



Women of Nassau

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April 2024 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Women of Nassau:

With the many WON activities this month, March has flown past! On March 9, WON members filled two tables at the Blue Fire Theater Mystery Dinner. While we did not detect the murderers (or even the murdered), I wore my long white gloves and won the Best Dressed Award! We enjoyed dinner at the Patio on Friday the 15th, and the WON Welcome Coffee on March 18 was a success as usual. Our monthly luncheon on March 21 featured a very interesting program by Susan Ziel on the history of handbags (I loved the photo of Princess Grace Kelly with her Hermes bag). The raffle drawing of one of Susan's Wabi Creations handbags was a big hit as well.

At our March Board meeting, we discussed how to determine whether a new idea is an activity or an event. While no hard and fast rule was identified, in general we determined that an event is a one-time club-wide endeavor wholly or partially funded by the club. An activity is undertaken by a subgroup of the club and is funded by the participants. Per the WON By-Laws, new activities and events must be approved by the Board. To expedite this, please submit your ideas or suggestions for events to VP for Special Events and Education to Joy Kemp and your ideas and suggestions for activities to Activity Chair Karen Boyce. These ladies will then submit these to the Board for approval and help to organize the event or activity.

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WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday April 18 th
Time	11:30 a.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$32 per person
Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Sunday April 14th - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
Program	Jeff Goldberg - a condensed review show. The performers will do 3-4 songs, 2 comedy acts or skits, and explain the history and background of the Senior Theatre Project, a branch of the Amelia Musical Playhouse. The all-volunteer theatrical troupe is dedicated to bringing entertainment to the senior community.

Soup

Cream of Spinach and Artichoke with a Parmesan Grissini

Entrée (Choice of One)

Individual Mediterranean Galettes with Roasted Spring Vegetables and Wilted Greens with choice of one:

Grilled Chicken, Shrimp, or Mushrooms

Dessert

Assorted Mediterranean 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. 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!

From the Editor

Let's all celebrate Earth Day April 22nd by planting a tree, wildflowers or native plants.

Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair



April News and Articles



NoCo Center, 712 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville

Beyond Monet - Did you love Beyond Tut? If so, you are sure to love this next immersive experience in Jacksonville: Beyond Monet. Join us on this walk through Monet's iconic paintings as they come to life, creating an unforgettable and visually stunning experience. Don't miss the chance to explore the beauty and genius of Monet's work in a whole new way. **Tuesday April 20th 11:00 AM.**

For more information contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwn@gmail.com.



Cruise with WON

Hello fellow cruisers we are set to sail! Join us for WON's first cruise! We are cruising on the Zuiderdam from Holland America, from Boston to Quebec City. The ship sails from Boston on Sept 21st, 2024 and arrives in Quebec City on Sept. 28th, 2024, a 7-day cruise. Stops include: Rockland, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Cruise in Gulf of St. Lawrence, Saguenay and Quebec City. Some cabins now 50% off, cruise must be paid in full by 6/22/24 to be considered in the WON group. We need to two cabins as a group then we will all earn onboard credits!

Call Holland America and speak to our representative Janis Cota, 1-800-355-3017 ex. 29019, or email her at jcota@hollandamerica.com. Be sure to give her the Group TPN on voyage #U462 number.

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me at bostwickdwn@gmail.com.

WON Spring Tea

The event is open to all. Tickets will be available on the WON website starting April 1. Ticket price is \$50 and all proceeds benefit Micah's Place.

Women of Nassau

The Philanthropy Committee is planning a

Spring Tea

from 2 - 4 pm
on Tuesday, May 21 at the
Women's Club of Fernandina Beach
to benefit
Micah's Place.

Our goal is to have a room full of individually designed, elegantly set tables, each accommodating eight ladies.

Will you help us by setting a festive table for this Spring Tea?

If you are interested in and would like more information, please contact
Jan Post
janishpost@gmail.com
803-447-0531



Sunshine Corner

Two cards were sent out by The Sunshine Corner to WON members this month.

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.

