



# The Space Coast Comet

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## District 6 Meeting

The GFWC FL District 6 Arts & Crafts Show will be held on February 9, 2024 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Addison Club House (8150 Stadium Parkway, Viera). This meeting is open to all GFWC members and will be a fun and informational meeting. It's also a great way to meet members of other clubs and hear about what other clubs are up to. Please check your email for the Call with all the information included.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please send or deliver your registration check for \$25.00 with your lunch choice on the memo line, to our club's treasurer, Susan M., no later than January 26th.

The arts and crafts entries at this show are the first place winners at the club level, which will be selected at our club's January meeting. Let's show our support for our club's winning crafters!

We will also want to show our support for our Volunteer of the Year and LEADS candidates, as these two ladies will be recognized. The District 6 Volunteer of the Year will be announced at this meeting.

It will also be an exciting meeting where we will see if our club has earned any awards based on our annual reports!

We hope to see you there!

## January Membership Meeting

We will have a very busy meeting on January 3rd, beginning at 10:00. Don't forget your arts and crafts projects (paperwork can be found on [our website](#)). Registration will begin at 9:30.

Hope to see you there!

**GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club**

**JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING & Art Show**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
**10:00am**

Art Check-In @ 9:30am  
**Community Woman's Clubhouse**  
(5 Rosa L. Jones, Cocoa)

Program will include a presentation on Human Trafficking, awarding our Volunteer of the Year, and our club's first art show.

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## President's Message

Like most people at this time of year, I take a look back at the adventures, challenges, and events that shaped the last year and look forward with anticipation at the exciting things are coming my way in the new year.

I hope that you are ready for another year of fun experiences for our club. There is always something to be done and we have so much work to do to continue to improve our community. Please consider taking on a leadership role in our club either by joining a committee or chairing a project or CSP. I look forward to working with all of you in our 2024 adventures! Happy New Year!

~Sarah Anthony



## 1st Vice-President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We had the grands for a 10-day visit, which was beyond fun and then Bob and I needed to rest so we headed to Ft. Lauderdale to celebrate the New Year aboard the new Celebrity Ascent so I am currently somewhere in the Caribbean.

I am sad to miss our January meeting and the art show. I know there will be some fabulous pieces and I hope you enjoy our "Kids Corner" of art. My grandson, James, was very proud that I submitted his for display.

Our Space Coast elves are busy putting the final touches on their reports but as a reminder, if you want any last minute tips remember to sign up for the January 3rd webinar on report writing. The registration link is posted in GFWC Florida Clubwoman, Facebook, and the Member Center.

Looking forward to a "fun"tastic 2024!

~JoAnne Post



## 2nd Vice-President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and you are ready for 2024.

I'm still researching fundraising ideas and I have found many interesting ones that may be right for our club.

The Fundraising Committee will meet in January. We will do some brainstorming for fresh ideas and different venues for our fundraisers. I'm looking forward to your ideas. If you have an idea, please let me know so I can present it to the fundraising committee.

~Judy Bissel

# Community Service Programs (CSPs)



## Education & Libraries CSP

Chair: Sally Kramer

The Space Coast Book Club met on Monday, December 18th at Sonny's BBQ for lunch and a discussion of *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah. The food was delicious, the book was enjoyed by everybody and the company and conversation was great.

The January meeting of the book club will be held on January 15th at Sally K.'s house beginning at 1:00. We will be discussing the book "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. At this meeting we will come up with a list of books we will read in 2024 and sign up to host the meeting each month. We will be trying to come up with a list of books in a wide range of subjects to help the ESO members meet their reading goals.

We would welcome new members to our book club at any time.



## Environment CSP

Chair: Nancy Brown

Although it does not feel like it yet, the Winter Solstice is past and the days are getting longer. Our winter visitors are here – just yesterday I saw a huge flock of robins in the woods behind my house. Growing up in New England, robins always represented spring time. Now that I live in Florida, they are a sure sign that winter is here.

With the holidays upon us, I am sure that all of you will have some wine corks around the house. Don't forget to bring them to an upcoming meeting. We have quite a collection and we will soon be counting and sorting so that we can sell them and use the funds to benefit local charities.

Happy New Year everyone!



## GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

Chair: Taylor Malishenko

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Since 2010, the U.S. has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. The U.S. Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad, through U.S. embassies and consulates. Human trafficking includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. It not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threat-

ens public safety and national security everywhere.

Join our club members at our membership meeting this month as we learn more about this topic and what we can do to identify, report, and prevent human trafficking.

