

The Scoop

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters of GFWC Leesburg. I hope this August Newsletter assures you that we are getting closer to the fall months ahead, leaving the long hot summer behind us. And we can feel more like ourselves once again. I am looking forward to the year's calendar of events and focusing on more community services available to us. I ask all of you to consider a committee of your choice. Together we can do a great job for the community. A thought came to my mind about the Culture part of the Arts, I would love to have presented to the club the means of seeing musicals, plays, outings and to build new friendships as well. What you put into the club is what you as a member will get out of the club. Blessings to all of You!

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month's speaker, Pat Summers serving as the Chair of the Environmental and Nature Committee in Legacy, will be talking about invasive and poisonous plants. Should be an interesting talk. The hostesses for the meeting are Arlene Golden and Concetta Germain. In addition, recent changes made to the Bylaws will be presented for review and vote.

Sara Hamilton will be collecting for the Leesburg Food Bank. Please remember to bring non-perishable items for Sara.

LOCATION UPDATE: The **November 11 meeting** will be at **Ellen's Café on Main Street** (712 W. Main St. Leesburg)

IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER.....

The Board has been working hard this summer to improve the organization and operation of our Club. Several key accomplishments include defining and documenting job descriptions for all critical positions. This has been an on-going need. Another is writing "how to documents" for some of our on-going committee programs. And finally, the Board revised the Bylaws which will be presented at the September general meeting for review and vote. KUDOS to the Board!

DO YOU LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY?

The Club needs a Photographer to take photos at the general meeting and special events. If you are looking to get involved in the Club, this is a great opportunity. Contact Rose Martens, if interested, @ 352-446-6296
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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT

To kick off the Club year, a membership recruitment event, hosted by the Membership Committee, will take place on August 28 from 4:30pm to

Upcoming Events

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

September 28

GFWC National Day of Service

September 27-29

GFWC Fall Board Meeting
Orlando, FL

October 7

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

October 12

Quarter Auction
Legacy of Leesburg Social Hall
2700 Legacy Blvd
11:00am – 2:00pm

October 14

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

October 17

A Day in the Park

October 19

GFWC Annual District Meeting
Clermont, FL

November 4

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

November 11

General Meeting & Luncheon
10:30am – 1:00pm
Ellen's on Main
712 W. Main St.

7:00pm at the Mote Morris House in Leesburg. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Perri Cook at 859-816-5283 or perrimae@gmail.com by August 22.

FUNDRAISING REPORT



Wow, what a summer! The board and committee members have been very busy. Our first fundraiser of our fiscal year was a huge success. Our club volunteers added up tons of volunteer hours and exceeded our goal for the Belk Charity day fund raiser by 100%!

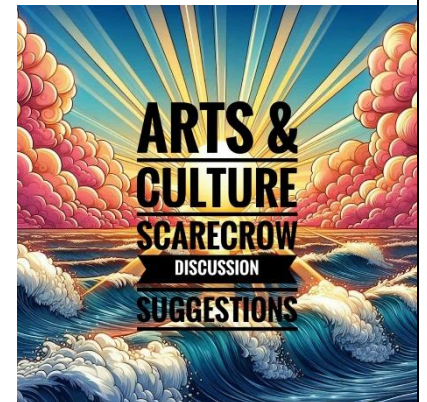
We have another Belk Charity Day Sale coming up in October. We will need two volunteers per shift with just 5 shifts inside the Belk store at Lake Square Mall. This is an easy fundraiser with great return to help support our charities. Consider forming a team of two for this September/October event. Dates to be determined.

Our Quarter Auction chaired by Member Lucille has been a huge success. This has been a lot of fun, helped raise needed charity funds, and helped recruit new members! This year it will be held at the beautiful Legacy of Orlando Club House October 12th. The next planning meeting is on Monday, September 9. Volunteers are still needed! Contact Lucille to volunteer or learn more about the event!

Interested in serving on the Fundraising Committee? Please contact Barb Howell 407-595-3866, you won't regret it!!!

ARTS AND CULTURE

Sandi Velardo, who is leading the Arts and Culture program, recently announced that our Club will be participating in the Scarecrow Build-Off sponsored by Leesburg. Sandi invites you to be part of the discussion at our September general meeting.



A MESSAGE FROM CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

There's a lot I need to learn about this, so please be patient with me, and please do share your ideas with me! With our National Day of Service coming up on September 28th, we need to start planning our activity. The

Birthdays

September

2 – Bunnie Davis
7 – Jan Davis
9 – Miriam Craig
 Barb Howell
30- Haven Power

October

16 – Becky Fadik
28 – Rose Martens

November

21 – Lisa Marie Provo
24 – Miriam Retzke

December

8 – Concetta Germain
9 – Perri Cook
13- Lucille DiSanto

project for this second annual event is Help us End Hunger in the United States. We can opt to volunteer at a local food bank, organize a food drive, raise awareness about hunger in the U.S., etc. More about the National Day of Service at the September 9 meeting.

We'll ring the bells for the Salvation Army, share activities with our Mayfield resident friends throughout the year, and look forward to some of our other favorites too.

It would be great to have a committee of three to help me throughout the year. Becky has signed up (thank you, Becky). Who else just can't wait to get on board with us to help brainstorm other ideas for our Club's Civic Engagement projects for 2024-2025? If you'd like to join us, give me a call (352-899-2035) or email (gfwcgolden1@gmail.com). Hope to hear from you and looking forward to seeing you again in September. Thanks for your support!

.....Arlene Golden.....

2024-2025 CLUB YEARBOOK

Updates for the Club Yearbook are complete. Copies of the updated information will be distributed at the September meeting.

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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