



# Women of Nassau

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## February 2025 Newsletter

### Letter from Our President

*Happy New Year, Wonderful Women of Nassau:*

At our January luncheon, we celebrated our 6th anniversary of Women of Nassau, where members and past board members, committee members and activity leaders were recognized for their contributions to WON. The room was decorated beautifully, and we shared cake and a champagne toast to our wonderful organization.

For this letter, I wanted to share a couple of things. First, if you have not already done so, please remember to renew your membership! You can renew online at [www.womenofnassau.org](http://www.womenofnassau.org) or from the reminder email you received in January. Members who joined or renewed prior to January 1 were entered into a drawing for a complimentary 2025 luncheon registration. Lorraine Clapper was our winner – congratulations, Lorraine! Members are our most important asset; without you we would not have our great club!

Next, scammers have become very creative in sending emails to members that appear to be from me as president of WON. These emails may ask that you pay an invoice for WON or just ask if you are available. I will NEVER send such an email or text to you, so know that these emails are scams – do not respond to these emails- just delete them.

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### WON Luncheon

<b>Date</b>	Thursday February 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Time</b>	11:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Amelia National Clubhouse
<b>Cost</b>	\$40 per person
<b>Maximum</b>	70 (first come first serve)
<b>RSVP</b>	Required
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup></b> - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
<b>Program</b>	Dream Vacations will present travel options – Kacee Vojdani and Jennifer Strange

#### Soup

*French Onion Soup with Gruyere Crouton & Alpine Swiss Cheese*

#### Entrée

*Choice of Crab Stuffed Salmon with Wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetables Medley; Beef Bourguignon with Garlic Buttered Egg Noodle & Broccoli Crowns; Sauteed Chicken Cordon Bleu with Supreme Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley; Portabella Mushroom Cap with Supreme Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley*

#### Dessert

*Chocolate Dipped Strawberry and Assorted Petit Fours*

You can make your reservations on the WON website <https://womenofnassau.org/luncheons> by using the cart and payment options. If you need to make different payment arrangements, please contact the WON Treasurer at [wontreasurer@gmail.com](mailto: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!



# February News and Articles

## Philanthropy News

At the January luncheon, the Philanthropy Committee presented a slate of three major charities for Women of Nassau to support in 2025. The membership voted to accept the slate of Chandler's Hope, Ferst Readers, and Gracie's Kitchen as presented. The Philanthropy Committee prepared this slate of 501(c)3 charities based on our organization's mission statement to benefit women and children in Nassau County.

The Committee will be working with the following organizations in planning for fundraising events and donation drives:

**Chandler's Hope** is a nonprofit mobile ministry that distributes new and gently used clothing, travel size toiletries, snack items, bottled water and addiction resource information to those in need in Nassau County. Michele Holbrook founded this organization in December 2023 in memory of her son who passed away from an accidental overdose in 2020. Volunteers restock the hanging racks that have been installed in the dedicated utility trailer readying it for the drive to scheduled stops at distribution locations throughout the county. Chandler's Hope collects money and other donated items to provide comfort and encouragement for those who are in need in our county.

**Ferst Readers** is an organization that promotes literacy by providing books to enrolled preschoolers of Nassau County each month from birth until kindergarten. The following quote from *The Child Mind Institute* expands on how vital reading is to a child's development. "The benefits of reading to children include helping them build language skills, learn about the world, and develop empathy and emotion awareness. Reading together also provides an opportunity for parents and children to connect." Well over 70,000 books have been mailed to children in Nassau County since 2016. The organization also reaches out to groups such as Head Start, Nassau County Public Library System, and Micah's Place to identify children who might not otherwise take part in this program.

**Gracie's Kitchen** is a nonprofit organization which serves meals to single mothers, families, senior

citizens, military vets, the homeless, and the working poor. Founded in 2010, Gracie's Kitchen began in a facility in Yulee by serving only seven meals. Today, under the direction of co-founder Maryellen Crocker and with the help of 17 volunteer teams from churches and other organizations, Gracie's Kitchen is open four days a week and serves between 3,000 - 3,500 dinners per month at its site in a former middle school near the junction of SR 17 and A1A.

