



KEY NOTES



Suzanne Gibson
President

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Joanna Fox
Editor

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy October!

Have you ever watched a duck swim across a pond? The duck moves smoothly and calmly through the water barely creating a ripple. However, in the water under the duck, it's little webbed feet are paddling furiously, churning up the water. In many ways that is a great description of our club through the summer months. Everything on the surface is moving smoothly, but a few members have been furiously churning up the water to get us up to speed for October and another fun, fantastic year with many opportunities to serve the people in our community.

We have members making newborn caps for March of Dimes, Linus project blankets and bears for Camp Boggy Creek. Plans are being made for fundraisers and another on-going community service project.

On Saturday, October 21, we will be hosting the GFWC Florida District 7 Annual Meeting in Mount Dora. The GFWC Florida President and the GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs will be our special guests along with members from the other 14 clubs in our district. This is a special honor for our club, however, it will require some volunteer time from all of us.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Please wear pink to our luncheon on October 4. See you then! Happy paddling!

Suzanne



OCTOBER PROGRAM

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!

This month's program is hosted by the Education Committee.

Time to reconnect, share stories, and create new memories together. The Education Committee is placing several photo albums, from past years, on each table. We can peruse the many accomplishments by our predecessors in days gone by and celebrate their accomplishments.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 4 Luncheon & General Meeting
Registration 11:30 am
Lunch at Noon
General Meeting 1:00 pm
- Oct 9 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 21 GFWC Florida District 7 Annual Meeting
- Oct 25 Executive Board Meeting
- Oct 31 Halloween



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Community Service Programs



ARTS & CULTURE

Gina Conway, CH

Hi Everyone! Welcome back! Hopefully your summer was a restful one and you are all ready to get back to work!

The Arts and Culture committee will be doing some fun things this year along with helping several worthy charities.

Some of the activities are:

1. Art and Crafts for GFWC. Enter your creations by the January meeting. Rules and regulations are on our website under "members page".
2. Ice House Theatre volunteering. Guiding attendees to their seats in return for a free show!
3. Modernism Museum in Mount Dora trip with lunch in town.
4. Train trip to the Tiffany (Morse) Museum in Winter Park.
5. Trip to the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra.
6. Volunteer for the Mount Dora Senior Center, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Sign up sheets with additional details will be available at the next meeting



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Sharron Semento, CH

GFWC National Day of Service is on September 30, 2023. GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club will be collecting canned foods, snacks, and boxed food. Our goal is to raise awareness about hunger. For pick-up call Sharron or bring the food to the General Meeting on October 4th.



ENVIRONMENT

Alison Horvath, CH

All current, and potential members of the Environment and Conservation Committee are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. We will meet at 10:30 am at the Foxtail Coffee Company in Tavares (right across the road from the Tavares Public Library). We have a lot to discuss and plan for (November is our month to present a program!) Please join us.



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Jerry Hardwick, CH

Welcome back everyone! Please join us for the October Luncheon. We will celebrate our first luncheon meeting back with plenty of time to catch up with one another after a long and hot summer. No formal program, but rather a time to visit while reminiscing through many albums and other memorabilia from the past that are sure to make you proud you a new or long time member.

In addition, please stop by the W.T. Bland Library and view the display cabinet that contains GFWC-MDWC memorabilia to include the silver coffee and tea service among other items used in the 1950-1960s when meeting with guests from other clubs. We have a rich heritage. ENJOY.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mary Groeller, CH

Have you been knitting baby hats this summer for the March of Dimes Healthy Baby Program/ Military Baby Showers or making blankets for the Linus Project or Camp Bogy Creek? If so, please bring them to our October meeting.

The Health and Wellness Committee will meet in the Archive Room in the Mount Dora W.T. Bland Library on Tuesday, October 9th at 1:30 pm.



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 .





MEMBERSHIP

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Therese Haberle, CH

It's been a quiet summer on the Membership recruiting front. We gladly welcome Sandy Chandler! There are 3 or 4 ladies that are "in the hopper". We wait to see if their applications are forthcoming!

Remember, recruitment by referral (bring along a friend!) is our strongest way to grow.

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HOSPITALITY
Linda Urry, CH

Summer has come to an end, but had so much fun playing Bunco at the Dog House in June and July. Thank you Tammy for opening your fab restaurant to host our fun. We rounded out the summer with an appetizer get together in September. Thank you Joanna Fox for opening your home to us. The Hospitality team is looking forward to a wonderful year of fun-raising and friendships!



ESO
Cathleen Arciero, CH

Hello Everyone! The next ESO Book Club Meeting is Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 pm 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

Welcome to a New Year of Fundraising for our Favorite Charities!!

First up is our annual yard sale hosted at our President's home, Suzanne Gibson. The date for the yard sale is Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 am—4:00 pm. Please continue to collect items for the yard sale. Items can be dropped off in the garage at Suzanne's house on Thursday or Friday, November 2nd and 3rd, no later than 4:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be at the October meeting. The yard sale proceeds will be donated to the Florida Presidents Project, Boggy Creek.

Other events for this year may include a February Poker Night and an April Fashion show.

We look forward to visiting everyone at the October General meeting.

Blessings,
Nancy Kennedy



Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marisha Ramsay	10/02
Sandy Chandler	10/14
Diana Scott	10/15
Cathy Kautz	10/23
Joanna Fox	10/28



COMMUNICATIONS

Roseanne Miller, CH

The Communications Committee is a vital component of our Club. Our committee's responsibility is to ensure that the Club's message is effectively communicated to its members and to the public. In addition to the newsletter, website and Facebook we also assist with press releases relating to special events, help with promotional flyers, event tickets, and programs.

Members of my committee are Diane Cole, Alissa Constant, Joanna Fox, and Denise Mulcahy. This year, Joanna will be the new editor of the newsletter, Alissa will be working on publicity and member bios, Diane with the website, and Denise with Facebook.

I hope that the above information has provided you with valuable insights into the work of the Communications Committee. Be sure to read the newsletter and log onto our website gfwcmdwc.com to keep up-to-date on our Club's news and activities.

Thank you,
Roseanne

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Sandy Chandler
Cynthia Penny



Do you know that the GFWC website has valuable information resources available? It's common knowledge that our GFWC club is linked to a District, State, and National organization. But, did you know, as members you have access to a state and national website that offers a lot of valuable information? You can find historical as well as current information on a variety of useful topics, training opportunities, discount programs, and more. This short article can't begin to cover all the advantages so check it out for yourself. Here's how: For the State website: Log into www.gfwcflorida.org Click on "Member Login" Click on "Join us" Click the blue "REGISTER" button and follow the instructions. There's a helpful video "watch this short instructional video" if you have any problems. For the National website: Log into www.gfwc@gfwc.org Click on "Member Login". At the bottom of the page Click "Need an account? Sign Up" and follow instructions.