



GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.



KEY NOTES

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President

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Editor

Happy New Year
2022

President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a joyful holiday season. I hope you had lots of good food and drink, celebrated with family and friends, enjoyed all the beautiful music and lights and had a chance to rest and relax, because.....

.....it is the new year and the time to get "Fired Up". It is time to roll up our sleeves and get back to our work. **IT IS WHO WE ARE!** We serve others so that their lives are a little better, and our lives are enriched. Our motto is "Living the Volunteer Spirit", so if you haven't found a committee to serve on yet, let me know. Call or email me. I will hook you up!

Thanks for all you do.
Suzanne



Judith Shepp
3rd Vice President/Reporting

I'm reminding all of you to keep track of your activities and hours. I need the information by January 5th.

January Program *Arts & Crafts Contest*

This month's Guest Speaker is

Maria Stetfanovic
Executive Director
Leesburg Center of the Arts

All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the Opportunity Baskets will be donated to the "Leesburg Center of the Arts"

January Dates to Remember

Jan 1	Happy New Year
Jan 5	General Meeting & Luncheon "Arts & Crafts Competition"
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 17	"Walk n Talk"
Jan 19	ESO Bookclub
Jan 26	Executive Board Meeting

GFWC Mount Dora's Woman's Club is a not for profit organization that supports our Local Community.
We are a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



Community Service Programs



Arts and Culture Delores Deen, CH



What a fun day a group of members had touring the Stetson Mansion and taking in the multitude of Christmas themes and glorious decorations. It's definitely the perfect way to start the holidays and get in the Christmas spirit. The exquisite pieces that adorn each room are varied and quite spectacular. If only we had been allowed to take pictures! There's so much to see, it's impossible to remember it all. Following the tour we had a delightful lunch in downtown Deland and topped off the trip with chocolate dipped strawberries, courtesy of the Stetson Mansion. Members joining in for this outing were Roseanne Miller, Donna Shumate, Jerry Hardwick, Gail Goldberg, Denise Mulcahy, and Delores Deen. The new year ushers in new performances at our local theaters. At the Ice House Theatre in Mount Dora, performances of Unnecessary Farce, a comedy, will be January 14th - February 6th. At the State Theatre in Eustis Ain't Misbehavin, a musical, will run January 14th - 30th. Masks are required at both venues regardless of vaccination status. The Mount Dora Art Stroll & Art in the Alley is on 3rd Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM. For more information, visit www.MountDoraArt.com.



ESO Cathleen Airecno, CH

The next ESO Meeting will be Wednesday January 19, 2022, 1:30 pm in the Archives Room at the Mount Dora Library. This will be a fun read time, so come and join in the fun fun fun! Even if you haven't come before let us know your favorite author.

Happy New Year



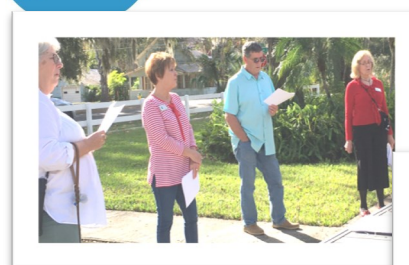
Education and Libraries Alison Horvath, CH



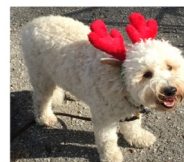
The donation of \$500 from the Club was carefully spent to aid five children and their families at Christmas. Jerry Hardwick, Roseanne Miller, and Alison Horvath had fun shopping and wrapping items for each child. In addition gift certificates to Publix were gifted to the families. Our committee wishes all our members a safe, productive, and Happy New Year!



Health and Wellness Mary Groeller, CH



Kiva
Singers



Mary Anne Deharde, Delores Deen, Colleen Gardner, Suzanne Gibson (not pictured), 2 husbands, and Flynn the dog delivered Christmas Cards and sang Christmas Carols to the residents of Kiva, a retirement home in Mount Dora.

The monthly "Walk n Talk" get-together will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month. The place and time will be posted in the Newsletter.



