



The Comet

Membership Meeting

November 6, 2024
10:00-Noon
5 Rosa L Jones Dr, Cocoa

Board Meeting

November 20, 2024
10:00 am
on Zoom

District 6 President's Project Fundraiser

November 14, 2024
11:00
Suntree Country Club



Finding Balance and Giving Thanks...

Dear Club Members,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express how grateful I am for each of you. Your dedication, time, and passion make a real difference, and together we've achieved so much.

This season reminds us of the importance of balance—finding time for family, personal care, and the activities that bring us

joy. While the work we do as a club is meaningful, it's equally essential to take care of ourselves and cherish the moments that matter most with loved ones.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, rest, and gratitude for the many blessings in life.

Thanks for all you do,

Sarah



President Sarah Anthony
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“Let the beauty of what you
love be what you do.”
~Rumi

1st Vice-President's Message



1st Vice-President JoAnne Post
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I cannot believe that 2024 is almost over. It's one of my favorite times of the year as November is our anniversary and our daughter's birthday and of course Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Our area certainly dodged Milton and was glad to hear that everyone was safe with minor inconveniences.

November is also the time of the year when we start to think

about report writing. I would ask all members to please submit your hours and donations by **November 15**. I will gather all the input and send it to the appropriate chairmen so they can begin writing on the wonderful and fun projects and events we have done this past year.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Upcoming Membership Meetings



Get ready to celebrate the season at our annual Holiday Party! To continue our club's tradition, we will have a very brief Membership Meeting followed by lunch, dessert, and some exciting surprises. This year we will meet at Urban Prime in Viera. They have developed a special menu for us with the holiday season in mind. Members and guests will pay their own bill, including tip.



November's focus will be on the Environment CSP with a special guest from the Florida Wildlife Hospital. Donations will be accepted to support their needs.

We hope to see you there!

All members, booster club members, spouses, and guests are invited to attend. It's the perfect way to wrap up the year and enjoy time with friends!

We need to have a head count

by November 30th, so please email JoAnne Post. (jpost314@aol.com) to make your reservation. Please include the names of any guests you are bringing.

Watch for more information!

2nd Vice-President's Message



2nd Vice-President Diane Angus
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October has quickly turned into November and the year is nearly over. Hopefully everyone has recovered from the horrendous storms of October and are ready for the holiday season.

RaiseRight instructions have been sent out and are posted on our website. Please make sure to take a few minutes, download the App, and earn money for our organization. We have already earned more than

\$100 with only 8 people actively using the tool to purchase gift cards.

The November Bunco Party has been postponed until March 8, 2025. Thank you to all that helped prepare for this event and we look forward to picking this fundraiser back up early next year. The November 9th date will be repurposed to work on some crafts to include in our gift baskets for upcoming events.

Upcoming Club FUNdraisers

If you have already reserved your spot for our Vows of Valor fundraiser, please send your payments to Susan M. as soon as possible. There are still spaces available, so be sure to share this fundraiser with your family, friends, and neighbors so that we can make a huge impact on the President's Project!

GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.

JOIN US FOR
Vows of Valor:
A Wartime Bridal Gown Event

February 8, 2025 | 11:00-4:00
Holiday Inn Viera
Tickets: \$40.00

Ticket includes lunch, program featuring historical bridal gowns, 50/50, and opportunity baskets.

To make a reservation, contact:
Sarah Anthony
gfwcspacecoast@gmail.com

Proceeds will benefit:
GFWC FL President's Project:
Flight to Honor
and GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.

TURN SHOPPING INTO EARNING

Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works

- You buy a gift card. You get the full value.
- The brand gives back. No extra money comes out of your pocket.
- Your organization earns. Impacting what matters most to you.

Shop 750+ popular brands

Getting your morning coffee. Doing DIY projects around the house. Ordering takeout. Conveniently raise money by doing everyday things.

amazon, WALKER, STARBUCKS, etc.

"It's super convenient. All I need to do is shopping in my phone—I don't even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway. I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return. Jan H., *earns for hockey*

Get started by downloading the RaiseRight™ app on your phone or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer. For step-by-step instructions, visit RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning.

To join our club's fundraising efforts, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/dpJCKGJ>
If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us: gfwcspacecoast@gmail.com
Be sure to use our club code: SF6507DEF84

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GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

PIGGY BANK FUNDRAISER

Supports our club's Dollars for Delegates fund.

Pigs can be adopted for \$5.00 at any club meeting.

Money saved can be donated at any club meeting.

