

GFWC MOUNT DORA WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.



KEY NOTES



Suzanne Gibson
President

May 2024

Joanna Fox
Editor

Board Of Directors

Suzanne Gibson
President

Linda Urry
1st Vice President

Therese Haberle
2nd Vice President
Membership

Diane Capetola
3rd Vice President

Roseanne Miller
Treasurer

Judy Streeter
Recording Secretary

Gina Conway
Correspondence
Secretary

Judith Nelson
Parliamentarian

Open
Arts & Culture

Open
Civic Engagement &
Outreach

Open
Environment

Open
Education & Libraries

Open
Health & Wellness

Open
Way and Means

Cathleen Arciero, CH
ESO Book Club

Cathy Kautz, CH
Hospitality

Joanna Fox, CH
Communications

Dear Members,

As we step into May, the gateway to summer, and approach the end of our service year, I invite you to take a moment sit back and relax. It's also the time for planning—when our new officers and board of directors come together to chart a course for the upcoming season. With the impending heat and humidity of summer, rest assured that we will have some COOL activities planned for you.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have actively participated in our volunteer opportunities and engaging activities. A special thank you goes to the dedicated officer team and committee chairs. Your unwavering commitment to the Mount Dora Woman's Club has made our work both enjoyable and rewarding.

Serving as your President this past year has been an honor and a privilege. Each of you, as part of this truly unique and inspiring group of women, has contributed to our collective success. As we celebrate the 105th Birthday of the Mount Dora Woman's Club, let us remember that "We Are Better Together."

Warm regards,

Suzanne



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1 Luncheon & General Meeting
Registration 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Noon
General Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- May 3 Center Street Kitchen
- May 4 Fashion Show and Luncheon
- May 11 District 7 Spring Meeting
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 15 ESO
- May 16 Walk n' Talk
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 29 Executive Board Meeting
- May 31 Center Street Kitchen

As I hand over the responsibilities to our newly elected Vice President, Linda Urry, and Communications Chair, Joanna Fox, I want to take a moment to reflect on the joy and fulfillment I've experienced as Vice President and Communications Chair for the Mount Dora Woman's Club during the 2022-2024 term.

It has been an honor to work with the remarkable women on the Board of Directors, to welcome numerous new members, to work alongside dedicated women on various projects and fundraisers, and to contribute new ideas and resources to our Club.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the Mount Dora Woman's Club for your commitment to our Club and the positive impact you make in our community. I eagerly anticipate continuing our shared journey throughout the summer and reconvening in October to embark on the 2024-2026 season. Thank you, ladies, for everything.

Roseanne Miller, Vice President

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

Hello to all of you lovely ladies!

As we wind down this season, I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered and/or participated in the Arts and Culture activities. We had fun and learned some things along the way!

I will be transitioning to the Correspondence Secretary for next season, so send me notice of anyone who could use a cheerful card or one of sympathy, etc. from GFWC Mt Dora.

Have a joyful Summer...see you in the fall.



ENVIRONMENT
Alison Horvath, CH

After a busy and productive year, your Environment and Conservation Committee is planning for next year!

We already have some possible tours, trips, and activities in mind. Just a hint: be looking for opportunities to learn more about plant-based meals - growing, preparing, and of course, eating them.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer with plenty of outdoor activities and chances to commune with Mother Nature.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH
Sharron Semento, CH

As we are nearing the end of the year, a **big thank you** to our club women for their donations, time, and talents for the success of this committee.

Civic Engagement and Outreach is a committee with many project ideas- Citizenship, Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry, and Homeless; and our Military Personnel and Veterans.

Some of the programs or projects we worked on:

- Wreaths Across America
- Senior Citizen Center
- GFWC National Day of Service (Forward Paths Foundation)
- Center Street Kitchen (Feeding the Needy)
- Guardian ad Litem (Angel Tree)
- Open Door (Homeless Center)
- Lake Cares (Food Bank)
- Boggy Creek Camp (President's Project)
- Christian Care Center-Samaritan Inn

Diane Capetola is trying to schedule a tour of Samaritan Inn in June.



HEALTH & WELLNESS
Mary Groeller, CH

A big THANK YOU to the generous members who contributed their time and energy to make and donate thirteen beautiful children's blankets.

The blankets were donated to the Linus Project and the Guardian ad Litem Program.

If you are looking for something to do this summer and you knit, crochet, sew, or can make a no-sew blanket, there are several charities to which we can donate them. Bring them to the October meeting and they'll be delivered.

Wishing you a healthy and safe summer, the Health and Wellness Committee.



Correspondence Secretary
Flo Fenneman

Thank you to all who gave me 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 Gina Conway who is taking over this position.





MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP
Therese Haberle, CH

Over the long and hot summer months, make sure you tell your friends and neighbors about our Club. Make sure you direct them to our wonderful website, where they will find our application form.

On a different note, during the long and hot summer months, keep on volunteering! Pursue your passions, and keep your eyes open for new projects for the Club!

Recognition of Long-Time Members' Anniversary



Therese recognizing Judith Shepp, Claire Holland, Alison Horvath, Donna Kelly and Suzanne Gibson.

Presentation of New Members



Recruitment Contest Results!

The Communications Committee has been exceptionally successful in attracting the most new members through the website, Facebook, and newsletter. Congratulations to Diane Cole, Alissa Constant, Joanna Fox, Roseanne Miller, and Denise Mulcahy for their outstanding efforts.



ESO
Cathleen Arciero, CH

The ESO book club will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Dora Library. It will be a free read so just bring your favorite author and a smile.