Community Service Programs & Standing Committees



Civic Engagement & Outreach Gina Conway, CH



The reopening of the Senior Center was a huge success with more than 50 in attendance!! Santa gave out gifts, and we took photos of each visit with him...always a big hit!! We had Krisi Kay's (City Representative) line dancers dancing to Christmas music and a sing along after that. It was all topped off by a delicious lunch made by Marty Po from the Methodist Church...thank you Marty! I also wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. Couldn't do it without you!!

We look forward to many more months at the Martin Luther King Community Center for the Seniors. Starting in January we are there the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. If you would like to join in, either as a volunteer or to socialize, please email me and I'll give you all the details.



Ways & Means Committee Vivian Maguire, CH

The Ways & Means committee met and brainstormed on ways to raise money for charity. Vivian Maguire, Suzanne Gibson, Roseanne Miller, Colleen Gardner, Sharron Semento and Judith Shepp all worked hard (and had some fun too) coming up with ideas for fundraisers in the coming year. More information will be coming soon.

The next Ways and Means committee meeting is Wednesday, December 29 at 12:00 noon at Jeremiah's on Highland Ave. If you are new to the Club please come and join us for lunch and share some ideas for upcoming money-making projects.



Environment Community Irene Rosenberg, CH

Happy New Year everyone!

What a year 2021. I took a deep breath a few weeks ago and told myself things are finally getting back to normal and then wham....more testing and back to masks everywhere I go. On the bright side, GFWC is meeting again and taking part in fun activities and our important projects. My hope and wish for the new year is good health for all and a renewed push on my part to show more kindness and compassion to those less fortunate than myself.

Irene



Barbara Pauer, CH

A big thank you to all who reviewed their information in the Member's Directory. I am making the corrections and will be sending out the revision in early January. If you have not already checked your personal information, there is still time. Email corrections to me.

In January, we will be having a new (almost new, or anyone wanting a update) member orientation. It will cover a brief history of our club, committee goals and projects, and a myriad of ways to support the community through volunteering. Details to follow.

Welcome to our newest member Nancy Biba. I will introduce her to you at the next meeting.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." Carl Sandburg

Wishing you a happy ending for 2021,

Barb Pauer



Announcements



January Walk n' Talk

The January Walk n' Talk will take place on MONDAY, January 17th at 10:30 am. This is Martin Luther King's Birthday holiday, so we hope you can make it. Location is Lake Gertrude, Mount Dora. Plenty of parking where Park Place Drive meets Morningside Drive, a few blocks up from the Lake County Food Pantry. We will have a lovely stroll along the lakeside, enjoying the nice architecture, gardens, and birds! Flat and paved, about 1.2 miles or more, as you wish! Just come if you can! Rain or Shine!

PS, depending on interest, the Walk n Talks will continue on a 3rd Monday of the month schedule.

Questions, email/text Therese:

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December's Walk n' Talk Tavares Ecological Park

Pictured are Suzanne Gibson, Nancy Kennedy, Colleen Gardner, Alison Horvath, Delores Deen, Irene Rosenberg, Roseanne Miller and Sharon Deabler.



Donna Kelley, CH

The menu for January's lunch will be Soup and Sandwich. The chef at the Mount Dora Country Club will be preparing Italian Wedding Soup and a Grilled Turkey, Bacon and Swiss on Sourdough Bread sandwich. A special dessert and drinks are included. The cost of the lunch is \$18. Please be sure to RSVP for lunch. We need to know if you are coming or not coming. An accurate count is necessary so the chef will have enough food prepared for everyone.

The deadline for the count is December 31st. Please contact Donna Kelley for your reservation.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing, several Raffle Baskets, and a Door Prize.



<i>Gloria Wheeler</i>	<i>1/9</i>
<i>Wilma Wiedman</i>	<i>1/11</i>
<i>Cecelia Santos</i>	<i>1/13</i>
<i>Judy Knizner</i>	<i>1/19</i>



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