



The Comet

Membership Meeting

September 4, 2024
10:00-Noon
5 Rosa L Jones Dr, Cocoa

Board Meeting

September 18, 2024
10:00 am
on Zoom

National Day of Service

September 21, 2024
9:00-Noon
Viera Walmart



Happy New (Club) Year!

As we enter a new club year, let's focus on staying optimistic and loving what we do. Optimism helps us see opportunities and stay strong, even when things get tough. It encourages us to look at challenges as chances to grow and learn. Loving what we do makes our work more enjoyable and inspires those around us, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere.

Let's bring positivity and

passion to every meeting and event. Support each other, celebrate successes, and learn from challenges. When we embrace a positive attitude and genuinely enjoy our activities, we create a welcoming and motivated community. This makes every experience more rewarding and helps us achieve our goals together.

Here's to a year of optimism, passion, great achievements, and a whole lot of fun!!



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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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know how and where to report their hours and donations.

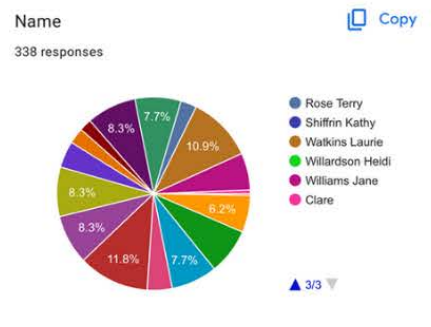
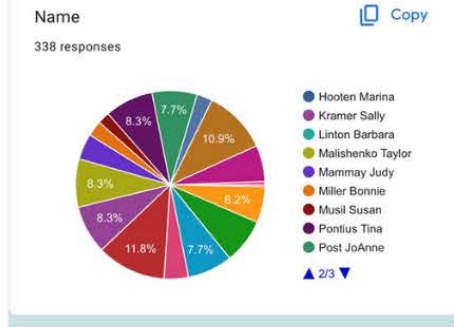
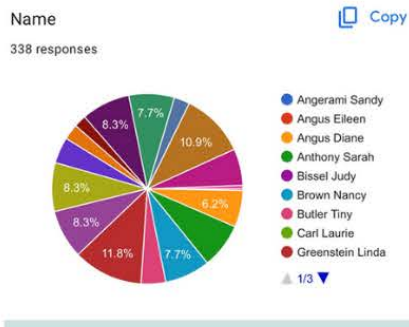
Last year we introduced an online ability with Google forms for reporting and it has been well received. You can see from the graphics that you are all a slice of the pie, and you have all contributed the ingredients to be able to create amazing reports at the end of this year.

This year’s report writing will focus on Award Entries, formerly known as Narratives. Members will continue to report their hours and monetary donations, but each CSP will write their award

entries based on the best projects. You will notice on the Google form that each CSP now has an “Other” entry. This is where you can include your hours for volunteer organizations that may not fit into something that the club is sponsoring but we certainly want to include all of volunteer hours to the community. Reporting is a little different this year, but we will get through it together. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance reporting your hours or if you have any questions.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting.

Welcome back to another FUN Club year. I hope that everyone had a fun and restful summer. Not sure where the time went but I know I am ready for another exciting year. As I said last year, I am the club’s broken record to ensure that members



GFWC FL Fall Board of Directors’ Meeting

September 27-29, 2024
Rosen Plaza
Orlando, Florida

“Honor the past, embrace the present, plan the future” at this year’s **GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors’ Meeting** in Orlando, Florida. Join us as we honor May Mann Jennings who was inducted into the Florida Women’s Hall of Fame; embrace the programs and projects that our members support; and plan for the future with workshops and presentations that will engage our members. This weekend is open for all members to attend! The Call to the meeting was sent out via email by our club’s Corresponding Secretary so check your inbox for more information.

2nd Vice-President's Message



2nd Vice-President Diane Angus
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Summer has come and gone, and our club break is coming to an end. Thankfully, the fundraising committees have been extremely busy preparing for our club's events in the coming year. We will be striving to provide funds for our club, the

GFWC FL President's Project, and other worthy organizations.

November will usher in the first event of the year, **Bunco Party!** The teams are actively looking for volunteers and finding ways to make this a repeatable event.

The highlight of our fundraising year will be the **Vows of Valor** event on February 8, 2025. The team is diligently working with the hotel management to finalize the menu and room setup. The "save the date" flier went out last month and ticket sales will commence very soon. We ask that everyone volunteer their time as we strive to get baskets donated for the event.

Tickets for both of these events will begin at the September Membership meeting, along with the Piggy Banks to raise money for the "Dollars for Delegates" account.

