



# The Comet

## Membership Meeting

October 2 , 2024  
10:00-Noon  
5 Rosa L Jones Dr, Cocoa

## Board Meeting

October 18 , 2024  
10:00 am  
on Zoom

## District 6 Meeting

October 18, 2024  
9:15-2:00  
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa



## September, you were beautiful!

What a month September was! From our club meeting on the 4th to the fantastic GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors Meeting, our members were busy serving our club and our community in many exciting ways.

It was a pleasure to see so many of our members in attendance and complete Member Orientation. I'm proud of the results of our National Day of Service Food Drive. Thank you to

all who organized the event and volunteered on the day of the event. We made a big impact to combat food insecurity.

And finally, a great time was had by all at the GFWC FL Fall Board of Directors Meeting. We learned together, met new people and reconnected with old friends.

Now, on to October and the fun we will have together loving what we do!



**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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It was so great to see everyone at our first meeting in September and we welcomed some guests. I look forward to another fun and rewarding year with our boots on the ground helping our favorite charities.

Some of our members attended GFWC FL Fall Board of Directors Meeting in late

September and we brought back some great new ideas for our club to investigate further.

As always please remember to submit your hours online or to me via email. If you have any difficulty with the online tool please reach out to me for help.

Happy Halloween!



### Photos from GFWC National Day of Service

L: Bonnie Miller and JoAnne Post

R: Judy Mammay, Bob Post, Susan Musil, Linda Greenstein, and Bob Greenstein

### GFWC FL District 6 Annual Fall Tour

October 18, 2024  
9:15-2:00  
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa

There is still time to register for the District 6 Annual Fall Tour. Come and meet our GFWC FL President, Sara Dessureau and GFWC FL Director of Junior Clubs, Raquel Sturgis and learn about their goals for the 2024-26 projects.

The cost of this meeting is \$25 and includes registration, continental breakfast and lunch.

District meetings are a great way to learn more about the Federation and meet members from other clubs in our area.

To register, contact our club's treasurer, Susan Musil.

## 2nd Vice-President's Message



2nd Vice-President Diane Angus  
diane.angus1@gmail.com

Fall is upon us and before you know it, we will be in full holiday mode. With the holidays in mind, our fundraising committee is in full swing to provide a quick and easy way to buy your holiday gift cards and donate to our organization at the same time.

The RaiseRight app provides a vast selection of cards to select from including restaurants, clothing stores, sports, grocery stores, etc. Each card purchased will have an applicable donation percentage that will be donated towards our organization. At the October membership meeting, we will provide instructions on how to download the app and begin to use the gift card purchases. Instructions will also be added to our club website. Please join us and participate in this easy fundraising tool.

The Vows of Valor event tickets are on sale now. Please help with selling the tickets by letting your friends and family know

about the event which supports the GFWC Florida President's Project: Flight to Honor.

November is right around the corner and the Bunco Party will be on November 9th. Please help the teams by sharing the event flyer with your friends and family to encourage participation. It's a great time to share with everyone! See the flyer at the bottom of this page.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at these events!

## Upcoming Club FUNdraisers

GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.

# BUNCO FUNdraiser

SATURDAY NOV 09  
10:00-3:00

VIERA E. RESIDENT'S CLUBHOUSE  
1964 GOLF VISTA BLVD.  
ROCKLEDGE

**\$15.00/person**  
Includes lunch & lots of fun!

- Prizes for winners
- 50/50 opportunity

TO REGISTER, CONTACT  
DIANE ANGUS:  
DIANE.ANGUS1@GMAIL.COM  
321-243-2611

Proceeds will benefit GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.  
GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.gfwcspacecoastwvc.org](http://www.gfwcspacecoastwvc.org)

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.

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.



## Education & Libraries CSP



**Sally Kramer, Chairman**  
[ckramer34@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ckramer34@cfl.rr.com)

### BOOK CLUB

GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club will hold their next book club meeting on October 21, 2024, at the home of Laurie Watkins. Her address is in the Club Directory. We will be reviewing the book **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** by Lisa See. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### ESO

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all dues paying GFWC members. The purpose of ESO is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. Are you an ESO member? For more information about ESO, please visit the [GFWC FL website](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to read the ESO handbook.

### QUILTS

Our club is making quilts for the children at Endeavour Elementary School to help keep them warm during the winter months. With the donated fabric, our members have completed two quilts, and we have one or two more to go. If you are a sewer, please contact

me to volunteer to sew. If you aren't a sewer, consider joining us at the next quilting bee to tie up and finish the quilts. It's not difficult work, just time-consuming and we could use your help to finish this project before the cold weather arrives.

There is one more planned quilting bee on October 1st from 1:00-3:00 at my home which will be your opportunity to help with this project.



Bonnie Miller and Sally Kramer working on a quilt.



