



Women of Nassau

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August 2024 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello Wonderful Women of Nassau:

As we have concluded the first half of 2024, I would like to mention the status of our club budget. At the beginning of the year, the Board of Directors adopted a budget to provide guidance on how the club's funding would be collected and how those funds would be used. I am delighted to find that at the half-year mark, we are right on target for 50% of budget items. The only item that has gone significantly over budget is the amount raised by the Philanthropy Committee for charitable donations. A goal of \$2,500 was budgeted, the Committee's Spring Tea raised \$4,450 which was donated to Micha's Place, and collections also completely covered the cost of the Tea event.

At an earlier luncheon, it was asked, "What is the \$30 membership fee used for?" The Board of Directors has directed that at least \$10 of each membership be donated directly to one of the club's designated charities. This year more than \$15 per membership has been budgeted to be donated to one of the four charities that were chosen from a survey to membership at the beginning of the year. This is in addition to any funds raised through a Philanthropy Committee fundraiser event (i.e., in addition to the \$4,450 from the Spring Tea). Budgeted for this year are the following donations for a total of \$3,125, which is \$16.19 for each of our 193 members:

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WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday August 15 th
Time	11:30 a.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$32 per person
Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Sunday August 11th - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
Program	Beaches Dermatology

Soup

Chilled Gazpacho with Scallions and a Bread Stick

Entrées

Grilled Chimichurri Marinated Jumbo Shrimp or Sirloin or Portobello Mushroom served over Cheddar Chive Grit Cake with Gourmet Greens topped with a Blackberry Mint Vinaigrette

Dessert

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries with Assorted Petit Fours

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

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

From the Editor

"Summer is singing with joy, and the beaches are inviting you with dancing waves" — Debasish Mridha

Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair

August News and Articles



Sunshine Corner/ WON Cares

The WON Sunshine Corner/WON Cares provides moral and actual support to WON members. Please contact Judy Mahan (judymahan23@yahoo.com) who will assist you with a list volunteers for your needs. Assistance with activities of daily living, transportation, meals or just a friendly visit.

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

Cummer Museum Fabric of a Nation

Fabric of a Nation is a temporary exhibit from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. It features 46 quilts and textiles ranging from 300 years old to the present. This self-guided Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10th** at 11 am. Cost of admission is \$15 paid at arrival. Lunch in the Cafe will follow at 12:00 pm.

Contact Dawn Bostwick for reservations bostwickdwon@gmail.com. More details to follow.

Roadkill Bingo Invite!

Jane Cannon, is cooking for Roadkill Bingo on **Wednesday, August 28th**, held at the American Legion Post 54 in Fernandina Beach 626 S 3rd Street. She would like to invite all her WON friends and partners to attend Roadkill Bingo and enjoy fun and food and fellowship.

The event begins at 6 pm and dinner is available for a donation. Bingo cards go on sale at 6 pm as well. If you buy 3 cards for \$15.00, you get one free. If you bring non-perishable food goods for the pantry you get another card free. If you are a first timer, yet another free card! So many bingo cards to play! One more way for a free card – bring a Roadkill virgin (newbie) and can get another free card, one for you and one for them.

If you would like to be part of this fun evening, please let Celia Gravely (cegrav@yahoo.com) know by Friday, **August 23rd**.



The Art of Stained Glass

The Women of Nassau is sponsoring a stained-glass class for all members and their friends. You will make a beautiful tiffany copper foil suncatcher during the class. Beginners and seasoned artisans are welcome. The class is being held on **September 10th** at the American Legion Unit 54 building located at 626 South 3rd Street in Fernandina Beach. Individual classes begin at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. The maximum number for each class time is 8. Please select your specific time and remember Closed-toed shoes are required for all attendees. The cost is \$50 per person. All beverages and food must be purchased at canteen at the American Legion Unit 54.

To reserve your time payment is required (no refunds). Sign up early so you and your friends can be in the same class. Payment can be made via Zelle (mary.jury@hotmail.com); Venmo (@stainedglass1); Square call Mary at 904.861.7828. Please notate time of class on payment.

For more information or have questions, please contact Mary at 904.861.7828.

Dinner and Dancing

Please block out your calendar for Friday, **September 27th at 5:00 pm** for a night of fun!

The event will be held at the North Hampton Amenity Center. Courtney Thompson from Beyond Horizons will be catering our dinner of heavy hors d'oeuvres. We will have a DJ to provide our music so be prepared to dance and have fun! More details to follow!

Your Events Committee.

August News and Articles

Diamonds In the Rust Fall Market

Many have asked for this event. The Dates have recently been announced. They are **November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th**. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving. Tickets haven't gone on sale yet. I would like to get an idea of how many people are interested in going and which date appeals to most people. I am also looking for a couple of leaders that would like to start a caravan of a few cars. See the link below for more detailed information regarding this event:

<https://www.diamonddranchinc.com/copy-of-diamonds-in-the-rust-market>

Should you want to discuss this trip or be part of the coordination team please contact me directly by email: kdboyce2690@gmail.com or phone 561-251-3251.

