



KEY NOTES



Federation Motto: "In great things, Unity; In small things, Liberty; In all things, Charity"

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Dear Members,

Welcome back to the flock! We have had a fun summer, but now it is time to roll up our sleeves and get busy with community service projects. However, to do this, our club needs committee chairs for guidance. A committee chair is responsible for the following tasks:

1. Serve on the Board and report on committee projects.
2. Schedule committee meetings.
3. Preside at committee meetings and check up on the progress of project assignments.
4. Write a short blurb for the newsletter.
5. As the Chair you **DO NOT** do all the work.

Please consider volunteering to be a committee chair or find a partner to co-chair. Questions? Please contact me.

"Be a flamingo: stand out and shine bright."



Suzanne

OCTOBER PROGRAM

LovExtension
Non-Profit for the Elderly and Disabled

Guest Speaker
Linda Krupski, Founder



Hosted by the Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

GFWC
Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.
Annual Fundraising Yard Sale
Fri. & Sat., October 25 & 26, 2024. 8 am—3 pm
111 Old Eustis Road
Mount Dora, FL 32757
(located at the intersection of Donnelly & Limit)

Proceeds from the Yard Sale will benefit

Ashley's House

A TRANSITIONAL RESIDENCE DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING FEMALE VETERANS

THIS 4,000-SF HOME WILL BE A HOME FOR WOMEN VETERANS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to duty have not only defended our freedoms but also paved the way for future generations of women in the military. It's essential that we recognize and honor the service of female veterans, providing them with the support and resources they need to thrive after their military careers. Thank you to all the women who have served our country. And, thank you for your support!

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. The GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club is a 501(c)(3) organization.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 2 Luncheon & General Meeting
Registration 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Noon
General Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- Oct 4 Center Street Kitchen
- Oct 14 Columbus Day
- Oct 17 Walk n' Talk
- Oct 25 Yard Sale
- Oct 26 Yard Sale
- Oct 30 Executive Board Meeting
- Oct 31 LovExtension Warehouse
- Oct 31 Halloween

Yard Sale Donations Needed





Community Service Programs



ARTS & CULTURE

Delores Deen and Donna Biba, CO-CHS

The committee met in May to plan for the year. Plans for the Arts & Crafts contest in January are almost complete and encourage each of you to complete a project and enter the contest. For more information contact Dee Olive.

Thank you to all who participated in this summer's "Small Art with a Big Heart" project supporting families affected by breast cancer in Lake County. The art will be sold at Artisans Mt. Dora on October 11, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Our book scanning continued during the summer and the volume of books donated to the library warranted another scanner. Joining Gail Goldberg on the book scanning team is Delores Deen.

Book scanning provided funds for the library's Nature Preserve this summer and the Cottage Series that started in August. On October 11, 2024 we are funding the Bee Jamboree at the Library.

We are looking for someone to take the lead as chair, or co-chairs, of this committee. Your leadership would be greatly appreciated.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

The committee met in April to decide on a project for GFWC National Day of Service on September 28th, benefitting those with food insecurities.

They decided to have several small fundraisers to benefit LovExtension in Tavares. On August 21st, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Bunco, and on September 26th, "Flamingo Bingo" were held as fundraisers for LovExtension.

On October 31, our club will be packing groceries at the LovExtension warehouse in Tavares as the last part of our project. If you missed our fundraisers and are not available to pack groceries, you may, if you wish, bring non-perishable food items (especially canned meats) to our October luncheon meeting.

This committee needs a chair or co-chairs.



ENVIRONMENT

We need a chair or co-chairs for this committee. Your leadership and enthusiasm, and ideas are essential to our success.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Kim Barnes, CH



We are thrilled to announce Kim Barnes has recently agreed to become the Chair of Health and Wellness. Kim's energy and enthusiasm are sure to be a fantastic addition to the success of this committee.



WAYS & MEANS /FUNDRAISING

Donna Kelley and Linda Urry, CO-CHS

Thanks to all of the wonderful women who are and will help us raise funds for Ashley's House at our Fall Yard Sale. The event will be at Susanne Gibson's house on Friday, October 25th and Saturday October 26th, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will need volunteers on Thursday the 24th, to help set up, as well as volunteers to help clean up after the yard sale. There will be a sign up sheet at the October 2nd Luncheon and General Meeting. We need everyone's help to make this a success.

Cathy Kautz will be selling baked goods. If you can bake something to help in her efforts, please contact Cathy.

We are looking for items to sell at the yard sale, so after doing your Fall cleaning (right, who does that anymore) please drop off any of your unwanted items in Suzanne's barn. If you need help, please contact Linda Urry or I and will make arrangements to pick up your contribution.

In other news, a "fundraising" meeting was held on September 18th to begin planning a smaller fundraising opportunity before the "Tea" in the Spring.

Donna Kelly, Co-chair of Ways & Means/Fundraising



Correspondence Secretary

Gina Conway

If you know of anyone who needs a ray of Sunshine, please send me their name and address so I can contact them with a note from MDWC.





