



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



KEY NOTES

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Editor

December 2022

President's Corner

HO! HO! HO! This is Santa Suzanne writing to all GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club members. I have been busy checking my "naughty" and "nice" lists. Let's see how you have done this past year.

"Nice" List Criteria

- ✓ Volunteerism
- ✓ Compassion
- ✓ Generosity
- ✓ Empathy
- ✓ Service
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Determination
- ✓ Resiliency
- ✓ Conviction
- ✓ Cooperative Collaboration

Congratulations! You made the "nice" list! You have earned the gift of GRATITUDE from me and from the community you have served so well. Enjoy it! It will warm your heart.

HO! HO! HO! I Gotta' Go! Don't forget to haul out the holly and prance and dance your way through December!

Suzanne



December Celebration

Don't Forget to Bring



Gift for
Guardian Ad Litem
Children
(Attach Angel to gift)



A Wrapped
Ornament for the
Ornament
Exchange

December Dates to Remember

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| <i>Dec 7</i> | Christmas Celebration
<i>County Club of Mt. Dora</i> |
| 11:30 am | Registration |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| <i>Dec. 8</i> | Florida Lakes Symphony |
| <i>Dec. 13</i> | Mount Dora Senior Center |
| <i>Dec. 16</i> | Kiva Christmas Visit |
| <i>Dec. 18</i> | Hanukkah Begins |
| <i>Dec. 21</i> | Walk n' Talk |
| <i>Dec. 25</i> | Christmas Day |
| <i>Dec. 28</i> | Executive Board Meeting |
| <i>Dec 30</i> | Center Street Kitchen |
| <i>Dec 31</i> | New Year's Eve |



Community Service Programs



Arts and Culture Gina Conway, CH

Happy December Ladies! It's a busy month of the year for both the Christmas/Hanukkah holidays...and the Arts and Culture Committee!

First off, January is the GFWC Arts and Craft Competition. Club members are invited to submit original works of art in 17 different categories. So let's show our creativity and enter your masterpieces! Entries will be displayed at our January meeting. Forms are on a separate attachment to the Newsletter.

Second, we have a GFWC photography contest coming up. Entries are due by January 15, 2023. There are two categories: "The World in Pictures" and "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Third, A Writing contest is also due by Jan 15th. Poetry or short story. Show off your talent!

Fourth: The Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestras' Christmas and Hanukkah Concert is on December 8th at the Living Drama Theatre in Eustis. Tickets are \$30.00 each, payable in advance. Contact Suzanne Gibson if you would like to go as a group. She must receive your check or cash by Nov. 26th.

Fifth: The Ice House Theatre is still looking for usher volunteers for upcoming shows. It requires showing ticket holders to their seats and takes only about an hour of your time...easy! Plus, you get to see the show for free! If you are interested, I have the list of showtimes.

Sixth: Learn to paint! We have five signed up for "Painting with Norm." The Class will be held at the Country Club of Mount Dora Clubhouse. A date hasn't been set, but if you are interested, let me know. The cost is \$35.00, lasts about 3 hours, with all materials provided.

Seventh: Thank you for signing up for interest in volunteering at the Senior Center. We will meet only once in December (Dec 13th). We need people from either 8:30-10:00 or 12:30-2:00. We won't meet again until Jan 10th. The hours may change to the afternoon in January: I'll keep you posted.



Education and Libraries Jerry Hardwick

Our group does not meet until next Tuesday, but I'm sure we will elect to propose to carry forth with the Children's Book Donation (both new and gently used books) as has occurred at the time of the March Luncheon and Meeting. This year it comes quickly...March 1st. Much more on our agenda to report next month. Happy Holidays!



Civic Engagement & Outreach Sharron Semento, CH

Thank you to everyone who took an Angel from the Angel Tree. Your gift is guaranteed to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas! Please bring your gift, with the Angel attached, to the December Luncheon.

Sharron is still recuperating from her illness: please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery. A phone call or a card would surely brighten her day.



Environment Community Alison Horvath

The Environment CSP had its first committee meeting this year and had so many good ideas for future projects we can't list them all here! We will, however, be working with the Library to establish a Native Plant Garden on the premises soon and assisting with a "Green Lab" program for children. Details later. Tours or field trips are a possibility for the New Year - stay tuned- and recycling projects are being considered. We have a great core group and still welcome new members to our little (green) corner of the world!



Health and Wellness Mary Groeller, CH

Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas! Santa Claus will bring a sack filled with Christmas gifts to the twelve residents of the Kiva Assisted Living, Mount Dora, when he visits them on December 16th. Along with gifts, the residents will be serenaded with Christmas carols by members of our Club. We hope to bring the Spirit of Christmas to them and joy to their day.





Standing Committees



Communications
Roseanne Miller, CH

Thank you for using the website to make lunch reservations and using the online payment option. I am working on a private Members Page where you can access the By-Laws, the Membership Directory, and other information available for members only. You will receive a password as soon as I complete it.

If you have any problems with the website, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.



Membership
Therese Haberle, CH

Ladies: We had a fun time at Orientation! Hopefully, I'll be doing another session in March or April! We are close to our "budget" goal of 55 members. I think you ALL are on the Membership Committee, it is your "word of mouth" that is the best way for us to grow! Thank you Donna Kelley for bringing us Kathy Jenkins, and thank you Uta for bringing us Betty Kelley.

