water Day will be announced at our next general meeting. Stay tuned.



MEMBERSHIP

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Therese Haberle, CH

Orientation March 25th, 10:30! 

If you are a new member, or a not-so-new member, and are wondering where we come from, who we are, what we do, and how we do it, come to Orientation on March 25th.

We will have time to review the various websites we use, so bring your laptop or phone. Seating is limited and ALL new and newer members are STRONGLY encouraged to attend!

Send Therese an email to reserve your spot, or sign up at the March luncheon.

There is still time to win the Recruitment Contest! The contest ends April 1, 2024!



WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
Nancy Kennedy, CH

Celebration Tea

Wow, you are an awesome group of women!!

The Celebration Tea raised \$2,400 for the Forward Paths Foundation. This donation will provide funds to assist young adults on their journey to adulthood.

Thank you again to everyone for a wonderful team effort!

Fashion Show

Mark your calendar for the Fashion show on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Mount Dora Country Club.

More information will be forthcoming.



HOSPITALITY
Linda Urry, CH

Hello from Hospitality!

It's hard to believe March is right around the corner! This means Day Light Savings Time will start on March 10th! Yahoo, more daylight, I'm ready for that!

Our committee would love some feedback from you about the menu for our monthly luncheons. Please email me your thoughts, opinions, and ideas, your input is very important.



ESO
Cathleen Arciero, CH

Our next ESO Book Club Meeting is Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the library.

The group reads are "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, a classic, and "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict, an historical fiction. Relax and enjoy. Happy St Patrick's Day. Cheers!



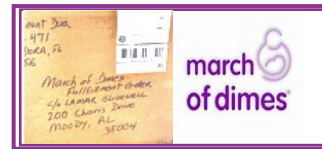
HEALTH & WELLNESS
Mary Groeller, CH

Members, thank you for donating your used eye glasses. We collected 52 pairs and they were given to the Lyons Club.

On Friday, March 22, 2024, we'll be getting together for a what we're calling a Blanket Bee. We'll be meeting at the W. T. Bland Library at 1:00 p.m. for two hours of blanket making. We'll be knitting, crocheting, and making "no sew" blankets that will be donated to the Linus Project, Guardian Ad Litum, and the Children's Advocacy Center. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.

We will be returning to Bountiful Farms again this year for lunch under the trees at this farm to table restaurant. The date for lunch will be Friday, April 19, 2024. Although we are going in April the sign up sheet will be at the March meeting since it is very difficult to get reservations. If you are interested in going please go to their website for their menu and more information about the farm.

109 baby hats were mailed to the March of Dimes Military Moms!



Many thanks to Maureen Melvold and all her Merry Elves who participated in this worthy project!



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.



Announcements

Happy Birthday

Claire Porrello	3/4
Mary Groeller	3/5
Elizabeth Maglio	3/8
Judith Shepp	3/11
Diane Capetola	3/17
M. Colleen Gardner	3/20
Maureen Melvold	3/22
Jan Kolb	3/23

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



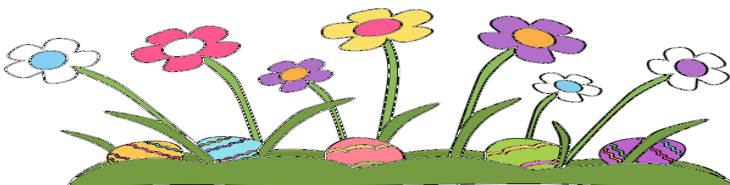
**Laura Gibson
Lynn Kirman
Suzanne Matthews**



Join us on a walk through Historic Downtown Tavares! Let's find the former Tavares Woman's Club as well as a few other sites of interest.

We will meet in the parking lot at the base of Sinclair Ave., just past the County Jail, near the ecological park. We'll stroll several city blocks away from the lake, and then stroll the lakefront back to our cars.

There is plenty of parking, toilets, and sidewalks available. Dogs are welcome. Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. I hope to see you there!



SPOTLIGHT ON



Tilda Renza Jones

Tilda has been an active member of our club since 2023 and currently serves on the Health & Wellness committee.

She is originally from Connecticut, where she had a 32-year career as an Advertising Sales Manager for a newspaper.

Tilda has been married to her husband, Gary, for 15 years and together they have a son and a daughter. Their family also includes five granddogs!

In 2014, they purchased their home on Deer Island and enjoyed visiting there as snowbirds until 2021 when they made Florida their permanent residence. Now in retirement, Tilda enjoys spending time painting with acrylics.



A delightful evening was enjoyed by all who attended the performance of "To Russia with Love" by the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra, held at the Unitarian Church in Eustis. In attendance were Sharron Semento, Diane Capetola, Gina Conway, Denise Mulcahey, Alison Horvath, Roseanne Miller, and Joanna Fox.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of 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.



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Happy Easter



Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Front Row: Mary Groeller, Donna Kelly, Gina Conway, Suzanne Gibson, and Roseanne Miller. Back Row: Linda Urry, Sharron Semento, Cathleen Arciero, Jerry Hardwick, and Judy Streeter.

On February 3, 2024, four of our talented members participated in the District 7 Annual Arts and Crafts competition. We are thrilled to share their remarkable accomplishments:

Gina Conway, Dee Olive, and Claire Holland secured 1st place in their respective categories, showcasing their exceptional artistic prowess.

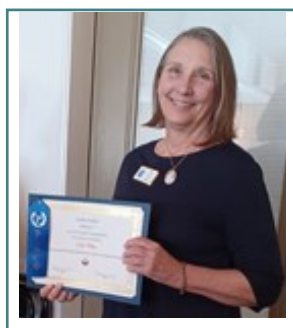
Kathleen Drotar achieved a well-deserved 2nd place in her category, demonstrating her dedication and skill.

Additionally, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Roseanne Miller, who received the prestigious title of Volunteer of the Year for her unwavering commitment and contributions.

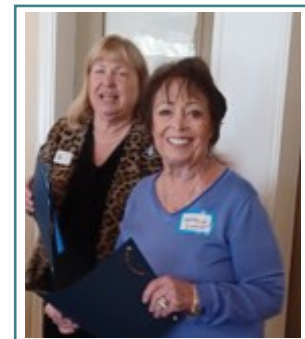
These five outstanding individuals will now represent us at the State competition. Let us celebrate their achievements and wish them continued success on this exciting journey!



Roseanne Miller



Dee Olive



Kathleen Drotar



Alison Horvath and Dee Olive getting ready to deliver goods from the towel drive to the animal shelter



Cathy Kautz & Karin Pierson



Announcements

Celebration Tea Fundraiser



Blue Spring Trip

