### GFWC MOUNT DORA WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.



# KEY NOTES



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Joanna Fox Editor

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

One of the best decisions I have made in recent years was to join the Mount Dora Woman's Club. It has been challenging at times, but mostly it has been inspiring and uplifting. This Thanksgiving, I am most grateful for your generosity, determination, compassion, and service to the community.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

"Remember when you were young
You shone like the sun
Shine on you crazy diamond." Pink Floyd

Suzanne

## GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.

**Yard Sales Fundraiser** 

Saturday, November 4, 2023 For more details see page 2

Do you have any travel-sized toiletries to spare? Open Door in Eustis needs your help to provide single-use body wash and shampoo for the homeless. Please bring any donations to our next meeting in November.

Thank you for your generosity.

Gail Goldberg

## November Program Boggy Creek

This month's speaker is

Jacqueline Boykin, Corporate and Community Relations Director



### **NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov 1	Luncheon & General Meeting
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	Registration 11:30 am
	Lunch at Noon
	General Meeting 1:00 pm
Nov 2	Drop off Vard sale items

Nov 3	Drop off Yard sale items
Nov 4	Yard Sale
Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 15	ESO
Nov 15	Fall Orientation
Nov 23	Thanksgiving

Nov 29



**Executive Board Meeting** 

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

- 1. Art and Crafts for GFWC. Don't forget to enter your craft creations for the GFWC contest by our January meeting. Rules and regulations are on our website under "members page".
- 2. Ice House Theatre volunteering is ongoing. Many possible dates are available. Guide attendees to their seats (about 45 minutes "work" in return for a free show!).
- 3. Modernism Museum in Mount Dora trip with lunch in town, will be in early December. Let's pick a date and get going! Call, text, or email me.
- 4. Train trip to the Tiffany (Morse) Museum in Winter Park.
- 5. Trip to the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra on November 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Universalist, Congregation Church of Lake County, 1235 Mount Eustis, Florida. Sign up sheets will be at the November meeting.
- 6. Volunteer for the Mount Dora Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., or less if you want! It is a fun and easy opportunity. Call me for details.

We could also plan a trip to the Orlando Museum of Art and the Tiffany Museum in Winter Park. Let me know if there is interest.



Lake Cares "Celebrate the Season" Bake Sale Saturday, November 18, 2023

Lake Cares is reaching out for volunteer bakers who are willing to donate a delicious baked good or two to their Bake Sale. All proceeds from the event will support the Lake Cares Food Distribution Program as well as their "Building Hope" Capital Campaign.

Loaf pan breads, muffins, pound cakes, pies, strudel, biscotti, cupcakes, brownies, and buckeyes are some of the things needed. Baked goods must be clearly marked "Contains Nuts" or "Does NOT Contain Nuts".

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Donnelly Park Building between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17th.

A sign-up sheet will be at the November meeting. For more information contact Sharron.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Alison Horvath, CH

Our group is pleased to welcome Jacqueline Boykin, Corporate and Community Relations

Director, from Boggy Creek to speak to us at the November general meeting. Be sure to bring all your questions for her about Boggy Creek. We will discuss new projects for our group at our next committee meeting and announce at the next general meeting. Thank you, but no more toner/ink cartridges.



Education and Libraries will be meeting in early November at the W.T. Bland Library to discuss activities for the year. Date and time to follow. We welcome Cyd Penny as our newest member.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS Mary Groeller, CH

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Did you know that over 37 million Americans are living with diabetes and 1/4 million Americans are diagnosed with it every year.

So what is Diabetes? Diabetes is when your blood sugar is too high. Uncontrolled it can lead to cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, eye disease, neuropathy and more. For more information on causes and symptoms and ways to control it go to the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org).



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.







### MEMBERSHIP Therese Haberle, CH

### Quick Quiz:

- G is for Greater or General?
- When is it a Woman's or a Women's Club?
- Badge goes on right or on left?
- What is "Sirosis" and what does it have to do with the Club?
- What is a "CSP"?

If you are not sure of the answers, please plan to attend the FALL ORIENTATION, Wednesday, November 15th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the W.T. Bland Library! Reserve your spot now by emailing Therese.

# Hospitality

### HOSPITALITY Linda Urry, CH

Hospitality would like to thank Cathy Kautz for her invaluable assistance in ensuring that the October meeting ran smoothly. We would also like to express our gratitude to Donna Kelly for her dedication and support.

We are excited to announce that Thanksgiving dinner is on the menu for November. We hope you will join us and bring your appetite! We look forward to seeing all of you in November.

Best regards, Linda





### **ESO** Cathleen Arciero, CH

Hello Everyone! The next ESO Book Club Meeting is Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the front Community Room at the W.T. Bland Library. We are reading Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver and David Copperfield by Charles Dickens. No pressure! Just come, bring a smile and enjoy!



#### **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

Nancy Kennedy, CH



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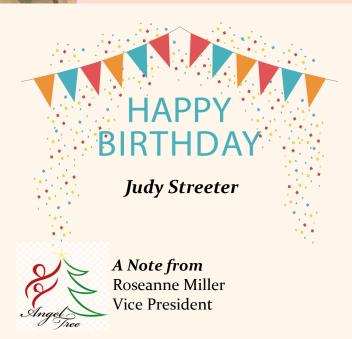
### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Roseanne Miller, CH

The membership list on the Members page of the website has been updated with a picture of each member corresponding with their contact information.



### Announcements



#### Dear Club Members.

We are excited to announce that our club is again participating in the Guardian ad Litem Angel Tree program this year. This program helps provide Christmas gifts for children who are under the care of Guardian ad Litem, a court-appointed advocate for children in legal proceedings.

These children have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment, and often face uncertainty and hardship in their lives. They need our support and compassion, especially during the holiday season.

That's why we are asking you to join us in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in their lives. At our luncheon this month, you will find an angel tree decorated with paper angels. Each angel has a wish list from a child.

We invite you to take an angel from the tree and purchase the gift that the child requested. Please DO NOT WRAP the gift but be sure to attach the angel to it. Then bring it back to the December 6th Luncheon. We will deliver the gifts to the Guardian ad Litem office, who will distribute them to the children.

By taking an angel from the tree, you are not only giving a gift, but also giving hope, joy, and love to a child who needs it. You are showing them that they are not forgotten, and that someone cares about them.

We hope you will join us in this meaningful and rewarding project. Together, we can make this Christmas a special one for these children.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

#### Roseanne

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Joanna Fox

Joanna joined our club in October 2022. She is originally from New Jersey and has been married to her husband, Mark, for 32 years. Joanna and Mark retired to Florida in 2000. Since then, Joanna has been active as a member (and the President) of the Lake County Master Gardener Program, the Lakes and Hills Garden Club, and has volunteered at the Lake County Animal Shelter. Joanna's career included jobs in administrative and finance management for Exxon (10 years) and as Controller for an industrial and commercial air conditioning company (17 years). In her free time, Joanna enjoys gardening, watercolor painting, and photography. Joanna's photography even won 1st place in the District 7 Arts and Crafts Competition.

### Mary Groeller

Mary has been a member of our club for 20 years. She has been active in several areas, including Hospitality, Third Vice President, Reporting,

Arts Chair, Membership Chair, and is currently the Chair of the Health & Wellness Committee. Mary is originally from New Jersey where she had a career as a middle school science teacher for 20 years. Mary has been married to Dolph for 56 years and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Besides our club, she has volunteered at the W.T. Bland Library and the Lakes & Hills Garden Club. Mary enjoys reading, spending summers at their home in the Pocono Mountains, and visiting her grandchildren.