There was a not so "trick" question in the Orientation Quiz! What does Charles Dickens have to do with the GFWC? In 1868 Charles Dickens was being honored at a banquet at the all -male New York Press Club. Jennie June Croly, an accomplished NY journalist, showed up with a group of her gal friends. They were denied admittance. Outraged, she and her gal friends decided to organize a club for women. It was originally called "Sorosis"--Greek for aggregation. More history to come!

More Membership Matters

Ladies: Please don't be shy! We want to reinstitute the Newsletter's "Member Spotlight" feature. So easy! Write up 4, or more sentences. Who are you, where are you from, what did you do in the past, why are you here? Let's get to know each other better! Please send me your "blurbs"!



Ways & Means
Nancy Kennedy, CH

Hi Ladies,

Trivia Night at the Copacabana restaurant was a success despite the chilly weather! Thanks to your participation and donations, we raised \$1,000.00 for the Children's Advocacy Center. Brenda from the Center sends her gratitude to everyone.

Stay tuned for other events next year in a warmer venue!

Nancy Kennedy, Chair
Ways and Means



December's Walk n Talk will be a nature and bird lover's delight! Let's do Hidden Waters Preserve, a park that has trails going around a sinkhole. Trails are highly walkable (but not paved), and there is no lavatory. We hopefully will go down and then up, so we will definitely burn some calories! Wear sturdy shoes. We can do anywhere from 1/2 mile to 4 miles (most likely, the 2 mile loop). Parking is at 2119 Country Club Road, Eustis, no dogs allowed (sorry Reese!). 10:00 AM, December 21st. Come if you can! Hope to see you there!

Therese Haberle

*When the Grinch thought
OF SOMETHING HE HADN'T BEFORE
What if Christmas, he thought
DOESN'T COME FROM A STORE.
What if Christmas... perhaps...
MEANS A little bit more.
- Dr. Jeuss*




Happy Birthday

<i>Donna Shumante</i>	<i>12/24</i>
<i>Barbara Parker</i>	<i>12/25</i>
<i>Barbara Pauër</i>	<i>12/25</i>
<i>Claire Holland</i>	<i>12/30</i>

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Yolanda Kassay Betty Kelley Marisha Ramsay




ESO
Cathleen Airecno, CH

The next Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18th, at 1:30 pm, at the W.T. Bland Library. The next book is a free read. Give some thought to what "classic" you might want to tackle for Jan-Mar reading!

Hope to see you there!



CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY
Flo Fenneman

Hello from FLO!!

Please let **ME** know of any members who are feeling low due to illness or an issue that may indicate they need some TLC.

THANK YOU!!



**Volunteer
Cookie
Bakers
Needed**

Help is needed making sugar cookies for the Center Street Kitchen's dessert on December 30th. Needed are 225 baggies of cookies to go out with meals on the 5th Friday in December (Dec. 30th). If you can bake two dozen cookies with one large cookie in a bag or two small cookies in a bag it would be greatly appreciated. If you can volunteer, contact Karin Pierson.



We are getting some donations from smile.amazon.com and many thanks to those of you that have signed up. It's easy, it costs nothing and the offerings and prices are the same as if you were shopping at amazon.com. Here are the steps BUT REMEMBER, YOU ONLY HAVE TO SELECT OUR CLUB ONE TIME BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO DO THE SHOPPING EVERYTIME AT <https://smile.amazon.com> and NOT amazon.com.

Log into <https://smile.amazon.com>.

*Select "GFWC Mount Dora Womens Club" as the organization to receive the donation.

The next time you're ready to shop:

*Log into <https://smile.amazon.com>.

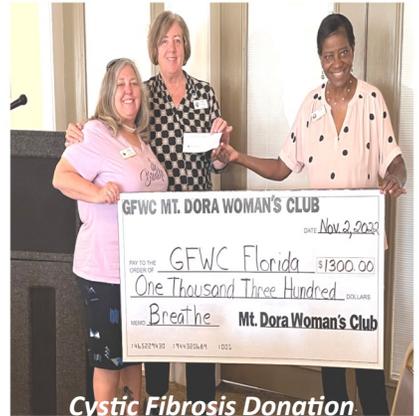
*Shop as Normal.



Guardian Ad Litem



Camp Boggy Creek



Cystic Fibrosis Donation



Trivia Night





MOUNT DORA WOMAN'S CLUB, INC

2023 GFWC COMPETITIONS



- **ARTS & CRAFTS**
- **PHOTOGRAPHERS**
- **WRITERS**

ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION

**SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ON JANUARY 4, 2023
ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION AT THE JANUARY
LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING**

Club members are invited to show off their artistic talents by submitting original pieces in 17 categories. Entries are judged at the club level where they compete for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention ribbons. 1st place winners move on to compete at the district level, and the top entries then move on to compete at the state level. **ALL 1ST PLACE WINNERS WILL GO ONTO THE DISTRICT COMPETITION**

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY TO THE ARTS &
CULTURE COMMITTEE BY JANUARY 15, 2023**

The GFWC Photography Contests encourages members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests, **THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST** and **GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST**.

WRITING COMPETITION

**ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ARTS & CULTURE
COMMITTEE BY JANUARY 15, 2023**

Do you love to express yourself through writing? Do you enjoy sharing your creative written work with others? GFWC sponsors writing contests in short story and poetry for members and youth to foster community spirit, talent, and growth as writers. Tell a story, express your thoughts, and share your voice while using the elements of presentation, organization, word choice, and sentence fluency. Display your talents with "sparkle and shine" and be rewarded for it!

All Entries must have been crafted, photographed, or written between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

