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January 2024

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President's Corner

Happy New Year!

The new year 2024 for the Mount Dora Woman's Club is like a blank diary, and the pen is in our hands. We will be presented with many opportunities to serve, to fund-raise, and to have fun. As a club will we leave our pages blank or will we fill our pages with stories of service, fun, and gratitude?

As President, I will be encouraging all of you to throw confetti, toot your horns, and write our story for 2024.

And it will be our best story ever!

Suzanne

Vice President's Message

As 2023 comes to an end, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all the good you have done throughout the year. You have shown remarkable dedication, compassion, and generosity in supporting various causes and initiatives that make a positive difference in our community. You have also demonstrated the spirit of friendship, solidarity, and empowerment that defines our club and inspires others.

I am honored and proud to be part of this amazing group of women, and I look forward to continuing our work in the new year. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2024. May the new year bring you joy, peace, and fulfillment.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Roseanne Miller
Vice President



January Program

Annual Arts and Crafts Contest

Our Guest Speaker and Judge is:

Audrey Saunders
Co-Founder of the Lakes Symphony Orchestra

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 3 Luncheon & General Meeting
Registration 11:30 am
Lunch at Noon
General Meeting 1:00pm
- Jan 5 Center Street Kitchen
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 17 ESO
- Jan 18 Walk n' Talk
- Jan 24 Executive Board Meeting
- Jan 26 Celebration Tea
- Jan 31 Eco Tour at Blue Springs





Community Service Programs



ARTS & CULTURE Gina Conway, CH

Welcome to 2024! I'm looking forward to a healthy and productive year!

There are many dates for volunteering at the Ice House Theatre. Due to a conflicting Club activity, we have rescheduled our train trip to the Winter Park museum from January 19th to March 22nd. Please update your calendars accordingly and let me know if you want to join us.

for the next three months. Just usher or man the "will call" table for one hour, and you get to see the show for free. Most dates are on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Call me if you are interested in ushering or handing out tickets (simple jobs!) and I will let you know availability.

We can always use a little extra help at the Senior Center, located at the MLK Community Center, 803 Florida Avenue, Mount Dora, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.



HEALTH & WELLNESS Mary Groeller, CH

The Health and Wellness Committee will start the new year by collecting any used prescription eyeglasses you may have. There will be a box at the entrance area at the January General Meeting where you can deposit them.

Used eyeglasses will also be collected at the February General Meeting. The glasses will be donated to the Lions Club.

Thank you to Maureen Melvold and her Merry Elves for making 85 baby hats which we are sending to the March of Dimes Military Moms!



The next Health and Wellness Committee Meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024, at the W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora in the Archive Room at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Holidays!



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH Sharron Semento, CH

A special thank you to those who worked on cutting, sewing, and stuffing bears for Camp Boggy Creek. A special thank you to Suzanne for the donation of your mother's fabrics.

Salute to the members for purchasing and participating in Wreaths Across America. We helped to place wreaths in Pine Forest Cemetery on Veterans graves.

Our next meeting is on January 15th, 11:00 a.m. at Perkins located on Hwy. 441 in Mount Dora.



ENVIRONMENT Alison Horvath, CH

Mark your calendar and save the date! January 31, 2024, is the day we will explore our wonderful Florida habitat by boat at Blue Springs. We will review our appreciation for the environment that we call home and, perhaps, even see some manatees!

The exact times, cost, and carpooling will be finalized at our January meeting. Family, friends, and out-of-town guests are welcome to join us.

We have a new project to look forward to. In January, we will be donating our used towels to the Lake County Animal Shelter, where they are very valuable for the animal care staff. You will learn more details at our next meeting in January.



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES Jerry Hardwick, CH

I wish that each of you had the happiest Holiday Season!

Just a repeated reminder to begin collecting gently used or new books for the children in grades 1 through 5.

These books will be delivered to Lake Cares Food Pantry following the March 2024 luncheon. They, in turn, will send the books to designated Lake County schools and the student's teacher will place an appropriate book in the meal pack for the student.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



MEMBERSHIP

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Therese Haberle, CH

As you tell your friends about our wonderful Club in the coming weeks, remember to let them know that if they join after January 1, they do not pay the annual fee in May 2024! They will not pay again till May 2025!

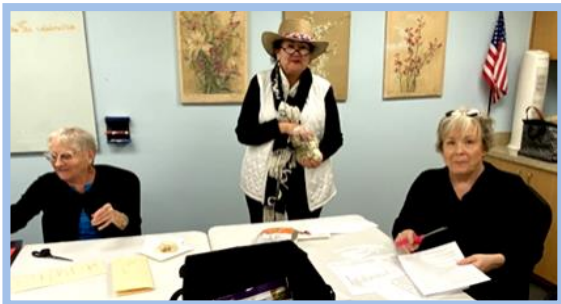
This is a great deal!



HOSPITALITY
Linda Urry, CH

Hello from your Hospitality Committee!