April News and Articles



Amelia River Sunset Cruise

The Events Committee has been busy planning our “special events” for the year and hope that you will be able to participate, along with your significant other or friend. Our 2nd Qtr. event will be a Sunset Cruise on the 45 passenger Miss Kaylynn boat in the Amelia River Cruises’ fleet, so reservations will be limited and will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

We have scheduled **June 9th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** as the date of our outing. The cost of the cruise will be \$20.00 per person, and you will make your reservation through the WON website. We will send out the reservation link with instructions as soon as they are available on the web. Please send all inquiries regarding the cruise to wonevents2024@gmail.com.



WON T-Shirts

WON now has a team T-Shirt! It is a beautiful short sleeve, royal blue with silver logo. The cost is \$15 per shirt. This T-Shirt would be great to wear while attending WON activities, events, and especially while volunteering! This eye-catching shirt will help WON be recognized in our community. Purchase on the WON website: <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart/ols/products/won-shirt>.



WON Facebook Page

Want your pictures on the WON Facebook page? Send your pictures and information for the WON Facebook page to Laurie Laiken at laurilaiken@outlook.com.

Front Porch Beads

Front Porch Beads is running a bracelet-making session on **Friday, April 12th from 10:30 to 12:30**. Make a bracelet to take home and one for donation. All proceeds go to local charities. Cost is \$10. If you wish to attend, please sign up by email with Sonya Shortkroff at shrtkrff@gmail.com and at which time, location will be disclosed. Space is limited so please let Sonya Shortkroff hear from you as soon as possible. Don't be left out! Check out Front Porch Beads at <https://www.frontporchbeads.com/> to check out their story and mission!



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.

Crafty Ladies

Do you knit or crochet? Draw or paint? Or enjoy any other craft such as scrapbooking and quilting? Or just want to learn? Then email Jo Lichten at joanne.lichten@gmail.com and ask to be put on her list for notification of special monthly events. These events may not be posted in the newsletter.



Volunteer Opportunity

Want to meet many of your fellow WON members all at once? Volunteer to help out at the check in table for the luncheons. It is a great way to meet fellow members, get to know folks better and in general participate in an activity that really needs folks to help out. We are asking for at least two volunteers for each month. There will be a signup sheet for this activity at the luncheon. Even if you can only tentatively volunteer, please consider it. We would like to have three members for each month so if there is an emergency, we will have 2 to hand out seat assignments and in general greet your fellow WON members. Gay Dunlop has offered to help manage this. If you would like to take help her out managing this fun activity, please let us know.

April News and Articles

President's Letter (cont.)

Our first quarterly special event, The Bingo party on Sunday, March 24 at the American Legion, was a great success! Thirty-two members and guests participated and enjoyed trail mix and pretzels prepared by Charlene Kingsnorth. Congrats to those who won some bingo cash! Many of us followed up with dinner at the Alley at Amelia Island Brewing Company. Thanks to Joy Kemp and the special events committee for arranging a very fun afternoon and evening! “

Thank you for your responses to the Member Activities and Events survey sent out this month. Results are being compiled and will be announced later this month, along with how the Board will be addressing your responses. Several great ideas were received and we are looking forward to implementing as many as possible.

Special Events

As mentioned earlier, four special events are already being planned, details to be announced soon:

- June – Amelia River Cruises/Sunset Cruise
- September – Couples Dinner
- November – Beach Tailgate Party and Beach Bonfire
- Other possibilities – Octoberfest Pub Crawl, Wine Tasting

Welcome Coffee

- Don't forget the next Welcome Coffee, on Monday, April 15 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at Story and Song.
- Come and join us for coffee and bring a friend.
- All current and potential members are welcome.
- Let others know WON is the Club for fun and fellowship!

April 18 Luncheon

- Our next luncheon is April 18.
- Join us as Jeff Goldberg and members of the Senior Theatre Project present a condensed revue show – consisting of songs, skits, and a presentation on the history and background of the Senior Theater Project.

Thank you all for your continued support of WON. I look forward to visiting with you at a WON event soon!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau

WON Sister Project

PURPOSE: A “WON Sister” is a current member of Women of Nassau who would like to help guide and introduce a new member to the club and its various activities.

GUIDELINES:

1. All interested WON members can sign up to be a “WON Sister” by completing the WON Sister form designed to match your interests to a new member's interests.

2. The membership committee will determine which “WON sister” best matches a new member participant. (Permission is asked of new member to assign WON Sister this might be best accomplished on future -membership applications) A current member who brings in a new member can automatically be considered the new member's WON Sister.

