

# The Scoop

## February 2024

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### Upcoming Events

#### March 4

Board of Directors' Meeting

10:00am – 12:00pm

The Colored Easel

#### March 11

General Meeting & Luncheon

10:30am – 1:00pm

Rogers Park Building

#### March 19

Arts & Crafts - Project: TBA

10:30am – 12:00pm

The Colored Easel

#### April 1

Board of Directors' Meeting

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my sister members of GFWC. February brings us Black History Month, Heart Awareness Month and of course, Valentine's Day. If you were not aware, the beautiful arts and crafts submitted during our January membership meeting were delivered by Jane Ward and Bunnie Davis when they attended the District 7 meeting on December 3 in Orlando. Arts and crafts from other clubs in District 7 were on display and judged in various categories. It should be a no surprise to find that several of our members took first place in her specific category.



I spoke at the Legacy of Leesburg Republican Club on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Barbara Howell and Lucille DiSanto were promoting membership and distributing Membership Kits. Lucille sold raffle tickets for another beautiful quilt which she donated to the club for the Quarter Auction.

And lastly, I have been thinking of the need for us to discuss environment. Since we have no one who is interested in chairing this community service, I would like to speak about it briefly. Years ago, when I was a child, I remember my mother keeping items that I thought should be discarded. Since the depression came before I was born, I had no idea of what people did during that era. Today, I think it is an effective way to cut down on waste. I took the time to look up things to reuse. One item that was not listed was aluminum foil. I use it to line my pans when cooking for easier clean up. I decided to rinse it off and keep it one more time for the same purpose, so long as it is in good shape. Online there are so many ways to reuse products. Paper goods, wrapping paper carefully removed can be one of them. Plastic containers, plastic bags. No plastic straws, eyeglasses can be donated, clothing, I can go on and on. You will be surprised as you view the ideas that are there!

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

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Victims of violence and abuse require care from a health professional who is trained to treat the trauma associated with the wrong that has been done to them—be it sexual assault, intimate partner violence, neglect, or other forms of intentional injury. Forensic nurses are also a critical resource for anti-violence efforts.

They collect evidence and give testimony that can be used in a court of law to apprehend or prosecute perpetrators who commit violent and abusive acts. Speaking about the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program is Miranda Ross with the Haven of Lake Sumter.



### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The New Member Orientation was a huge success. It was held in a private room at Perkins Restaurant. Eleven participants enjoyed coffee, tea, and giant muffins during an overview of GFWC National and Florida. They learned about the many benefits of joining and being a part of this International Federation. Several seasoned Club members said they wish they had an orientation when they joined, so we scored a hit. Orientations will be held once or twice a year. Meanwhile, the GFWC Video will be sent out to all members for their viewing.

10:00am – 12:00pm  
The Colored Easel

**April 8**  
General Meeting & Luncheon  
10:30am – 1:00pm  
Rogers Park Building

**April 16**  
Arts & Crafts - Project: TBA  
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

## Birthdays

**March**  
14 – Beth Doetsch

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

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

The Membership Committee participated in a table display at the Legacy Republican Club where President Rose Martens spoke on behalf of the Club. We gave out lots of information and came away with three potential new members!

### A HUGE THANK YOU....

Thank you to our Webmaster Laura Hannam and her husband for their donation of a projector to our Club. The projector was used at the Member Orientation to show a video from GFWC Florida and will be put to good use in the future.

### FUNDRAISING REPORT

#### Quarter Auction

Good news....auction items outnumber the quantity of items than last time!! Raffle tickets for the breast cancer awareness quilt are still available as well as tickets for the Quarter Auction. Tickets for the Quarter Auction are sold at Willowbee's Gift Shop and Lake Life Outpost on Main Street! Tickets can also be purchased at Legacy of Leesburg, in the library, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3/4, 3/6 and 3/11, 3/13, from 10:00 am until noon! Access the Library at the Clock Tower Circle! Keep promoting the event. Your support will make this event a success. Remember, you can invite people to our Facebook Event Page for more information.

#### Forever Stamps

Selling stamps at a discounted price is another terrific way to raise funds for Club operations. Darlene Violetto is selling sheets of 20 stamps for \$10.00. Forever stamps, a sheet of 20 stamps, sells for \$13.60. Here's a way to support the Club and at the same time, you can save some money. Contact Darlene for stamps.

### THE RESULTS ARE IN...

Our Club's Arts & Crafts contest in January was quite successful with so many wonderful entries. Here is a list of entries, categories, and how they placed at both Club level and District level. Those that placed 1<sup>st</sup> at District are eligible to continue to State level if they choose.

Rose Martens  
Category 11- Paper Crafts-card making  
Christmas Card  
1st place: Club  
3rd place: District

Lucille DiSanto  
Category 35- Quilting- 100% machine  
Ugly Sweater Quilt  
1st place: Club  
1st place: District

Lois Maglionic  
Category 36- Quilting- hand and machine  
Angel Quilt  
1st place: Club  
1st place: District

Bunnie Davis  
Category 37- Sewing  
Children's Counting Book  
Honorable Mention: Club

Karyn Lambert  
Category 13- Memory Book- handmade  
Lady Vagabond Memory Book  
1st place: Club  
1st place: District

Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to all!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**How did you spend Valentine's Day?** A group of Club members visited Mayfield Retirement Center in Leesburg to deliver the valentines collected at the February General Meeting. In addition to delivering cards to the residents, the volunteer team led a rousing game of VALENTINE BINGO. Everyone....residents, staff, and Club members....had a fun time. Thanks to all those who helped plan the event and visited with the residents. Giving our time is one of the greatest gifts we can give.



### **Quarter Auction**

Have you signed up to help at the Quarter Auction on March 16 at the Eagles Club in Okahumpka? To volunteer, contact Sandi Velardo (scvelardo@gmail.com).

### **Leesburg Food Bank**

Sara Hamilton will be collecting food items for the Leesburg Food Bank at the March meeting. Take advantage of the BOGO offers at Publix and Winn Dixie and fill a bag for Sara.

### **Lions Recycling for Sight**

Have eyeglasses you no longer need or use? Our Club is starting a new initiative to support the Lions Club recycling eyeglass program. Lions Clubs International collects used eyeglasses throughout the year and delivers them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs) where glasses are examined for usability, sorted by prescription, and added to their global inventory. This program helps those in need get the eyecare and eyewear that they desperately need but either can't afford or don't have access to. 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. More details on how you can help will be provided at the March general meeting.

### **Flags For Fallen Vets**



Paying tribute to our military men and women is an honor. Our Club will be participating in the Flags for Fallen Vets program held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on May 26 (flag placement) and June 1 (flag removal). Flags for Fallen Vets honors our veterans by ensuring an American Flag is placed at every veterans grave site at each National Cemetery in our Country for Memorial Day, This organization's mission is to

provide Americans with a way to never forget those who have served and sacrificed throughout our country's history for the freedoms we enjoy today. If you are interested in volunteering to place and/or remove flags on the dates needed, please contact Becky Fadik. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting.

### **CLUB MEMBERS RECOGNIZED**

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Salvation Army is hosted a luncheon for the volunteers that participated in the ringing of the bell in December. The efforts of our members resulted in a contribution of over \$750. Congratulations bell ringers!

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS**



Join other members at the March arts and crafts session at The Colored Easel. Can't wait to see what Karyn has planned.

### **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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