



Women of Nassau

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October 2025 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello again, Wonderful Women of Nassau,

Our third quarter Luau event was a wonderful fun time! Once again, the Events Committee went above and beyond in planning the event, and members outdid themselves with fantastic homemade food. Thank you to Bonnie and Tom Bartlett for hosting at their beautiful home, and to Tom for again lending his mixology talents to providing delicious pina coladas.

We have some exciting luncheon programs and events planned for the remainder of 2025 - be sure to check out our website to learn about them.

Hope you are all enjoying this cooler fall weather as much as I am.

I am looking forward to seeing you at a WON event soon!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau

Proposed 2026 Board Positions

Executive Board:

President - Lorraine Clapper

1st VP - Laurie Laiken

2nd VP - Bonnie Bartlett

Treasurer - Karen Boyce

Recording Secretary - Carol Newton

Corresponding Secretary/Database Administrator -

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Webmaster - Teresa Johnston

Past President - Lynda Watson

Executive Committee Chairs:

Activities - Nancy Vorraso

Membership - Gay Dunlop

Newsletter - **OPEN**

Publicity - Paula Suita

Ways & Means - Charlene Kingsnorth

If you are interested in the open positions, please contact Carol Newton (chnewton@msn.com) for more details.

WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday, October 16
Time	11:30 am
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$40 per person
Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Sunday, October 12 - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
Program	Chico's Fashion Show Hope's Kitchen Peanut Butter Drive

Salad

Caprese Salad

Entrées

Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Eggplant Parmesan or Shrimp Scampi

Dessert

Almond Tiramisu and Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Make your reservations using the shopping cart and payment options on the Women of Nassau website <https://womenofnassau.org/luncheons>. If you need to make different payment arrangements, please contact the WON Treasurer at wontreasurer@gmail.com.

Any questions on this process please let us know. You can add one or many reservations to the cart and pay all at once. Be sure to check it out! We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon and don't forget your name badge!

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Happy
Halloween

October News and Articles

Hope's Kitchen Peanut Butter Drive

Please bring unopened, unexpired jars of peanut butter to the October luncheon. This peanut butter drive is a friendly competition between Florida Cooperative Extension offices in each county. Last year in the state of Florida, nearly 40,000 pounds of peanut butter were collected. All jars we collect stay within Nassau County and are distributed to local food banks with 2024's collection of 125 jars going to Hope's Kitchen. Let's double or even triple that amount!

Haunted Afternoon Tea

The Jekyll Island Club is an amazing 19th century resort. It was once the playground of Andrew Carnegie and his friends. The hotel is decorated each year for the season. This year the Grand Dining Room will be decorated for a special Haunted Afternoon Tea.

The event features all the hot tea you can drink (in a variety of flavors), homemade scones, tea sandwiches, and a full selection of desserts. The event is one day only, **Saturday, October 4 at 2 pm**. If you would like to attend, please go online and purchase your ticket at jekyllclub.com/holiday-traditions. Please send me an email that you plan to attend so we can arrange for carpools. Contact me at bostwickdwn@gmail.com

Graveside Chronicles "A Stroll Down Centre Street"

This Tour takes place in Bosque Bello Cemetery in Fernandina Beach. This respectful tour will feature eight costumed characters; all prior business owners of shops on Centre Street. The Tour is approximately one- and one-half hours long. The ground is uneven so please plan to wear comfortable shoes for walking.

The Tour is on **Saturday, October 11**. Tour leaves every 15 minutes beginning at 9:00 am. Purchase your ticket at <https://ameliamuseum.org/events/graveside-chronicles-3/>.

Social Committee

Our third quarter social 'LUAU' was a lot of fun! We had 46 attendees. Members and spouses enjoyed great food, fun and friendship. Thanks to all who participated.

Next social will be a Tailgate/Chili Cookoff on Sunday, November 9.

Tailgate Party/Chili Cookoff

The WON Tailgate Party/Chili Cookoff is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9, 4:00 pm** in the parking lot at Peter's Point. If you plan to attend:

- Bring a dish and place it on your tailgate or table for sharing with other attendees;
- If you would like to participate in the chili cookoff, there will be a signup sheet at the next couple of lunches. Right now we need five more Chefs;
- This will be a bring your own beverage event;
- Bring a camping or folding chair for the tailgate;
- WON will provide paper products for the Chili tasting;
- Please respond with the number of attendees will be in your party to Bonnie at wonevents2025@gmail.com.
- If you want to participate in the chili cookoff respond to wonevents2025@gmail.com

We will have cornhole available and music during the tailgate party. After the tailgate please stick around for the bonfire and 's'mores' on the beach. We look forward to seeing you at our last WON social event of the year!