3. New member's contact information is shared with WON Sister after Membership Committee's initial welcome call.

4. The WON Sister calls to introduce herself and to invite the new member to join her at the new member's first luncheon/business meeting, introduce her to the membership at that meeting and follow up after learning about the new member's specific interests.

5. If the new member is also new to the area, the WON Sister may be able to answer other orientation questions.

6. The WON Sister will be available to the new member to encourage participation and foster fun and friendship.

An application form for current members who would like to join this program is online or printable on the website womenofnassau.org/club-news.



March Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE		PENNIES CANASTA	
Date	Wednesday April 17 th (3rd Wednesday)	Date	Tuesday April 2, 9, 16, 23 ,30 (Every Tuesday)
Time	10 a.m.	Time	1 p.m.
Location	North Hampton Pétanque Courts	Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Questions	Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email jimlee.shobe@gmail.com	RSVP	Ann, 913-638-9247; annknickrehm@gmail.com Call to be added to waitlist
BETWEEN THE LINES		MAH-JONGG	
Book	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Date	Thursday April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Every Thursday)
Author	Douglass Adams	Time	9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Date	Thursday April 11 th (2 nd Thursday)	RSVP:	Joyce Ellenson 760-902-9051
Time	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	BOWLING BEAUTIES	
Location	Fernandina Beach Library	Date	Monday April 8 th and 22 nd (2 nd and 4 th Monday)
May Book	An American Marriage Tayari Jones	Time	10:15 a.m.
June Book	The Bodyguard Catherine Center	Location	Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games) 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
CUISINE AND CONVERSATION		RSVP:	Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com
Date	Tuesday April 9 th (2 nd Tuesday)	CHICK FLICKS	
Time	12:30 p.m.	Date	Tuesday April 30 th (Last Tuesday)
Location	Peppers, 530 Centre St, FB	Time	Movie and Time to follow
RSVP:	Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net	Location	AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10 96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
COCKTAILS AND CANASTA		RSVP:	Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net
Date	Friday April 12 th and 26 th (2 nd and 4 th Friday evening)	CHEAP THRILLS	
Time	5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards (NOTE NEW STARTING TIME)	Date	Wednesday April 3 rd and 17 th (1 st and 3 rd Wednesday)
Location	North Hampton Amenity Center	Time	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP	Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com (352) 316-2485	RSVP:	Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com
ORIGINAL BUNCO		CRAFTY LADIES / OUTDOOR ADVENTURES	
Date	Tuesday April 9 th (2 nd Tuesday)	Date	TBD
Time	7:00 p.m.	Time	TBD
RSVP:	Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com	Location	TBD
BUNCO 2		RSVP:	joanne.lichten@gmail.com
Date	Thursday April 4 th (1 st Thursday)	WON Welcome Coffee	
Time	7:00 p.m.	Date	Monday April 15 th
RSVP:	Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509	Time	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GAME NIGHT		Location	Story and Song Bookstore Bistro
Date	Monday April 22 nd (4 th Monday)		
Location	Amelia Island Library		
Time	6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.		
RSVP:	Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com		

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application has been updated on the Women of Nassau website and can now be completed on-line and submitted on-line, and payment of dues can be completed via the shopping cart using the online functionality, <https://womenofnassau.org/2024-on-line-membership>.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Janice Meegan
Debe Overhaug
Cyndee Schaub
Nancy Roeser

Christina Santiago
Tina Rundstedt
Michele Glazer
Mimi Nelson



April 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!

Kathy Davidson - April 3
Cheryl Drummey - April 6
Carolyn Glaza - April 9
Carol Sandusky - April 13
Charlee Kohler - April 18

Ellen Shedd - April 5
Rita Voris - April 7
Michele Goldberg - April 13
Lori Rose - April 16
Lorraine Clapper - April 24

Debbie Grove - April 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2024

President Lynda Watson called the meeting to order for the March 21, 2024, business meeting of the Women of Nassau at 11:50am.

First item of business was the approval of the February 15, 2024, business meeting minutes. A motion for approval was made by Joy Kemp with a second by Barbara Dennis. Motion carried.

The recognition of new members present at the meeting. The new member presented was Janice Meegan.

Recognition of guests at the meeting: Guests attending the meeting were Francine Piccoul, Janet Brendel, Tracie Fasel (Micah's Place), and Brittany Willingham (Micah's Place).

