



Women of Nassau

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December 2025 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello, again, Wonderful Women of Nassau,

The 2025 Board and 2026 Board nominees have been working together to try out an exciting new technology platform that will bring together our website, financials, shopping cart, emails, membership directory and database, event planning and all other club functions into one user-friendly software package designed specifically for not-for-profit organizations like ours. Member users will not experience a big change, but this package will be much more user-friendly for club officers, with less time consuming tasks requiring less in-depth knowledge of technology. The software will also facilitate transition between officers from year to year. I am excited about this upgrade in our operations. Look for more info as we hope to implement this by January.

Our November luncheon business meeting was quite a success! First on the agenda was our annual Bake Sale with 55 boxes of WON member-baked goods, along with Snowman Hats decorations by Carol Newton and a beautiful Gingerbread House by Gay Dunlop for sale. This event raised over \$900 to support our club business operations and member events and activities. Next the Philanthropy Committee introduced the leaders of the two charities that were chosen for this year – First Readers and Gracie's Kitchen. A check for \$1,200 was presented to each of these charities.

And finally, the election of WON Board of Directors was conducted. The Executive Board members elected for 2026 are listed in the next column. The 2026 Executive Board will be installed at the December luncheon business meeting.

The Philanthropy Committee will select a nominee for Philanthropy Chair at their December meeting. And the election of the Philanthropy Chair will take place at the December luncheon business meeting.

Also, our December luncheon meeting will be another fun event with a Gift Exchange.

A bit sadly, this will be my last President's Letter for my term. It has been my great honor and blessing to serve as your President for the past two years. Working with the Board and members has been a pleasure and a blessing as it has resulted in many new friendships. I am proud that this Board has grown the

club membership, significantly increased the events and activities that provide members more opportunities for fun and fellowship, and developed a viable philanthropy program that provides impactful support for local charities for community services for women and children. I am looking forward to continuing to be involved as your Past President in 2026.

I hope that you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather and the joyful holiday season. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau



2026 Board Positions

Executive Board:

President - Lorraine Clapper
1st VP (Luncheon & Programs)- Laurie Laiken
2nd VP (Special Events & Education)- Bonnie Bartlett
Recording Secretary - Carol Newton
Treasurer - Karen Boyce
Webmaster - Teresa Johnston
Corresponding. Secretary/Database - Heidi Waters
Past President - Lynda Watson

Executive Committee Chairs:

Activity Chair. - Nancy Vorrasso
Membership - Gay Dunlop
Newsletter - Barbara Dennis
Publicity - Paula Suita
Ways & Means - Charlene Kingsnorth
Historian – Nancy Gallimore

Monthly Luncheon

Date Thursday, December 18
Time 11:30 am
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost \$40 per person
Maximum 70 (first come first serve)
RSVP By Sunday, December 14
with payment & entrée selection)



PROGRAM: Gift Exchange



Bring a wrapped gift of \$20 value no liquor, no gag gifts). We will be playing a “story game.”

RAFFLE: “A Dog’s Christmas” basket filled with lots of stuff for dog lovers.

Make your reservations, entrée selection, & payment at <https://womenofnassau.org/luncheons> by Sunday, December 14. If you need to make different arrangements, please contact the WON Treasurer, wontreasurer@gmail.com. Any questions on this process, please let us know. You can add one or as many reservations to the cart and pay all at once. We look forward to seeing you and don’t forget your name badge!



Check It Out!



Member, Amy Briggs spotted this trailer in town. Check out the last line on the trailer.



If you remember, at our Spring Tea in May, WON donated \$6635 towards a new trailer for Chandler’s Hope. This organization seeks to provide dignity and hope to the homeless and those in need by providing quality clothing free of charge and showing unconditional love.

Ongoing Activities



Activity Spotlight: Crafty Ladies

The **Crafty Ladies** group is a vibrant collection of creative women who gather each month to share their love of crafting and friendship. Each meeting features a new project—ranging from seasonal décor and fabric arts to painting and paper crafts—offering members a chance to learn, create, and inspire one another. Some previous projects have included decoupage oyster shells, Scandinavian fabric folded stars, decoupage pumpkins, mini hat favors with candy and chunky hand knitted blankets.



