

The Scoop

March 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, it hardly seems possible that we are in the middle of March, and there are two months left for our general meetings! With new members on the Board, I know that 2024-2025 will be a successful year with great events that are going to happen. I am happy to report that Lorna Fogg will be in charge of events coming up at the Mayfield Assisted Retirement Center. Wendy Churchville will be helping us with environmental concerns. Our very crafty Darlene Violetto will be helping us create some fun and unique crafts, as well as looking into outside culture events to do. Although we do not have a chairperson in place, Becky Fadik is organizing our Club's participation at the Florida National Cemetery (Bushnell) on May 26th, to put flags on the graves of fallen veterans. This March we added collecting used glasses for the Lions Club, to help the seeing impaired. Have any suggestions for new things we can help with? I am all ears!



Want to attend a Board meeting or two, you're invited. We meet the first Monday of the month, at the Colored Easel (400 W. Magnolia Street, Leesburg) from 10:00am-12:00pm. Want to learn more about the Club's budgeting process? Come to the budget meeting at the Colored Easel, March 25th, time 10:00am-1:00pm....bring a sandwich with you.

LASTLY LADIES, FIND YOUR NITCH! Check out your yearbook for things to do with community service. Happy Easter, Happy Passover. See you soon.

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

APRIL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Three very important items of business will be addressed at the April meeting. First is the installation of new officers. This event has a very special significance to both the newly elected officers and to members. Join us on April 8 as we recognize and thank our current board for their service and install the newly elected 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

The second item of business is the written survey which was conducted at the March meeting. The results of the survey are reviewed by the Board as they look to improve Club operations and plan for the future. Laura Hannam has compiled the results and will be presenting them at the April meeting. Thank you Laura!

And lastly, presentation and approval of the 2024-2025 annual budget.

The menu for the April is:

- Olive Garden Salad and Rolls
- Deviled Eggs
- Sugar Free Jello

Upcoming Events

March 19

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

March 25

Budget Meeting (open to all members)
10:00am – 12:00pm
The Colored Easel

April 1

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

April 8

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

April 15

Planting Day – Mayfield Retirement Center
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Mayfield Retirement Center

April 16

Arts & Crafts - Project: Fascinators for
Mayfield Retirement Center Residents
10:30am – 12:00pm
The Colored Easel

May 6

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

May 13

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

May 21

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

May 26

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

June 1

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

2024-2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS CONFIRMED

At the March general membership meeting, the members unanimously approved the following slate of officers:

President – Rose Martens

1st Vice President, Ways and Means – Barbara Howell

2nd Vice President, Programs – Perri Cook

Secretary – Laura Hannam

Treasurer – Jane Ward

Investment Treasurer – Jean Rudderow

Supporting the Board are the following committee chairs:

Membership – OPEN**

Chaplain – Bonnie Miller and Bunnie Davis

Arts and Culture – Darlene Violetto

Environment – Wendy Churchville

Health & Wellness – Lorna Fogg

Education & Libraries – Jane Ward and Rose Martens

Civic Engagement – OPEN**

**If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Rose Martens.

Operational support is provided by the following:

Website – Laura Hannam

Facebook – Lucille DiSanto

Hospitality – Jan Davis

Newsletter – Becky Fadik

Sunshine – Linda Way

Photography – Karyn Lambert

Congratulations and thank you to all who are serving in a leadership and support role.

2024-2025 BUDGET MEETING

All members are invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming budget meeting. The meeting is on March 25 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at The Colored Easel. This is a great opportunity to provide input for the 2024-2025 budget.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Attention all members! Your 2024-2025 dues are due by May 31st.

Three ways to renew:

1. mail your check for \$50 to the club mailbox - PO Box 490532, Leesburg, FL 34740-0532
2. bring it to the April 14th meeting, or
3. drop it off at my house, 27501 Stoney Brook Dr, in Legacy.

it's very important to include the following:

1. your name as you want it to appear in the yearbook,
2. address (with community name, ie: Legacy)
3. phone number, cell or home, and

Birthdays

April

9 – Bonnie Miller
14 – Janet Schroko
18 – Wendy Churchville
27 – Sara Hamilton

May

2 – Sandy Wilkinson
8 – Laura Hannam
23 – Mary Zollner

July

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

August

15 – Linda Way
28 – Joan Nyarady

4. birth date and year.