## Events Committee Report

The events committee had a brief planning meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2024. We discussed each quarter for the upcoming 2025 year and events we thought might be fun 🥳 for the membership.

We will kick the year off with a St Patrick's Day party 🍀 appetizers, games and green beer 🍺 and of course friendship. The event will be held Sunday, March 16, 2025, from 2 pm until 4pm. We are holding this event at Gator's Dockside. The club will provide appetizers, games, and green beer. If folks want to order additional eats, you will be responsible for that.

Anyone wanting to help with this committee (who likes to have fun) can reach out to myself, Carol Newton, Charlene Kingsnorth or Lynda Watson. Any questions please email Bonnie Bartlett - [Talleybabs@yahoo.com](mailto:Talleybabs@yahoo.com).

## Outdoor Adventures

Do you like to Hike? Bike? Kayak? Then contact Jo Lichten at [joanne.lichten@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## WON Facebook Page

Want your pictures on the WON Facebook page? Send your pictures and information for the WON Facebook page to Maryna Kisil at [maryna@southwavesoft.com](mailto:maryna@southwavesoft.com)

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## Alhambra Theatre

Alhambra Jacksonville has just released their schedule for season 2025, and it is an amazing line up of performances! 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:

**West Side Story:** Saturday, March 8th. Lunch is at 12 noon, the show begins at 1:50 pm, table C2.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>; 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  
[bostwickdwon@gmail.com](mailto:bostwickdwon@gmail.com)

## Cummer Museum Spirit in the Land

The Cummer has a new temporary exhibit every quarter. The next exhibit is Knowing the West, opening in March 2025. Look for the next docent-led tour on a Saturday in April. Date TBA.

Admission is \$15, or free with membership card, paid at the door. Lunch is approximately \$21.60, this includes: drink, entree, dessert and gratuity. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Bostwick at [bostwickdwon@gmail.com](mailto:bostwickdwon@gmail.com)

## Newsletter Information:

During the next few months Celia will reach out to members for assistance in completing the newsletter. It is a fun and rewarding experience and much easier than most seem to think. Please volunteer to help out if you would like to learn more about the newsletter, how it's put together, and to provide any assistance, ideas, etc. for keeping our membership informed in a fun and interesting manner. Thank you. Contact info:

[cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com) 352-316-2485

## Activity Groups

We are looking to add more activity groups to our calendar. Some suggestions are Mix & Mingle, Wine Group, Samba cards, Gourmet, Walkers. Groups can meet monthly, every other month or at various times during the year. If you would like to chair an activity or have suggestions for a new one, please contact Carol Newton, Activity Chm., at [chnewton@msn.com](mailto:chnewton@msn.com) or 352-533-0721.

## Appreciating Art through Books Series:



**APPRECIATING Art through Books**

SUSAN ZIEL & JANET BRENDL

Join Susan Ziel and Janet Brendel, docents at Jacksonville's Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, for a NEW SERIES, "Appreciating Art Through Books"

 Story & Song Bookstore Bistro

 All presentations are FREE and open to the public

*Event Highlights*

- Discover great visual artists and their timeless works.
- Explore vivid images, captivating stories, and thoughtful discussions.
- Books available for purchase through Story & Song

*Schedule & Books*

**Wed., Feb. 5 at 4 pm**  
*Art in Detail: 100 Masterpieces* by Susie Hodge

**Wed., April 2 at 4 pm**  
*All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me* by Patrick Bringley

**Wed., June 4 at 4 pm**  
*Art of Rivalry* by Sebastian Smee

**Wed., Sept. 3 at 4 pm**  
*Dali* by Dawn Ades

**Wed., Nov. 5 at 4 pm**  
*Last Light: How Six Great Artists Made Old Age a Time of Triumph* by Richard Lacayo



# February News and Articles

## Spotlight for February

Beginning in February we will highlight an activity with information on the activity, how it started and how it works. If you would like to highlight your activity in the newsletter in March or any other month, please contact Celia Gravely, [cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com). This month's activity is Sunshine Corner.

