



Women of Nassau

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May 2025 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello again, Wonderful Women of Nassau,

April was a good month; it was nice to have some warm spring weather after such a cold winter.

WON held our first Annual Meeting and Social on April 22 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Gator's Dockside. This meeting was planned for members and potential members who cannot attend our daytime luncheons or Welcome Coffees. Several such members did attend along with some of our board members and other regular participants. After a brief meeting where we presented the 2025 Budget and board members shared about their duties and why they love WON, we enjoyed some happy hour drinks and snacks, along with drawing for some adorable door prizes provided by Charlene Kingsnorth (Thank you, Charlene!). Those attending agreed that this was a worthwhile and fun idea, we will plan another.

May promises to be busy with exciting activities for WON members: May 3 – Kentucky Derby Party (second of our quarterly special events), May 2 through 4 – Shrimp Festival (not a WON event, but worth mentioning!), May 15 – WON Luncheon with Twisted Sisters Fashion Show, May 20 – Royal Spring Tea (Philanthropy fundraiser event), and of course, Mother's Day on May 11.

Have a great month, and I look forward to seeing you at a WON event soon.

Best,

Lynda Watson, President

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WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday, May 15
Time	11:30 am
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$40 per person
Maximum	70, first come first serve
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Reservation and Payment deadline Sunday, May 11
Program	Fashion Show presented by Twisted Sister's, starring our own WON ladies as models

Menu

Soup

Asparagus and Artichoke Bisque with Cheddar Chive Scone

Main

Choice of Chicken Breast, Salmon or Grilled Tofu on Baked Spinach and Mushroom Crepes, served with champagne wine sauce, mesclun greens and ribbon vegetables

Dessert

Assorted Petit Fours and Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

Remember to make your reservations the WON website <https://womenofnassau.org/events> by using the cart and payment options. 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 for everything 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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WON Derby Social

The second quarter social for our group will be a Derby

Social to be held at Amelia Walk Amenities Center on Saturday, May 3rd, 5 pm to 7 pm.

Wear your favorite fascinator and bring \$5 for the ponies betting! WON will provide desserts and beverages. Members are asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and BYOB.

Please let Bonnie Bartlett know if you plan to attend: wonevents2025@gmail.com

Singles Group

WON is now forming a "SINGLES GROUP" for ladies who wish to get together for dinner, movies, lunch, the theater, play games, or just hang out and do your own activity. Dates and times will be announced as activities are planned. Please contact the co-chairs if you have questions or are interested in joining the group: Cindy Barlow at cyntaybarlow@me.com or Jane Crisci at jancrisci@gmail.com.

Outdoor Adventures

Do you like to Hike? Bike? Kayak? Then contact Jo Lichten at joanne.lichten@gmail.com and ask to be put on her list. Because these events are weather-dependent, they often will NOT be announced in the newsletter. Instead, dates, times, and locations will be emailed to Jo's group only.



"A Royal Tea"



The *Good News* is the spring tea in support of Chandler's Hope is **SOLD OUT!!** Thank you to all of our WON members and friends who have purchased their tickets. The event is sold out! Your best option now to attend is

contact Nancy Gallimore and see if there have been any cancellations. nancygallimore1@gmail.com

The *Other Good News* is: if you weren't able to get a ticket, you can still be part of this very worthwhile and fun event! We are assembling a team of WON members to help as servers during the tea on Tuesday, May 20. As a member of the serving team, you would be able to see all the festive tea tables and participate in the wonderful raffle as you help make this event even more special. Interested? Please contact Vicki Gibson at 904-315-8871 or gv809@bellsouth.net

Other Tea Party News: Women of Nassau is putting together a "WOW" basket to be one of the many raffle offerings at the fundraising tea on May 20.

Would you help us build our global "Wines of the World" basket by donating a bottle of wine? So far we have



Chile, South Africa and United States wines. We need other countries like German, Spanish, French, Italian, Australian, New Zealand, Portuguese or any

other. Your help is much appreciated!!! If you would like to take part, please bring your donation to the May luncheon or contact Sherry Vaughn sherylanvaughn@yahoo.com or 904-583-3071.

The goal of this event is to raise \$5,000 toward the purchase of a dual-axle trailer for **Chandler's Hope**, the only mobile clothes closet in Nassau County.

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ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT



MAH JONG

MAH JONG is a fun way to spend a morning and exercise your mind. The WON group has beginners and experienced players and always has room for more! Don't know how to play Mah Jong? No Problem. Our fearless leader, Debbie Price, who was a preschool teacher, has the patience of a saint! Participants praise her way of teaching and reinforce that it's a great way to meet people while enjoying a centuries-old game.

The group meets every Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. Show up on your own or reach out to Debbie in advance at deb203@aol.com or text to 203.313.3925.