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Is your family prepared for the unexpected? Would your children or other family members know where to find your important information if

something happened to you? Is your personal information easily accessible if there was a hurricane or fire evacuation? The GFWC Civic Engagement

and Outreach Chairman is providing this activity to encourage your family to prepare for the future. For more information, please contact the Chairman.



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Family Emergency Notebook

Use a 6 inch binder

Inside Cover: Important Business Cards

Examples: Banks, financial advisors, tax preparer, attorney, doctors, dentist, mechanic, insurance agent, school contacts

Section 1: Personal Information

Cover Sheet: List of all family members names, addresses, phones, email addresses, dates of birth, social security numbers
 Contents: Copies of the following documents for each family member - Marriage license, birth certificates, social security cards, drivers' licenses, passports, licenses related to employment, baptism certificate, immunization records

Section 2: Financial Information

Cover Sheet: List all banks and credit card companies.
 Contents: Banking: checking account #, savings account #, any other account #, bank contact info, online banking username and password
 Credit / debit card(s): card #, exp. code, phone number, online banking username and password
 Investments: (not retirement) account #, online banking username and password
 Mortgage: lending institution name and contact, copy of mortgage and note, recent statement, website, username and password

Section 3: Insurance Information

Cover Sheet: List all insurance policies - life, disability, home, auto, umbrella
 Contents: Copy of policy and annual statement, health and dental insurance cards, work life & disability policy information, insurance policy booklets if available
 For each policy: Policy # and contact information, website, username and password

Section 4: Home and Auto Information

Cover Sheet: List of all real estate owned and all vehicles
 Contents: Deeds, titles for all vehicles (license plate number, vehicle ID # (VIN), and title #), property tax assessments and contact information, vehicle registration cards, land surveys (if any), most recent appraisals, title insurance policies (if any)
 Home Utility Bills Info: company name, website, user name and password for gas, electric, garbage, cable, internet, TV, cell phone, etc.
 Home inventory or photos of each room showing contents

Section 5: Retirement

Cover Sheet: List all retirement plans by household member
 Contents: For each pension, 401k, 403b, IRA: company name, website, user name and password, copy of annual statement

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Social Security - copy of annual benefits notice

Section 6: Business Information

Cover Sheet: List of all business entities
 Contents: For each business - organizational documents, ownership agreements, buy/sell agreements, EIN letter, tax return (most recent), annual Dept of State filing (if any), FinCEN registration proof

Section 7: Pet Information

Cover Sheet: List of all pets
 Contents: ID Tag #'s, veterinary contact (name, phone, website), medications list, vaccination records, chip information, ages

Section 8: Medical Information

Cover Sheet: List of all physicians by family member
 Contents: Medical history for each family member, medication list for each family member including drug name, dosage, purpose/use of medication, prescribing physician, copies of prescription or photo of pill bottle
 Include over the counter medications

Section 9: Legal Information

Cover Sheet: Name, website and contact information for funeral home, cemetery, Attorney
 Contents: Wills, trusts, powers of attorney (medical and financial), living wills (advanced directives), funeral/burial information for each family member

Section 10: Important Contacts

Contents: List of close family members names, addresses, telephone # and email address
 List of close friends and neighbors’ names, addresses, telephone # and email
 Employers contact names, addresses, phones and email address
 Business co-owners’ names, addresses, telephone # and email addresses
 Employee names, addresses, telephone # and email address



District 6 Annual Meeting 2024 - 1: GFWC FL President Sara Dessereau addresses the assembly; 2: the head table; 3: GFWC Space Coast Woman’s Club members: JoAnne P., Linda G., and Tiny B.

Education & Libraries CSP



Sally Kramer, Chairman
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BOOK CLUB

At our book club meeting in October, we discussed the book *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Some members liked the book, and others did not which made for a very interesting discussion. We enjoyed Hummingbird Cake and tea provided by Laurie W. and Kathy S. The tea blend from the book sparked another good discussion.

The book for November is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is the story about the friendship between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. The meeting will be at Sally Kramer's house on November 18 at 1:00. New members are always welcome.