Do you know of a WON member who is going through a tough time?

- \*who has been sick or had surgery
- \*who has had a death in the family
- \*who needs a ride to PT or MD appointments
- \*Or who is mostly housebound and could use a meal or some company

All of us have been there at some point.

Our Sunshine Corner team is ready, willing and able to help; but we need **YOUR help!** Members often know first-hand when another member is going through a hard time and could use a little sunshine.

Since its inception in 2022, the Sunshine ☀️ has reached out to more than 85 members as a source of friendship or help.

So, next time you realize a WON member could use some TLC, send a note to Judy at [judymahan23@yahoo.com](mailto:judymahan23@yahoo.com) and she will see how the Sunshine ☀️ Corner can be of assistance. In 2024 the team sent out a total of 21 cards.

All correspondence is confidential.



## Sunshine Corner

Four cards were sent in January and 3 meals were delivered.

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](mailto:judymahan23@yahoo.com) and a member of the Sunshine Team will send a card.

Have a Blessed New Year!

## Crafty Ladies



The Crafty Ladies group has planned a great outing. They will be creating Decoupage Oyster Shells on Wednesday, February 12 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Fernandina Municipal Airport Conference Room, 700 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room (elevator available). The cost for each person is approximately \$10 to \$15 dollars. Be sure to contact Karen Galambos, [kgalambos@verizon.net](mailto:kgalambos@verizon.net) for more information and if you wish to register for this exciting outing.

## Pétanque Changes

Due to changes in the WON Pétanque group's schedule, game day has been moved to Saturdays. We will now be playing with members of the Amelia Island Boules Club. This arrangement is perfect for those looking to learn, as you'll have the chance to play with a larger group of players and gain insights from them. The Amelia Island Boules Club meets every Saturday at 9:30 AM at the marina courts during the winter, and then they relocate to Central Park for the summer months.

If you are interested in learning, please get in touch with Lee Ann Shobe [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com) or 970-589-4241, and she will discuss a time to meet you on a Saturday and help you get started to learn how to play Pétanque and find new friends.



# February News and Articles

## *Toasting our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*



### **President's letter continued from page 1:**

And finally, a word about how your membership dues are used. The Board of Directors has adopted a budget for 2025 that outlines the sources and uses of club funds. The Budget provides a plan for operating the Club for 2025 and how we plan to fund those operations. Sources of funds include annual membership dues, Ways and Means Committee efforts and some money remaining from prior years. For 2025, the Budget includes at least \$10 of each membership dues to be used for charitable purposes – a total of \$2500. This is in addition to any funds raised by the Philanthropy Committee through their fundraising activities. About \$4,000 of our total budget is used for basic club operating expenses such as website and cart, liability insurance, accounting software, state corporate license, post office box, etc. Another \$1,000 is used to provide complimentary lunch meals for our luncheon program speakers and maybe a few dollars for luncheon decorations. For special events, \$2,000 for four evening events have been allocated, and \$1,000 for the Activities Committee to use in planning new activities. Because of scammers, we will not be publishing the budget on the website, but if you would like to see the full budget document, just email me at [lyndanamelia@gmail.com](mailto:lyndanamelia@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send it to you and answer any questions you might have.

Amelia National has had to increase the cost of our luncheons to \$40 all inclusive. While the Board feels that this is still a reasonable price for the value received, we recognize that this could create a hardship for some members to attend the luncheon, so we will work with Amelia National to see if we can come up with a viable alternative meal that is less expensive.

The Board and your committees have planned some exciting events and activities for the coming year. If you have any suggestions on events, activities, or other things that you would like to see happening in our great little club, please let me or another Board member know.

I am excited to be your President for 2025 and I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming year!

Lynda Watson, President  
Women of Nassau

### **NEW WON ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED!**

We have a new and exciting activity presented by two of our newest members - Jacqui Pazzanese and Kim Brewer-Bettencourt. They are leading a Soup-per Bowl Cooking Class. The class will be presented at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center on Wednesday, February 4th (Tuesday) from 11:30 am until 2 p.m. Jacqui and Kim will provide instructions on how to make an Appetizer - a vegetable train, Soup and bread - Butternut squash with Creme fresh, pistachio & cherry topping, and Dessert - Pumpkin mousse.