Cheers!



HOSPITALITY
Linda Urry, CH

As we wrap up the 2023-2024 season and enjoy our final lunch, I would like to encourage our members to recognize the hard work of the waitstaff at Mount Dora Country Club. There will be an envelope at your table to tip at your discretion. Thank you all for all you do. Have a wonderful summer.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a club member going through a rough patch and could use some TLC, i.e., a ride, to the doctor, help with meals, a call, or a visit, please let a Hospitality/Sunshine Committee member know so we may bring some sunshine their way. Contact Cathy Kautz.

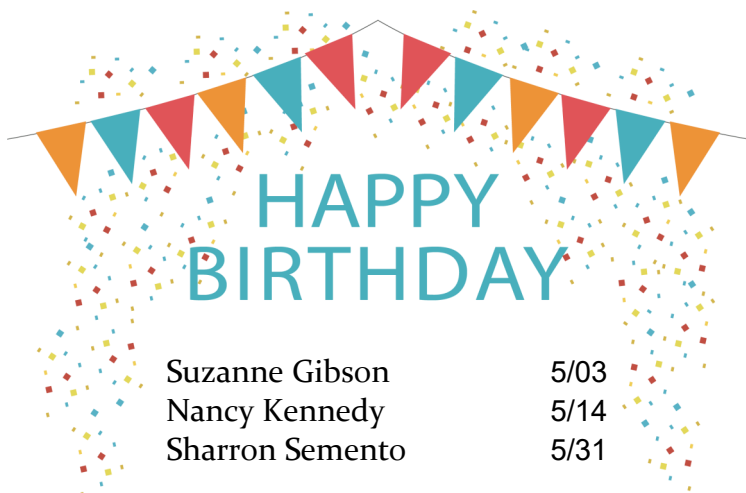


Walk and talk will take place on May 16th at Trimble Park, Mount Dora. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. Park in the first public parking area you come upon!





Announcements



Suzanne Gibson	5/03
Nancy Kennedy	5/14
Sharron Semento	5/31

Summer Birthdays

Stephanie Haimes	6/13
Denise Mulcahy	6/13
Beth Kelb	6/15
Faye Owens	6/15
Sue Mason	6/19
Cyd Penny	7/05
Roseanne Miller	7/08
Vicki Bores	7/14
Dee Olive	7/22
Gina Conway	7/28
Jerry Hardwick	7/29
Vivian McGuire	8/04
Gina Kuster	8/09
Donna Biba	8/12
Diane Cole	9/02
Delores Deen	9/07
Therese Haberle	9/07
Suzanne Matthews	9/07
Tilde Renza Jones	9/08
Gail Goldberg	9/15
Donna Kelly	9/18
Judith Nelson	9/19
Cindy Bennett	9/21
Tracy Cooper	9/23
Irene Rosenberg	9/28
Kathleen Drotar	9/29



Laura Gibson

Laura, a recent addition to our club in 2024, currently serves on our Communications & Membership committees. Laura, being from South Florida, pursued her education at the University of Florida.

After college, she moved to the Atlanta, Georgia area where she spent two decades as an independent court reporter - a career that once led her to an assignment in Seoul, South Korea.

Three years ago, Laura came back to Florida! She resided in St. Augustine for a couple of years before finally settling in Mount Dora. She is married with three children and seven grandchildren.

Laura is a woman of diverse interests. She finds joy in machine quilting and embroidery and explores the world of sublimation. Laura's artistic spirit has her playing the harp and just recently she joined the Mount Dora Pipes & Drums Band.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Kathy Honeycut
Barbara Little
Gail Mahan

"Birthdays are inevitable, beautiful and very particular moments in our lives! Moments that bring precious memories back, celebrate the present times and give hope for the future."

Unknown

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Coretta Scott King

Announcements

CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS OF CASH, CHECK, DEBIT, OR CREDIT, WHICH METHOD OFFERS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SECURITY FOR TRANSACTIONS?

While a consensus might suggest that cash transactions are the most secure and straightforward method for expenditures and bill payments, this warrants further examination. The benefits of using cash include its simplicity in management, anonymity, and universal acceptance. However, it's not without drawbacks. The risk of misplacing cash, the hassle of locating ATMs—especially amidst security concerns—and the inherent dangers of carrying physical money are significant considerations.

Checks remain a practical option for bill payments and purchases. Yet, they are not without risks, as they can be misplaced or stolen. Gone are the days when only your bank had access to your account numbers. Today, any merchant or employee who processes your check gains access to not just your account details but also your personal information, increasing the potential for fraud. Unlike credit or debit cards, checks provide minimal protection and recourse in the event of fraud.

Debit cards, provided by your bank, are connected to your checking account and function similarly to credit cards. However, they afford less protection against fraud. For those who frequently use debit cards, it is crucial to regularly review bank statements, safeguard your PIN, exclusively use ATMs at banking institutions, and refrain from conducting transactions over public Wi-Fi. To maximize security, opt for processing your debit card as a credit card during transactions, which eliminates the need to enter your PIN.

Credit cards are widely regarded as one of the safest payment methods, especially for online transactions. They come equipped with a variety of security features designed to protect your personal information and prevent unauthorized use. They offer robust security features for safe transactions, including encryption, fraud monitoring, and zero liability policies for unauthorized charges.

The optimal payment method for you hinges on your financial practices, necessities, and spending management skills. Be it card swiping, cash transactions, or check payments, make choices that are well-informed and align with your financial strategy.

Roseanne Miller

Have a wonder Summer!

