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RWC NEWSLETTER

»»» GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB «««



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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

As a reminder your 2024 dues of \$50 are past due. Membership committee members are collecting dues. Any questions ask Maria Huelin.

Don't forget if you plan to bring a guest to the monthly meeting, please let Elise Passentino know so we can be prepared with enough chairs, tables and food.





CLUB OFFICERS*

Sharon Davis, President
 JoJo Woodland, 1st Vice President
 Trainee
 Carol Berman, 2nd Vice President
 Deborah V., 2nd Vice President Trainee
 Jane Wenzel, Recording Secretary
 Eileen Crowley, Treasurer
 Sandra Ottino, Corresponding Secretary

APPOINTED OFFICER*

Phyllis Elsberry,
 Parliamentarian & GFWC Liason

TRUSTEES

Amber Council
 Dottie Dickman
 Kat Sherwood

HISTORIANS

Carolyn Pyle
 Jane Wenzel

*Executive Committee



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that March is already here, Spring has sprung and it is time for the Ruskin Woman's Club to spring into action again. We continue to grow and gained another new member at our February meeting—welcome Jarrath Bradley!

We had two fundraisers in February. The RWC continued our tradition with The Sweetheart Tea, which was elegant and beautifully decorated. We provided our guests wonderful treats including scones with clotted cream, dainty savory bites and a parade of sweets all made by our members. Kat Sherwood and Kathy Atkins co-chaired this event and did a fabulous job making sure everything ran smoothly and organized. This fundraiser requires so many hands and our members jumped right in to help make it a success.

Our second fundraiser was the RWC Murder Mystery Dinner Theater performances. This was a first-time event for our club, but again our members stepped up to the plate and did a fabulous job. Who knew we had so much talent among us! We are already having requests to do the play again—are you ready to take this show on the road?

We had two community service projects for February. We made 23 fleece tie-blankets to give to breast cancer patients at Moffitt Cancer hospital. We tied a small label to each blanket to let them know that they were "Made With Love" by the Ruskin Woman's Club. We also made 71 "Assist With Love" Valentine care packages that included a card, a beanie baby and candy for the elderly at the Inspired Living ALF.

"Here Comes Peter Cottontail" --for our March CSP, we plan to make 20 Easter baskets filled with goodies to give to boys and girls when their parents make their weekly trip to the food bank. Let's get those rabbit ears thinking and hippty hop to the store to fill up these baskets for these boys and girls, ladies!

I am so proud of the Ruskin Woman's Club and all the members have accomplished. Thank you for always going the extra mile and your willingness to rise to the occasion when it counts. Wear your brooch to the March meeting so everyone can see just how much you "sparkle and shine".

Sincerely,

Sharon Davis

Sharon Davis, President



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 6th: General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse; Theme: Spring/Eggciting; Color: Sparkles

March 8th: Golf Tournament Fundraiser Sponsorship Committee meeting at 10am at RWC clubhouse

March 10th: Brunch social at the Oxford Exchange at 10am (420 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, 33606). We will meet at the RWC clubhouse at 10am to carpool.

March 11th: Scholarship Committee meeting at 1:30pm at the clubhouse

March 21st: Book Club at Texas Roadhouse at 11:30am (13006 S US Hwy 301, Riverview, 33578)

March 26th: Game Night to play L,R,C---6:30pm-8pm at RWC Clubhouse

March 27th: Board Meeting at RWC Clubhouse at 10am (encourage all Chairwomen to attend)

April 3rd: Monthly RWC Meeting at 11am at RWC Clubhouse; Theme: Showers and Flowers; Color: Florals

April 10th: Hope Seed Community Service Project at 10am at RWC Clubhouse

April 12th-April 15th: GFWC Florida Spring Convention (deadline for early registration and meals is March 29th)

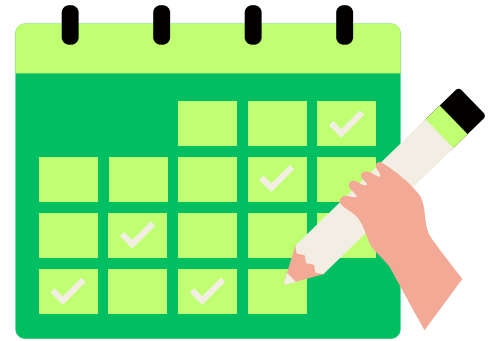
April 16th: Sunken Gardens Social at St Pete at 11am (further details TBD)

April 23rd: Game Night 6:30pm-8pm at RWC Clubhouse (further details TBD)

April 24th: Board Meeting at 10am at RWC Clubhouse

April 26th: South Shore Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Expo 9am-1pm (St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 W Del Webb, SCC, 33573)

April 30th: RWC Scholarship celebration at 10am (details TBD)



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

CLUB NEWS

▶▶▶ HOSTESS COMMITTEE

March Hostesses are:

Elise Passentino (chair), Beth Christo, Jeanette Bradley, and Kathy Eckhart

April Hostesses are:

JoJo Woodland (chair), Phyllis Elsberry, Brenda Sanchez, Sally Mizerak, and Doris Barron-Shell

May Hostesses are:

Elise Passentino (chair), Jean Gaylord, Frances Hereford, and Sharon Davis

If you can volunteer to help prepare a food item for either month, it would be greatly appreciated. Seasoned members are encouraged to volunteer to lead the hostess teams for each of these months, as well. Please contact Elise Passentino, RWC Hostess Coordinator, to volunteer to contribute a dish or lead the team.