Coming soon: A new APP for your phone to earn cash by just buying your everyday purchases through the APP. Stay tuned for this easy way to earn cash for our club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at these events. If you would like to help with any of the fundraisers, or if you have any questions, please reach out to me!

Upcoming Club FUNdraisers

GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.

BUNCO
FUNdraiser

SATURDAY NOV 09
10:00-3:00

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

- Prizes for winners
- 50/50 opportunity

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

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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

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 basket opportunities.

Reservations open
September 4, 2024
To make a reservation,
please contact: Laurie W.
(407)310-3527

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.

Environment CSP



Nancy Brown, Chairman
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Welcome back to our 2nd club year. I hope you are as excited as I am about all that has already been planned for this year.

Thank you for joining me at the pollinator party on August 24th and I look forward to joining you for the Sea Turtle Preservation Turtle Krawl on September 14th. It's special to participate with our club

members in fun activities that also help our environment and all the creatures that live in it.

Our [GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club Etsy shop](#) is open for business. Please continue to collect wine and bottle corks for us to sell in our shop. You will learn more about the Etsy shop at the September meeting.

Pollinator Party



Environmental Tip

We all have heard the phrase "Every little bit counts" and that is certainly true with pollinator populations. A few outdoor pots with native and Florida-friendly flowers can provide nutrition to many of our insect friends. In addition, we can protect our bee friends by not raking up leaves in our yards until after they have emerged from their underground nests in the spring. We take care of them and they will take care of us.

Education & Libraries CSP



Sally Kramer, Chairman
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Junior Woman’s Club for the Junior’s Special Project - One More Child.

Our club’s **Little Free Library** is doing very well in the East Wind Park. During the summer adults and children took advantage of having the Little Free Library near their homes and took a book and left a book often. Several club members are wonderful stewards of our library and drive, walk, or run by the library to check on it and restock it if necessary. It is weathering the elements very well and is an asset to the neighborhood.

With a generous donation of flannel fabric from GFWC Satellite Beach Woman’s Club, our club is making **quilts to give to the Resource Center**

at Endeavour Elementary School, which provides basic needs for families, such as clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, and hygiene products. Our club members are needed to help complete this project by cutting more squares of fabric, sewing quilt tops, and tying off the finished quilts. We are holding “quilting bees” every Tuesday in September (Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1) from 1:00-3:00 at my house. We are hoping to have the quilts finished before the cooler weather sets in.

The next **Book Club Meeting** is September 16th at the home of Linda Greenstein. Her address is in the Club Directory. We will be discussing the book “A Girl Called Sampson” by Amy Harmon. Everyone is welcome so please join us.

Our annual **School Supply Drive** was a success! With our community and club members’ generous contributions, our club was able to donate \$1850.00 worth of school supplies, children’s athletic shoes and children’s polo shirts for the students at Endeavour Elementary School. We also donated \$45.00 worth of school supplies to the GFWC Brevard



DID YOU KNOW???

That little package of back-to-school **PENCILS** can complete a lot of homework assignments. Each pencil can draw a line thirty-five miles long.

Pictured are Linda Greenstein, Sally Kramer, and Vanessa Keys, PIE Coordinator at Endeavor School with our school supply donations.

Health & Wellness CSP



Linda Greenstein, Chairman
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from 20% in 1962 to more than 80% today! Have you heard that St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is a Platinum Affiliate of GFWC. Our September charity for Charity Miles will be St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Our challenge is 2,000 miles and 2 new team members. Contact me if you need help joining our **GFWC Space Coast - COMETS Charity Miles Team**. We can do this!

water and your sunscreen. We will walk a 2.2 mile path around the beautiful Betsi Lake. There will be a sign-up sheet at our September meeting. Hope many of you will join us. We have another Health and Wellness opportunity on Saturday, September 14th, The Sea Turtle Preservation Society has been protecting our sea turtles and habitats for more than 35 years. Their annual Turtle Krawl 5K provides needed funds to continue the organization’s education and conservation programs. Last year we had four members and a booster member participate in. If you are interested, click HERE to register. Hope to see you there!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Did you know that 43 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer every day? St. Jude has developed treatments over the last 62 years that have increased the childhood cancer survival rate

Our next **Walk and Talk** will be on Wednesday, September 11 at Don Griffin Trail located at 960 Cogswell Street in Rockledge. We’ll meet in the parking lot at 8:30 am. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes and don’t forget your hat, your

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Taylor Malishenko, Chairman
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Serene Harbor’s annual fundraiser, Purses with a Purpose, will be on October 16th from 11am to 2 pm at the beautiful Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Indian Harbor Beach. Sheriff Wayne Ivey will conduct a live, auction of designer purses and experience packages to support Serene Harbor and its mission to serve survivors of domestic violence. There is also a silent auction of items donated by supporters. This year Taylor

Malishenko, one of our own, is an honoree. You may register for the event at Serene Harbor’s website. Tickets cost \$61.50. Each year this event sells out so don’t wait to purchase a ticket. If you plan to attend, email Taylor so she can arrange for our club members to sit together.

