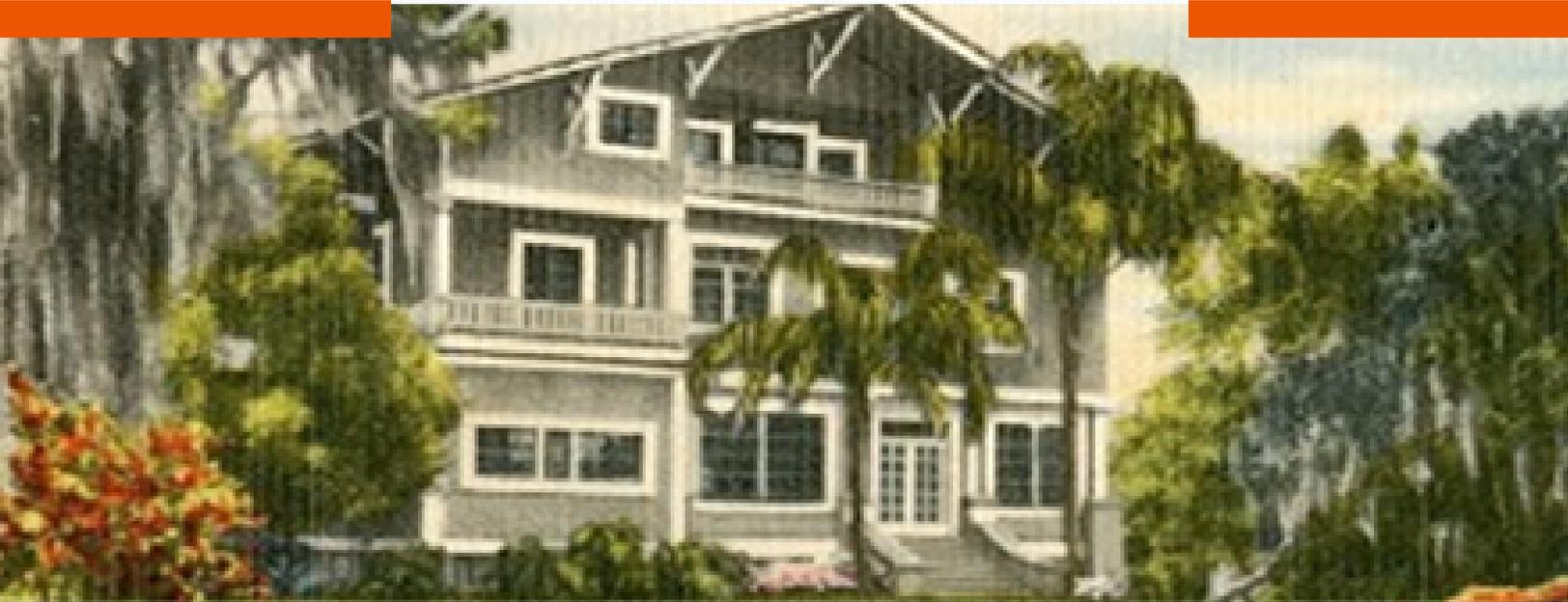


OCTOBER 2023

RWC NEWSLETTER

»»» GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB «««



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FALL INTO THE RWC SEASON



FALL LCR DICE NIGHT & LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

Mark your calendars! Find dates and details on pages 5 and 6 of this month's newsletter. Encourage family and/or friends to join you and other members for these fun club events.



WELCOME

The RWC welcomes our new members, Susan Aiello, Sharon Pal and Deborah V. The Membership Committee is looking forward to mentoring our new members so that they can get to know our Club and have opportunities to participate in some of our community service projects and social activities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

We started the year "hitting the ground running" in September with committee meetings, 2 community service projects, 3 new members, a purse auction, updated Bylaws, and a social! Our RWC members are not letting "any grass grow under their feet" and have accomplished so much in just one short month.

