

# The Scoop

December 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Rose Martens**

Dear Sisters, With the Holiday Season upon us. I wish you Joy, Peace, and Good Will toward men. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Love to all - Rose



## JANUARY MEETING

**SPEAKER:** Debbie, Cornerstone Hospice

**MENU:** Baked Potato Bar (add your favorite toppings)

Vegetable Beef Soup

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

COST: \$15.00

**HOSTESSES:** Bunnie Davis and Lucille DiSanto

**MEETING LOCATION:** Rogers Park Building, 609 9<sup>th</sup> St., Leesburg

## MEMBERSHIP

**Perri Cook, Chair**

The Membership Committee will be developing a new platform to make our club more attractive for new members. Please know we will be reaching out to you for help in this particularly important process. Will discuss more details in the new year.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, we hope that you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

## FUNDRAISING

**Barbara Howell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Happy Holidays to all! What a wonderful 9 months we have had on the Fund-Raising Committee. With still 3 months to go we have exceeded our annual goal of \$8,100! Here's what we have done:

Quarter Auction \$6,387

Belk Charity Days Ticket sales \$1,335

Stamp Sales \$4,029

**For a  
whopping  
\$11,751!**

Our committee members have really had a lot of fun working on these projects and there's still more to come!

## Upcoming Events

January 6  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
10:30am – 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

January 13  
General Meeting & Luncheon  
10:30am – 1:00pm  
Rogers Park Building

February 3  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
10:30am – 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

February 8  
District 7 Arts Meeting  
Orlando, FL

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

March 3  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
10:30am – 12:00pm  
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## Birthdays

### January

6 – Jeanette Schultz  
8 – Lorna Fogg

### February

6 – Karyn Lambert  
17 – Norma Blodgett  
20 – Margot Saylor  
Jane Ward  
25 – Sandi Velardo

### March

23 – Arlene Golden  
26 – Christy Oberback

1. Quarter Auction – Planned for March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Quarter Auction will be held at Arlington Ridge Clubhouse. This venue gives us more room and the adjacent restaurant will cater the lunch. Still in the planning stages, tickets will be \$20 for one paddle and lunch. Presale tickets will go on sale in January. Co-Chairs Marissa Honka and Lucille DiSanto are putting the committee together and can use YOUR help. Please contact Marissa at 352-808-0587 or Lucille at 585-409-1237, let them know what your part in this fun event will be. Call before all the fun jobs are taken!!!
2. Belk Charity Days ticket sales will once again help fill our coffers in the spring. This is an easy, win-win fund raiser! We sell tickets for \$5 to neighbors and friends. The club keeps the \$5. Ticket holders shop at Belk (anywhere in the country and online) and receive \$5 off their purchase – yes, they get their money back PLUS 25% off their entire order including sale items. Sales during Charity Day weekend offer deep discounts and the 25% off make the items more than affordable for high quality goods, so tickets are an easy sell! Join our sales team by contacting Barb Howell or add your name to the signup sheet available at the January meeting.
3. Stamps – on sale throughout the year, another easy sell. Stamps are now 73 cents at the post office. As a fundraiser, we sell them for 50 cents each or one sheet of 20 stamps for just \$10. Again, win-win, we make money and the buyers save money. Stamps are in high demand so get on the stamp team with Arlene, Barb, Cathy, and Linda and help your friends and neighbors out by giving them the opportunity to save money on postage! Join this team by contacting Barb Howell at 407-595-3866.

## LABOR OF LOVE

### Lucille DiSanto

Pat Blaschka initiated a project that became a labor of love for us, our club, the Legacy Quilt Club, and the Quilting Sisters of Leesburg! With a large donation of fabric, Pat Blaschka developed the project to assist the children in need at Leesburg Elementary School. Within a truly fleeting period of time, over 100 quilts were completed! The quilts were delivered to Florence Katzenberger, the Family School Liaison for the Leesburg Elementary School. In her Thank You Letter, Florence stated, "Your thoughtful contribution will make a lasting impact, creating cherished memories for our students and reminding them that their community cares deeply for them."



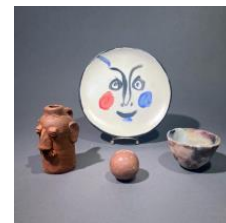
Pictured in the photo (left to right) are Miriam Craig, Pat Blaschka, Florence Katzenberger, and Lucille DiSanto

## **ARTS AND CULTURE**

### **Sandi Velardo, Chair**

A small group gathered on December 5 to decorate Christmas bags for residents at the Mayfield Retirement Center. Bags will be filled and delivered to the residents on December 17. All members are invited to join in the celebration at 1:00pm at the Center.

FOR JANUARY 2025, you are invited to come to The Colored Easel Creative Studios (400 W. Magnolia St. Leesburg) to paint a piece of ceramics. The cost is \$20 and above depending on the piece you choose to paint.



