

RWC NEWSLETTER

GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB



WELCOME

The Ruskin Woman's Club Mission is to maximize the potential of our community by ensuring the continued development of educational, cultural, and social opportunities through the service and resources of our members.



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MAXIMIZING OUR COMMUNITY

CLUB OFFICERS*

- ◆ Kat Sherwood, President
- ◆ Sharon Davis,
1st Vice President
- ◆ Carol Berman,
2nd Vice President
- ◆ *Need Volunteer*
Recording Secretary
- ◆ Anne Frappier, Treasurer
- ◆ Sandra Ottino,
Corresponding Secretary

APPOINTED OFFICER*

- ◆ Phyllis Elsberry,
Parliamentarian &
GFWC Liason

TRUSTEES

- ◆ Dottie Dickman
- ◆ Frances Hereford
- ◆ Kat Sherwood

**Executive Board*

A MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

I would like to encourage each of you to participate in our next big event. The Chico's Style Show & Luncheon on May 13th. You can find ticket details on page six. If you would like to volunteer reach out to event chair, Carol Berman at carolberman@outlook.com. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about this fun and stylish event. It is going to be great. Also, a great start to Mother's Day weekend.

Our Annual Sweetheart Luncheon Tea was a success and well attended. We had two sittings and lots of hands on deck helping in the kitchen, serving, and setting up. We look forward to the fruits of our labor as we support the educational career of some of our community members with scholarships.

The scholarship committee has been busy collecting, reviewing, selecting this year's scholars. We will have any opportunity to meet the scholars at our May General Meeting with a special luncheon for them and their guests.

Finally, thank you to all our members for submitting your hours, paying your dues, and supporting the club throughout this first quarter of 2023.

Sincerely,

Kat Sherwood

GENERAL MEETINGS

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3/1:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Human Trafficking - Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Luncheon Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Wear: Tartan Plaid/Green

Wednesday, 3/29:

RWC Board meeting at the Clubhouse at 10am

Wednesday, 4/5:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Environment - Raleigh Barnes & Annie Jimenez of Third Insight Nursery

Luncheon Theme: Spring has Sprung!

Wear: Floral Prints

Wednesday, 4/26:

RWC Board meeting at the Clubhouse at 10 am

Wednesday, 5/3:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence - Lina Cooper of The Spring

Luncheon Theme: Celebrate our Scholars

Wear: Purple

Saturday, 5/13:

Chico's Style Show & Luncheon at South Shore Falls. Doors open at 11 am. See more details on page six.

Each meeting has a speaker, a demo, and a cause of awareness. The monthly topics are below:

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

a strong woman

looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a *wink.*

-Gina Carey

MONTHLY MEETINGS...

MARCH

To support the foundation of our efforts found in our Community Service Project regarding the topic of Human Trafficking, Detectives Daniels, Zarski, and Diaz generously offered their time and expertise. They are currently assigned to the Special Investigations Division, Human Trafficking section.

Their unit specializes in covert and proactive investigations that target traffickers with the goal of recovering victims.

The unit also conducts investigations that target individuals who solicit minors online.

These 3 detectives have 60 years of combined law enforcement experience. So if you have any questions on this topic, these are the gentlemen to ask!

I yield the floor to the experts.....



St. Patrick's Day Celebratory Decorations

APRIL



Cathy welcoming members and guests as they check-in



Members & guests enjoying the refreshments.



Raleigh Barnes & Annie Jimenez educating us on the environment.

...AND MORE



Members, friends, and special guests enjoyed this annual fundraising event on February 11, 2023.



Members enjoying a snack before the general meeting



Kat Sherwood, Carol Berman, and Donna Henke

... AND MORE



Currently needs:

- New twin bed sheet sets
- New blankets
- Non-perishable food items
- Full sized toiletry products
- Packages of Diapers sizes 4-6

COLLECTION

at General Meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Thank you! Jane Wenzel

What Makes a Good Member?

A good member...

Maintains a positive attitude
Embraces change
Mentors others
Betters her community
Educates herself in Federation
Recruits and retains members
Supports club projects and programs
Helps when needed
Involves everyone
Promotes her club and Federation

Where do you stand in membership?
Are all of its letters found in you?

THE CLUB COLLECT

Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding, and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things, make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and, O Lord God, let us forget not, to be kind.