And not only will they provide instructions to us on how to prepare these dishes, but they will create the above and serve tastings to 20 participants. The cost for this fun event is only \$20. Unfortunately, the event is **SOLD OUT** at this point so no new reservations are possible.

Be sure to watch for the next exciting opportunity to have a great time with your fellow WON friends.



# Photo Gallery

## January 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Luncheon



**Founding Board Members: Janet Hape (current president Lynda Watson), Carolyn Glaza, Donna Williams, missing Joy Kemp**



**Table Decorations**



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**2024 Activity Chairs**

**Lynda Watson, Joy Kemp, Debbie Price, Laurie Laiken, Gail Teachworth, Lee Ann Shobe, Judy Mahan, Debbie Grove, Celia Gravely, Gay Dunlop**



## ***Photo Gallery***



**Members toasting 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



# February Monthly Activities

Please be sure to always check our website at [www.womenofnassau.org](http://www.womenofnassau.org) for additional news and updates.

## PETANQUE with Amelia Island Boules Club

**Date** Saturday, February  
(Every Saturday) with Boules Club  
**Time** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location** Contact Lee Ann  
**Questions** Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email  
[jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)

## BETWEEN THE LINES

**Book** James  
**Author** Percival Everett, presented by Susie Zurick  
**Date** Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
**Time** 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Fernandina Beach Library  
**February Book** *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent presented by Connie Philipp

## CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

**February** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
**Time** 12:30 p.m.  
**Location** The Tavern by AIBC, 318 Centre Street,  
Fernandina Beach, FL  
**RSVP:** Debbie, [samdeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:samdeb@bellsouth.net)

## COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

**Date** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evening)  
**Time** 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards  
**Location** North Hampton Amenity Center  
**RSVP** Celia, [cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com)  
(352) 316-2485

## ORIGINAL BUNCO

**Date** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
**Time** 7:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Lynda Watson [lyndanamelia@gmail.com](mailto:lyndanamelia@gmail.com)

## BUNCO 2

**Date** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)  
**Time** 7:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509

## GAME NIGHT

**Date** Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Time** (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)  
**Location** Fernandina Beach Library  
**RSVP:** Laurie @ [laurielaiken@outlook.com](mailto:laurielaiken@outlook.com)

## PENNIES CANASTA

**Date** Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Every Tuesday)  
**Time** 1 p.m.  
**Location** Amelia National Clubhouse  
**RSVP** Ann, 913-638-9247;  
[annknickrehm@gmail.com](mailto:annknickrehm@gmail.com)

## MAH-JONGG

**Date** Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Every Thursday)  
**Time** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Debbie Price, [deb203@aol.com](mailto:deb203@aol.com)

## BOWLING BEAUTIES

**Date** Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)  
**Time** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location** Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games)  
850822 Hwy 17, Yulee  
**RSVP:** Sandy, [taylor32034@gmail.com](mailto:taylor32034@gmail.com)

## CHICK FLICKS

**Date** Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Last Tuesday)  
**Time** Movie and Time to follow  
**Location** AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10  
96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee  
**RSVP:** Dawn Bostwick,  
[bostwickdwn@gmail.com](mailto:bostwickdwn@gmail.com)

## CHEAP THRILLS

**Date** Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Time** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Laurie @ [laurielaiken@outlook.com](mailto:laurielaiken@outlook.com)

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

**Date** TBD  
**Time** TBD  
**Location** TBD  
**RSVP:** [joanne.lichten@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.lichten@gmail.com)

## WON Welcome Coffee

**Date** Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)  
**Time** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Story and Song Bookstore Bistro



# Membership Information

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Existing members, it is time to renew your membership for 2025. Renewal payments are due no later than January 31, 2025. To continue to be a member in good standing and receive the newsletter and the updated directory, **you must renew your membership no later than January 31, 2025**, by completing the application form at <https://womenofnassau.org/2025-on-line-membership>. Renewal payments can be made via the shopping cart at <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart> or you can mail a check for your renewal to Women of Nassau, 1997 Sadler Road #15207, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 along with an updated 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