Also, if you would like a new Name Badge (\$12) or a New Club Shirt (\$25 S,M,L, XL or \$27 up to XXXXL) include that information and payment.

New members who have joined in February or March do not need to pay again, but please send/bring the information above and include payment and size if you want a name tag or shirt.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Quarter Auction

A huge thank you to Lucille DiSanto for chairing the recent Quarter Auction and to everyone involved in making this event a huge success. There were 90 auction items, and our guest count was 86. Significant increases in both areas from our previous auction. Preliminary financials are strong. Indications are the event netted over \$3,000. The final financials will be reported at the April meeting.

Lisa Marie Provo (Barbara Howell's daughter) won the one-year Membership to the GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg. Her friend in Colorado won the Cancer Awareness Quilt! Guest feedback has been extremely positive. Our guests said they enjoyed themselves, loved the auction items, liked the food, and are ready for the next one! Our vendors were very pleased with the turn out and how the day went! A special thank you to our vendors:

- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Mary Jo Allison Quilter
- Life Wave Distributor
- Susan Brault Quilter
- Daisee Time Leather Jewelry
- Carried Away Gifts – Gifts and Baskets
- Melanie's Magnabilities – Jewelry
- Dolphin Soul Creations – Photography
- DK Custom Gifts – Wood Décor and More
- Lynne Klaczak Custom Handcrafted Jewelry
- Presutto Custom Keepsake Greeting Cards & Paper Crafts

Forever Stamps

Darlene Violetto is selling sheets of 20 stamps for \$10.00. Contact Darlene for stamps.

Belk Charity Days

Belk is planning another Charity Days campaign in May. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the Club. Stay tuned for more details!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

What's Shakin'?

The Mayfield Retirement Center is what's shakin'. To help celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Center, several Club members visited with the residents on March 12 to assist the activities director by serving green milkshakes to the residents. Rose



Martens did a fantastic job of entertaining the residents with several activities. It was a lot of fun and the shakes were delicious.

Calling all Gardeners or Those Who Like to Play in the Dirt...

On April 15, the residents of the Mayfield Retirement Center will be doing some spring planting. Seeds will be potted, and the residents will then watch the results of their green thumbs. If you are interested in helping, a sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting. Plans are to begin the planting at 1:30pm.

Mother's Day Jewelry Event

The Club will once again be doing a Mother's Day Jewelry event at Leesburg Elementary School. This is an amazing event. Students from the 2nd and 3rd grade classes will be choosing 2-3 pieces of jewelry for their mothers or the female figure in their life. The joy in the children's eyes as they select jewelry is so heartwarming while some of the stories you hear from the children are so sad. Our goal is to make sure every child has a gift for Mother's Day.

There are two ways to help. First, by donating gently used jewelry. Please bring your jewelry to the April 8 meeting. The second way to help is to volunteer to work at the event which is on April 30 (approximately 8am – 12pm). A sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting.

Leesburg Food Bank

Sara Hamilton collects food items for the Leesburg Food Bank at each monthly meeting. Please bring your non-perishable food donation to the meeting and drop it off at Sara's car. Thank you Sara your service to the Club.

Lions Recycling for Sight

Have eyeglasses you no longer need or use? Bring them to the April meeting. Our Club is starting a new initiative to support the Lions Club recycling eyeglass program. The Lions Club accepts donations of prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, and readers, although in the United States they're only able to distribute sunglasses and readers.

Flags For Fallen Vets



Plans for Flags for Fallen Vets at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on May 26 (flag placement) and June 1 (flag removal) are coming together. If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings. Additional information will be provided at the May meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Becky Fadik.

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Join other members on March 19 for an arts and crafts session at The Colored Easel. The project is shattered glass and epoxy easter egg or cross on a 6" x 6" gallery canvas. The cost of the project is \$15.00.

....and for April, we will be making fascinators for the residents at Mayfield Retirement Center as they participate in a "Kentucky Derby" celebration. Mark your calendars for April 16.

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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