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

This group is currently looking for a new program coordinator to organize a monthly craft event. This might include a trip to Paisley Grace Makery, inviting a craft expert to teach their craft, or taking a trip to a quilt fair. If you're interested in leading this group - or sharing the responsibility with another person, send Jo an email at Joanne.lichten@gmail.com.



WON T-Shirts

WON 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 is great to wear while attending WON activities 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 laurielaiken@outlook.com.

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 www.womenofnassau.org.

Photo Gallery

**WON July Luncheon
Beauty Bar Presenters**



August Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE

Date Saturday August 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st
(Every Saturday)
Time 9:30 a.m.
Location Central Park Pétanque Courts
Questions Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email
jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES

Book At Loggerheads
Author Kristen Ness
Date Thursday August 8th
(2nd Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location Fernandina Beach Library
Sept Book *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
Oct Book *To the Grave* by Steve Robison

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Date Tuesday August 13th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 12:30 p.m.
Location Fusion Ramen
RSVP: Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

Date Friday August 9th and 23rd
(2nd and 4th Friday evening)
Time 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards
Location North Hampton Amenity Center
RSVP Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com
(352) 316-2485

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday August 13th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP: Lynda Watson
lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO 2

Date Thursday August 1st
(1st Thursday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP: Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509

GAME NIGHT

Date Monday August 26th
Time (4th Monday)
Location Fernandina Beach Library
RSVP: Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

PENNIES CANASTA

Date Tuesday August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
(Every Tuesday)
Time 1 p.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
RSVP Ann, 913-638-9247;
annknickrehm@gmail.com
Call to be added to waitlist

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd,
29th
(Every Thursday)
Time 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
RSVP: Joyce Ellenson 760-902-9051

BOWLING BEAUTIES

Date Monday August 12th and 26th
(2nd and 4th Monday)
Time 10:15 a.m.
Location Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games)
850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP: Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com

CHICK FLICKS

Date Tuesday August 27th
(Last Tuesday)
Time Movie and Time to follow
Location AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10
96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
RSVP: Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net

CHEAP THRILLS

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

WON Welcome Coffee

Date Monday August 19th
(3rd Monday)
Time 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location Story and Song Bookstore Bistro.

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

Amy Briggs
Tracy Ervin
Carol Pitts
Linda Woodward
Lynn Bird

Sharon Craig
Carolyn Lewis
Alice Sortillon
Doreen Lampert
Jane Crisci



August 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!

Joan McDonald - August 1
Jan Clark - August 8
Janet Loveless - August 11
Barbara Parent - August 15
Paula J Robinson - August 16
Maxine Howe - August 19
Jane Cannon - August 23
Diana Trainor - August 23
Adele Motter - August 26

Connie Philipp - August 2
Sharon Meadows - August 10
Lena Beale - August 12
Nancy Petrillo - August 15
Alice Sortillon - August 16
Kathleen Fiore - August 22
Roselyn Myers - August 23
Robyn Redwine Mednikow - August 24

MJ Umbarger - August 4
Evelyn (Lyn) Gibson - August 11
Tracy Anne Evans - August 12
Nancy Cerra - August 16
Dawn Bostwick - August 17
Dottie Fortwengler - August 22
Marcia Psiaki - August 23
Patricia Trudel - August 24
Cynthia Fisher - August 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2024 – 11:37 am
Amelia National Clubhouse

Call Business to Order

Judy Mahan made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, business meeting. The motion received a second from Joy Kemp. Motion carried.

Recognition of new members: Sarah Barnhardt, Sharon Craig, Jacqui Pazzanese, Diana Trainor, and Linda Woodward.

Recognition of guests: Amy Briggs and Sandra Drozda. Recognition of speakers from The Beauty Bar: Kayla Grimm, Samantha B. and Nicole Wingard.

Birthday recognition: Joy Kemp, Judy Mahan, Karen Cipriani, and Jacqui Pazzanese.

50/50 Raffle Drawing was won by Genevieve Avino.

President – Lynda Watson

- Budget Report – 50% of WON membership dues was budgeted for charitable contributions this year. \$3,000 was budgeted for contributions to charities identified by the membership: FIT - \$1500 and Barnabus - \$1500. This is in addition to the funds raised by the Spring Tea fundraiser for Micah's Place.

Past President-Dawn Bostwick

- Cummer Museum – Fabric of a Nation quilt exhibit – August 9 at noon- Caravan. Forty-six quilts will be on display. Sign-up sheets at the registration table in the lobby.

Philanthropy-Vicki Gibson

- The Philanthropy Group wanted to thank the membership for their support of the activities that were undertaken this year to support the Philanthropic goals of our organization. Also, a thank you to Nancy Gallimore for her support and help with the budgeting aspects responsibilities of the group.
- Barnabus Empty Bowls Luncheon will receive a \$1,000 donation which makes WON a Silver Bowl Sponsor for the luncheon. The Silver Bowl sponsorship also comes with a table for 10 at the luncheon to be held December 2 at the Omni Hotel. The WON luncheon tickets will be sold, and the money collected will be added to funds from WON budgeted for Philanthropy for an additional

donation of \$500 to be provided to Barnabus on the day of the luncheon.