Jen Brazinsky  
Kim Brewer-Bettencourt  
Donna Chasse  
Paula Fritz  
Ruth Gregory  
Susan Kennedy

Claudia Mader  
Shirley McKenzie  
Casey Mizell  
Kim Norris  
Beth Scott  
Marisa Swisher



## February 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!

Mary Anne Shanahan - Feb 1  
Pam Dawson - Feb 4  
Suzanne Byrne - Feb 5  
Deb Snyder - Feb 5  
Lucy Bryan - Feb 6  
Patricia Eichner - Feb 6  
Lynda Gaddy Watson - Feb 6  
Kim Boylan - Feb 8  
Teresa Martin - Feb 14  
Pat Smedley - Feb 14  
Jana Smith - Feb 15  
Tracey Case - Feb 18

Diane Rubino - Feb 18  
Blenda Long - Feb 19  
Deborah Price - Feb 19  
Ann Knickrehm - Feb 21  
Sharon Craig - Feb 22  
Joan Pulaski - Feb 22  
Barb Sudak - Feb 22  
Jen Brazinsky - Feb 22  
Susan Schindelar - Feb 25  
Amy Briggs - Feb 26  
Maryna Kisil - Feb 26  
Sandy Drozda - Feb 27

# ***Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes***

## **WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2025

Amelia National Clubhouse

### **Call Business to Order – President Lynda Watson**

The business meeting was called to order by President Lynda Watson at 11:35 a.m.

### **Approval of December 19, 2024, Minutes**

A motion was made by Janet Hape to approve the minutes from December 19, 2024, business meeting. Second provided by Celia Gravely. Motion passed.

### **Recognition of New Members, Guests and Birthdays**

President Watson recognized the new members in attendance: Kim Brewer, Susan Kennedy, Claudia Mader, and Mary Nolan.

President Watson recognized guests in attendance: Donna Chasse, Kerby Valverde, and Fern O'Brien.

President Watson recognized January birthdays for members in attendance: Jacqui Galbreath, Vicki Gibson, Kris Meyer, Robin Phillips, and Carol Weldon.

President Watson reminded all members to renew their membership: Deadline is January 31, 2025. At the luncheon held in December President Watson announced that a drawing would be held from all members who paid their 2025 dues prior to January 1, 2025, and a prize would be awarded. The prize is a free luncheon during the business meetings held in 2025. All members who paid their 2025 dues prior to January 1, 2025, were entered in the drawing. Lorraine Clapper was the winner of the free luncheon. Congratulations, Lorraine!

### **Reports and New Business**

#### **President – Lynda Watson**

- ❖ **Scammer warning** – Lynda announced that some members were received scam

emails that appeared to be from her. She reiterated that she will never send an email or text asking you to pay an invoice, get gift cards, or even just respond to other emails. So, if anyone receives such an email or text purporting to be from her, don't respond, just delete it.

- ❖ **2025 Budget** – A copy of the 2025 Budget which has been adopted by the Board at the January 13, 2025, Board meeting is on each table. The Budget provides a summary plan for the year and how the board plans to fund it. Cost just to operate the club – such as website and cart, liability insurance, accounting software, corporate license, post office box, lunch for speakers, etc. is over \$5,000 per year. The board also designated at least \$10 from each membership dues payment to go to our selected charities. If there are any questions or suggestions regarding the 2025 Budget Plan, please reach out to President Watson. Her contact information is on the website or in the directory.

**Anniversary Appreciation Luncheon** - Today is the 6<sup>th</sup> WON anniversary celebration meeting where we express our appreciation for our wonderful organization and to those who make it possible. The organization had the traditional champagne toast to commemorate this celebration.

Following are the recognitions President Watson made as a part of the Sixth Anniversary Celebration:

- ❖ **Members** – Most important are our members without whose participation we would not have an organization. As a token of appreciation for your membership, members present today will find a small gift at your place at the table.