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

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.

cost for one veteran to attend is approximately \$900.00. A total of 172 GFWC Florida women will be able to experience this wonderful adventure.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 to fully fund one flight for GFWC Florida women veterans, including all associated costs (hotel before and after flight, meals, guardians’ fees, etc.). The

Our club will be doing our part to help our Federation reach this goal and honor our veterans. Watch for more information about fundraisers and other ways that you can help!

Upcoming Membership Meeting



Are you ready for a new club year?! Our Board of Directors has been hard at work over the summer break to bring new projects, fantastic programs, and fun opportunities for our members to enjoy this year.

you’ll get a sneak peek at our Member Orientation program. Our board members will also be available to help you sign up or register for programs, groups, and newsletters to make sure you never miss out on the fun.

Join us on **Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00** for our kick-off meeting. We’ll be focusing on Membership and

Come reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Bring a friend or neighbor that may be interested in joining us!

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

SEPTEMBER							/ 2024
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3 1:00-3:00 Quilting Bee Sally K's House	4 10:00 Membership Meeting 5 Rosa Jones Dr. Rockledge	5	6	7	
8	9	10 1:00-3:00 Quilting Bee Sally K's House	11 8:30 Walk & Talk Don Griffin Trail Rockledge	12	13	14 7:00 AM Turtle Krawl 5K James H. Nance Park Indialantic	
15	16 1:00 Book Club Linda G's House	17 1:00-3:00 Quilting Bee Sally K's House	18 10:00 Board Meeting Zoom	19	20	21 9:00 - Noon GFWC National Day of Service Observation Viera Walmart	
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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.



The poster features a colorful top border with icons of a leaf, a corn cob, a tomato, and a lemon. Below this is the GFWC logo with the text 'GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS' and 'est. 1890'. The main title is '2024 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE' in large orange letters, with 'FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER' underneath. The event is titled 'FOOD DRIVE' in large white letters, followed by 'GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.' and 'SEPTEMBER 21, 2024'. At the bottom, it says 'Join us as we make a difference in our community!' and 'Our club will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Central Brevard Sharing Center and Endeavour Elementary School.' A 'MEETING/DROP-OFF LOCATION' is listed as 'Viera Walmart Supercenter, 8500 N Wickham Rd., Melbourne, FL 32940'. An orange box titled 'ITEMS NEEDED' lists: 'Canned Food', 'Peanut Butter & Jelly', 'Single-serve foods', and 'Dry Cereals'.



local food bank, donating to a charity close to our hearts, or simply lending a listening ear to someone in need, every act of kindness adds up. It’s not about the size of the contribution; it’s about the intention behind it. By recognizing that we don’t have to do it all, we allow ourselves the freedom to focus on what truly matters to us, and in doing so, we inspire others to take their own steps toward making a difference.

“I cannot do everything, but I can do something.”

As clubwomen, we are constantly presented with opportunities to give our time, energy, and resources to a myriad of worthy causes. From local community projects to global initiatives, the need for support is vast and often overwhelming. It’s easy to feel

pressured to contribute to every cause that comes our way, but the truth is, we don’t have to do everything. What matters is that we do something.

Each of us has unique strengths, passions, and capacities. Whether it’s volunteering at a

In the end, it’s not about the quantity of our contributions, but the quality. Let’s embrace the opportunities before us, not with the burden of doing everything, but with the joy of doing something—something that reflects who we are and what we care about. Together, our collective efforts can create ripples of positive change in the world around us.

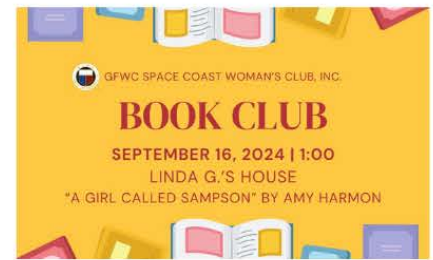
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Turtle Krawl 5K
 Environment CSP and
 Health & Wellness CSP
 September 14, 2024 | 7:30 am
 James H. Nance Park



Book Club Meeting
 Education & Libraries CSP
 September 16, 2024 | 1:00 PM
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