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

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## Health & Wellness CSP

Chair:  
Linda Greenstein

Our Charity Miles team, GFWC Space Coast-COMETs, has accumulated more than 8,200 miles so far this year. We have supported seven different charities, met for our monthly Walk and Talks and participated in the Turtle Krawl 5K to support the Sea Turtle Preservation Society. On January 1st we will change our Charity to OPERATION SMILE since January is National Birth Defects Awareness/Prevention Month.

Five members and one Booster have registered for the FIGHT CHILD HUNGER 5K on Saturday, January 13th. If you would like to join the fun, type click the link below. Make sure you join our team (GFWC Space Coast-COMETs)



[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Join our team:  
GFWC Space Coast- COMETS

On Monday, January 22nd we will take our Walk and Talk at the Brevard Zoo Linear Park. Meet us at the entrance to the boardwalk at 8:30 am. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes, don't forget the sunscreen and bring your water and your passport!

Our first packing event for the Children's Hunger Project will be on Wednesday, January 17th. We are excited to be collaborating with three Brevard GFWC clubs: Satellite Beach, Cocoa Beach and the Community Woman's Club. Each club can send eight people to each of our three packing events. We currently have all of our slots filled for the first packing, but there will be sign-up sheets for all of our packing events at our next meeting.

On Wednesday, January 31st we will put together Healthy Start's informational brochures

for newly pregnant patients. Once the packets are completed, the staff will deliver them to all of the OB offices in Brevard so the doctors can give this important information to their patients. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. I will let you know where we will meet once I know how many are planning to participate.

Don't forget to bring your nonessential glasses for the Lions Recycle for Sight program and the pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Orlando to the next Membership Meeting. Also, be sure to bring your '12 Days of Health and Wellness Calendar' and your passport for your participation sticker. You will earn a sticker for each 12 days you participated! See you soon.

## GFWC Affiliate Focus

GFWC is proud to work side-by-side with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we work to improve our communities and better our world.



Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity focused on restoring children's smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. They are dedicated to raising awareness of this life-threatening issue and providing lasting solutions that will allow children to be healed, regardless of financial standing, well into the future. Operation Smile's free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent and resources.

# GFWC Advancement Areas

## Membership

Chair: Available

Our next club social will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 10:30am – 1:30pm at the Viera East Residents Center (1964 Golf Vista Dr.)

We will have a salad potluck. Each member needs to bring a salad to feed about eight people to share. It doesn't matter what kind...but we need the recipe too! Please bring 5 copies of your recipe.

The Social Committee will provide bread and butter, dessert, drinks and the plates, plasticware, napkins, and cups.

We will have the table set up for a book, jigsaw puzzle, DVDs, and CD swap, in addition to the recipe swap.

We have a goal of 8 new members this spring, so bring a friend, a neighbor, a relative, or someone you just met to introduce to our great club!

Please RSVP to Sally K. at 321-305-4073.



## Leadership

Chair: Sarah Anthony

## New Members:

Be sure to register for the webinar series created just for you! Use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/zNKcvF8uhpmRfHW5A>

The next webinar is Monday, January 29th at 7:00pm on Zoom.

## Other GFWC FL Webinars:

The next webinar in the GFWC Florida webinar series will be on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00pm. The focus will be on report writing. Register on the GFWC FL website under the member center.

# What We've Been Up To...



The **Space Coast Woman's Club** members participated in "Wreaths Across America" by laying wreaths on the graves of those who had served in the military.

This year they are also placing a permanent marker to honor military service.

Our 1st Annual Holiday Party, held at Tuscany Grill, was attended by 14 members and 5 boosters. After a quick business meeting, we enjoyed a game of snowman bingo, a wonderful visit with club friends during a tasty lunch, followed by a delicious dessert made by JoAnne. A great time was had by all!



## January Events

### January 3:

10:00 am—General Membership Meeting  
Community Woman's Clubhouse  
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa

### January 3:

5:00 pm—GFWC FL Webinar—Reporting  
Zoom

### January 8:

10:00 am—Fundraising Committee  
Judy B.'s house

### January 13:

8:00 am—Fight Child Hunger 5K  
Viera High School

### January 15:

1:00 pm —Book Club  
Sally K.'s house

### January 17:

10:00 am— Board of Directors Meeting  
Zoom

5:30 pm—Packing Event  
The Children's Hunger Project  
(26 Forrest Ave. Cocoa)

### January 22:

8:30 am— Walk & Talk  
Linear Park (near Brevard Zoo)

### January 27:

10:30 am — Winter Social  
Viera E. Residents Clubhouse  
(1964 Golf Vista Dr.)

### January 29:

7:00 pm— We Are GFWC Webinar  
Zoom

### January 31:

TBD—Healthy Start Packet Party  
Location TBD

*We look forward to seeing you at one of  
our many activities this month!*

## What We're Collecting

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

- **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 an upcoming fundraiser. (Environment)

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

## Contact Us!

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