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RWC NEWSLETTER

»»» GFWC RUSKIN WOMAN'S CLUB «««



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

As a reminder your 2024 dues of \$50 are past due. Membership committee members are collecting dues. Any questions ask Maria Huelin.

Don't forget if you plan to bring a guest to the monthly meeting, please let Elise Passentino know so we can be prepared with enough chairs, tables and food.





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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time is flying and it is already February!! There are a lot of things to look forward to for the Ruskin Woman's Club including the Sweetheart Tea and 4 performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Both will be fabulous, and tickets are selling fast so hurry and get yours now!

Everyone knows February is about love, flowers and chocolate and the RWC will do its part especially at the Sweetheart Tea. We will continue to share our sparkle and shine with 2 community service projects including making tie blankets from fleece to give to breast cancer patients at Moffitt, and our Assist With Love project giving Valentine cards with a beanie baby and candy to the elderly in an Assisted Living Facility.

Our members continue to work smarter, not harder but are keeping busy. In January, Deb Bonebrake and Elise Passentino organized our Arts and Craft Competition with fabulous judges Bobbi, Sue and Jill. Eleven members won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their categories and now all the 1st place winners move on to the District 8 Competition on February 17th in SCC.

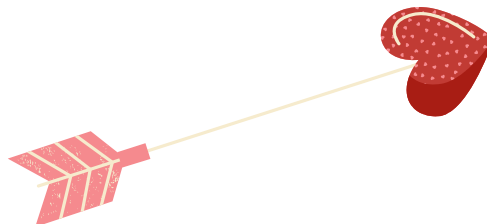
Maria Huelin, chairwoman of our Membership Committee, had a New Member Orientation and served homemade Pizza. Eleven new members and 6 seasoned members attended—fabulous turnout ladies! I would like to welcome our newest members to our club: Suzanne Crawley, Sigrid Forney, Kelly Carter, Linda Freeth, Jill Hostetler and Roseann Yencer. We are thrilled you have joined us and looking forward to getting to know you better.

Another fabulous month in January and a spectacular month in February to look forward to with so much to do and choose from. We are always looking for new members to share the wealth in giving, fun, new experiences, leadership opportunities, and adventure we experience every month. Join us at our clubhouse on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11am for our monthly meeting and a delicious lunch provided by our members.

I continue to be amazed at the diverse, generous, and talented group of ladies in our club and all the things they continue to accomplish. My heart grows bigger every day, and I am so proud to be a part of this long standing 111 year old club called the Ruskin Woman's Club.

Sincerely,

Sharon Davis
Sharon Davis, President



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, 02/01

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from 6-9pm

Sunday, 02/04

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from 1:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, 02/07

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Theme: Valentines/Love

Colors: Red, Pink, Purple, Violet

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

Wednesday, 02/14

Mary and Martha House is hosting the Ruskin Woman's Club

Friday, 02/16

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from 6-9pm

Saturday, 02/17

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

Sunday, 02/18

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from 1:30-4:30pm

Thursday, 02/22

Book Club at Ybor Grill at 11:30am

Wednesday, 02/28

Board Meeting @ 10 am, RWC Clubhouse

Thursday, 02/29

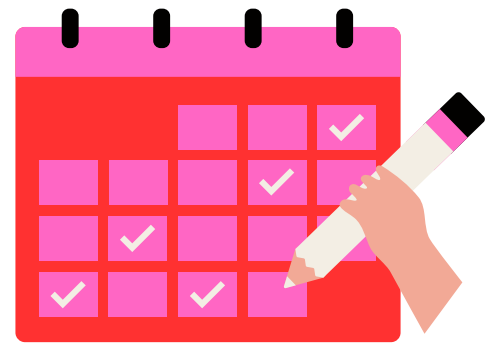
Lunch Social at White Oak Cottage at 11:30am

Wednesday, 03/06

General Meeting @ 11 am, RWC Clubhouse

Theme:

Colors:



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

February Hostesses are:

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

March Hostesses are:

Elise Passentino (chair), Beth Christo, Jeanette Bradley, and Kathy Eckhart

The 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.



January Hostesses: (left to right) Kathy Wallin, Marilyn Edmond, Cookie Sondergeld, and Donna Henke provided amazing goodies for all members and guests. Thank you!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

XOXO

Best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in February.

02 Coleen Laskey **07** Brenda Sanchez **13** Sharon Pal



▶▶▶ UPCOMING MONTHLY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (CSP)

- 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

COOKIE'S RECIPE FOR RUMAKI

Ingredients:

- Whole Water Chestnuts 2 cans
- Bacon 1 pound Cut slices in half and wrap around whole water chestnuts

Instructions:

- Bake uncovered on 325 degrees for 1 hour, then drain grease off.
- Mix 1 cup white sugar with 1-1/2 cups catsup (scant).
- Drizzle over the water chestnuts and bake covered at 325 degrees for 45 minutes more.