# ***Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes***

## ❖ **Recognition of Founding Board members**

- Joan Ayers (did not attend)
- Jan Clark (did not attend)
- Donna Cyr (did not attend)
- Carolyn Glaza
- Janet Hape
- Joy Kemp
- Donna Williams

## ❖ **Recognition of Charter Members:**

Genevieve Avino, Cindy Barlow, Dawn Bostwick, Marcela Bowler, Barbara Combs, Carolyn Glaza, Michele Goldberg, Celia Gravely, Janet Hape, Joy Kemp, Charlene Kingsnorth, Janet Loveless, Kris Meyer, Robin Phillips, Deb Price, Paula Robinson, Lee Ann Shobe, Nancy Vorrasso, Carol Weldon, Donna Williams

## ❖ **Recognition of 2024 Board Members –**

- President  
Lynda Watson
- Past President  
Dawn Bostwick
- VP Luncheon and Programs  
Lorraine Clapper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Events and Education  
Joy Kemp
- Recording Secretary  
Celia Gravely
- Corresponding Sec/Webmaster  
Donna Williams
- Treasurer  
Nancy Gallimore
- Historian  
Jo Lichten
- Publicity Chairperson  
Laurie Laiken
- Activities Chairperson  
Karen Boyce

- Newsletter Chairperson  
Barbara Dennis
- Ways and Means Chairperson  
Charlene Kingsnorth
- Welcome Committee/Recruitment  
Gay Dunlop
- Philanthropy Committee  
Vicki Gibson
- Philanthropy Committee  
Jan Post

## **Recognition of retiring 2024 Board members:**

- Lorraine Clapper – First VP – Luncheons
- Joy Kemp – Second VP – Events
- Barbara Dennis – Newsletter
- Laurie Laiken - Publicity

## ❖ **Recognition of 2024 Committee members**

- **Events Team – lead by Joy Kemp**  
Bonnie Bartlett  
Charlene Kingsnorth  
Carol Newton  
Janet Hape  
Joan Ayers
- **Philanthropy Committee – lead by Vicki Gibson and Jan Post**  
Lena Beale  
Amy Briggs  
Nancy Cerra  
Nancy Gallimore  
Sue Kosciulek  
Chong Murphy  
Laura Thalwitzer  
Sherylan Vaughn
- **Ways and Means (Right Hand Man) – lead by Charlene Kingsnorth**  
Lee Ann Shobe

## ❖ **Recognition of Activity Leaders:**

- Sunshine Corner – Judy Mahan
- Pétanque – Lee Ann Shobe
- Between the Lines (book club) – Marie Larson



# Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

- Cuisine and Conversation – Debbie Grove
- Cocktails and Canasta – Celia Gravely
- Original Bunco – Lynda Watson
- Bunco 2 – Gail Teachworth
- Game Night – Laurie Laiken
- Pennies Canasta – Ann Knickrehm
- Mah-Jongg – Debbie Price
- Bowling Beauties – Sandy Taylor
- Chick Flicks – Joy Kemp
- Cheap Thrills – Laurie Laiken
- Outdoor Adventures – Jo Lichten
- Won Welcome Coffee – Gay Dunlop

These ladies made our events and fundraisers possible. Let's give them a big "Thank You" round of applause!

The Ways and Means group presented the raffle winner. The total tickets sold were \$330. The winner receives half of that amount, and the other half goes to support the organization. Today's winner was Jacqui Pazzanese.

## **Past President-Dawn Bostwick**

- ❖ Alhambra, anyone wishing to go please contact Dawn Bostwick
  - *West side Story* March 8, 2025
  - *My Fair Lady* June 21, 2025, (5/24 was almost full)
  - *Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Charles Dickens) October 18, 2025
  - *Elf the Musical* November 22, 2025
- ❖ Cummer Museum
  - New Cummer exhibit, *Knowing the West*, opens March 27, 2025. Please let Dawn if you are interested in a trip to view this exhibit and have lunch.