## Environment CSP



**Nancy Brown, Chairman**  
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Our Etsy shop is now open. You can find it at Etsy.com under the name:

spacecoastcraftshop.etsy.com.

Be sure to check our shop out so that it will get more traffic. A portion of the proceeds from sales will support our club’s

operating budget and the majority of the proceeds will be used to donated to local organizations that we support as a club. Our Etsy shop is selling recycled corks. Please continue to collect bottle corks and bring them to the membership meetings.

We will also be making and selling cork products. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help us make cork products for sale. Members may also donate hand-made craft items for sale as well.

Looking ahead to November, the Florida Wildlife Hospital will be at our November membership meeting. We will

be hearing about what they do and they will be available to answer questions before and after the meeting.

To support all of the work that they do, I will be collecting donations for the hospital at the meeting. Donations are helpful so that they can provide care to more injured animals. Gift cards for Amazon, Chewy, and Walmart are always welcome. In addition, you can visit their website:

[Floridawildlifehospital.org](http://Floridawildlifehospital.org) to see a list of items that they need such as nitrile gloves, laundry soap, disinfecting wipes, and stamps.



### Environmental Tip

Fall bird migration has already begun. If you walk on the beach you will notice many shorebirds arriving soon and also look in the sky for White Pelicans - large white birds with black underwings flying very high in the sky. Bald eagles are entering breeding season as well. All of these birds need habitat to survive so please continue to support state parks and wildlife areas in Florida.



## Health & Wellness CSP



Linda Greenstein, Chairman  
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness. The health campaign aims to support people diagnosed with breast cancer, educate people about risk factors, encourage regular breast cancer screening and fundraising for breast cancer research. We will change our charity to the American Cancer Society from October 1st through October 31st. Each mile we accumulate by walking,

running or biking will raise money for cancer research. Our challenge for the month will be 2,000 miles. Contact me if you are interested in joining our team.

Our Walk and Talk will be on Monday, October 14 at the Ritch Grissom Memorial Wetlands, located at 3658 Charlie Corbeil Way. We will meet in the parking lot at 8:30 am. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes, put on your sunscreen, wear a hat or visor and bring some water.

You might want to also bring a camera and binoculars. There will be a sign-up sheet at our October membership meeting.

Our next Healthy Start volunteer opportunity will be on Wednesday,

October 23rd. We will be putting together informational brochures for Healthy Start at the UF/IFAS Extension located at 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. There will be a sign-up sheet at the membership meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

Don't forget to bring your tab pulls for Ronald McDonald House and non-necessary glasses for the Lion's Recycle for Sight.



Turtle Krawl 5K: Tina Pontius, Linda Greenstein, Bob Greenstein

### 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 Webinar

Join us for the GFWC Florida Membership Webinar on **Tuesday, October 10** at 7:00 pm ET! This engaging and informative session is tailored just for you, focusing on mindsets, toolsets, and skill sets to enhance your membership experience. We're excited to feature Candi Aubin, Membership Chairman, as our speaker. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and grow with us! Register in the [Member Center at GFWC FL](#).



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



**Taylor Malishenko, Chairman**  
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Planning ahead, January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Within the GFWC Signature Program, Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes is defined as ‘Sexual human trafficking is any act that has been induced by recruitment,

harboring, transporting, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for purposes of a sex act in which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

In Brevard County, Liferecaptured.org is a local non-profit that focuses on Human Trafficking. There is the “Life Recaptured Boutique & Market” at 5515 N Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island. In addition, they host an awareness class every 3rd Thursday of the month (except on Holidays) at 6:30PM. Sign-up for the class on their website.

They also have “Connections Café” address: 3757 N. US-1

Cocoa, where they are open for breakfast and lunch, Wednesday thru Saturday, 8:00-2:00.

Our speaker in January will be from Life Recaptured and our club’s Board of Directors recently voted to add Life Recaptured to our list of “approved charities”.

**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**



**GFWC FL Fall Board of Directors Meeting**  
L-R: Krista Nuckols (GFWC FL Director of Junior Clubs 22-24), Sarah Anthony, Linda O’Toole (GFWC FL President 22-24).

## GFWC Recognition 2024

We are thrilled to announce that our club has received an Honorable Mention from GFWC in the Environment category for the 2024 reporting year!

Earning recognition on the international stage in our first year of work is an extraordinary achievement, a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members. It highlights our commitment to improving the

community and delivering a measurable impact through our projects.

While recognition is never the goal, it is truly an honor we can all take pride in.

A special thank you to Nancy Brown for leading the award-winning project and to JoAnne Post for her excellent work in submitting our reports!

## GFWC FL President's Project



GFWC Florida President Sara Dessereau has chosen Flight to Honor as her project for the 2024-26 administration to honor our GFWC Florida women veterans.

