



The Comet

Membership Meeting

March 5, 2025
10:00-Noon
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr., Cocoa

Board Meeting

March 19, 2025
10:00 am
on Zoom

Membership Rally

March 22, 2025
10:00-12:00
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr., Cocoa



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Dear Club Members,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent fundraiser and the District 6 meeting. Your dedication and teamwork exemplify the adage, "many hands make light work." It was also wonderful to see so many of our members this month; your presence truly strengthens our community.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to

announce that the Call for the GFWC Florida Convention will be released soon. I encourage all of you to consider attending this enriching event.

Let's continue our momentum and make a positive impact together.

In service and friendship,

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 hope everyone enjoyed our cooler Florida temperatures. Waiting until GFWC Florida convention is the hardest part after our reports were submitted. It's exciting to see how our projects compare to the work being done around the state.

reach out and I will help you. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March membership meeting.

Happy St Patrick's Day,

JoAnne

If anyone is still having difficulty getting the reporting app on your phone, please

Membership



Join us for our next club meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, as we focus on **Education and Libraries**—with a special spotlight on quilts! Quilts tell stories, preserve history, and connect generations.

I invite you to bring a quilt (or two!) to share with the group.

Whether it's new or old, handmade by you or passed down from a loved one, we'd love to hear its story. We'll display them and take time for everyone to share their special pieces.

There will also be a short service project to work on! See you on the 5th!

2nd Vice-President's Message



Congratulations to the Vows of Valor committee for putting on such a wonderfully successful event. I appreciate all the hard work that it takes to pull off a big event like this and it really speaks to our organization to know that we can be flexible enough to respond to challenges and stay on task.

The Board will be reviewing the proceeds from this event and determining the contribution we will be making to the GFWC FL President's Project.

At the February Membership

meeting a motion was made and voted on to cancel this year's BUNCO fundraiser, scheduled for March 8th.

On another note, please look for upcoming notifications regarding building a fundraising committee to develop our plans to cover the next year. We have so many new members, I am excited to hear all of your great ideas on fundraising opportunities. For the next year, we will also develop a Fundraising goal that we can monitor our success against. Stay tuned.

Club FUNdraisers

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Jan K., earns for hockey

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us: plvspacecoast@gmail.com
Be sure to use our club code: **SF6507DEF854**

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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.

Vows of Valor: A Wedding Gown Event

On Saturday, February 8, 2025, our club hosted its first major fundraiser, Vows of Valor, to support the GFWC Florida President’s Project, Flight to Honor. The event was a patriotic celebration, with the room adorned in red, white, and blue and centerpieces featuring bomber planes soaring through clouds. Guests had the chance to win exciting prizes through five “opportunity baskets” and a 50/50 raffle. After a delicious lunch, attendees were treated to a fascinating presentation, taking them on a journey through time to explore the evolution of the women’s movement and its influence on wedding fashion. The feedback from our guests was overwhelmingly positive, with many calling the event “top-notch”! Thank you to all who attended and supported this successful event. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on the Flight to Honor project!



Vows of Valor: A Wedding Gown Event



Education & Libraries CSP



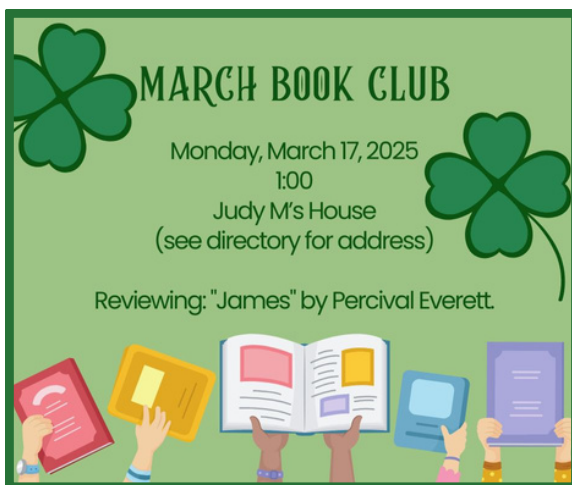
Sally Kramer, Chairman
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On February 18th, Jo-Anne Post, Laurie Watkins, and I had the privilege of delivering \$3,000 worth of shoes—all sizes, all colors, mostly new, with some gently used—to Endeavour Elementary. These generous donations came from the members of Viera Means Business, ensuring students in need have proper footwear.

assistant principal came out to greet us. When she saw the shoes, she immediately asked an office staff member to bring a student who had come to school that day without any shoes. Talk about perfect timing!

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we're making a real difference—one step at a time.

As we were unloading, an



Shoe drop-off with JoAnne P., Sally K. & the staff at Endeavour.

New Members!

This is a great opportunity to learn more about GFWC!

I hope you'll take the time to register and attend and meet Ms. Marian St.Clair, GFWC Past International President, as well as other new members from around our state.