Suggestions:

- Cookie uses a 9x13 pan and packs them close together. She used four cans of water chestnuts and 4 pounds of bacon.



SHARON'S TWO CENTS WORTH

Is it important to keep track of your hours, In-kind-donations, and money spent for the club? Absolutely and I am glad you asked why! At the end of each January, our club reports on the club's activities during the year to provide a picture of our achievements and accomplishments. It is measured in member hours, money spent, money earned and donations. Every year at the GFWC Florida Spring Convention, awards and recognition are handed out to individual clubs for their outstanding philanthropic endeavors. It makes you feel so proud when it is announced that your club has won an award. Questions? I am here to answer any you may have.



DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

If so, come join our RWC book club. We meet once a month at different restaurants in the area for lunch to discuss the book we just read. Join us at Ybor Grill on February 22nd at 11:30am (even if you haven't read the book!). We always have fun, learn more about each other and even discuss the book! Questions? Ask Sharon Davis.

HAS EVERYONE PICKED UP AND SIGNED FOR THEIR 2023-2024 YEARBOOKS?

If not, Kathy Eckhart and Jane DeBrosse can help you (sitting at the check-in desk during the monthly meetings).



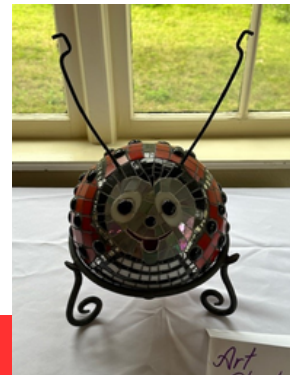
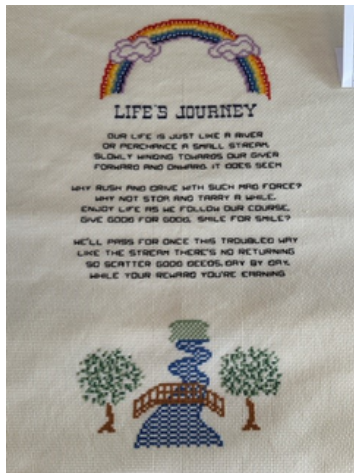
JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING



Top left picture: Deb Bonebrake, (followed clockwise) Kathy Wiles (Past President); Art competition judges: Bobbi, Sue and Jill with Elise Passentino; House and Grounds Committee recognized: Kathy Atkins, Kat Sherwood, Sue Aiello and Deb Bonebrake; Inspirations Committee recognized: Sandy Ottino, Carole Zoellner and Maria Huelin; Past Presidents - Kat Sherwood; Cheryl DeLeon; Phyllis Elsberry. Pictured below (l-r) Elise Passentino; Anne Frappie, Past Treasurer; Eileen Crowley, Current Treasurer, and Jane Wenzel won the purse auction.



RWC CREATIVITY THROUGH & THROUGH



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

MEMBERSHIP
Maria Huelin

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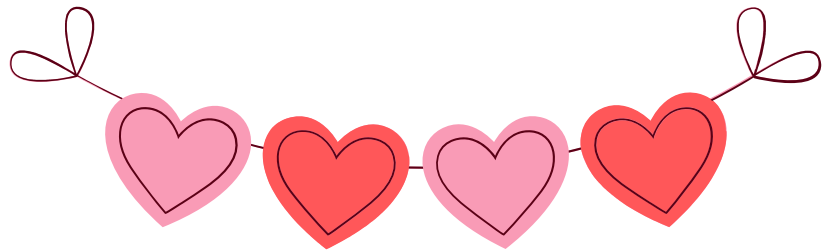
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Donna Henke

SCRAPBOOK
Beth Christo

WEBSITE
Larry & Carol Berman



On January 10th, the Membership Committee held an Orientation/Pizza Party at Maria Huelin's house. We welcomed 10 new members. Jane Wenzel talked about GFWC's and RWC's history while we enjoyed an afternoon of friendship and solidarity. Pictured Left to right: (2 by table) Deborah V. and Maria Huelin. Second row: Sharon Pal, Pamela Ostrynski, Kelly Carter, Linda Freeth, Roseann Yencer, Sue Aiello, Jane DeBrosse, Kathy Eckhart, Sandy Ottino. Last row: Carole Zoellner, Jane Wenzel, Sue Crawley, Marilyn Edmond, Jill Hostetler, and JoJo Woodland



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