You'll be glad you did!



Between the Lines

The group had a great discussion at our last meeting, and thanks to all you made a donation for the Sunshine State Young

Readers Award book drive for Yulee and Emma Love Harding Schools. Since the group will be purchasing the books online, it was decided it would be more cost effective to make one or two large purchases rather than each of us purchasing books on our own. If you would like to make a donation contact Marie or Connie at claudinehart91@gmail.com or rcplake@yahoo.com. You may also bring your donation to the May Between the Lines meeting or the May luncheon.

WON Golfer's Interest Group

Join us as we hold our inaugural meeting for the WON Golf group. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 2nd at the Golf Pub Social, 1531 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, FL. The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and optional play will begin at 12:30 p.m., with play lasting until 2 p.m.

WON members interested in golfing, learning about open leagues and places to play in Nassau County are invited to attend. We'll meet for lunch and provide a list of local courses, open leagues, local SPARC golf info, hours and costs. Anyone interested in sharing their contact info for future play will be able to do that at our interest group meeting.

We'll have the golf bays reserved from 12:30-2 pm, for anyone who wants to warm up or play in this fun venue. Please contact Joan Pulaski to RSVP and let her know if you want to reserve golfing time, this is optional. Joan's contact info is:

jpulaski387@verizon.net. If you are not able to attend on May 4, let Joan know if you are interested and you will be kept updated with the information for this group. More information can be found at <http://www.golfpubsocial.com>.

Alhambra Theatre Upcoming

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

- **My Fair Lady:** Saturday, June 21st; LUNCH at 12 noon, SHOW at 1:50 pm, table B2.
- **Mystery of Edwin Drood:** October 18th; LUNCH at 12 noon, SHOW at 1:50 pm, table B2.
- **Elf the Musical:** Saturday, November 22nd; LUNCH at 12 noon, SHOW at 1:50 pm, table B26.

If you are interested in attending any of these shows, please contact Dawn Bostwick bostwickdwn@gmail.com

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Sunshine Corner

Cards were sent in April. If you know a member who is sick, had a death in the family or just needs a little encouragement, please notify a board member or email Judy at judymanhan23@yahoo.com and a member of the Sunshine Team will send a card.

Update to Nametag Purchases

In the past name tags were purchased through the WON website and mailed to our members. Due primarily to postage costs; the purchase price has risen to \$18.95. When purchased directly from the printer, the cost is \$15.00. For this reason, the Board decided at its February meeting, it was in the best interest of our members for name tags to be purchased directly from the printer. Therefore, you will no longer be able to purchase name tags on the website.

Magnetic Name Tags can be purchased from:

Eagle Eye Printing
1335 S 8th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-1277
Open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm

Be sure to let the Eagle Eye employee know you are with the Women of Nassau group.

You may also purchase a name tag for your spouse/significant other. This name tag is to show your spouse/significant other's name only, without the Women of Nassau logo.

Picture Directory



Our latest directory for March 2025 has been distributed in the email that you received the March newsletter. If you did not receive yours, please email Donna Williams at won.donnawilliams@gmail.com. If you would like your photo included in the directory, please email ASAP your photo to Donna Williams at won.donnawilliams@gmail.com to be included in the next published directory (June 2025).

We feel including your photo enables you to be recognized by your fellow members. Directories will be emailed to all members. This is also a way to help you remember "Who was that lady I met today?"

If after reviewing the directory, if you wish to change your photo, please send another photo to Donna Williams at won.donnawilliams@gmail.com and your photo will be updated. Thanks for all the photos we have received.

Paula Suita has graciously volunteered to take photos of our members and email them. If you see her at one of the activities or the luncheons, please ask Paula and she will gladly take your photo to be included in the directory.

Hope you enjoy the directory and find it useful in finding new friendships. As we are growing, a new directory with updates will be distributed when it is necessary.

If you do not see someone you know in the directory, please remind them to renew their dues for 2025. They can pay the \$30 membership dues via the [shopping cart](#). To pay online includes a convenience fee charge (labeled as "Shipping" charge) of \$1.15. Or they can renew by mailing a check for \$30 made payable to Women of Nassau to "Women of Nassau's. 1997 Sadler Rd, PO Box #15207, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035".