- There will be a presentation of the WON donation of \$1500 to Families in Transition for clothing to be purchased to stock their FIT Boutique. The presentation will be held on Monday, July 29 at 11:00 am at the FIT Boutique on Highway 17. All members are invited to attend, light refreshments will be available. Directions will be sent in an email blast. FIT collection drive for toiletry and laundry detergent will be held in the Fall.
- The organization is also sponsoring the Blue Fire Theater presentation of "Love, Loss and What I Wore" to be held October 4 and 5 in support of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The sponsorship is \$125. The portion of the proceeds will benefit the Pinky Promise Foundation, a local organization that provides support to cancer patients.

Activities – Karen Boyce, presented by Celia Gravelly

- RoadKill Bingo at American Legion, August 28, 5:00 pm. Members of WON will be serving as cooks for this event. There is a sign-up sheet in the reception area.
- Stained Glass class to be held September 10 at the American Legion Unit 54 in Fernandina Beach. The cost is \$50. There is a sign-up sheet at the front and information on how to reserve a specific time and provide payment to the instructor. Any questions please contact Celia Gravelly.
- Diamonds in the Rust Fall Arts and Crafts Festival – Diamond Ranch near Orange Park, Congee and Dunn afterward for a meal. The event is being held November 22-24, Lynda Watson and Bonnie Bartlett have agreed to coordinate. Sign-up sheet in lobby. Please indicate your preference of Friday, Saturday or Sunday on the sign-up sheet or let Lynda or Bonnie know.
- Kelly Tour to Savannah, Charleston, or Asheville has been suggested. Let Karen Boyce or any Board member know if you are interested.

First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Lorraine Clapper- presented by Celia Gravelly

- Buffet lunch today, Program – Beauty Bar, introduced speakers
- Celia will be filling in for Lorraine for the July Luncheon

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- The luncheon attendees were reminded that we will have a fashion show for the September luncheon presented by Twisted Sisters.

Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Joy Kemp

- 2nd Qtr Sunset Cruise June 9 – sold out at 45 participants
- 3rd Qtr Dinner: to be held September 27, 5-8pm, buffet dinner and live music.
 - 5-6 Cocktails,
 - 6-7 Catered dinner
 - 7-8 DJ and dancing
 - Cost to members - TBD
- 4th Qtr Beach Tailgate and Bonfire: We will finalize plans later in the year.

Treasurer-Nancy Gallimore

- Monthly income/expense report provided by Nancy
- Bank balances as of June 30, 2024 – Checking \$10,497.22; Savings \$103.27

Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth

Future Ways and Means events:

- Fifi’s Sip and Shop event, after hours at the store, date tbd.
- Cookie Sale to be held during the November luncheon
- Considering White Elephant sale at a future luncheon

Corresponding Secretary-Webmaster-Donna Williams

- Current membership: 193
- Website visits in June: 1222, down from May

Recording Secretary – Celia Gravely

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- New members in June/July – 10 new in June, 4 new in July (so far)
- Next Welcome Coffee is Monday, August 19, 10:30 – 11:30 am, at Story and Song. All current members and interested residents of Nassau County are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Gay Dunlop wanted to thank all the ladies that have signed up to assist with the registration desk so far. There is a sign-up sheet and help is still needed. Or you can reach out to Gay for information and to select a month assist. It is great fun and you get to meet all the members who attend the luncheon. Gay offered her thanks to Carol Newton for her support and help.

Newsletter-Barbara Dennis

- Items for July newsletter are due to Barbara Dennis on July 21.

Publicity-Laurie Laiken

- Look for WON announcements in the Newsleader, Amelia Island magazine, and a plethora of Nassau County-related Facebook pages!

Historian – Jo Lichten

Lunch Program

- Kayla Grimm, from Beauty Bar

Adjourn by president at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Gravely,

Secretary

Presidents Letter (continued)

Barnabus Empty Bowls event sponsorship and donation	\$1,500
Families in Transitions for clothing purchases	\$1,500
Blue Fire Theater sponsorship benefitting Pinky Promise	\$ 125

The remainder of the membership dues are used for club administrative expenses, such as the state corporate license, web domain costs, accounting software, liability insurance, post office box, etc., and for activities for club members. All officers and activity leaders are strictly volunteers and receive no compensation.

The Treasurer’s report provided by Nancy Gallimore each month details the club’s sources of income and uses of funds. I will be happy to provide a copy of the budget report as of June 30, 2024, upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy or me.

As always, plans are underway for a variety of WON events, be sure to read this entire newsletter and visit our website at www.womenofnassau.org to learn about all of the exciting opportunities to socialize, make new friends, support local charities that benefit women and girls, and have fun!

I’m looking forward to seeing you all at a WON event soon!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau, Inc.

Women of Nassau - August 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM BUNCO 2 7:00 PM		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	Cocktails and Canasta 5:30 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
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<i>WON</i> Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM La Surena Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM	Game Day Bingo 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
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