**First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs** – Jacqui Pazzanese

- ❖ Anniversary Luncheon today

- ❖ Amelia National all-inclusive meal cost – raised to \$40 starting February 2025
  - Request that members submit suggestions regarding alternatives
  - Opportunities to reduce costs, other suggestions welcome

## **Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Bonnie Bartlett, Carol Newton provided report**

- ❖ Preliminary plan for quarterly events:
  - March 16, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm - St Patrick's Day Party at Gator's Dockside private room, limit of 50 attendees, spouse/partner/friend invited to attend. Will include appetizers and dessert. Attendees are responsible for other food and drinks.
  - May 3, 4:00 pm -? – Kentucky Derby Party at Amelia Walk Amenity Center
  - 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**

- ❖ Not able to attend today – Celia Gravely is filling in for minutes

## **Corresponding Secretary-Webmaster-Donna Williams**

- ❖ Website visits in December: 1212

## **Treasurer-Pat Clendenen**

- ❖ Monthly income/expense report on each table
- ❖ See 2025 Budget on each table to see how funds are budgeted to be used.

## **Philanthropy-Vicki Gibson**

- ❖ Presenting the slate of charities for support in 2025.
  - Vicki Gibson presented present an overview of mission of

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Philanthropy and decision making that went into the selection of the three major charities to be supported in 2025.

- Three members of the committee provided information about each charity: (all charities are 501(c)3 organizations)
  - Ferst Readers – Lena Beale
  - Gracie's Kitchen – Jan Post
  - Chandler's Hope – Sherry Vaughn
- ❖ Vicki Gibson made a motion that the three charities selected by the Philanthropy Committee and approved by the Board, Gracie's Kitchen, Ferst Readers and Chandler's Hope be accepted as the organizations Women of Nassau will support in 2025. Motion was seconded by Nancy Gallimore. Motion passed.



## Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth

### Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- ❖ Current membership: 221 – don't forget to renew membership by January 31!
- ❖ Next Welcome Coffee is Monday, January 20, 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.

### Newsletter-Celia Gravely

- ❖ Items for February newsletter are due to Celia Gravely by January 24.

### Activities-Carol Newton

- ❖ Soup-a-Bowl – February 4, 11:30 – 2:30 pm - Cooking lesson and tasting at Amelia Walk Amenity Center. Cost: \$20 to participate. Register online at [www.womenofnassau.org](http://www.womenofnassau.org). This activity is capped at 20 attendees.

- ❖ Painting seashells – February 12, 1 pm to 3 pm., Fernandina Beach Airport Conference Room, Cost approximately \$10-\$15 (depending on how many sign up), RSVP to [kgalambos@verizon.net](mailto:kgalambos@verizon.net)
- ❖ Mix and Mingle get together is in the planning – look for email with details coming soon
- ❖ Board approved a new activity – Samba card game. Celia Gravely will head up and will reach out to all who initially signed up. If you are interested, please contact Celia at [cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com).

### Publicity-Maryna Kisil

- ❖ Look for announcements of WON events such as luncheons, welcome coffee and events on a number of Nassau County social media pages including Facebook, Next Door, etc., as well as our website.

### Historian – Nancy Gallimore and Jo Lichten

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



### Adjourn



# Women of Nassau – February 2025 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>January 31st</b>	<b>1</b>
					<b>DEADLINE TO PAY DUES</b>	<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
		<b>Soup-per Bowl Cooking Class</b> Amelia Walk Amenity CTR 11:30 AM <b>(SOLD OUT)</b> <b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse <b>Original BUNCO</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Cheap Thrills</b> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM <b>Bunco 2</b> 7:00 PM		<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Bowling Beauties</b> 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	<b>Cuisine and Conversation</b> 12:30 PM The Beach Diner <b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse <b>Original Bunco</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Crafty Ladies</b> Decoupage Oyster Shells Fernandina Airport Conference Room 1:00 PM	<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM <b>Between The Lines</b> 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	<b>Cocktails and Canasta</b> 5:30 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr  	<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>WON</i> Luncheon <b>Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline</b>	<b>Welcome Coffee</b> 10:30 – 11:30 AM Story and Song Bookstore Bistro	<b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	<b>Cheap Thrills</b> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM
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