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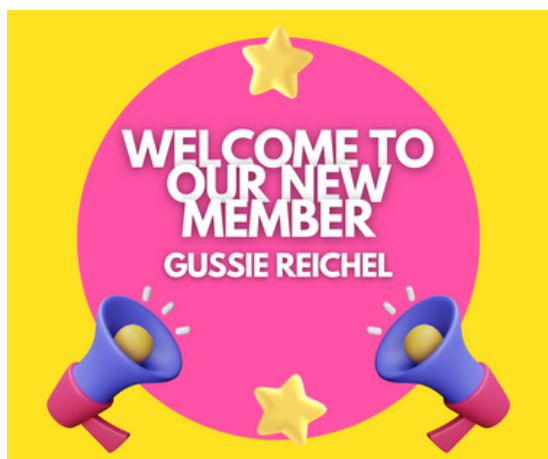
Nine of our book club members are members of ESO, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, an honorary educational society open to all members of GFWC Federated clubs. For more information about ESO, please visit the [GFWC FL website](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to read the ESO handbook. For current ESO members, please make sure you are using the current and correct forms.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Our Little Free Library weathered the hurricane very well. Taylor M., JoAnne P., and Laurie W. made sure all the books were taken out and the door was secured before the storm. After the storm, the books were returned to our library, and we are open for business!

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

There are many opportunities for volunteers to work at Endeavour Elementary. Those of you that have been cleared to work around the children in the classroom, can go out to the school and volunteer. If you don't want to volunteer in a classroom there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer also. There are some events coming up that we can help with. I will have more information for you soon.



Environment CSP



Nancy Brown, Chairman
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Our general meeting in November will focus on the environment. I am very pleased that our speaker for this meeting will be Lindsay Mayer, Outreach and Volunteer Manager for Florida Wildlife Hospital. This is a wonderful organization that cares for sick or injured wild animals in our

community. I know that you will be amazed to find out all that this hospital does. We are asking members to donate to the hospital this month. Here is how you can donate. Go to their website:

www.floridawildlifehospital.org, and purchase something from their wish list. Or check out their Amazon wish list, Walmart wish list, or Chewy's wish list which are also on their website. Gift cards from amazon, Walmart or Chewy's are also welcome. You can bring your items for donation, gift cards, etc. to the meeting to give directly to Lindsay or if you choose to order online and send directly to them, please be sure to identify that this is a gift from GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club.

On Saturday, November 9th we are going to be holding a craft day at Viera East Residents' Clubhouse. We will be making craft items made with corks. No crafting experience required. Come and have fun and make some craft items to raise funds for our community.

Environmental Tip

It is nice to begin to experience the cooler temperatures that come with Autumn. Daytime temperatures in the 70s and 80s and lower humidity make outdoor activities much more enjoyable. There are many walking trails in and around our community to enjoy. Take a walk, see and hear the beauty of nature around you.

MEMBER CHALLENGE FALL 2024

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS

The best way to preserve our club's history is with photos. It's up to all of us to help capture the fun.

Your challenge is to take photos at club events and text or email them to Sarah. Every photo you submit will earn an entry into a drawing for a fabulous prize to be awarded at the holiday party in December.

Challenge dates: Oct. 1 - Dec. 3.



GFWC/FL Newsletters

Are you signed up for the GFWC News & Notes newsletter? How about the GFWC Florida Clubwoman Newsletter? These email newsletters are a great way to keep up with all the GFWC news!

If you aren't receiving these emails, click [HERE](#) for GFWC News & Notes and [HERE](#) for GFWC FL Clubwoman. You will need to register for the member center on each website first, but then you can sign up for the newsletters.

Health & Wellness CSP



Linda Greenstein, Chairman
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CHARITY MILES

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month, and we will change our charity to Epilepsy Foundation of America on November 1st. Their mission is “to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives”. With cooler weather, the COMETS’ challenge will be 2,200 miles.

WALK & TALK

On Wednesday, November 13th, we will Walk & Talk at the Viera Wetlands located at 3658 Charlie Corbeil. Meet us in the parking lot at 8:30 am. Wear sturdy shoes. Don’t forget your sunscreen, a hat or visor, and water since there is not a lot of shade. Cameras and binoculars might be fun! There will be a sign-up sheet at our November meeting, or you can email me to sign up.

GFWC INITIATIVE

The 2024-2026 GFWC Community Connection Initiative for Health and Wellness is the Caregiver’s Circle. The focus of this initiative “will build upon the importance of the connection between health and the importance of maintaining balance with emotional, nutritional, and physical health and provide much needed and

deserved support for caregivers. What can we do as a club to help and support our members, our friends, our families or our neighbors who are caregivers? If any of you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know.

CAREGIVER RECOGNITION MONTH

November is Caregiver Recognition Month. One of the suggestions in our GFWC manual is to “show special support by writing notecards”. I encourage every member to pick a friend, neighbor, family member or club member who happens to be a caregiver and support your person with a written notecard or a phone call during November. Please let me know if you participate, and don’t forget to report your volunteer hours!

