

# The Scoop

## May 2024

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my sisters in GFWC! Here we are in the month of May. As we approach the hot summer months, I hope all of you stay cool, calm, and collected. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you. I hope you have enjoyed new friendships and volunteering for the good of all Charitable Organizations in the Leesburg area. It is my goal to have you keep coming back to our wonderful Club.

When I had the position of Membership Chair, it was important that we learned as a Club, what works and what doesn't work. That is why I asked Laura Hannam to conduct member surveys around April of each year. A key issue from the 2023 survey was communication. The survey results show we have improved in this area. And I am pleased to announce that Pat Silverstein has taken on the role of telephone communication person to assure you know what is going on all the time. Becky Fadik is doing a great job with the newsletter. However, it's as good as you want it to be. We ask that you contribute to the newsletter as well.

I am looking forward to the trip to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on May 26 to honor all those who have served. The Civic Engagement Committee organized this event. And, if you have never been to the Mote Morris Historical House, join us at the Membership Committee meeting as we start planning for a membership drive in late August at this historic site. You will love being a part of that fun committee.

In closing, Jane Ward and I attended the District 7 meeting a few weeks ago. The keynote speaker was Diana Chia. Diana spoke on the topic of Empowering Women. She talked about looking back in the early 1900s when women were unable to vote. Today, she examines how far we have come from that era. Woman could not be hired to do a (man's) job.



Today, as members of GFWC, woman are empowered to contribute to many charitable causes, and find fellowship as well!

.....Rose Martens.....

### THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you."

Psalm 122:6

.....Bonnie Miller.....

## Upcoming Events

### May 21 (Tentative)

Arts & Crafts - Project: TBA  
10:30am – 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

### May 26

Flags for Fallen Vets – Flag Placement  
9:00am – 11:00am (or until done)  
Florida National Cemetery – Bushnell

### May 31

New Member Orientation  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
3800 Arbordale Ct  
Leesburg, FL 34748

### June 1

Flags for Fallen Vets – Flag Removal  
8:00am – 11:00am (or until done)  
Florida National Cemetery – Bushnell

### June 10

Membership Committee  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

### July 8

Membership Committee  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

### August 12

Quarter Auction Planning Meeting  
10:00am – 11:30am  
The Colored Easel

### August 19

Membership Committee  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

### August 26

Board of Directors' Meeting  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

### August 28

Membership Recruitment Meeting  
4:30pm – 7:00pm  
Mote-Morris House (Leesburg)

### September 9

General Meeting & Luncheon  
10:30am – 1:00pm  
Rogers Park Building

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A new member orientation is scheduled for May 31 at 2:00pm. All new members are encouraged to attend. Current members may attend as well. The orientation session will be held at Perri Cook's house:

3800 Arbordale Ct  
Leesburg, FL 34748

Please contact Perri at 859-816-5283 or [perrimae@gmail.com](mailto:perrimae@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Our first major membership recruitment event is planned for August 28 at the Mote Morris House in downtown Leesburg. Planning meetings are scheduled for June 10, July 8, and August 19. Thank you to the ladies who have already volunteered to help. If you are interested in helping plan the event, please contact Perri Cook.

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

### 2024 Fall Quarter Auction

The first planning meeting for the October 12 Quarter Auction took place on April 20. Subcommittees are in place. If you would like to volunteer to work on a subcommittee, contact Lucille DiSanto.

All members are asked to sell 5 presale tickets to sell for the event. If you did not receive your tickets at the May meeting or need additional tickets, contact Lucille DiSanto. Donations for water and soda for the beverage table are also being accepted. Please bring beverage donations to the September meeting. Members are asked to donate at least 2 auction items, and/or gift certificates to local businesses. These can be given to Lucille DiSanto at any time between now and September.

If you have any questions, would like more fliers, need additional tickets, or have questions, please contact Lucille at 585-409-1237 or [disantolucille55@gmail.com](mailto:disantolucille55@gmail.com)

Here is the link to our Facebook Event Page! Please go on and invite all of your contacts to this page!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/448279441007721?ref=newsfeed>

And finally, mark your calendars for the next planning meeting to be held on August 12 at 10:00am at The Colored Easel.

## Birthdays

### July

16 – Missie Schork  
21 – Jean Rudderow  
23 – Darlene Violetto  
29 – Dee Ream  
31 – Pat Silverstein

### August

15 – Linda Way  
28 – Joan Nyarady

## Forever Stamps

Need stamps.... Jane Ward is selling sheets of 20 stamps for \$10.00. Contact her for stamps at 352-638-8094 or [janebultward@hotmail.com](mailto:janebultward@hotmail.com)

## Belk Charity Days

Belk is planning another Charity Day campaign in June. The Charity Day sale is June 7-9. Volunteers are needed to sell the discount coupons at Belk beginning on May25. If you have two hours you can spare, please contact Barb Howell @ (407) 595-3866 or [bhowell3866@outlook.com](mailto:bhowell3866@outlook.com). This Is a great fundraising opportunity for the Club.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Mother's Day Jewelry Event Huge Success

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this event. From donating to sorting to helping the children select jewelry...you made a difference! Children from 30 classrooms were part of the Jewelry event held at the Leesburg Elementary School on April 30.

### Ready for the Derby

Several members met at the Mayfield Retirement Center to make fascinators for the ladies as they prepared for their Kentucky Derby Party. The ladies enjoyed selecting the pieces for their fascinators. Beautiful ladies!



### Flags For Fallen Vets



Flags for Fallen Vets at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell will be on May 26 (flag placement) and June 1 (flag removal). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Fadik at [bfadik@comcast.net](mailto:bfadik@comcast.net)

## ANY CRUISERS?

Ready for a pre-holiday girls' getaway. Several club members are part of a group going on cruise from December 12 to 16. The Carnival Freedom leaves out of Port Canaveral and sails to the Bahamas, Princess Cays, with a day at sea before returning to Port. Please visit [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com) for more details. If you are interested, please contact Rose Martens at 352-446-6296 or [martensrosalie@gmail.com](mailto:martensrosalie@gmail.com)



2022 Girls' Cruise

## GFWC NEWS AND NOTES

For the latest updates on GFWC International, National, and Florida news and happenings or to learn more about the organization, visit the website: [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org).

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