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PETANQUE with Amelia Island Boules Club

Date Saturday (Every Saturday with Boules Club), May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Time 9:30 am
Location Contact Lee Ann
Questions Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or @ jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES

Book *Molokai*
Author Alan Brennert
Date Thursday (2nd Thursday), May 8th
Time 10 am to 11:30 am
Location Fernandina Beach Library
June Book *Ella Minnow Pea: a novel of in letters* by Mark Dunn

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

February Tuesday (2nd Tuesday), May 13th
Time 12:30 pm
Location Down Under Restaurant
 96106 Wades Place
RSVP Debbie @ samdeb@bellsouth.net

COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

Date Friday (2nd and 4th Friday evening), May 9th and 23rd
Time 6:00 pm Cocktails (**NOTE CHANGE**)
 6:30 pm Cards
Location North Hampton Amenity Center
RSVP Celia @ cegrav@yahoo.com
 (352) 316-2485

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday (2nd Tuesday), May 13th
Time 7:00 pm
RSVP Lynda Watson @ lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO 2

Date Thursday (1st Thursday), May 1st
Time 7:00 pm
RSVP Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509

GAME NIGHT

Date Monday, (3rd Monday) **May 19th**
(Updated - Library is closed on 26th due to Memorial Day holiday)
Time 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location Fernandina Beach Library
RSVP Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday (Every Thursday), May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Time 10 am to 1 pm
RSVP: Debbie Price @ deb203@aol.com

BOWLING BEAUTIES

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

CHICK FLICKS

Date Tuesday (Last Tuesday), May 27th
Time Movie and Time to follow
Location AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10
 96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
RSVP: Dawn Bostwick @ bostwickdwn@gmail.com

CHEAP THRILLS

Date Wednesday (1st and 3rd Wednesday), May 7th and 21st
Time 1 pm to 3 pm
RSVP: Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Times and dates to be announced, reach out to Jo Lichten @ joanne.lichten@gmail.com for more information.

WELCOME COFFEE

Monday, May 19th at Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (off 14th Street), between 10:30 am and 11:30 am.

All members are invited to attend and enjoy time together talking about the Women of Nassau and helping new folks learn who we are and what we do.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application is available online at <https://womenofnassau.org> and can now be completed and submitted on-line. 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 an application form found online at <https://womenofnassau.org/forms>. Your 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

Linda Delahanty

Mary Ellen Everett

Kathy Hernicz

May Birthday Celebrations



Below is a list of club members celebrating birthday's 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!

Beverly Siminski - May 8
Toni Boelsen - May 10
Donna Williams - May 10
Marian Thorpe - May 11
Chong Murphy - May 15
Becky Swan - May 28
Gail Wachtel - May 28
Jackie Dalessandro - May 29
Charlene Kingsnorth - May 31



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WON Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17; 11:45 am

Amelia National Clubhouse

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Opening Business

President-Lynda Watson – Lynda is in North Carolina, Recording Secretary Karen Boyce will preside over business meeting

- ❖ Call to Order by Karen Boyce at 11:45 am.
- ❖ Approval of March 20, 2025, Minutes, motion made by Joan Pulaski, second by Gay Dunlop. Motion passed.

New Members Recognition:

Claudia Fecho
Carol Grogg
Deborah Hernicz

Guests Recognition:

Cara Gluck
Erin Lightcap
Susan Pendergrass

Birthdays Recognition:

Michele Goldberg
Deborah Grove
Katherine Johnson

Reports and New Business

President – Lynda Watson, announcements by Karen Boyce

- ❖ Women of Nassau Happy Hour Social and Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Gator's Dockside Private Room
Email blast invitation went out March 29.
A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.
- ❖ Members have made suggestions regarding programs and activities for upcoming months. These are under review

by the Board and announcements will be made next month.

Philanthropy-Vicki Gibson

- ❖ Vicki reminded the members that the spring tea was a little over a month away. She thanked the members who had volunteered to be table hosts. The club is sponsoring a Wines of the World basket as part of the raffle for this fundraiser. Those who brought a bottle of wine to the luncheon today were thanked. It was announced that donations were still be accepted and asked anyone interested to contact Sherry Vaughn.
 - The event is sold out. Nancy Gallimore is handling ticket sales and is keeping a wait list. Please contact her if you would like your name to be added to that list, wonfundraising2025@gmail.com.
 - Members who do not have a ticket can still be part of the tea by volunteering to be on the serving team. Servers will help by presetting water, serving the food and pouring tea. Serving team volunteers would be able to participate in the raffle and would get to enjoy the tea treats. Anyone interested was asked to contact Vicki Gibson, gv809@bellsouth.net

Past President-Dawn Bostwick, announcements by Karen Boyce

- ❖ Alhambra
 - June 21 – My Fair Lady
 - October 18 – Mystery of Edwin Drood
- ❖ Cummer Museum
 - American West
 - Garden Tour
- ❖ Jax Zoo

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- Frozen in Time exhibit
- Lantern event at holidays
- Butterfly house
- ❖ Congaree and Penn – Farm tour and lunch, dates to be announced

First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Gay Dunlop, Donna Williams and Celia Gravely filling in for Jacqui Pazzanese for various luncheon tasks; Susan Barnhardt has graciously stepped up and will manage programs in Jacqui's absence