At the September meeting we had three new members join our club and we are so excited. Welcome Deborah, Sharon and Susan! We also auctioned off a Chico's purse with extra goodies inside and we plan to have a purse auction at each monthly meeting. There is always room for one more purse in your closet, right ladies?

Our Community Service Project for September was to provide uniform bottoms and underwear for Ruskin Elementary's "accident closet". We purchased 41 uniform pants, shorts and skirts in sizes ranging from 4T-11 and 65 pairs of boys' and girls' underwear. We had money left over so we also gave them a \$50 gift card. Our second Community Service Project for September is a community food drive for our local food bank to honor GFWC's National Day of Service by having a "drive by drop-off" at our RWC clubhouse on September 29th and 30th from 9am till 3pm both days. Chairwoman Deb Bonebrake has been working hard to put this CSP together, so RWC members, help support Deb by volunteering to help on September 29th or 30th.

The Bylaws Committee met, updated our Bylaws and are now waiting for member approval and votes. Our Chico's Fashion Show Committee has already met several times and the plans are forming nicely under the direction of Chairwoman Carol Berman. Our Golf Tournament FUNdraiser Committee have also met twice, and the word is SPONSHORSHIPS, SPONSHORSHIPS, SPONSHORSHIPS!

Our Social Committee Chairwoman, JoJo Woodland arranged for us to make resin pictures at The Artzy Mermaid. I want our members that attended to bring their works of art to the October meeting to show them off! We had so much fun!

We have definitely helped Ruskin shine, increased our visibility to help us sparkle and shine, already increased membership to make our hearts bigger, and our September speaker, our very own Kat Sherwood educated us on GFWC to better understand where our spark started.

Way to go RWC members! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. It is going to be a great year and what a wonderful start!

Sharon Davis, President



Sharon's Two Cents Worth:

Why wear a Ruskin Woman's Club t-shirt? During an event, the RWC members should stand out in the crowd so we are easy to recognize in case a visitor has a question or concern. It also represents unity among the club members and shows support and pride in being a part of your club. When do I wear my Ruskin Woman's Club t-shirt? Your Chairwoman or President should announce when to wear your club t's. Usually, you would wear them to club events, fundraisers, when delivering donations to the community, or special outings. If you are unsure, ask. How can I get a club t-shirt? If you want to sparkle and shine with a RWC t-shirt contact Sally Mizerak or Sharon Davis and we will assist you in ordering one.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, 10/04

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, 10/21

St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club Burg BBQ Benefit Fundraiser with Opportunity Baskets .

If interested, for full details go to <https://gfwc-spjwc.org/2023-burg-bbq-benefit/>.

Tuesday, 10/24

RWC Fall LRC Dice Night from 6-8:30pm, Clubhouse. See page 5 for more details.

Wednesday, 10/25

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Friday, 10/27

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

Wednesday, 11/01

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Civic Engagement & Outreach

Luncheon Theme: Give Thanks! Wear: Red, orange, yellow, and brown

CSP: Christmas cards to active-duty military

Saturday, 11/04

GFWC Florida Annual District 8 Meeting

Where: GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City, Saydie Gibbs Martin Community Center, 302 S. Maryland Avenue, Plant City, FL 33563

Time: Registration 9am, Meeting starts at 10 am

Registration: \$28 per person which includes 3 course lunch, refreshments and meeting. If you are interested in going please let Sharon Davis know and she will register you. Deadline is October 20th. Make checks payable to GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City. We are encouraging all our RWC members to join us at this meeting to show support for Kat Sherwood who is running for the District 8 Directors position for 2024-2026. We are allowed 4 members from our club to vote for Kat and I will let everyone know which 4 members will have that privilege. We will meet at the Clubhouse to carpool together.

Sunday, 11/12

Fall Luncheon and Chico's Fashion Show @ 11 am (See page 6)

Wednesday, 11/22

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 12/06

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Arts & Culture

Luncheon Theme: Happy Holidays! Wear: Red, green, blue, and silver

CSP: Host Bingo game for elderly in Assisted Living



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

October Hostesses are:

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

November Hostesses are:

Carolyn Pyle (Chair), Cheryl DeLeon, Anne Frappier, and Polly Rothenbush

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



»»» HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in October.