Cummer Museum

The Cummer Museum opens a new temporary exhibit every quarter. The next temporary exhibit will feature two amazing artists: Andrew Wyeth and Calida Rawles. This dual exhibit will open October 24, 2025.

A WON event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 15**, at 11:15 am. If you are interested, in attending, please contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwn@gmail.com.

Alhambra Theater

Alhambra Theater Jacksonville planned outings below: We will all purchase tickets on our own, and work on carpool information when we get close to the event. Dawn has purchased tickets for the following:

- Mystery of Edwin Drood: Saturday, **October 18**, lunch at 12 noon, show 1:50 pm, Table B2.
- Elf the Musical: Saturday, **November 22**, lunch at 12 noon, show at 1:50 pm, Table B26.

Contact Dawn Bostwick bostwickdwn@gmail.com

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Monday Morning Outdoor Activities

A couple of months ago we started a weekly Monday morning beach walk from Peter's Point Park (weather permitting). There's no "leader" for this walk, but each week for the past two months, we've had at least three people show, and often even more. There's no need to RSVP. Just meet near the bathrooms at Peter's Point.

In addition, at the same time, Jo may also be leading the group on a kayak paddle or bike ride. Because the activities vary, they will be announced only to her email list. So, if you're interested in being notified about the Monday activities...or other outdoor activities that we might have on the weekend, send an email to Jo Lichten at joanne.lichten@gmail.com. Please include your cell number as well for last-minute changes to the activities.

Jacksonville Zoo-Colors of the Wild

Join me in celebrating the Lunar New Year at Jacksonville Zoo! They are featuring all new lanterns, food and fun.

The Lantern display is lit from 5:30-9:30 pm, but all tickets include entering the park at 3:00 pm. Purchase your ticket the NIGHT BEFORE (purchase on Friday, January 9) online and save \$5 off the ticket price.

The price is currently \$17 but may vary with season. If you are interested in attending, contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.



Philanthropy Committee

GIVING BACK, ASSISTING, SUPPORTING, LENDING A HAND - all things Women of Nassau does to help care for our community.

Would you like to be an integral part of these worthwhile efforts? The Philanthropy Committee invites you to join as planning gets underway for 2026.

Please contact Vicki Gibson for more information. Email: gv809@bellsouth.net or phone: 904-315-8871.

Activity Spotlight - Bowling

The bowling activity is one of the charter activities of WON having been started by Donna Williams. After our break for Covid, Sandy Taylor assumed the role of activity coordinator, and she remains that to this day (taylor32034@gmail.com).

We are a group of women who enjoy bowling, talking, and sometimes eating together. Helen Edwards coordinates our annual award luncheon in which individuals are recognized for such achievements as having had the most strikes for the year, having the highest average for the year, and having the highest score for the year. In addition, we go out to lunch pretty much whenever someone requests scheduling one.

On the second and fourth Monday of each month at 10:15 am we can be found at "the" bowling alley on Highway 17 (850822 US-17, Yulee) knocking down as many pins as we can. We do not compete to "win," but play for enjoyment. We share tips to improve, and disappointments, as well as rejoice for each other whenever anyone knocks down all the pins, the rest of the pins, or difficult to obtain pins—in other words, we support each other and find many things to celebrate.

Our members are at various levels of proficiency. Our scores ranged from 24 to 172 over the course of many years. No proficiency is required, no skill is required, but we do celebrate achievements for each person according to their abilities.

We invite those in the club who have ever enjoyed bowling to come and try this out with us. We have a core group of members, but we are open to adding others. Come share our joy as we try to knock down all the pins and share our friendship which naturally develops while we await our turn to bowl.

Sunshine Corner/ WON Cares

The WON Sunshine Corner/WON Cares provides moral and actual support to WON members. Please contact Judy Mahan (judyman23@yahoo.com) who will assist you with a list volunteers for your needs. Assistance with activities of daily living, transportation, meals or just a friendly visit is available. One Sunshine Corner card was sent last month.

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Fifi's Sip & Shop

We are having a "Sip and Shop" **Wednesday October 15th** from 5-7 PM.

Come join your WON friends at an after-hour shopping event at Fifi's, 4802 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island, Florida 32034 (Harris Teeter Shopping Center).

No RSVP required. Bring a friend. Light hors d'oeuvres & wine will be served. 20% of the total day sales will be donated to the Women of Nassau.

Twisted Sisters Fashion Show

(See More Photos at

<https://womenofnassau.org/photos>)



Our WON models did a fantastic job!