- Mary Stewart

No one can make you *feel* inferior
without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB
PRESENTS THE

CHICO'S STYLE SHOW & Luncheon

AT SOUTH SHORE FALLS
5831 CASCADE FALLS LN
APOLLO BEACH, FL

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM
DONATION \$35 PP**

Spring **RSVP** Your Reservations
By May 7th

TO (813) 296-3900

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**Featuring a Wine Bar
Opportunity Baskets
Silent Auction & 50/50**

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Our **Annual Assist With Love** project was met with great excitement and appreciation. Our members created 43 Valentine cards for residents of a local Assisted Living/Memory Care Facility. We paired each card with a Beanie Baby and delivered them. We were caught in the act! Residents who were relaxing in chairs and wheelchairs saw the delivery box and began clapping in anticipation of the Valentine gifts within. We were not there on the day of delivery to each resident, but I'm sure it would have brought us to tears.

Such a simple gesture; such great food for the soul.

This is just one more reason why we belong to a club who reaches out to its community with love and generosity.

The next outreach organized by the Membership Team will be Quarters of Kindness on April 15 when we deliver bags of collected quarters (and snacks, drinks, reading material) to those who are found spending their Saturday at the local laundromats. We want to bless these people who are working to take good care of their families. Last year we were met with several recipients who felt unworthy and were reluctant to accept

the blessing. We were the humbled and grateful ones that day. We even happened upon two young boys that were picking up garbage outside all around the facility under the supervision of their father. We were excited to be able to bless the boys as well.

Monthly Mystery Member:

This month's Mystery Member must have been an easy one. This member loves Peanut M&Ms, is scared of dogs off-leash, loves Cameron Diaz and Something About Mary. And speaking of a sense of humor, she loves to play pranks on April Fool's Day. She once replaced the cream in her father's Oreos with toothpaste! (Watch out for this one!) She quoted Mother Teresa's "Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it." This member would have wished to become a sports broadcaster or radio DJ. And the one hint which I believe gave it away.... she is a glass artist and teaches classes in mosaics. I guess that fact was no secret.

All guesses were correct. So I placed all the guesses in a jar and pulled one out as the winner. And that winner is..... (I'll tell you at the next meeting!)

To all members - Please remember to turn in your Record of Time sheets at the end of each month to Carol Berman. (and Monies Spent sheets when necessary).. Extra forms are available at each meeting. See Jane Wenzel. Also, if you would like to purchase a \$10 GFWC RWC car decal, please see Jane.

Jane Wenzel, Chair of Membership Committee



HOSTESS COMMITTEE



March Hostesses:

Beth Christo, Chair
 Claudia Edger, Bonnie Fagoh, Anne Frappier,
 and Linda Goodwin

April Hostesses:

Carol Fagot, Chair
 Sharon Davis, Shawn Geitner, Jeanette Bradley, Phyllis
 Elsberry, and Brenda Sanchez

Next month's our hostesses will be:

Sally Mizerak, Chair
 Elise Passentino, and Kat Sherwood

If you have any questions, please contact Elise Passentino,
 RWC Hostess Coordinator at passentino-warneke@juno.com



Happy Birthday!

TO ALL CELEBRATING IN THE MONTH OF:

MARCH

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| 2 Jean Gaylord | 3 Iris Mixon |
| 3 Frances Hereford | 6 Wilma Sheppard |
| 8 Jeanette Bradley | 15 Polly Rothenbush |
| 16 Phyllis Elsberry | 22 Cheryl DeLeon |
| 24 Amber Council | 26 Sharon Davis |
| 30 Carole Zoellner | |

APRIL

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| 13 Eileen Crowley | 14 Sally Mizerak |
| 15 Debbie Bonebrake | 25 Jane DeBrosse |

STANDING COMMITTEES

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| Arts Committee: | Deb Bonebrake, Chair |
| Courtesy Committee: | Sandy Ottino, Chair |
| Dean of Hostesses: | Elise Passentino, Chair |
| Devotions Committee: | Carole Zoellner, Chair |
| Finance Committee: | Phyllis Elsberry, Chair |
| Fundraising Committee: | |
| Grant Committee: | Katheen Atkins, Chair |
| House & Grounds: | Kat Sherwood, Chair |
| Membership: | Jane Wenzel, Chair |
| Newsletter: | Brenda Sanchez |
| Nominating Committee: | Frances Hereford
Debbie Bonebrake |
| Photographers: | Beth Christo
Cheryl DeLeon
Sharon Davis |
| Scholarships Committee: | Donna Henke, Chair |
| Emeritus Membership: | Iris Mixon
Bobbie Neil Strong |
| Historians: | Frances Hereford
Kathy Wiles
Iris Mixon
Bobbie Neil Strong |
| Publicity: | Amy Fattori |

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