It will take a lot of work to raise the goal of \$150,000 to fully fund one flight, but if every club works together, we will have no problem meeting our goals. In addition to our club's fundraiser

in February, District 6 (our district) will be having a fashion show fundraiser on Thursday, November 14th at the Suntree Country Club beginning at 11:00. The cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch. Proceeds from this event will go to the President's Project.

Please see the flyer on page 10 for all the details and information on how you can purchase your tickets.

## Upcoming Membership Meeting

**GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.**

**OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024**  
**10:00-12:00 AM**  
**5 ROSA L. JONES DR. COCOA**

This month's speaker will be from the League of Women Voters.

Please bring 1 bag of individually wrapped Halloween candy to support Endeavour Elementary School's Trunk or Treat event!

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Each month, our meeting program focuses on a different Community Service Program (CSP). This month we will be featuring Civic Engagement and outreach with a speaker from the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast. They will be giving a brief, non-partisan overview of the ballot issues we will see this November.

2nd, 2024, at 5 Rosa L. Jones Drive in Cocoa. Doors open at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:00.

Also, don't forget your wrapped Halloween candy donations for Trunk-or-Treat at Endeavour Elementary.

We hope to see you on October 2nd!

Join us on Wednesday, October

**Melbourne Woman's Club Anniversary Open House**

October 26, 2024  
 2:00-4:00 | Free  
 Melbourne Library

**Cocoa Beach Woman's Club Bingo Fundraiser**

November 1, 2024  
 6:30-10:00 PM  
 Cocoa Beach Country Club

**Viera Woman's Club Golf Tournament**

October 19, 2024  
 1:00 Shotgun Start  
 Rockledge Country Club



# Club Calendar

OCTOBER							/ 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
29	30	1 1:00-3:00 Quilting Bee Sally K's House	2 10:00 Membership Meeting 5 Rosa L. Jones Drive Rockledge	3	4	5 TBD Spring for Sight 5K 5TBD	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14 8:30 Walk & Talk Viera Wetlands	15	16 10:00   Board Meeting Zoom 11:00-2:00 Purses with a Purpose Eau Gallie Yacht Club	17	18 9:15-2:00 District 6 Meeting 5 Rosa L Jones Drive Rockledge	19	
20	21 1:00 Book Club Laurie W's House	22	23 9:00-11:00 Healthy Start Packets UF/IFS Extension Office 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa	24	25	26 2:00-4:00 GFWC Melbourne WC Anniversary Open House Melbourne Library	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	

## 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.

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



**GFWC FL Fall Board of Directors Meeting**  
L-R: Linda Greenstein, Nancy Brown, Laurie Watkins

# Events Around our District

You are cordially invited to the GFWC District 6 President's Project Flight to honor **FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER**

Presented by Chico's

November 14, 2024  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Ticket: \$ 40.00 - All profit for Flight to Honor  
Sunrise Country Club- 300 County Club Dr. - Melbourne, FL 32940

<p>Attendees at the fashion show will receive a 10% discount on purchases from Chico's</p> <p>50/50 Drawing Gift Baskets RaiseRight benefits for your club</p>	<p>Plated Meal Menu (select one)</p> <p>Chicken Piccata Pasta Primavera Blackened Mahi-Mahi Included: Assorted Rolls, Salad, Chef's choice potatoes or rice and Seasonal Vegetables Drinks: Coffee, Ice Tea and Soft Drinks</p>
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\$40.00 reservation required to attend\* Payment due by: **November 4, 2024**  
Payable by check **only** made out to: GFWC District 6  
Mail check to: GFWC c/o Jan Gates 3432 Coastline Lane - Melbourne, FL 32940  
**Please write menu choice on check**  
\*Payment must be received as stated and will not be accepted at the door  
For more information:  
Jan Gates - Flight to Honor District 6 Chairman  
[presidentsproject6@gfwcflorida.org](mailto:presidentsproject6@gfwcflorida.org)

SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS  
THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH

## FOUNDERS DAY

Parade & Marketplace



Bike Design created by 2022 DeLaura MS students:  
Shayla, Darlene, Jia and Maia

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2024  
9 AM - 3 PM**

Parade steps off at 11am from DeLaura Middle School and ends at DRS Center.  
Over 200 Craft and Specialty Vendors  
Info call: 321-773-6458



Purse With A Purpose

**BINGO**  
Night

**SAVE THE DATE**

NOVEMBER 1ST 2024  
06.30 - 10.00 PM  
COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

Tickets online from September 1st

PROCEEDS TO LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS

GFWC Melbourne Woman's Club  
Cordially Invites You

To Their  
110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Open House

At The Melbourne Library  
540 Fee Avenue  
Melbourne, Florida

Saturday, October 26, 2024  
From 2 PM to 4 PM

Light Refreshments  
Will Be Available



# What Fun We Had!



## Talk To Us

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## Club Officers

President: Sarah Anthony  
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.