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RWC NEWSLETTER

»» GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB ««



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Happy
New Year!



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

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

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2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start the New Year of 2024, take a minute to look back at 2023 and reminisce about all the wonderful acts of kindness we did for our Ruskin community while sharing our sparkle and shine.

We still have so much to give to others less fortunate than we are, yet we are the lucky ones because we reap the biggest rewards—satisfaction, compassion, happiness, and a sense of well-being, knowing we are making a difference for others. Now take a minute to catch your breath, put your running shoes on and let's get started on our community service projects and fundraisers for 2024!

Our fundraisers for the new year include the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and the Sweetheart Tea in February, and Game Nights in January, March and April. We have decided to postpone the Golf Tournament till the year 2024-2025 due to unforeseen circumstances.

We will have numerous Community Service Projects including making soft tie blankets from fleece and Assist with Love Valentine cards for the elderly, making heart pillows for post-op patients in a local hospital, giving Quarters of Kindness to patrons at the local laundromats, an Easter food bank, putting flags on the Veteran's graves for Memorial Day, and packaging Hope Seeds to send to families in Africa.

At our January meeting, we will be honoring the Past Presidents of our club for our monthly program. Over a span of the last 40 years, these women have dedicated their time and service to our Ruskin Woman's Club in a leadership capacity. Please join us in celebrating these women and their achievements.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Ruskin Woman's Club members for your hard work, dedication and willingness to share your time and energy for our club's endeavors. You are doing a wonderful job and I am so proud of each of you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Davis
Sharon Davis, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Wednesday, 01/10

New Member Orientation/Pizza Party @ 1pm, Maria Huelin's home

Friday, 01/12

Sweetheart Tea tasting to decide on menu @ 12pm, RWC Clubhouse

Tuesday, 01/23

Game Night with Card Bingo from 6:30pm till 8pm, RWC Clubhouse

Thursday, 01/25

- Scholarship Meeting @ 10am, RWC Clubhouse
- Bowling Social at The Alley at Southshore, 10221 Big Bend Rd, Riverview, 33578 (Meet at Clubhouse at 11:15am if interested in carpooling), Social from 12pm till 3pm

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

Saturday, 02/10

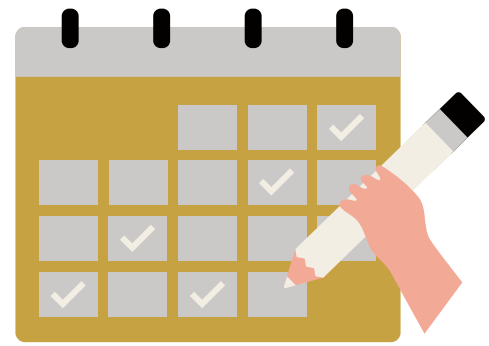
Sweetheart Tea @ 12 noon, RWC Clubhouse

Sunday, 02/11

Superbowl Party at Sharon Davis's Home (info to follow, RSVP required please) @ 5pm

Saturday, 02/17

District 8 Arts and Crafts Competition @ 10am, Sun City Center



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

January Hostesses are:

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

February Hostesses are:

Barb Diana, Dawn Bradley, Juanita Sehorne, Kathy Atkins, LouAnne Rossdeutscher, and Jane DeBrosse

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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.

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



December's meeting was graced with an array of flavorful delicacies and scrumptious desserts. Thank you to our December hostesses.



Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in January.

14 Judy Thompson	15 Donna Henke	19 Kathleen Atkins
28 Kathy Wallin	Kelly Carter	

**HAPPY
Birthday**

»»» UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- 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

Congratulations Kat Sherwood! District 8 Director!





DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING



Picture 1: Guest Speaker, Chris Bredbenner, Executive Director of the Firehouse Cultural Center

Picture 2: Kat Sherwood, Brenda Sanchez, Carol Berman & Sue Aiello

Picture 3: Executive Board Members - Dottie Dickman, Sandy Ottino, Jane Wenzel, Sharon Davis, Elise Passentino, Eileen Crowley, Carol Berman and Kat Sherwood

MEMBERS IN ACTION



Picture 4: Carol Berman and Carolyn Pyle
Picture 5: RWC Members
Picture 6: Maria Huelin, Eileen Crowley, and Elise Passentino
Picture 7: Jane Wenzel, Dottie Dickman, and Sharon Davis

STANDING COMMITTEES Chair

ARTS COMMITTEE
Elise Passentino

DEAN OF HOSTESSES
Elise Passentino

FACEBOOK
Vanessa Josey

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Phyllis Elsberry

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
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