October Monthly Activities

Please be sure to always check our website at www.womenofnassau.org for additional news and updates.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Oct Book *The Hounding* by Kenobe Purvis
 Date Thursday, October 9 (2nd Thursday)
 Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Location Fernandina Beach Library
 Nov Book *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 Contact Marie Larson,
claudinehart91@gmail.com

BOWLING BEAUTIES

Date Monday, October 13 and 27
 (2nd and 4th Monday)
 Time 10:15 a.m.
 Location Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games)
 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
 RSVP Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday, October 14 (2nd Tuesday)
 Time 7:00 p.m.
 RSVP Lynda Watson,
lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO-2

Date Thursday, October 2 (1st Thursday)
 Time 7:00 p.m.
 RSVP Gail Teachworth, 240-507-3509,
teachworthg@hotmail.com

CANASTA, FOOD AND FRIENDSHIPS

Date Friday, October 10 and 24
 (2nd and 4th Friday evening)
 Time 6:00 p.m. Food; 6:30 p.m. Cards
 RSVP Nancy Vorrasso,
vorrasso97058@comcast.net

CHEAP THRILLS

Date Wednesday, October 1 and 15
 (1st and 3rd Wednesday)
 Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 RSVP: Laurie, laurielaiken@outlook.com

CHICK FLICKS

Date Tuesday, October 28 (Last Tuesday)
 Time Movie and Time to follow
 Location AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10
 96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
 RSVP Dawn Bostwick,
bostwickdwon@gmail.com

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Date Tuesday, October 14 (2nd Tuesday)
 Time 12:30 p.m.
 Location Pepper's Cocina Mexicana & Tequila
 Bar, 530 Centre St, Fb
 RSVP Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

GAME NIGHT

Date Monday, October 27 (4th Monday)
 Time 6:00 p.m.
 Location Fernandina Beach Library
 RSVP Laurie, laurielaiken@outlook.com

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 (Every Thursday)
 Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 RSVP Debbie Price, deb203@aol.com

SAMBA

Date Wednesday, October 8 and 22
 (2nd and 4th Wednesday)
 Time 1:00 p.m.
 RSVP Susie White, walsusie@gmail.com
 Or Gail Teachworth,
teachworthg@hotmail.com

WON WELCOME COFFEE

Date Monday, October 20 (3rd Monday)
 Time 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 Location Story and Song Bookstore Bistro
 Questions Gay, gaynoradunlop@gmail.com

CRAFTY LADIES

Times and dates TBA.
 Karen Galambos, kgalabos@verizon.net

NATURE GROUP

Times and dates TBA.
 Nancy Gallimore, nancygallimore1@gmail.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Times and dates TBA.
 Jo Lichten - joanne.lichten@gmail.com

SINGLES GROUP

Times and dates TBA.
 Cindy Barlow, cynthabarlow@me.com
 Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application is available online at <https://womenofnassau.org/> and can be completed and submitted online. Payments can be made via the shopping cart at <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart> or a check made payable to Women of Nassau can be mailed to Women of Nassau: 1997 Sadler Road #15207, Fernandina Beach FL 32035, along with the application form found online at <https://womenofnassau.org/forms>. Annual Dues remain only \$30 (if paying online there is a service charge of \$1.15). Thank you for your support.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Belinda Wiley



October Birthday Celebrations

Below is a list of club members celebrating birthdays this month. We hope you each have a wonderful birthday. It is a special day for us all! Happy Birthday from your friends at Women of Nassau!

Genevieve Avino - Oct 29
Constance Bellisari - Oct 4
Mary Jane DeBeers - Oct 9
Barbara Hill - Oct 17
Terri Lumsden - Oct 20
Francine Picoult - Oct 9

Mary Banigan - Oct 5
Michelle Bollman - Oct 5
Mary DeFilippo - Oct 14
Peggy Korman - Oct 14
Marge Marchione - Oct 28
Linda Reynolds - Oct 21

Michelle Bedecarre - Oct 24
Pat Clendenen - Oct 22
Laurie Gibbons - Oct 2
Laurie Laiken - Oct 13
Dolores Myers - Oct 15
Ronnie Schaer-Vinette - Oct 15

Women of Nassau – October 2025 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Bunco 2 7:00 PM		Haunted Afternoon Tea Jekyll Island Club 2:00 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Samba 1:00 – 4:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Between the Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	Canasta, Food & Friendships 6:00 PM	Graveside Chronicles Bosque Bello Cemetery
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>WON</i> Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Pepper's Cocina Mexicana & Tequila Bar Original Bunco 7:00 PM	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM Fifi's Sip and Shop 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		Alhambra Theater Mystery of Edwin Drod Mix & Mingle 5:30 – 7:30 Susan Ziel's home, 1835 Perimeter Park Rd., Amelia Park
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<i>WON</i> Welcome Coffee 10:30 – 11:30 AM Story and Song Bookstore Bistro		Samba 1:00 – 4:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Canasta, Food & Friendships 6:00 PM	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center Game Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM Fernandina Beach Library	Chick Flicks Time/Movie: TBD AMC Classic Yulee		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM		