01 Carolyn Pyle

10 Carol Fagot and JoJo Woodland

13 Beth Christo

17 Barbara Diana

29 Betty Jo Council

HAPPY
Birthday



»»» UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- October: Provide feminine products for Shields Middle School for their "accident closet". Bring your items to the October 4th monthly meeting. Also, Jane DeBrosse and Kathy Eckhart are hoping to establish a RWC Little Free Library. Take a book. Share a book. This is a work in progress so hopefully more information will come at our October meeting.
- November: Send Christmas cards to the active-duty military. We are having some difficulty locating a contact person to assist us in getting the cards to the active-duty military, but we are still investigating. Start buying Christmas cards but remember they need to be non-religious. If we are unable to find a contact, we will still sign cards but give them to the elderly at an assisted living facility instead.
- December: Host Bingo game for elderly in Assisted Living
- January: Make soft, tie blankets from fleece 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



September's CSP

Eileen Crowley, Ms. Medina (school counselor), Sharon Davis, and JoJo Woodland. RWC donated uniforms and underpants for the accident closet at Ruskin Elementary School.

FALL

Ruskin
Woman's
Club



LCR DICE

Night

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
LUCK & CHANCE PLAYING LCR!**

**Tuesday, Oct 24th
6:00-8:30pm**

**\$10pp Entry
Donation
+ \$3/ game**



503 S US Hwy 41 Ruskin



**Register online
GFWCRuskinWomansClub.org**

Singles, Couples, or Groups of 6-10

Snacks & Beverages provided

50/50

Opportunity Raffle Basket

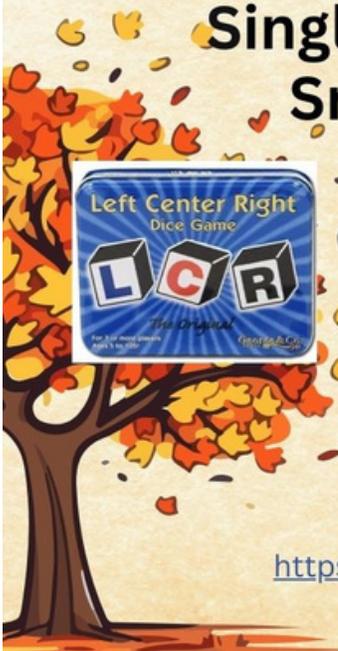


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<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Solicitation-of-Contributions>



11:00 AM, 11/12/23
Banquet Room
Kings Point North Clubhouse
1900 Clubhouse Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573
(Guardhouse will be notified to let you
thru the Visitor gate)

CHICO'S LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

**Hosted by & for the benefit of the
GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club**

**Luncheon-Fashion Show-Opportunity Baskets
50/50-Door Prizes-Wine Bar**

All Tickets must all be purchased by 11/8/23

Tickets: \$35/pp Donation

Drink Tickets: For a Donation of – \$4/each

Purchase Tickets online at our Website:

[GFWCRuskinWomansClub.org](https://www.gfwcruskinwomensclub.org)

Or

Contact Club Treasurer: (813) 296-3900

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MORE INFO

»»» FRIENDLY REMINDER

Dues for the year 2024 should be paid between now and the first club meeting of the new calendar year. The Membership Committee will collect checks payable to RWC or place \$50.00 cash in an envelope with your name and submit at the next General Meeting.



»»» ARTZY MERMAID



RWC members enjoying a creative and entertaining afternoon together. (Top L-R) Kat Sherwood, Wendy Dickman, Diana Gross, Maria Huelin, Maria's Guest, and Deborah V.

(Bottom L-R) Club President, Sharon Davis, and members Kat Sherwood, Deidra Dickman and Maria Huelin.



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