- ❖ Reminder that next month Twisted Sister will be presenting the fashion show as our program. Chong Murphy is organizing the models. Questions regarding the fashion show or model questions please reach out to Chong, chong.murphy55@icloud.com

Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Charlene Kingsnorth reporting for Bonnie Bartlett

- ❖ Preliminary plan for quarterly events:
 - May 3 – Kentucky Derby Party at Amelia Walk Amenity Center, 5 pm to 7 pm. The club is providing drinks, virgin mint julips and dessert. Each member attending is asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and alcohol is BYOB. If you want to bet on the ponies, be sure to bring \$5. Also be sure to wear your Derby Day fascinator. This event is open to members and partners, spouses, significant others.
 - September 14 – Hawaiian Luau Party at Bonnie's new home
 - November 9 – Tailgate/Chili Cookoff/Beach Bonfire at a Fernandina Beach Park

Recording Secretary – Karen Boyce

Corresponding Secretary-Webmaster – Donna Williams, announcements by Karen Boyce

- ❖ Website visits in March 1,879; website visits in April 531

Treasurer – Pat Clendenen, announcements by Karen Boyce

- ❖ Bank balance end of March 2025 – Checking \$16,321.84

Ways & Means – Charlene Kingsnorth

- ❖ “It's Happening on Centre Street” – eating/drinking/shopping on Centre Street - Lunch or afternoon drinks somewhere downtown & shop at designated stores. Lee Ann and Charlene will find a restaurant and a few stores that will give back to WON 20% of what our members spend. Members have to wear WON name tags. The event is being planned for May or June. The Ways and Means team will coordinate with Debbie Grove to see what lunches she has lined up. Anyone with connections downtown, please let Charlene know. If you are interested in this activity, please reach out to Charlene or Lee Ann to get your name on the list. There is a sign-up sheet as well.

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- ❖ Current membership: 191
- ❖ New members in March 10, April so far 1
- ❖ Next Welcome Coffee is Monday, April 21, 2025, 10:30 – 11:30 am, at Story and Song. All current members and interested residents of Nassau County are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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- ❖ New members can order name tags directly from Eagle Eye, saving \$6 in mailing costs. Eagle Eye is located on 8th in Fernandina. Gay announced the cost of the name tags has increased from \$12 to \$15.

Newsletter – Celia Gravely

- ❖ Items for May newsletter are due to Celia Gravely by April 24. Celia thanked members who have already submitted their newsletter articles.

Activities – Carol Newton, Karen Boyce making announcement

- ❖ Barnabus Empty Bowls painting sessions will now be scheduled by the Crafty Ladies group. More to come soon.

Publicity – Vacant

- ❖ If anyone is interested in this position, please reach out to Lynda Watson or any board member.

Historian – Nancy Gallimore and Jo Lichten

- ❖ Request copies of minutes, agendas, pictures, etc. for the archive they are building.

Announcements from membership:

- ❖ Joan Pulaski announced the WON Golf group's inaugural meeting will be held on Friday, May 2, at the Golf Pub Social, 1531 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach, with lunch and optional golf play from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. WON members interested in golfing, learning about open leagues and places to play in Nassau County are invited to attend. The group will meet for lunch and provide a list of local courses,

open leagues, local SPARC golf info, hours and costs. Anyone interested in sharing their contact info for future play will be able to do that at the interest group meeting. There will be golf bays reserved from 12:30-2 pm, for anyone who wants to warm up or play in this fun venue. The group realizes this is during the Shrimp Festival and a second meeting will be held later. If interested, RSVP to the WON Golf group meeting by contacting Joan Pulaski. (jpulaski387@verizon.net)

- ❖ 50/50 Raffle was \$160, Karen Boyce was the winner
- ❖ Charlene Kingsnorth introduced her daughter, Erin Lightcap, and thanked her for all of her donations to the club over the past years. She has assisted with the creation of many baskets and raffle items.

Lunch

Speaker/Program

Adjourn



Women of Nassau May 2025 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Bunco 2 7:00 PM	Golfer's Group 11:30 AM Golf Pub Social 1531 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, FL	Pétanque 9:30 AM Derby Social 5 PM – 7 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Center
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			Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Between the Lines 10:00 AM Fernandina Beach Library	Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 9:30 AM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
WON Luncheon Payment Deadline	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM - Down Under Restaurant 96106 Wades Place Original Bunco 7:00 PM		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM <i>WON Luncheon</i> 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		Pétanque 9:30 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	WON Welcome Coffee 10:30 – Story & Song Game Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM Fernandina Beach Library	Royal Tea <i>Woman's Club</i> <i>201 Jean LaFette Blvd</i> <i>Fernandina Beach</i> <i>2:00 PM</i>	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 9:30 AM
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