

Dear Members,

This month we celebrate and give recognition to Women's History Month; March 1st – March 31st. How fitting to celebrate a group of women who were called the "guiding spirits," and who came together at the Genesee Valley Golf Course on June 5, 1935 to form the Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association.

We celebrate our first GVVGA Champion Cora Moore, who went on to win back to back championships in 1935 and 1936, and once again in 1938. You can check out all the Champions on our GVVGA website.

We know that Mrs. Elmore Taylor was the first GVVGA President in 1935, and again in 1938. Newspapers back then would list the full married name, and not their given first name. With a little research, I was able to find that Mrs. Elmore Taylor is Mrs. Edith Taylor. Yes, she did have her own first name! Many of the past presidents of GVVGA were in their positions not once, but even more than twice. Mabel M. Smith, GVVGA President from 1957 to 1960. She would also meet Mr. James F. O'Connell on the golf course, and soon they became Mr. and Mrs! And then more currently, we have former presidents like Georgia Rush, GVVGA President from 2002 to 2005, and then again 2008 to 2010, and then from 2023 to 2024. Other GVVGA President notables include Lisa Valbergs 2006-2007, Judy Hazelden 2011-2013, Liz Prescod 2014-2017, Lissa Schaefer 2020-2022 (managing and navigating our organization through the nightmare of COVID). We also recognize past GVVGA Board members and respective GVVGA Committee Chairs. Without their love of golf and their drive (excuse the pun) to lead in this capacity, there would be no GVVGA.

Looking forward as we start the 2025 season, I would ask all of you as members to consider volunteering at the different events that we have; whether it be selling 50/50 tickets, assisting at the check-in table at tournaments, coordinating the Spring or Fall Banquet, and even consider serving on the GVVGA Board or Committees. You can check out the GVVGA website for information on the Board and the Committees contacts, as well as our GVVGA Constitution listing the Duties of Officers and Duties of Committees.

Since 1935, GVVGA has been the longest running tournament organization in Rochester, N.Y. Volunteer and/or become part of the GVVGA Board or Committees and take an active role in its history!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! And, don't forget to send in your check for the Spring Banquet being held on Tuesday, April 29th at the Pub On The Green at Ontario Golf

Club. Deadline for payment is April 18th! Please make checks payable to GVGWA for \$45.00. Mail your check to Kim Montrois, 1200 Shoecraft Road, Webster, N.Y. 14580. Reg form attached to this newsletter: ~)

March Funny: Why can't Irish Golfers finish their game on St. Patrick's Day? Because they refuse to leave the Green.

Ouch!

Talk to you soon!

Cindy Keller