

The Scoop

February 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rose Martens

Greetings Sisters of GFWC, it was so good to see so many of you at our February meeting! I am delighted to see so many new members enjoying themselves. I know with the new members' orientations, which were held this month, new members will find where they are most comfortable on a committee, with so many community services available. Thank you Perri Cook for handling these meetings. Happy Valentine's Day Everyone! ❤️



MARCH MEETING

SPEAKER: Senior Safety Representative/Lake County Sheriff's Office

HOSTESSES: TBD

MEETING LOCATION: Rogers Park Building, 609 9th St., Leesburg

MENU: Quiche, Salad, Dessert

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE...

- **February 24:** The Board of Directors are meeting to finalize and approve the proposed updated Bylaws, which if approved will be presented for review and approval at the General Meeting on March 10.
- **February 27:** Board of Directors are meeting to draft the club budget for 2025/2026. The meeting will be held in the Kitchen Meeting Room at Legacy at 10:00am. All members are welcome to attend if they would like to have their voices heard regarding the budget.
- **March 10:** Election of 2025-2026 Officers at the General Meeting.
- **April 14:** Installation of 2025-2026 Officers at the General Meeting.
- **May 12:** General meeting will be a *tea* before our summer break. More details to follow but tea dresses and fascinators were all the rage at the last tea we had.

FUNDRAISING

Barbara Howell, 1st Vice President



A big THANK YOU to all the gals on the fundraising committee. You are all wonderful women who have done a DYNAMITE job this year. Our goal was to raise \$8,100 toward to support our overall budget. We have BLASTED that goal, raising over \$15,000. How are we doing this?

Upcoming Events

March 3

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

March 8

Quarter Auction
Fairfax Hall – Arlington Ridge

March 10

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

April 7

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

April 10

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April 25-27

GFWC Florida Annual Convention
Rosen Plaza Hotel
Orlando, FL

May 5

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

May 12

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

May 17

District 7 Meeting]
Pinycastle Women's Club

June 7-9

GFWC International Convention
Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park
Atlanta, GA

Birthdays

February

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

March

23 – Arlene Golden
26 – Christy Oberback

Our Semi-annual Quarter Auction is our largest and most fun event, though it is labor intensive. In other words, we need you.

First we need you to buy a ticket or a table and invite/sell tickets to your friends.

Second, we need you to volunteer! We need people to help get all the auction items from Pat's house to Arlington Ridge and set up on the stage.

We need you to come early to the event to help set up tables for bidders, vendor tables, silent auction tables, and sales tables.

We need you to help with the stamp and quilt raffle sales tables.

We need you to help with greeting players, checking them in, paying for more paddles, giving them paddles, helping them find seats, telling them about the charities we are supporting, explaining the bidding process, etc etc.



We need table hostesses/monitors. Just see that your table mates understand the bidding process, bid correctly, buckets are emptied, check to see if bidders need more quarters, etc.

We need gift runners, on stage and to winning bidders.

We need close down people to help leave the hall the same as when we arrived.

In other words, WE NEED YOU.

Text or call [Lucille 585-409-1237](tel:585-409-1237) or [Marissa 352-808-0587](tel:352-808-0587) TODAY! to sign up, answer your questions, give you tickets to sell, and of course sell you a ticket or a table if you haven't bought yours yet.

Our stamp sales are our second largest fundraiser.

We are selling first-class forever stamps, 20 stamps for \$10. This is a win-win sale since first-class stamps are now 73 cents each and predicted to go up again in the next few months. So the purchaser wins by saving 23 cents per stamp and the charities win as we sell more stamps. If you would like to be part of the sales team, please text or call [Barb Howell 407-595-3866](tel:407-595-3866) and I will set you up. They sell themselves!!!

Our third fund raiser is our semi-annual Belk Charity Day discount ticket sale.

April
4 – Marissa Honka
14 – Janet Schroko
18 – Wendy Churchville
Cathy Stocking
27 – Sara Hamilton

May
8 – Laura Hannam
20 – Pat Sacchetta

This is another win-win! Club members sell tickets for \$5. The buyer takes the ticket to any Belk in the country or online during charity days and gets \$5 off their purchase PLUS an additional 25% their entire order. The club keeps the original \$5 and our charities WIN. More on this as we get more details. **I will need a chairman for this Spring event. This will involve a breakfast meeting at Belk to sign the club up for dates and times to sell in the store, recruiting our sales force for in-store sales, assigning tickets to club members to sell to friends and neighbors, collecting money, and reporting. Assistance will be provided by the Fundraising committee members.**

Our Fourth fund raiser is being done for the state President's initiative – Flight to Honor our GFWC Florida Veterans.

The flight is scheduled for early 2026. All 186 Florida Clubs are raising money to honor our Veterans. With Pat Blaschka taking the lead with her beautiful Honor Quilt, we have raised \$1,000 toward this effort.

We have lots of plans in the works for next year so stay tuned!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Arlene Golden, Chair

Greetings from your Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee. Linda Way, Jane Ward, and I enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Salvation Army's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on February 14th. We were sorry not all our bell ringers were able to attend -- they may have been out of sight, but definitely not out of mind.

Our next Outreach Activity is the Martin Luther King Ecumenical Service on Sunday, March 23rd, 4:00 p.m. at the Christian Worship Center, 1414 East Main Street in Leesburg. The event is open to all; hopefully you'll be able to attend. Please look for the sign-up sheet when you come in for the General Meeting on the 10th. We don't need a headcount, but it would be nice to have an idea of who'll be going so we can carpool ... and wear our club shirts, too.

I know we're still more than a month away from the date, but time goes by so quickly and if you're anything like me, if it doesn't get on the calendar now it doesn't happen.

Thanks, take care, and be well.

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

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