

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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MEMORIAL DAY
— REMEMBER AND HONOR —



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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:

As our club year ends, I think of all the wonderful memories we have created over the last two years. We have been active! We helped the Campaign Against Human Trafficking (CAHT) by gathering and donating items and backpacks to give to rescued victims of human trafficking. Then we gave gifts for victims who otherwise would not have received gifts at Christmastime. We helped with donated books to Ruskin Elementary School Library and a bookshelf and books to the RCMA. Projects like this always give me a warm feeling in my heart!

We collected non-perishable food items for victims of Hurricane Ian that caused such devastation for our fellow club members in Ft. Myers. We donated items for abandoned dogs at Howling Hounds Animal Sanctuary Rescue and began making stuffed bears for children with serious illnesses who visit Boggy Creek each summer.

We held several lucrative fundraisers including Breakfast in Santa's Village and Sweetheart Teas along with several other smaller events including Watermelon Pickles, a Fall Rummage Sale and Strawberry and Guava Jam sales, events our Club is known for holding.

Sadly, we lost far too many members over the past two years including Sonja Council, June Cooper, Linda Sloat and Sandy Council. These ladies were not only members but dear friends who have left holes in our lives and in our hearts. But the laughs, memories, and fun we remember with them will never be forgotten.

As my tenure ends, I look forward to seeing our great new board members in action! Sharon Davis, Kathleen Atkins, Carol Berman, and Jane Wenzel; I have heard some of your terrific ideas and I look forward to seeing all you will accomplish over the next two years. Please know I am always here to help.

Thank you for all the support you ALL have given me, and I hope you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to September and all the awesome things in store for the RWC!

Sincerely,

Kat Sherwood

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5/3:

General Meeting @ 11:45 am, RWC Clubhouse

Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence - Lina Cooper of The Spring

Luncheon Theme: Celebrate our Scholars

Wear: Purple

Sunday, 5/7:

Installation of new RWC Board of Directors and predecessors @ 2 pm, Kathleen Atkins home (362 Laurel Falls Drive, Apollo Beach). We look forward to having as many members attend as possible. RSVP to Kathleen at Kafennie19@gmail.com.

Saturday, 5/13:

Chico's Style Show & Luncheon at South Shore Falls. Doors open at 11 am. See more details on page six.

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

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

No one
can make
you feel
inferior
without
your
consent.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~

MAY MONTHLY MEETING...



RWC Members & Scholars enjoying a nice luncheon.



Jane Wenzel introduced the May speaker on Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Special Recognition to Madelyn Council in honor of late RWC member, Sonja Council.

The Club gave a total of \$0,000 in scholarships to local students for their educational goals. LtoR: Donna Henke, RWC Scholarship Committee Chair, and Kat Sherwood, President pictured with each scholar.



Jasmine Cheong



Jaydin Douglas



Diego Ramirez



Morgendy Busbee



Belinda Solis



Madelyn Council



Brineylie Hernandez



Congratulations 2023 RWC Scholars!

RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB
PRESENTS THE

CHICO'S STYLE SHOW & Luncheon

AT SOUTH SHORE FALLS
5831 CASCADE FALLS LN
APOLLO BEACH, FL

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM
DONATION \$35 PP**

Spring
RSVP Your Reservations
By May 7th

TO (813) 296-3900

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**Featuring a Wine Bar
Opportunity Baskets
Silent Auction & 50/50**

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HOSTESS COMMITTEE



May Hostesses are:

Sally Mizerak, Chair
 Elise Passentino, and Kat Sherwood

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

Thank you to all the club members who hosted throughout the year. You ladies truly make each monthly meeting a special occasion for all. We look forward to another amazing year beginning in September.



**TO ALL CELEBRATING IN THE MONTHS OF
 MAY, JUNE JULY AND AUGUST:**

MAY

8 Cora Simon 22 Sally Anne Barclay

JUNE

24 Jacki Bird

JULY

5 Carmie Rupert 7 Kathy Wiles 9 Claudia Edgar
 13 Jane Wenzel 14 Andi Fish 23 Maria Huelin
 27 Amy Fattori 27 Linda Goodwin 28 Dawn Tichy-Bradley

AUGUST

8 Elise Passentino 9 Dottie Dickman

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: Kathleen 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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