Environment CSP



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With birds singing and flocks beginning their journey north, spring is officially upon us—along with the pollen! My condolences to those who suffer from seasonal allergies, and to those affected by the budding of maple and oak trees.

A big thank you to all the club members who joined Linda Greenstein and me at The Enchanted Forest in Titusville. We enjoyed a beautiful walk through diverse forest hammocks, spotting gopher tortoises and native plants. We also encountered Carolina Jessamine, a yellow-flowered

vine that blooms in winter. Plus, we met a volunteer who shared fascinating details about the endangered Tillandsia Utriculata air plant, which is threatened by weevils. Volunteers are working to protect and propagate this plant to ensure its survival.



Sally K. & Katy L. working on flowers for the D6 meeting centerpieces.



Health & Wellness CSP



Linda Greenstein, Chairman
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the U.S. epidemic of polio, a condition that can leave people with permanent physical disabilities. The organization to combat polio was called the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Over the years, their mission has changed. In the mid 1960’s, the organization focused its efforts on prevention of birth defects and infant mortality. In 1976, the name changed to March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and in 2005 their mission focused on reducing the toll of premature birth. Today, this organization fights for the health of all moms and babies. Their goals are to end the



On March 1st, we will change our charity to one of the GFWC affiliate organizations: March of Dimes. This charity was founded by Franklin D. Roosevelt on January 3, 1938, as a response to

preventable maternal health risks and deaths, end preventable preterm birth and infant death and close the health equity gap. Since our February Charity, the American Heart Association, reached close to 1,800 miles, our March challenge is to reach a total of 2,000 miles.

March 17, 2025 | 8:30 AM
Suseda Park (5805 Murrell Road)

Walk & Talk

Let's Walk For Health Together

Don't forget:

- walking shoes
- water bottle
- sunscreen
- hat/visor

Text Linda:
772-473-1453
if you plan to
join the fun!

PACKING NIGHT FOR:

MARCH 18 | 5:15-7:45 PM
26 FORREST AVE. COCOA

We're packing meals with four sister clubs, and each club has six spots available.

Text (772) 473-1453 to sign up—the first six members will receive the registration link.

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Taylor Malishenko, Chairman
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coordinate the investigation, treatment and prosecution of child abuse cases by using teams of professionals involved in child protective and victim advocacy services, law enforcement and prosecution, and physical and mental health.

They are located at 1100 Rockledge Blvd, Suite 200. You can find more information on their website: cacbrevard.org or call: 321-241-6610.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline: Phone: 800.799.7233 Text: START to 88788 or visit: <https://www.thehotline.org>**

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

A focus area of the GFWC Signature Program is to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect. The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard is an organization serving abused and neglected children in Brevard County. They

They note that lower socio-economic households have a greater risk of abuse so all we do to assist and support those that are socially vulnerable is an important contribution to mitigate child abuse risk.



District 6 Meeting Fun



Club Calendar

2025						
March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 10:00 AM Membership Meeting 5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa	6	7	8 9:00 AM Beach Clean-Up Val M. Steele Park Melbourne Beach
9	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM GFWC FL New Member Orientation Zoom	14	15
16	17 9:00 AM Walk & Talk Suseeda Park 1:00 PM Book Club Judy M's House	18 5:15 PM TCHP Packing 26 Forrest Ave. Cocoa	19 10:00 AM Board Meeting Zoom	20	21	22 10:00 AM D6 Membership Rally 5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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 used 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)
- More items will be added as projects are developed.
To donate, please [contact our club.](#)

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MEMBERSHIP RALLY
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- * RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS
- * RETAINING MEMBERS
- * RECOGNIZING MEMBERS
- * REBUILDING CLUBS AND STARING NEW CLUBS

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CLUB MEMBERS
NO COST**

District 6

**Saturday, March 22 , 2025
10:00AM- 12:00 PM
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Woman's Club of Cocoa
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women like Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul were acknowledged. Their efforts secured rights that women enjoy today, from voting to equal opportunities in the workplace.

However, the fight for equality continues. GFWC is committed to supporting and educating future generations by preserving women’s history, promoting leadership opportunities, and engaging in advocacy efforts that empower women. Through programs, scholarships, and community initiatives, GFWC ensures that young women understand their history and have the tools to shape the future.

By learning about and sharing the stories of pioneering women, we keep their legacy alive and inspire future generations. Women’s History Month is a reminder of how far we’ve come—and how much further we can go.

GFWC History & Legacy

Adapted from an article by Kathy Canzano, GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center Chairman

paved the way for women’s leadership and advocacy, proving that women’s contributions are vital to society.

Women’s History Month is a time to recognize the achievements and struggles of women throughout history. Jane Cunningham Croly’s founding of GFWC in 1890

For many years, women’s history was largely ignored in education. It wasn’t until 1987 that Congress declared March as Women’s History Month to ensure the stories of influential

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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.