More than just a craft group, the Crafty Ladies foster connection and community, where laughter, conversation, and creativity flow freely. Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner eager to try something new, every gathering is a joyful opportunity to unwind, make memories, and celebrate handmade creativity. We meet on a flexible basis so look for monthly updates of projects in the newsletter or sign up and join our mail list for information of the day, time and location for gatherings. Contact Karen Galambos at kgalambos@verizon.net for additional information.

Outdoor Adventures

Did you know that a group of WON members walk at Peter's Point Park every Monday morning (weather permitting)? No RSVP is needed and there is no "leader" for this walk. Just show up at 9:00 a.m. near the restrooms.

But that's not our only outdoor adventure. We also hike state parks, bike on paved trails, and kayak in safe areas. These activities are NOT included in the newsletter because they are usually planned for less than a week away (because of weather and tides). If you want to get notifications of these events, reach out to Jo Lichten at joanne.lichten@gmail.com to let her know you want to be added to the exclusive Outdoor Adventure list (please include your cell number).



Monday morning beach walk



Recent Activities

November's Holiday Bake Sale

Thanks to everyone that participated in last month's Holiday Bake Sale. WON sold 55 boxes of baked goods, plus the Gingerbread Auction, raising a total of \$936. Big THANKS to Charlene Kingsnorth and the rest of the Ways & Means committee for organizing this event. And two more thanks. To Gay Dunlop, thanks for the donation of this unbelievably beautiful gingerbread house for our silent auction. And to Carol Newton for the fun Snowman Hat centerpieces for sale.



Centre Street Scavenger Hunt

The day's chilly weather didn't stop us from enjoying lunch at the Salty Pelican on November 11, followed by a Centre Street Scavenger Hunt.

Thank you to Carol Newton for organizing us and creating such a fun challenge!



Recent Activities (cont.)

Witch's Tea

Just before Halloween, all the WON witches showed up for the Witch's Tea. We enjoyed some delicious food and played some fun games.



The Cummer Museum

The Cummer Museum opens a new temporary exhibit every quarter. The current temporary exhibit features two amazing artists: Andrew Wyeth and Calida Rawles. Last month, a group of WON members visited the exhibit.

This dual exhibit will close in mid-February 2026. If you would like to see the exhibit in February, please contact Dawn Bostwick at

bostwickdwon@gmail.com.



Recent Activities (cont.)

Chili Cookoff, Tail Gate Party & Bonfire

We had fabulous weather for this year's Tailgate Party/Chili Cook-Off last month at Peter's Point Beachfront Park. We started off the party in a blocked section of the parking lot where we all set up our chairs along with a table displaying all the competing chilis. After the awards for best tasting chilis, we headed down to the beach for a bonfire. Thanks Bonnie Bartlett for organizing the event – and all the other great events this year!



Congratulations to Lorraine Chapper (1st place), Barbara Combs (2nd place), and Debbie Price (3rd place). Each winner was gifted with a commemorative apron.



A Night at the Alhambra

A group of WON members recently attended a showing of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at the Alhambra Theater in Jacksonville.

If you're interested in attending future events at Alhambra Theater, send an email to Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.



Upcoming Activities

Cummer Museum



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Alhambra Theatre



We'll be heading out to see some great live productions in 2026.

If you're interested in attending future events at

Alhambra Theater, send an email to Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.

Single Ladies

Each month we meet for coffee, dinner, or an event. If you want to be added to their email list, send an email to:

Cindy Barlow, cyntaybarlow@me.com
Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net

Jacksonville Zoo

Colors of the Wild

Join Dawn Bostwick on **Saturday, January 10, 2026**, in celebrating the **Lunar New Year at Jacksonville Zoo** 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(s) the **NIGHT BEFORE** (purchase at least by Friday, January 9, 2026) at <https://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/colors-of-the-wild> and save \$5 off the ticket price. The price is currently \$17 but may vary with the season. If you are interested in attending, contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.

Sunshine Corner



No cards were sent last month to members.

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 judymahan23@yahoo.com and a member of the Sunshine Team will send a card.

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 online <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart> via the 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.