Thank you February Hostesses for your hospitality and delicious lunch. Pictured above (left to right) LouAnne Rossdeutscher, Elise Passentino, Barb Diana, Kathy Atkins, Jane DeBrosse, Dawn Bradley, and Juanita Sehorne

▶▶▶ UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- March: Easter Food Bank
- April: Quarters of Kindness
- May: Place flags at the veteran's graves for Memorial Day



Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in March.

- 02 Jean Gaylord**
- 03 Frances Hereford**
- Iris Mixon**
- 08 Jeanette Bradley**
- 15 Polly Rothenbush**
- 16 Phyllis Elsberry**
- 22 Cheryl DeLeon**
- 24 Amber Council**
- 26 Sharon Davis**
- 30 Carole Zoellner**

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FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

Top row: 1) Beth Christos 2) Treasure Box 3) Afghans 4) Sharon Davis

2nd Row: 1) Jane Wenzel 2) Clothes Pin Wreath 3) Floral Centerpiece 4) RWC Members

3rd Row: 1) Elise Passentino & Deb Bonbrake 2) Roseann Yencer, Maria Huelin, Suzanne Crowley, Sigrid Forney, and Linda Freeth 3) Carol Nerman 4) Carol Zoellner

Pictured Left: JoJo Woodland

Pictured below: 1) Jean Gaylord, Sharon Davis, Eileen Crowley, Sandy Ottino, Elise Passentino, Jane DeBrosse, and Deborah V. 2) Barb Diane, Kat Sherwood, Sigrid Forney, Sue Aiello, Linda Freeth, Elise Passentino, Kathy Atkins, and Deborah V.



RWC 2024 SWEETHEART TEA



MEMBERS IN ACTION

STANDING COMMITTEES Chair

ARTS COMMITTEE
Elise Passentino

DEAN OF HOSTESSES
Elise Passentino

FACEBOOK
Vanessa Josey

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Phyllis Elsberry

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
Sharon Davis

GRANT COMMITTEE
Kathleen Atkins

HISTORIANS
Carolyn Pyle
Jane Wenzel

HOUSE & GROUNDS
Kat Sherwood

INSPIRATIONAL COMMITTEE
Carole Zoellner

MEMBERSHIP
Maria Huelin

NEWSLETTER
Brenda Sanchez

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Beth Christo
Jane DeBrosse
Vanessa Josey

PUBLICITY
Vanessa Josey

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Donna Henke

SCRAPBOOK
Beth Christo

WEBSITE
Larry & Carol Berman



January 25th, what a fun day! Pictured (left to right): Barb Bialek (guest), Sue Aiello, Sandy Ottino, Deborah V., Kat Sherwood, Dottie Dickman (their cheerleader!), and JoJo Woodland (Social Chairwoman).

MORE INFORMATION

Feb 17th District 8 Meeting & Arts Competition was held in SCC by the SCC Woman's Club and the Pasco Junior Woman's Club. It was well attended and was the final meeting for all District 8 Chairwomen. The batons were handed to the newly elected leadership, with Kat Sherwood now stepping in as District Director for the next two years. All the Art items submitted by RWC club members were judged. The RWC took home a 1st Place Ribbon for the scrapbook made by Sharon Davis, 2nd Place for Eileen Crowley's Counted Cross stitch Poem, Anne Frappier received an Honorable Mention for her Lacey Diagonal Knit Scarf, and Deb Bonebrake received three 2nd Place Ribbons for the miniature painting, tropical wall clock & quilted wall hanging. Sharon Davis also gave a Brag Time synopsis of our CSP's, fundraisers and the whole room took notice when she reported how many new members we have. Way to go, Ladies! Deb Bonebrake

Do you love to read? If so, come join our RWC book club. We meet once a month at different restaurants in the area for lunch to discuss the book we just read. Our chosen book for March is Her Sister's Death by K.L. Murphy. We will meet at the Texas Roadhouse at 13006 S US Hwy 301, Riverview, 33578 on March 21st at 11:30am for lunch. We always have fun, learn more about each other and even discuss the book! Questions? Ask Sharon Davis

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