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RWC NEWSLETTER

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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



NEW CLUB YEAR 2023-2024

Mark your calendars! Take a moment to review the upcoming meetings and activities that we have planned for the new club year 2023-2024



NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Ms. Sharon Davis, new RWC Club President has been busy all summer and ready to start a new club year. Read her letter in this month's newsletter as she shares with us her goals and aspirations.



CLUB OFFICERS*

Sharon Davis, President

Vacant, 1st Vice President

Carol Berman, 2nd Vice President

Jane Wenzel, Recording Secretary

Eileen Crowley, Treasurer

Sandra Ottino, Corresponding Secretary

APPOINTED OFFICER*

Phyllis Elsberry,

Parliamentarian & GFWC Liason

TRUSTEES

Dottie Dickman

Frances Hereford

Kat Sherwood

JR TRUSTEE

Amber Council

HISTORIANS

Carolyn Pyle

Jane Wenzel

*Executive Committee

CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I begin my first year as President of the Ruskin Woman's Club, I am proud to be given the honor to be your leader for such a distinguished and accomplished club and organization. I will give a 110% to continue our traditions, acknowledge our members' accomplishments and leadership abilities, and encourage our club to continue to explore new avenues of community service projects and fundraising events.

My theme for the year is "Igniting the spark to give from the heart to help our community shine".

My goals for the year include to spark more members' interest and participation in the club, focus on our community service projects to help Ruskin shine, to increase our visibility in the community to help us sparkle and shine, increase membership to make our hearts bigger, and increase education regarding the history of our club, GFWC Florida and GFWC to understand where our spark started.

We have such a diverse and talented group of ladies in our club that we can accomplish anything we put our minds to, as we have done for the past 111 years. I want us to continue working as a team, and I will always be available and open to suggestions, new ideas, and recommendations.

I am looking forward to working side by side with all the members of RWC while we establish stronger friendships; do some amazing volunteer work; and work smarter, not harder as we all are soon to be or already are in our Senior years of life.

We are thankful for our spouses that contribute to the club (club boosters) and welcome more to join in on the fun and become a booster also!

Looking forward to a fun and productive year for the Ruskin Woman's Club.

Sharon Davis, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, 8/30

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 9/6

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: GFWC & Me

Guest Speaker: Kat Sherwood District 8 Duties

Luncheon Theme: Welcome Back/All American Picnic

Wear: Red, White and Blue

CSP: Bring uniform bottoms for Ruskin Elementary School's "accident closet"

Wednesday, 9/20

Meeting for the Fall Luncheon and Chico's Fashion Show @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Friday, 9/22 - Sunday, 9/24

Fall Board, Orlando, FL

Wednesday, 9/27

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Thursday, 9/28

ESO RWC Book Club reviewing and discussing *The Maid* by Nita Prose @ 11:45 am, Latitudes, Apollo Beach

Friday, 9/29 & Saturday, 9/30

GFWC National Day of Service - Both days 9am-3pm

RWC will be having a community food drive that we will donate to a local food bank. Deb Bonebrake is working on the specific details .

Wednesday, 10/4

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Education & Libraries

Luncheon Theme: Halloween/Fall

Wear: Fall Leaves

CSP: Bring feminine products in discreet bags for "accidents" to be handed out by middle school nurse.

Friday, 10/27

RWC Social Lunch @ 12:30 pm at Doc's Ford on St. Pete Pier



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Each meeting has a speaker and Community Service Project (CSP).

September: GFWC & Me

October: Education & Libraries

November: Civic Engagement
& Outreach

December: Arts & Culture

January: Honor Past Presidents

February: Health & Wellness

March: Human Trafficking

April: Environment

May: Domestic & Sexual Violence
Awareness & Prevention

MORE CLUB NEWS

»»» HOSTESS COMMITTEE

September Hostesses are:

Elise Passentino (Chair), Carol Berman, Deb Bonebrake, Bonnie Fagoh, and Carole Zoellner

October Hostesses are:

Dottie Dickman (Chair), Sandy Ottino, Kat Sherwood, Jane Wenzel, and Jane DeBrosse

If you have any questions, please contact Elise Passentino, RWC Hostess Coordinator.



»»» FALL LUNCHEON & CHICO FASHION SHOW

WHEN: Sunday, November 12th

WHERE: Kings Point, Sun City Center

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON! Contact Carol Ann Berman for more information and/or if you are interested in volunteering. You do not want to miss this great club fundraising event. Looking for models. If you are interested in being a model contact Carol.



»»» HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in September.

01 Sharron Sweat

Shawn Geitner

06 Kathy Eckhart

22 Bonnie Fagoh

28 Bonnie Easter



MORE INFO...

➤➤➤ MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- September: Provide Ruskin Elementary school with clothes for their "accident" closet
- September 29 & 30: GFWC National Day of Service— RWC will be having a community food drive that we will donate to a local food bank. Deb Bonebrake is working on the specific details TBD.
- October: Provide feminine products for a middle school in discreet bags for "accidents" (will be handed out by the school nurse).
- November: Christmas cards to active-duty military
- December: Host Bingo game for elderly in Assisted Living
- January: Make soft, tie blankets from felt for the elderly
- February: Assist with Love cards with candy and beanie babies for elderly
- March: Easter Food Bank
- April: Quarters of Kindness
- May: Place flags at the veteran's graves for Memorial Day

➤➤➤ FUNDRAISERS

- Purse auctions at monthly meetings
- Dottie's bean soup (will be sold to members only)
- Watermelon Pickles - July 2023
- Fashion Show at King's Point, SCC on November 12, 2023
- Murder Mystery Dinner Theater - January 2024
- Sweetheart Tea - February 10, 2024
- Golf Tournament - March - April 2024



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