

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:

Happy New Year & Valentine's Day! Wishing each of you a bountiful bouquet of love, joy, and happiness. This double edition is filled with information, memories, and fun social and fundraising events. Each page is a demonstration of the club's dedication and service. We honored our past presidents, remembered members who have passed, and celebrated new members and longtime members.

These past weeks we have been very busy working on submissions for all of the category reports to GFWC for judging. Now, we wait and look forward to the results with positive hope to receive top recognitions.

In the meantime, we continue to work hard towards another successful Sweetheart Luncheon. The first sitting is sold out and working on selling out the second sitting. I look forward to seeing your fascinators/hats, smiles and a fun filled afternoon.

Sincerely,

Kat Sherwood

Your graciousness is what carries you. It isn't how old you are, how young you are, how beautiful you are, or how short your skirt is. What it is, is what comes out of your heart. If you are gracious, you have won the game.

Stevie Nicks

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1/4:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Honor Past Presidents (Sharon Davis, Debbie Bonebrake, Sandy Ottino, and Jacki Byrd)

Luncheon Theme: What's Your Sign?

Wear: Clothing signifying your zodiac sign

Wednesday, 1/11:

BUNCO Social Event & Fundraiser at the Clubhouse from 6 to 8 pm. More details on page 4.

Wednesday, 1/25:

RWC Board meeting at the Clubhouse at 10 am

Wednesday, 2/1:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Health & Wellness (Sharon Davis, Debbie Bonebrake, Sandy Ottino, and Jacki Byrd)

Luncheon Theme: Valentine's Day/Love

Wear: Red, Pink or Purple

Saturday, 2/11:

Annual Sweetheart Luncheon at the Clubhouse at 12 pm. See more details on page 9.

Thursday, 2/16:

Hope Seed Project at 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Wednesday, 2/22:

RWC Board meeting at the Clubhouse at 10 am
Help Make Herb Markers @ 1 pm

Wednesday, 3/1:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Human Trafficking - Kat Sherwood & Sharon Davis

Luncheon Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Wear: Tartan Plaid/Green

Wednesday, 3/22:

RWC Board meeting at the Clubhouse at 10am

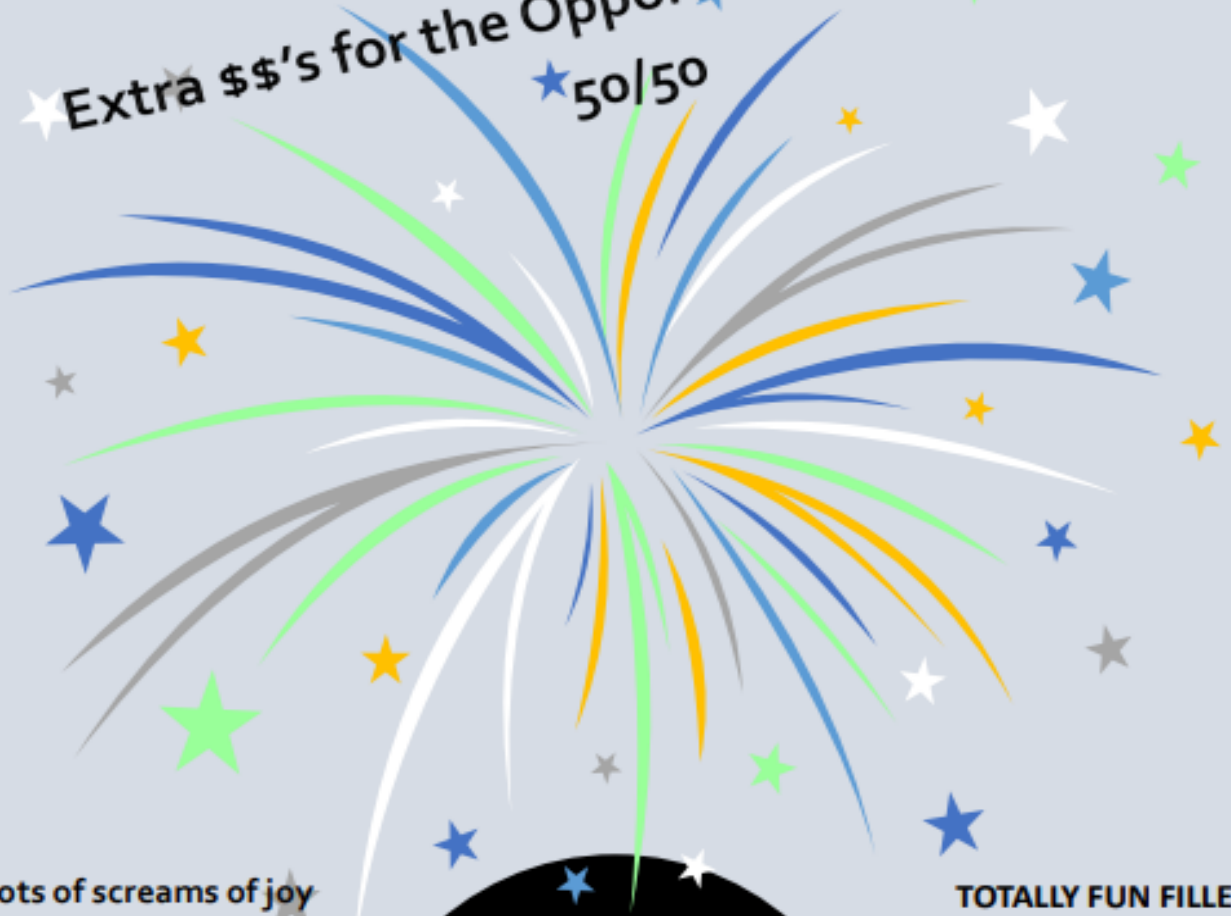
GENERAL MEETINGS

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



Tickets: \$10.00/each
Bring \$12 in singles per person to play game
AND, OF COURSE,
Extra \$\$'s for the Opportunity Baskets and
50/50



Lots of screams of joy
& frustration!! Snacks
& Drinks provided.

TOTALLY FUN FILLED
EVENING! Opportunity
Baskets – 50/50

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A

Bunco

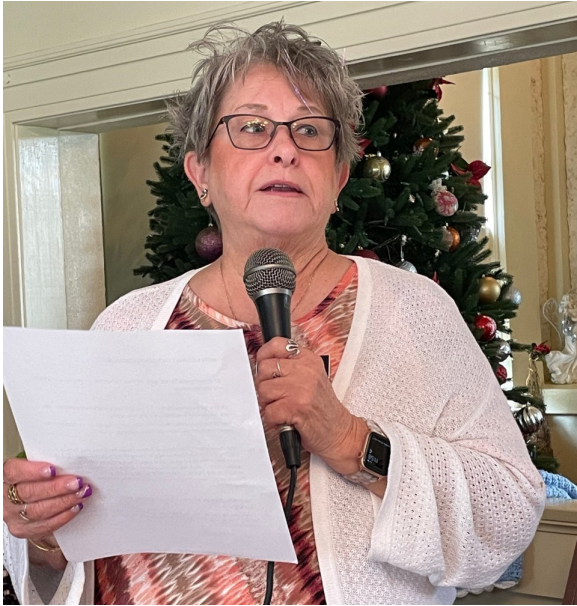
FUN FILLED SOCIAL
EVENT &
FUNDRAISER

11 JAN, 6-8 PM

503 US Hwy 41
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MONTHLY MEETINGS...

JANUARY MEETING



Sandy Ottino, presentation to honor past Presidents.