Cathy Biris
Alivea Maynard
Lori Armstrong
Laura Lee



December Birthday Celebrations

Below is a list of club members celebrating December birthdays.
We hope you each have a wonderful birthday. It is a special day for us all!

Belinda Wiley – Dec 1	Jo Lichten – Dec 3	Nancy Gallimore – Dec 5
Jody Scruggs – Dec 6	Susan Barnhardt – Dec 7	Donna Czyzyk – Dec 9
Susan Wehrle – Dec 9	Mary Nolan - Dec 12	Kim Norris – Dec 13
Sara Corrigan – Dec 16	Mary Ann McNulty – Dec 16	Elsa Mitschele = Dec 16
Cheryl Gaughen – Dec 17	Paula Leif – Dec 17	Joan Shelley – Dec 20
Bonnie Bartlett – Dec 21	Deborah Pauline – Dec 24	Susan Kosciulek – Dec 26
Jane Crisci – Dec 28	Karen Galambos – Dec 28	Cindy Arnold - Dec 30
Lesanne Vincent – Dec 30		



December Monthly Activities

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

BETWEEN THE LINES

No book discussion. Bring a book to swap at brunch.
Date Thursday, December 11 (2nd Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for holiday brunch
Location Garden Street Bistro
Jan Book *Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips.
Contact Marie Larson,
claudinehart91@gmail.com

BOWLING BEAUTIES

Date Monday, December 8 and 22
(2nd and 4th Mondays)
Time 10:15 a.m.
Location Yulee Bowling (2 games (without shoes) –
\$13.42 by credit card **OR** \$12.90 by cash)
850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP Sandy Taylor, taylor32034@gmail.com

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday, December 9 (2nd Tuesday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP Lynda Watson,
lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO-2

Date Thursday, December 4 (1st Thursday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP Gail Teachworth, 240-507-3509,
teachworthg@hotmail.com

CANASTA, FOOD AND FRIENDSHIPS

Date Friday, December 12
(usually the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings)
Time 6:00 p.m. Food; 6:30 p.m. Cards
RSVP Nancy Vorrasso,
vorrasso97058@comcast.net

CHEAP THRILLS

Date Wednesday, December 3 and 17
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP Donna CZ, donnaczc@verizon.net

CHICK FLICKS

Date Tuesday, December 30 (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, December 9 (2nd Tuesday)
Time 12:30 p.m.
Location Café Karibo
RSVP Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

GAME NIGHT

Date Monday, December 22 (4th Monday)
Time 6:00 p.m.
Location Fernandina Beach Library
RSVP Laurie, laurielaiken@outlook.com

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday, December 4, 11, 18
(Every Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
RSVP Debbie Price, deb203@aol.com

SAMBA

Date/Time TBA

WON WELCOME COFFEE

NO Welcome Coffee in December

Next Date Monday, January 19
(3rd Monday)

Time 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location Story and Song
Bookstore Bistro
1430 Park Avenue, FB

Questions Gay, gaynoradunlop@gmail.com



CRAFTY LADIES

Times and dates TBA
Location TBA

Karen Galambos, kgalambos@verizon.net

NATURE GROUP

Times and dates TBA.

Nancy Gallimore, nancygallimore1@gmail.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Peter's Point Park, Mondays, 9 a.m. (weather permitting)

Other times and dates TBA.

Jo Lichten - joanne.lichten@gmail.com

SINGLES GROUP

Times and dates TBA.

Cindy Barlow, cynthaybarlow@me.com
Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net

Women of Nassau – December 2025 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Peter's Point Beach Walk 9 AM		Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Bunco 2 7:00 PM		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Peter's Point Beach Walk 9 AM Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Café Karibo Original Bunco 7:00 PM		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Between the Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Garden Street Bistro	Canasta, Food & Friendships 6:00 PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
WON Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline 	Peter's Point Beach Walk 9 AM NO Dec Welcome Coffee		Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM WON Luncheon 11:30 AM - Amelia National Clubhouse		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Peter's Point Beach Walk 9 AM Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center Game Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM Fernandina Beach Library			 Merry Christmas!		
28	29	30	31			
		Chick Flicks Time/Movie: TBD AMC Classic Yulee				