Birthdays Recognition included Daneene Mitchel, Christina Santiago, and Nancy Varroso, who are celebrating a birthday in March.

General Reports – President, Lynda Watson – had nothing new to report.

Philanthropy - Jan Post

The first event will be in support of Micah's Place, and it will be an afternoon tea. The event will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club. The goal is have a room filled with 15 individually designed, elegantly set tables, each accommodating 8 ladies. The committee is requesting members to volunteer to set the tables for the tea. A member would be volunteering to set up a table for 8 including flatware, tableware, centerpiece, napkins, etc. Please contact a member of the Philanthropy group if you have questions or would like to volunteer. The ticket price is \$50.00 and attendees are encouraged to dress for the occasions and to wear hats or fascinators. Signup sheets are to host are at the sign in table. The event is open to all and tickets will be on the WON website April 1.

Micah's Place Representative Tracey Fasel spoke for a couple of minutes about the mission of Michah's Place. She said that they are the only certified domestic violence center serving Nassau County through prevention and intervention services to victims of domestic violence.

Ways & Means – Charlene Kingsnorth

There was an Easter Basket (donated with the help of numerous members) Raffle with the basket value of \$120.00. \$190 dollars was raised as a result of this raffle. A Wabi Handbag was also raffled.

The 50/50 raffle raised \$165 total with \$82.50 going to raffle winner.

The Ways & Means committee will be having a Cabi Shopping Event in April or May and will be held at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. The exact date is coming soon.

First Vice-President/Luncheons – Lorraine Clapper

Amelia National Security Gate Procedures for WON Luncheon attendees has been worked out with the Security Management Company. A list of luncheon attendee will be forward to Amelia National on the Monday prior to the luncheon. It is important to register early for luncheon so this information can be provided in a timely manner.

Second Vice-President/Events & Education - Joy Kemp

Quarterly Events:

Bingo at American Legion is this Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm. Please sign up on the website.

Sunset Boat Cruise will be June 9, 2024. There are multiple options of boat size so it is extremely important to sign up by May. An email blast will be going out next week with more details.

We are still working on the specific details for the September Couples Dinner and the November Beach Tailgate and Bonfire. The Beach Tailgate party will be in the parking lot at Peter's Point. Attendees will bring a dish to share and will place their dish on their tailgate or table for other attendees to enjoy as they progress from vehicle to vehicle. After the dinner festivities, those interested will head to the beach and enjoy a bonfire and s'mores.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Gallimore (Donna Williams)

The treasurer's report for month ending February 2024 is on each table for review by members. Questions should be directed to the Board or Nancy Gallimore. Balances as of February 29, 2024, for checking were \$11,297.87 and for savings \$103.24.

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster – Donna Williams

Asked that anyone who sees something on the website that doesn't make sense to please reach out the Donna to let her know so it can be addressed in a timely fashion.

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

Twenty three people attended the March Welcome Coffee of which eleven were new prospects. Three of them joined the WON. The next Welcome Coffee is April 15th from 10:30 – 11:30 at Story & Song. Name Tags – Will be mailed to new members who order nametags.

Activities - Karen Boyce

Please continue to submit suggestions and ideas for new activities to Karen, who will present to the Board for approval and assist with organizing the activity. Karen is currently exploring a trip to Diamonds in the Rust and a matinee trip to Alhambra Theatre & Dining.

Newsletter - Barbara Dennis

Today is deadline for submitting items for the April 1st newsletter.

Lunch/Program

Susan Ziel – History of Handbags

A discussion of the history of handbags as the role of women has evolved in history.

Adjourn



Photo Gallery



Brittany Willingham and Tracie Fasel Micah's Place and Jan Post – WON.



Lynda Watson and Susan Ziel

Women of Nassau - April 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	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
	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center 	Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Peppers, 530 Centre St Original BUNCO 7:00 PM		Mah-Jongg 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	Front Porch Beads 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Cocktails and Canasta 5:30 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
WON Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Welcome Coffee 10:30 – 11:30 AM Story and Song Bookstore Bistro  HAPPY TAX DAY!	Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	Pétanque 10:00 AM North Hampton Pétanque Courts Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM WON Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		Beyond Monet 11:00 AM, NoCo Center 712 N Hogan Street
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28	29	30				
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Chick Flicks Time TBD AMC Classic Yulee				