December was such a fun luncheon! Who knew Christmas trivia could be so hard? I would like to thank the Hospitality Committee for all their hard work and dedication.



I can't wait to see what the new year brings, but I know 2024 is going to be a very good year! Linda



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.



ESO
Cathleen Arciero, CH

Our next ESO Book Club Meeting is Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the library. This is a fun read. Relax and enjoy. Happy New Year! Cathleen



WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
Nancy Kennedy, CH

Our next fundraiser is a Celebration Tea on January 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mount Dora Library. The fundraiser is for the Forward Path Foundation, which assists and guides young adults into adulthood.

To have a successful fundraiser, we need membership participation to work together as a team. On that note, we need members to volunteer for the following:

Tickets - Tickets will be available on January 3rd at the general meeting, on our website, and in the library. Invite relatives and friends for a nice cup of tea and fellowship.

Raffle Basket/ Silent Auction Items - If you wish to donate a raffle basket/silent auction item, please email, text or call me to ensure there are no duplicates.

Baking - We need scones, tea sandwiches, and bite-sized desserts. Please contact me with the kind of goodies you will be donating. If you wish to learn how to bake or make any of these goodies, let me know as we have members that are willing to teach us or explain how to make these items.

As always, thank you for your kind hearts and generosity by assisting those in most need.

Nancy Kennedy



January Walk n' Talk

The January Walk 'n Talk will take place on January 18th at 9:30 a.m., and will be a Tremain Street Stroll. Let's meet at the municipal parking lot on 5th next to Lesley Campion's office.



Announcements



Lunch Reservations Reminder

To ensure a seamless experience for everyone, we kindly ask that you secure your luncheon reservations by the deadline listed on our website.

This will help us avoid last-minute adjustments and multiple calls to the country club to revise attendance numbers.

Should you miss the reservation window, we welcome you to join us for coffee and participate in the general business meeting at 1:00 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Roseanne Miller
Communications Chair

Guardian Ad Litem Angel Tree Project



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the Guardian Ad Litem Angel Tree Project. Connie McMaster, our dedicated Guardian Ad Litem Representative, and I had the joy of delivering two SUVs brimming with gifts to their office! Your remarkable kindness and generosity will ensure that numerous children experience the love and joy of the holiday season when they awaken on Christmas morning.

Thank you!
Roseanne Miller

Lots of fun at the Mount Dora Senior Center!!!



The seniors of our community enjoyed a festive Christmas Party hosted by Gina Conway and her "Elves". They had lasagna for lunch, followed by caroling, live music, and line dancing. They also a gift exchange and shared Christmas Joy. The "Elves" who helped Gina Conway were Roseanne Miller, Denise Mulcahy, Delores Deen, Diane Cole, Cecelia Santos, and Kristy Kay from the City of Mount Dora.



As part of the Wreaths across America event on December 16, 2023, a group of volunteers honored the memory of our brave veterans by laying wreaths on their graves. Suzanne & Terry Gibson, Alissa & John Constant, Lori Steuter, Liz Maglio, and Vicki Stockglouser laid wreaths and paid their respects with a moment of silence. If he/she served in the military they showed their respect by saluting the veteran. The photo above shows Terry Gibson, a US Army Veteran, saluting two of his fellow soldiers.



Announcements

Happy Birthday

- Uta Pergler** 1/5
- Wilma Weidman** 1/12
- Cecilia Santos** 1/13
- Barbara Shaffer** 1/13
- Judy Knizner** 1/19

The Health & Wellness Committee purchased and assembled two baskets of Christmas Gifts for the elderly residents of Kiva, a facility that provides assisted living services in Mount Dora. Pictured are Therese Haberle, Sue Mason, and Liz Maglio.



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.

SPOTLIGHT ON



Judith has been a member of our Club since 1992. She has seen many changes and has been active as the Arts Chair, Second Vice President (Reporting), President (twice), Public Affairs State Chairman, and District 7 Director. As District 7 Director Judith accomplished having the first Habitat for Humanity house built by an all-female crew.

Judith is originally from Virginia and moved to Pensacola, FL in 1963. She worked at the Pensacola Naval Air Station and was also a Registered Nurse with the American Red Cross. From Pensacola, she moved to Panama City and eventually settled in Mount Dora in 1992.

Judith has 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Besides spending time with her family she enjoys cross-stitching and photography.



Linda joined our club in 2022 and is thoroughly enjoying being a member. She is currently on the Ways and Means Committee and is the Chair of the Hospitality Committee.

Over the years, Linda has moved quite a bit, residing in Cleveland, OH, Buffalo, NY, Chicago, IL, Louisville, KY, and Philadelphia, PA.

Linda had a career in retail which led her to her husband, Steve. and just celebrated 25 years of marriage! Linda has 3 children and 1 grandchild and loves spending time with her family.

In 2018, she moved to Tavares and recently she downsized and moved to Yalaha.

Linda is a real people person— she loves talking with others and getting to know them. In her spare time, she enjoys entertaining, crafting, and reading.