We will meet at The Colored Easel at 1:00 pm on January 20, 2025. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

### **Arlene Golden, Chair**

Greetings!

There's not much business to talk about this time around other than to thank Linda, Sara, Laura, Margot, Sandi, Jane, and Concetta for joining me on the 14<sup>th</sup> to ring those bells and help fill that Salvation Army red kettle. We hope to report on the dollar amount collected at our January 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Also, prior to that meeting members of the Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee will get together for a brainstorming session to bounce around some ideas for two or three programs/projects for the remainder of the club year - programs that everyone will enjoy and want to be a part of.

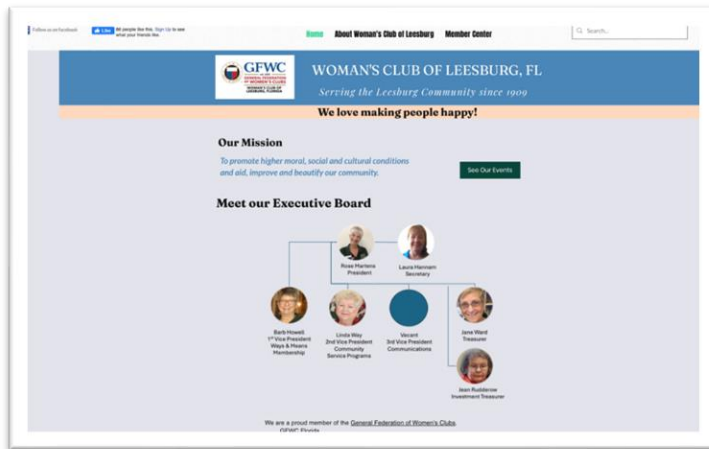
In closing I'd like to thank you for welcoming me so warmly to the wonderful world of the GFWC-Woman's Club of Leesburg. It's been great getting to know you, and with that said, the only thing left for me to do is to wish you a very Merry Christmas, along with a happy and healthy New Year.

## **ANNOUNCING REDESIGN OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LEESBURG WEBSITE**

<https://www.womansclubofleesburg.com>

### **Laura Hannam, Secretary**

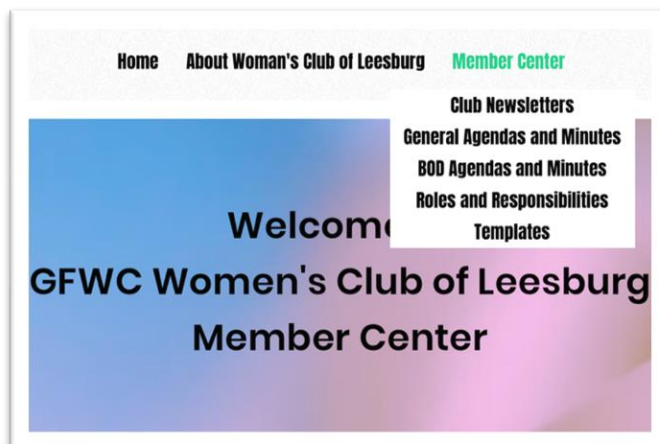
We are thrilled to unveil the newly refreshed website for the Woman's Club of Leesburg, designed to provide an enhanced and user-friendly experience for all our members and visitors. This update reflects our



commitment to staying connected and offering valuable resources and insights into our community activities, events, and initiatives.

### Key Highlights

- There are two levels of access: public and club members.
- Public access includes information from our President and



information on our events under the Home tab. And information about our club, our history, charities, and how to get involved under the About tab.

- Club members access is found in the new Member Center which is password protected (wcl2425).

Within the member center you will find our newsletters, agendas, and meeting minutes, a copy of the Board of Directors roles and responsibilities document, and club templates (such as letterhead and return address labels) that you can download.

Coming soon: Club calendar, Member contact information, and Member community service programs and Fundraising volunteer opportunities and tracking.

Please check out the site as soon as possible!! Have other great ideas for what should be on the website? Send them to Laura Hannam ([wcl.laura.hannam@gmail.com](mailto:wcl.laura.hannam@gmail.com)).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Have an interest in “Health & Wellness and looking for an opportunity to get involved. The GFWC Health and Wellness Community Service Program educates members on health and wellness issues affecting individuals, families, and communities. It provides resources for clubs to create projects promoting healthy lifestyles, disease awareness, prevention, and treatment. The program also addresses hunger, inadequate housing, homelessness, and financial difficulties.

If you are interested, contact Linda Way @ [7lmway@gmail.com](mailto:7lmway@gmail.com) or 484-716-4303.

### **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.lf](http://www.gfwc.org.lf)

### **GFWC WOMAN’S CLUB OF LEESBURG**

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The GFWC Woman’s Club of Leesburg newsletter is published August – May. Send submissions for the newsletter to [bfadik@comcast.net](mailto:bfadik@comcast.net) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month (August - May). Newsletter is sent around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