ASHLEY'S HOUSE PROJECT 2024-2025
Jerry Hardwick, District Point Person

Welcome back ladies and hope you are up for our 2 year adventure in support of Ashley's House which is currently under construction in Eustis.

As you may be aware, Ashley's House is named for 1st Lt. Ashley White who was killed in 2011, during combat operations in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Ashley's House is to serve as a transition safe haven for homeless women veterans.

Teams are already working within GFWC-MDWC in support of completion of the "house" to include:

- Designating the proceeds from the October, 2024 yard sale to go to Ashley's House.
- Our ESO has designated Ashley's War as their designated reading for November, 2024.
- Be looking for periodic updates or interesting facts to be provided to all District 7 GFWC members via their designated club META (formally Facebook) account.
- Our November 6th luncheon program will feature the founder and a Veteran board member as guest speakers.

The pictures show construction progress since the GFWC became involved in the Ashley's House project beginning in May 2024.



ESO
Cathleen Arciero, CH

The ESO book club will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Dora Library. The group reads are "Ashley's War" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon and "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok.



HOSPITALITY
Cathy Kautz, CH

This summer has been quite the adventure! Members of the Hospitality Committee and Board of Directors explored different venues and pricing for our luncheons. One fun idea was to have box lunches at the library. In the end, we decided to stick with the Country Club of Mount Dora. Even though their rates have gone up a bit, they offer the best pricing and services.

One change for luncheons at the Country Club is that payment must be in advance to hold one's reservation. This can be done online and the charge this coming year is \$25.00; otherwise, a check in the amount of \$24.00 can be mailed to Roseanne Miller, Treasurer. She must receive your payment by the Thursday before the luncheon. See page 4 for details.



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 .



MEMBERSHIP
Therese Haberle, CH

Welcome to our two new members who joined us over the summer! Gail Newton is a Mount Dora resident but a highly experienced GFWC'r, she's been a member of the Apopka club for some time.

She joins the ranks of our many "former" teachers! And, say hello to Cheryl Higgins. Thank you Roseanne for bringing us one of your neighbors! Cheryl is a relatively recent retiree and while a long time Floridian, a relative newcomer to Lake County.

I'm looking forward to our new year. I hope you all will be engaged and involved! AND, please remember, the best way for us to grow is by "referral". Bring your friends, your neighbors and family to our events. Spread the word! And point them to our (wonderful) website!

Announcements



Marisha Ramsay	10/02
Sandy Chandler	10/14
Diana Scott	10/15
Betty Smith	10/18
Cathy Kautz	10/23
Joanna Fox	10/28

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Kim Barnes
 Cheryl Higgins
 Gail Newton
 Betty Smith
 Maggie Ventura



Roseanne Miller, Treasurer

Important Updates

Luncheon:

Going forward all lunches must be prepaid. If not paying online, mail you check in the amount of \$24.00 to Roseanne Miller, by the Thursday before the meeting (September 26th for October).

Miss the cut-off? You can order from the bar, or join us at 1:00 p.m. for the General Meeting.

Financial Reports:

These will now be posted on the Members page of our website to reduce email volume among Membership. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



Vicki Bores

Vicki joined our club in January 2023. She is enthusiastic about becoming more active by participating in a committee or joining the Guardian Ad Litem program. Apart from her involvement in the club, Vicki also volunteers on the HOA board for her community.

Vicki was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but from age 5 on she grew up in Cape Coral, Florida. Since then, she has lived in various southern states.

Her career spanned a decade as a pharmaceutical truck driver, with the last three years focused on a route between New York and California.

Two years ago, Vicki relocated to Tavares, Florida, to be closer to her cousin, Linda Urry. Her furry companion, a two-year-old Ponski named Kazmer holds a special place in her heart. In addition to her love for animals, Vicki enjoys sewing, refurbishing furniture, gardening, and birdwatching.



The scrapbooking group has been meeting through the summer. We entered our book in the District contest on September 28th.

After many hours of tireless work we are finally finished. Many thanks to Donna Biba, Suzanne Gibson, Donna Kelley, Judith Shepp and Linda Urry for all their help and inspiration.

Cathy Kautz



Let's kick off the season with a nice Walk n Talk along Lake Gertrude, Thursday, October 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Park along the lakeside where Morningside meets Park Place. This is in Mount Dora, just around the corner from where the old Lake Cares Pantry was on Old 441. There is plenty of parking, but no toilettes! The path is paved.

Announcements

Summer Socials, Fundraising, and Service



Salad Social - June



Hand Bag Bingo - July



"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Bunco" - August. A Fundraiser benefiting LovExtension. This was a GFWC National Day of Service project.



Senior Center



Center Street Kitchen



GFWC FLORIDA 2024 - 2026 President's Project



GFWC Florida President, Sara Dessureau, is proud to have chosen to honor our GFWC Florida Women Veterans with her state project - A Flight to Honor.

Established in January 2015, Flight to Honor Polk honors United States military Veterans by transporting them to Washington, DC, to visit the war memorials erected to honor their service. Based in Polk County, Florida, the mission is a one-day event departing from Lakeland Linder International Airport early in the morning and returning in the evening.