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# RWC NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



### WELCOME

A friendly welcome to our newest members:  
Marilyn Edmond and Pam Ostrynski



### MEMBERSHIP

Our goal this year is to increase our member base. For the November meeting, members are challenged to bring a friend to introduce to our club and hopefully become a member. Every member bringing a friend to the meeting will be eligible (including the friend) to participate in a gift card drawing.



## 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

Another fabulous month for the Ruskin Woman's Club members to be proud of their accomplishments. At our October meeting, we had two more new members join our club. Welcome Marilyn and Pam! We auctioned off a Vera Wang bookbag full of extra surprises, lunch was delicious which included Dottie's Spanish Bean Soup, we pinned our new members from the October meeting, (Sharon Pal, Susan Aiello, and Deborah V). I also recognized 3 committees for their hard work and commitment to our club—The Membership Committee (Maria Huelin-Chair, Kathy Eckhart, JoJo Woodland, Carole Zoellner, Jane DeBrosse and Carol Berman); the Finance Committee (Phyllis Elsberry-Chair, Eileen Crowley, Kat Sherwood, Dottie Dickman, and myself); and the Watermelon Pickle Committee (Juanita Sehorne-Co Chair, Kathy Atkins-Co Chair, Barb Diana, Dawn Bradley, Bonnie Fagoh, and Beth Christo). Each member received a sparkling and shiny brooch to match their brilliance as RWC club members. Just remember to hold onto it (gently I might add since they are cheap, I mean delicate)! Wear them to the next meeting in case you are on another committee that will be honored at the November meeting.

For our GFWC National Day of Service, we provided drive-through service for the community to drop off food donations and collected over 700 pounds of food and \$200 in gift cards, which we distributed to Cavalry's Community Cupboard and St. Anne's food bank. Chairwoman Deb Bonebrake planned, organized, and executed the event—great job Deb! And thanks to all our RWC members that donated and/or pitched in to help.

Our Community Service Project for October was to donate feminine products to Shields Middle School for unexpected accidents and boy did our members come through with the donations. Did we leave any products in the grocery stores for the customers?

You did it again RWC members! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Let's also give thanks that we are fortunate enough to share our "wealth" with others in our community with the Thanksgiving holiday approaching.

Sharon Davis, President



*The National Day of Service was a Food Drive for our local Food Pantries. Our goal was to bring awareness of the growing food insecurities within our community. While it was slated for Sept 30th, we were on hand for the Drive and Drop on Friday as well. We had 4 shifts of volunteers on both days. We provided non-perishable foods for St Anne's Pantry and Angel's Attic of Calvary Lutheran Church. We also had a special intention to donate items to a local foster family we had heard about through the SouthShore Chamber. 6 children with a couple being special needs. They were so grateful for our help of foods, home cleaning products, and members donated gift cards. We collected about 700 lbs. of food with 92 volunteer hours turned in. Saturday was definitely the best day for people to drop off their donations. Great Work RWC and thank you to all for helping.*

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## 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 @10 am

Where: GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City, Saydie Gibbs Martin Community Center,

302 S. Maryland Avenue, Plant City, FL 33563

## Sunday, 11/12

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

## Wednesday, 11/29

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

## 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



## 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



9/30 National Day of Service Food Drive. Pictured from left to right: Kathy Eckhart, Deb Bonebrake, Kat Sherwood, & Eileen Crowley



# CLUB NEWS

## »»» HOSTESS COMMITTEE

### November Hostesses are:

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

### December Hostesses are:

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

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



The Hostesses for the October meeting:  
(left to right) Dottie Dickman, Jane Wenzel, Kat Sherwood, Sandy Ottino and Jane DeBrosse

## »»» HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in November.

07 Kat Sherwood

11 Cookie Sondergeld

12 Juanita Sehorne

21 Sandra Ottino



## »»» UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- November: Send Christmas cards to the active-duty military. Deborah V has found us a contact person from the VA to distribute the cards to the active-duty military in the Ruskin areas. Start buying Christmas cards but remember they need to be non-religious. Date will be announced to meet at the clubhouse to sign the cards.
- 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



### October's CSP

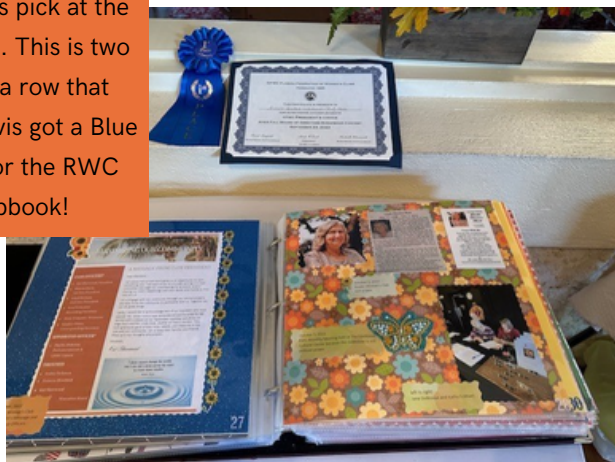
A HUGE THANK YOU to our generous RWC members who provided feminine products for Shields Middle School's "accident closet".



# OCTOBER'S GENERAL MEETING & MORE



The RWC scrapbook won 1st place! Florida President's pick at the Fall Board. This is two years in a row that Sharon Davis got a Blue Ribbon for the RWC scrapbook!



Getting ready for the meeting: (left to right) Club visitor, Sally Mizerak, Lou Ann Rossdeutscher, Kathy Atkins, Carolyn Pyle, Kathy Wallin and Barb Diana



Phyllis Elsberry won the Vera Wang bookbag and all the goodies inside (from the purse auction we have at every meeting)



Pinning of New Members: (left to right) Deb, Sharon Pal, Susan Aiello and Maria Huelin, Membership Chair



Speaker on Education & Libraries: Dawneva Faisons from Kids Community College



JoJo Woodland auctioned off a Halloween sign along with the stick (broom) made by Deborah Bonebrake



Members showing off their art work made at the Artzy Mermaid social. (left to right) Kat Sherwood, Sharon Davis, Dottie Dickman and Eileen Crowley >>

<<< A Secret Friend gave Jane DeBrosse a coffin full of chocolates and a "Spell Book" that really contained 3 small bottles of wine.



# MORE INFO

## »»» KAT'S PARLIAMENTARY MOMENT



### EVERY MOTION HAS 6 STEPS

1. Motion: A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson.
2. Second: Another member seconds the motion.
3. Restate motion: The Chairperson restates the motion.
4. Debate: The members debate the motion.
5. Vote: The Chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes.
6. Announces the vote: The Chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions.

### TIP!

If the Board is in obvious agreement, the Chairperson may save time by stating, "If there is no objection, we will adopt the motion to..."

Then wait for any objections. Then say, "Hearing no objections, (state the motion) is adopted." And then state any instructions. If a member objects, first ask for debate, then vote and then announce the vote.

## »»» 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.



*Happy Thanksgiving  
to you and your family*





**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**

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

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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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## MEMBERS IN ACTION

Pictured below is the Finance Committee:  
(left to right) Dottie Dickman, Kat Sherwood, Phyllis Elsberry, Eileen Crowley and Sharon Davis



Pictured above is the Watermelon Pickles Committee: (left to right) Dawn Bradley, Barb Diana, Juanita Sehorne, Kathy Atkins, Bonnie Fagoh, and Beth Christo.



At the October meeting, Club President, Sharon Davis recognized some outstanding RWC members. Each member was given a brooch as a token of appreciation so that everyone can see how these extraordinary members "sparkle and shine" for your club and community.

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### 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

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