

**GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.** *"Living the Volunteer Spirit"* 



Suzanne Gibson President

# KEY NOTES February 2023



#### **President's Corner**

Hey Girls,

I want to thank you for volunteering at the Senior Center and for making dog chews. I want to thank you for participating in the meetings, the Walk-n-Talk, the Tavares Water Treatment Tour, and for making Valentine cards. You accomplished a lot in January.

I propose we have a February filled with good food, good chocolate, promising opportunities, and especially good friends. See you at the luncheon meeting on February 1, when we will celebrate with the Cupid Shuffle!

Thanks for all you do!

Suzanne



#### **February Program**



Our special guest this month is A "Paws" Therapy Dog Accompanied By Joan Rittenhouse Who will speak about the "Paws" Program

### February Dates To Remember

#### Feb 1

#### Luncheon & Meeting Country Club of Mt. Dora

11:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm Registration Lunch Business Meeting

Feb 14 Feb 16 Feb 20 Feb 22 Valentines Day Walk n' Talk/Seminole State Forest Presidents' Day Executive Board Meeting

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



## GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc. **Community Service Programs**



Arts and Culture Gina Conway, CH

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

Even if you don't have a Valentine, the world needs all the love it can get! Our club spread LOVE this month by purchasing symphony tickets for those at the Senior Center. We are looking forward to a night of romantic selections on Feb 2.

Another activity we are looking forward to at the Senior Center is being sponsored by the Mount Dora Center for the Arts. A local artist, Morna Strengholt, will teach basic watercolors this month. Different art forms will be an ongoing monthly event going forward. Always on the 4th Tues of the month at The MLK Community Center from 2:00-4:00. All are invited to attend.

We could still use a couple of volunteers to be ushers at the Ice House Theatre for the May 25 showing of Steve Martin's "The Underpants."



#### Health and Wellness Mary Groeller, CH

Joanne Rittenhouse will be the speaker for our February meeting. She is a member of PAWS Therapy Dogs, located in Lake County. Like our Club, this is an all-volunteer organization made up of one hundred twenty members. Eighty of them are active. In September 2020, the group became a 501(C)(3) not -for-profit corporation. Along with assisting with therapy dog teams, PAWS volunteers also provide humane education, responsible pet ownership, and visit nursing homes, retirement homes, and other special places to which they are invited.





#### Education and Libraries Jerry Hardwick

The Education Committee will collect children's (K-5) books at our March Luncheon that will be distributed to children by Lake Cares Pantry in weekend food backpacks. Please start now collecting new and gently used books for our book drive.

In addition, Lake Cares is looking for canvas bags (grocery store types) for food distribution. Please bring them to the March Luncheon.

Speaker for our March Luncheon will be Diane Kornegay, Superintendent of Lake County Public Schools. Ms. Kornagay will provide a post-Covid update.



#### Environment Community Alison Horvath

The Environment committee is interested in starting a recycling program for ink and toner cartridges but... we need your input first. At the next meeting, there will be an Ink/Toner survey sheet. Please indicate which brand(s) you use which will help us move forward with this project.

The W.C. Bland library will hold a Green Garden Lab for children on Friday, March 17, from 2-4 pm. Cathy Lunday has asked for six volunteers, who the City has already approved, to assist with the children (warning - worms involved!) for a three-hour commitment 1:30-4:30 pm. Please let me know of your interest.



#### ESO Cathleen Airecno, CH

The next Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15th, at 1:30 pm, at the W.T. Bland Library.

The group reads are "Lessons in Chemistry " by Bonnie Garmus and "The Color Purple " by Alice Walker. See you all soon. Enjoy!

Cathleen



## **Standing Committees**

#### MEMBERSHIP Membership Therese Haberle, CH

A Big welcome to new members Sandy Gunn and Faye Owens, thank you, Linda Urry! It looks like a March Orientation session will be in the works! Stay tuned for the date. In the meantime, for ANY of our new members who have questions, don't hesitate to ask! Just Friday, we had a discussion about what the "G" stands for--We are a member of the GENERAL (not the Greater) Federation of Women's Clubs and have been for 100 years! Mary, Barbara Pauer, Cathy Kautz, and I are ready to help you!

And ladies, please remember to wear your pins at Club functions. You can order one from MH Awards in Eustis if you have lost your pin. Their email is <u>mhawards@mpinet.net</u>, and they are conveniently located in Eustis, on 19, just opposite TD Bank.

And finally, a PSA: If I can get scammed, anyone can! At our October meeting, I should have paid more attention to the Lake County Sheriff. So, I'll spare you the gory details, but just a forewarning, there is a lot of scary stuff going on out there, and be on guard with everything relating to your pc, phone, and Wi-Fi connection.

Therese Haberle



The Center Street Kitchen provides meals to those in need several times a month. Our Club assists during months that have 5 Fridays. On Friday, December 31st, several Club members helped cook, prep, and serve over 200 meals at the Center Street Kitchen. The next date is March 31st. There will be a sign-up sheet at the luncheon for those who would like to help.



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Hello from FLO!!

February Birthdays :



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2/26

HAPPY-HAPPY BIRTHDAY Y'All!

If any members knows anyone HAVING A CELEBRATION OR IN NEED PLS LET FLO KNOW!



Gals: January's Walk n Talk was great, 12 ladies participated, and most of us got in 2+ miles!

The February Walk n Talk is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, at 10:00 AM, and we are in for a real nature treat! Irene will lead us along some of her favorite trails in the Seminole State Forest by her home in Cassia. The forest is just past the eastern Eustis town line on Route 44. Meeting details will be forthcoming. Make sure you sign up!





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

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Cathleen Arciero Mary Anne DeHarde Barbara Phillips Karin Pierson



## Sandy Gunn & Faye Owens



Our annual Arts & Crafts Competition was held at the January Meeting. The 1st Place Winning Entries will be entered in the District Arts & Crafts Competition in March. Following are the results.

1st PlacePhotography—Joanna Fox1st PlaceCollage—Donna Kelley1st PlaceCross Stitch—Judy Knizner1st PlaceRecycled Material—Suzanne Gibson2nd PlacePhotography—Jonna Fox2nd PlaceCross Stitch—Judy Knizner



It was a fun afternoon at Suzanne Gibson's house making dog chews! The ladies made over 85 chews that will given to the "PAWS" Therapy Dog Program.

