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RWC NEWSLETTER

➤➤ GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB ◀◀



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Happy Holidays



FRIENDLY REMINDER

As a reminder your 2024 dues of \$50 can be paid now or by the first meeting on January 3rd. Membership committee members are collecting dues. Any questions ask Maria Huelin.





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

Amber Council
 Dottie Dickman
 Kat Sherwood

HISTORIANS

Carolyn Pyle
 Jane Wenzel

*Executive Committee



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are around the corner—it's a time to share with our family and friends; an opportunity to renew the joy of giving and counting our blessings; creating new memories and hope for peace, and unity of our nation! It's time for us to reflect on the past year and solidify plans for the New Year to come.

Let's reflect on our gifts of time and love for the GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club year of 2023:

- One, Kat Sherwood elected as the District 8 Director for 2024-2026. We are so proud of you!
- Two, GFWC Florida Conventions attended by our RWC members
- Three, Fundraisers including 2 Chico Fashion Shows and a Sweetheart Tea
- Four, GFWC Florida awards
- FIVE, Game Nights (fun, laughter, excitement, cheers, and entertainment!)
- Six, New Members (Sally Ann Barclay, Sharon Pal, Susan Aiello, Deborah V, Marilyn Edmonds, and Pamela Ostrynski)
- Seven hundred pounds of food collected for the National Day of Service and \$200 in gift cards distributed to two local food banks and one needy family
- Eight, Clubhouse repair jobs done by our boosters Reggie Atkins, Kevin Sherwood and Bernard Davis; and outside contractors with financial contributions by Dottie and Ned Dickman.
- Nine, Board meetings
- Ten, Bylaw updates or changes (who are we kidding, it was more than 10 but I was running out of ideas!)
- Eleven, Committees recognized for their dedication and contributions to our Club including Membership, Finance, Watermelon Pickles, Facebook, Yearbook, Photographers, and Bylaws with plenty of sparkle and shine to share with others
- Twelve, Community Service Projects

Our Ruskin Woman's Club ladies have blessed so many people in our community this year with their sparkle and shine. Kat and I (RWC Presidents for 2023) are both so proud of this club and all the willingness and giving spirit you continue to share with others less fortunate than yourselves.

May this festive season sparkle and shine on each of you, may all your wishes come true and may you feel happiness all year round. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
 Sharon Davis, President



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, 11/29

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Friday, 12/1

10am at the RWC Clubhouse-making Christmas cards for the elderly at an Assisted Living Facility

Saturday, 12/2

Funny Girl Matinee social (contact JoJo Woodland if interested)

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

Wednesday, 12/27

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 01/03

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Honor Past Presidents

Luncheon Theme: Winter Fun Wear: White as Snow

Tentative January

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. The actors/members are working hard to learn their lines and get their parts blocked. They plan to provide the members attending the December meeting a "teaser" to entice your interest and spread the word to friends and family. I hope to share more details regarding the MM fundraiser at the December meeting.

Wednesday, 01/31

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 02/07

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Theme: Valentines/Love

Colors: Red, Pink, Purple, Violet

Wednesday, 02/28

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 03/06

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Theme: Spring/Eggciting

Colors: Sparkles



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

December Hostesses are:

Maria Huelin, Vanessa Josey, Coleen Laskey, Elise Passentino, Carole Zoellner, Deborah Vanhorn and Coleen Laskey

January Hostesses are:

Donna Henke, Cookie Sondergeld, Marilyn Edmond, Elise Passentino, and Kathy Wallin

The January and March hostess teams are in need of help. 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 to volunteer to contribute a dish or lead the team.

Many thanks to Eileen Crowley and Elise Passentino for preparing and hosting the 'Christmas Cards for Nursing Home Residents' December's RWC service project. A million kudos to Sharon Davis, Deb Bonebrake, Jeanette Bradley, and Deborah VanHorn for spending several hours, during this busy holiday season, to create over 30 cards. It was a fun and creative morning with some really fun and creative members! Please take a minute to sign your name to the cards at our December meeting.

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

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

THANK YOU!



Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in December.

03 Gene` Howard	12 Carol Berman	13 Marilyn Edmond
19 Judy Conn	26 Vanessa Josey	

»»» UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- 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

CHICO'S LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW 11.12.2023 - KING'S POINT



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT
WITH THEIR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURES.

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

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Brenda Sanchez

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Beth Christo
Jane DeBrosse
Vanessa Josey

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Vanessa Josey

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Donna Henke

SCRAPBOOK
Beth Christo

WEBSITE
Larry & Carol Berman

At the November meeting, Club President, Sharon Davis recognized the following committee members. Each member received a brooch as a token of appreciation. These extraordinary members "Sparkle & Shine" for the club and the community.

Picture 1: Marie Huelin, Membership Chair pinning new members that happened in October

Picture 2: Bylaws Committee: Sandy Ottino, Sharon Davis, (back row) Jane DeBrosse, Kathy Atkins, Kat Sherwood and Eileen Crowley

Picture 3: Yearbook Committee: Carol Berman and Kat Sherwood

Picture 4: Photography Committee: Vanessa Josey and Jane DeBrosse

Picture 5: Executive Committee: Sandy Ottino, Sharon Davis, Carol Berman, Jane Wenzel and Eileen Crowley

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