Iris Mixon, Past President



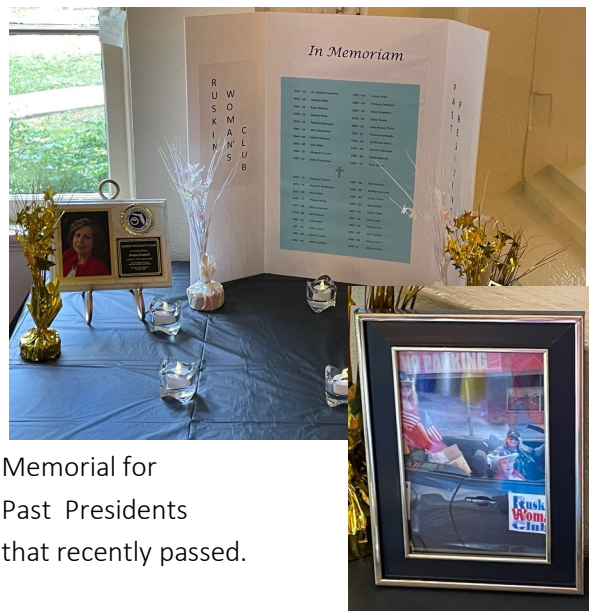
Vicki Elsberry, Past President



Cheryl DeLeon, Past President



Phyllis Elsberry and Judy Brogden, Past Presidents.



Memorial for Past Presidents that recently passed.



Above Past Presidents' scrapbooks.



Donated afghans for sale.



Jacki Bird pinning new member JoAnn Woodland

FEBURARY MEETING



Members & Guests gathering for General Meeting.



Bonnie Fagoh introducing February's guest speaker.



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



...AND MORE



Kristine Howell, speaker on Health and Wellness



Pinning of New member, Sally Ann Barclay by Jacki Bird.



Jacki presenting 15 year pin to Barb Diana (above) and 20 year pin to Kathy Wallin (below)



Jacki Bird presenting 5 year service pin to Bonnie Fagoh (above), and Sharon Davis & Carol Berman (top right)



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership:

We have yet another golden new member! Meet SallyAnne Barclay! She has been a member of GFWC for 40 years. We welcome her expertise and her willingness to jump right in! What a servant's heart in this woman. There are people who lovingly embrace you in spirit the moment they meet you. She is one of those people. Welcome, SallyAnne.

Some dates to keep in mind...

February 1st

After the general meeting we will meet to bedazzle homemade cards and pair them with a Beanie Baby to be distributed on February 9th at the Belvedere Commons assisted living facility in Cypress Creek for Valentine blessings. We call this community outreach Assist with Love. May every person that is put in our path of life feel loved. And Thank You, Cheryl DeLeon, for the latest donation of Beanie Babies to fulfill our needed amount for this blessing.

April 5th

We will bag the quarters we continue to collect at general meetings for our April 12th Quarters of Kindness community outreach.

We will also need about 10 additional medium sized Beanie Babies for our February Assist with Love outreach.

Mystery Member:

For this month's Mystery Member we learned, among other things, this member's favorite scripture is Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ...", is deeply concerned about our homeless, loves her sewing machine, is most scared of lightning, and the most memorable... appeared topless in Better Homes and Gardens magazine!

Who is this daring woman? Inquiring minds want to know.

And according to the guesses, one member knows!

The remaining guesses were heavily favoring Kat Sherwood, while the others were split for Sally and Carol Berman.

Come to our February 1st meeting to find out the identity of this risque mystery member and our sole winner!

Wishing you and your family a fabulous new year of 2023!

Jane Wenzel, Chair of Membership Committee





The GFWC Ruskin Woman's Club presents

THE SWEETHEART LUNCHEON

Tea Leaves 'n Thyme

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 12 Noon

***** Second Seating at 2:00pm still available**

503 S. US Hwy 41, Ruskin, FL

\$35 Adults \$20 Children

**Group
Tables
Available**

Raffles, Silent Auction & 50/50

RSVP by February 6, 2023

813-296-3900

Please mail checks payable to Ruskin Woman's Club

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Credit Card reservations :

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

HOSTESS COMMITTEE



January's Hostesses:

Ellie Whiteman, Chair
Amy Fattori, Donna Henke, Judy Thompson,
and Kathy Wallin

February's Hostesses:

Carole Zoellner, Chair
Eileen Crowley, Coleen Laskey, Sandra Ottino, Polly
Rothenbush, Christene Worley,

Next month's our hostesses will be:

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

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

Happy Birthday!

TO ALL CELEBRATING IN THE MONTHS OF:



10 Jo Ann Woodlands
14 Judy Thompson
19 Kathleen Atkins
28 Kathy Wallin

2 Coleen Laskey
7 Brenda Sanchez

STANDING COMMITTEES

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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