GFWC FL President’s Project



As part of our District 6 Fashion Show fundraiser, which will be held on Thursday, November 14th, our club will be providing one opportunity basket to be used at the fundraiser.

We are accepting gift cards of any value for any store,

restaurant, or business to be included in our club’s basket.

.Please bring your gift card donations to the November Membership meeting on the 6th or deliver to JoAnne Post or Laurie Watkins prior to **November 10th.**

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Taylor Malishenko, Chairman
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Taylor insists that this is the result of so many activities and support our Club has conducted from its inception. Financial support, food for the pantry, summertime toys and games for the children, the Dr Seuss birthday party, and our support of Purses with a Purpose.

Congratulations, Taylor!



Taylor Malishenko was honored to represent the GFWC Space Women's Club when she was recognized as 2024 Volunteer of the Year for Support to Survivors by Serene Harbor at their annual fundraiser Purses with a Purpose. Of course,



If you, or someone you know needs help, please call or text:
Serene Harbor's 24/7 confidential hotline:
321-726-8282(TTY)

To report human trafficking, please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888

A Note from the Treasurer



Susan Musil, Treasurer
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MAKING PAYMENTS

I encourage our members to pay for events and fundraisers with our Zelle account. The account is MY email address listed here under my photo.

If you must pay in cash or check, please put it in an envelope, seal it, and write **your name, the amount enclosed, and what it is for** on the outside of the envelope. This will

assist me in making sure the money goes into the proper account.

BUNCO REFUNDS

If you paid for the postponed Bunco fundraiser by check or Zelle, your refund has been sent. **Please contact me ASAP if you paid by cash** so that I can get your payment back to you.

Club Calendar

NOVEMBER							/ 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
3	4	5	6 10:00 Membership Meeting 5 Rosa Jones Dr. Rockledge	7	8	9 TBD Craft Day! Viera East Residents' Clubhouse	
10 DEADLINE to turn in gift card donations for D6 fundraising basket	11	12	13 8:30 Walk & Talk Viera Wetlands	14 1:00 D6 PP Fashion Show Fundraiser Suntree Country Club	15 DEADLINE to turn in 2024 Volunteer hours/donations to JoAnne	16	
17	18 1:00 Book Club Sally K's House	19	20 10:00 Board Meeting TBD	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 DEADLINE to RSVP for Holiday Party (Dec 4)	

What We’re Collecting

This is a list of on-going collections for items that will be donated to various organizations in our area or for club projects.

- **Pull-tabs** (soda & soup can tabs) - will be donated to Ronald McDonald House charities. (Health & Wellness)
- **Eyeglasses** - will be donated to the Lions Club. (Health & Wellness)
- **Bottle corks** (wine & champagne) – for recycling on our Etsy shop & craft projects. (Environment)

- **Travel-size toiletry products** - will be donated to Endeavour Elementary School. (Health & Wellness)
- **Gift Cards** - for our D6 opportunity basket. (President’s Project)
- **Wish list items** - for the Florida Animal Hospital. (Environment)

More items will be added as projects are developed.

To donate, please [contact our club](#).



drives for students and families in need.

- Volunteer opportunities like reading to students or helping with events.

This project offers a wonderful way to strengthen our community and make a lasting impact. Stay tuned for upcoming activities and ways you can get involved—whether through donations, hands-on volunteering, or creative ideas to enhance our efforts. Together, we’ll create a brighter future for our adopted school!

We Adopted a School!

At the October Membership Meeting, our members voted to adopt Endeavour Elementary School!

This partnership will allow us to provide meaningful support throughout the year, enhancing the lives of students, teachers, and staff.

What will this look like? We’ll be involved in several ways, such as:

- School supply drives to ensure students have the tools they need.
- Teacher appreciation events to recognize and encourage the hard work of educators.
- Holiday gifts or clothing

The school will have a **Crock-Pot Tasting Event** on Thursday, December 12th from 5:30-6:30pm. We hope to have many of our members creating delicious dishes for this evening get together. Save the date, dust off the crock-pot and find a gem of a recipe to share with the families. Watch for more information on this fun event!

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Club Officers

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 1st VP: JoAnne Post
 2nd VP: Diane Angus
 Treasurer: Susan Musil
 Recording Secretary: Laurie Watkins
 Corresponding Secretary: Tiny Butler

Information

This newsletter is published on the 1st of every month, September to May. All information is submitted by club members. For corrections, please contact our club.