

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

Rogers Park, 610 S. 9th Street, Leesburg FL  
January 13, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

**President:** Vice President, Barbara Howell, filled in for President Rose Martens

- Barbara Howell welcomed all and called the meeting to order @ 11:00 AM.
- A quorum was present.
- Wendy Churchville led the devotion.
- The members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect.
- Perri Cook motioned to approve the December 9, 2024, General Meeting minutes. Lucille DiSanto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Financial and Investment statements were filed for audit.
- Jane Ward will be chairing the Budget Committee which will meet on February 27, 2025, in the Kitchen Meeting Room at Legacy starting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone who wants input into the 2025/2026 budget should plan to attend.
- Darlene Violetto brought pictures to everyone that were taking at the Christmas meeting in December.
- Lucille DiSanto and Bunny Davis decorated the tables for the meeting. Bunny acknowledged Linda Way for being the person who takes the tablecloths home and washes them.
- Cornerstone Hospice received their check from the proceeds of the October 2024 Quarter Auction [REDACTED] and provided an overview of the role Cornerstone plays in our community.

**President's Message:** Barbara Howell for Rose Martens

- Barbara reminded everyone that there are signup sheets on the entry table for all fund raising and community service volunteer opportunities.
- An overview was provided by Barbara Howell of what is available on GFWC.com, including lots of discounts, and available competitions (e.g. arts and crafts)
- March funky fashion show – the show is scheduled for 3/29 in Orlando. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. The proceeds from the show will benefit the Veteran's Flight of Honor project.
- The next District 7 meeting is scheduled for February 8 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 5873 Dean Road, Orlando. Registration is between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. District 7 includes Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties. Perri Cook, Jane Ward, Pat Blaschka, and Barbara Howell plan to attend.
- Lucille DiSanto is the Woman Club of Leesburg's volunteer of the year. Barbara Howell read the submission that was sent to District 7 for Lucille.

- Marissa Honka is looking for volunteers to sit at a table on various dates at “Keys to your Wellbeing” health fairs and talk about the Woman’s Club of Leesburg. Barbara Howell will get “stuff” for the tables to each of the volunteers. The volunteers were identified as:
  - Pat Blaschka
  - Miriam Craig
  - Haven Power
  - Dee Ream
  - Cathie Stocking
  - Perri Cook
  - Jan Davis
  - Lucille DiSanto
- Perri Cook has accepted the role of Chair of the Officers Nominating Committee, which will work to gather the list of members running for the 2025/2026 Officers positions of President, First Vice President (ways and means and membership, Second Vice President (Community Service Programs), Third Vice President (Internal and External Communications), Secretary, Treasurer, and Investment Treasurer. Janet Schroko and Karyn Lambert volunteered to assist Perri in carrying out the Committee responsibilities.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Barbara Howell for Rose Martens

- Ways and means
  - Next Quarter Auction is planned for March 8, 2025, at Arlington Ridge
    - Pre-sale \$20 includes one paddle and lunch
    - February 3 is final meeting for Quarter Auction planning. Roles at the auction include: showing and running gifts, technology to ensure items are shown on the screen, hostesses to help people at the tables and to empty and bring change from table buckets to Jane Ward for collection, setup and cleanup.
  - Belk Charity Days – will be participating again in April – Barbara Howell went over structure:
    - Sell tickets for \$5 that gives the customer \$5 off their purchase.
    - We keep their \$5.
    - Customer can use at any store nationwide or on-line.
  - Stamps – have sold over [REDACTED].
- Membership – Perri Cook
  - Two candidates for membership attended the meeting.
    - OKim Kaufman
    - Sue Adams
  - Perri Cook had all new members stand up so we could all see how many new members we have. Orientation will be on February 12 at 10:00 a.m. and on February 19 at 6:00 p.m.
  - There will be one (1) new member Induction Ceremony per year – will get with the Executive Board for a date for the next one.
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Linda Way

- Luck of the Draw was conducted by Linda Way.

- **Civic Engagement and Outreach:** Arlene Golden, Chair, thanked everyone who Rang the Bells for Salvation Army and is currently looking at new things to do, but plans for it to be minimal as we all need to focus on making the Quarter Auction a success.
- **Arts and Culture:** Sandi Velardo, Chair, reminded everyone about painting ceramics at the Colored Easel on 1/20 at 1:00 p.m. and stated she was setting up for us to see Ben Hur and the Melon Patch Theater which will be \$24/person. Thank you to all who decorated and/or filled Christmas bags that were given to Mayfield Retirement Home.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. followed by Lunch.

Next General Meeting to be held at Rogers Park, 610 S. 9th Street, Leesburg FL,  
February 10, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. – Social 10:30 a.m.

Laura Hannam, Secretary