



Women of Nassau

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December 2023 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Women of Nassau:

The November Luncheon was lots of fun! Thank you so much to all our bakers for the delicious baked goods. And thank you to all the members who attended and purchased all 33 boxes! It was an awesome success and one worth repeating.

It is hard to believe the December Luncheon will be the last for the year; 2023 has gone by so quickly. December brings with it a special treat for all of you. We have a wonderful program on hand-made soaps, center pieces to give away, AND a special gift exchange.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift, any gift a lady would love, valued at a minimum of \$20. Everyone who brings a gift will be entered into the gift exchange.

More programs on the horizon: if you would like to attend the Champagne & Shopping at the Cummer Museum on Nov. 30 please contact me at bostwickdwon@gmail.com. We have the Jacksonville Symphony on the near horizon in January (see Symphony website for dates), and much more to come.

And finally, don't forget the Welcome Coffee this month, on the third Monday, December 18th at 10 am at Story and Song. Come and join us for coffee and bring a friend! Let others know WON is the Club for fun and fellowship!

Thank you all for your continued support of WON, and for making this an incredible year for me as your President.

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December *WON* Luncheon

- Date** Thursday December 21st
- Time** 11:30 a.m.
- Location** Amelia National Clubhouse
- Cost** \$32 per person
- Maximum** 70 (first come first serve)
- RSVP** Required
- Deadline** **Sunday, December 17th**
Reservation, Payment and Entree Selection deadline
- Program** * Lisa Stubbings - The Soap Lady - Arrangements, soaps, and a Story & Song coupon
* Secret Santa - bring a gift of \$20 value for exchange (optional participation)

Soup

Roasted Acorn Squash Bisque with Candied Pepitas & Figs

Entrée

Baked Chicken Breast

Stuffed With Sweet Potato Hash & Pecans, Apple Brandy Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, French Green Beans with Pearl Onions

Or

Lemon Herb Crusted Turkey Breast Roulade

Stuffed With Wild Mushrooms & Spinach, Turkey Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Roasted Brussel Sprouts

Or

Seared Pink Snapper

Topped With Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Lemon Garlic Butter, Wild Rice Blend & Asparagus

Dessert

Assorted Plated 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!

December News and Articles



Jacksonville Symphony Series: The Coffee Series

Joyce Ellenson has volunteered to head up our group for The Coffee Series with the Jacksonville Symphony. They will be offering a Coffee Series with 1-hour performances on Friday beginning at 11 am. Mix and mingle with your favorite warm beverage and even more stirring music in the Coffee Series. Feel energized with excitement by hearing a wide variety of performances from each series like The Paul Simon Songbook, Holiday Pops, and featured classical concerts as they illuminate the stage in the daytime. The dates for January are to be determined and we would love to start a group to attend this fun event. If someone would like to head up this activity, please let Joyce know if you are interested. She can be reached at iloveapiano@hotmail.com.



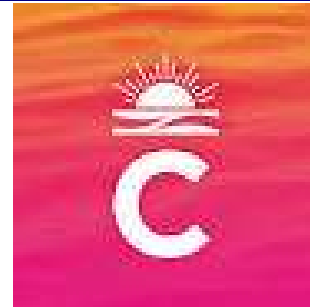
WON Cruise!

Going On a Cruise! Are you interested in going on a cruise? Great news!

WON members have decided on a first itinerary! We are going on the 7-Day Canada & New England Discovery cruise in 2024, by Holland America. The cruise begins in Boston, MA and ends in Quebec City, Canada. We are currently working on pricing options. Itineraries will be available at the registration table.

Half of our committee is still looking into a cruise in the Caribbean. If you have any information you would like to share, please contact Dawn Bostwick.

Interested in joining us? Please email Dawn Bostwick at: bostwickdwon@gmail.com



Cummer Museum - Sporting Fashion: Outdoor Girls from 1800 to 1960

The first exhibition to explore the evolution of women's sporting attire in Western fashion. *Sporting Fashion* will look at the extraordinary impact of new technologies and evolving social mores on women's clothing for sport. Inspired by a circa 1946 wool scarf inscribed with the word "Outdoor Girl" and featuring illustrations of women engaged in thirteen different sporting activities, this exhibition will chart the cultural and material developments that allowed women to make their way outdoors. This exhibition is slated for March to May 2024. A firm date will be set and advertised later. For more information contact Dawn Bostwick, bostwickdwon@gmail.com.



SUNSHINE CORNER

Three cards were sent out by The Sunshine Corner to members in November.

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.

December News and Articles



WON Tee 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 website at <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart/ols/products/won-shirt>.



WON Facebook Page

Nancy Gallimore requests that members send her pictures and information for the Women of Nassau Facebook page. Send your WON pictures and information to NancyGallimore1@gmail.com.



Women on Wheels

Get together with other women one Saturday morning each month to leisurely and safely ride on bike trails around Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, and South Georgia, including Jekyll Island. The rides will be 1-2 hours long. Dates, times, and locations will be emailed a week in advance to all that wish to be included.

Contact Dr. Jo Lichten for additional information at joanne.lichten@gmail.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.

Application form for current members who would like to join this program is online or printable on the website www.womenofnassau.org

December News and Articles

Philanthropy Final Report 2023

The Philanthropy Committee was busy this year and accomplished a lot! They started with a list of local charities that support women, children and their families. The survey was distributed at the March Lunch meeting; members voted and the four most popular were selected for activities. WON budgeted a total of \$1,500 for charity efforts.

Micah's Place was the top charity selected. Members participated in collecting New Beginning Baskets for the women. A variety of totes and buckets were filled with many kinds of cleaning supplies for the women to start new homes after leaving their abusers; 72 cleaning items and 150 houseware items were collected.

Take Stock in Children was the next charity selected. The information gathered was that mentors were needed for long term commitments for the students.

Barnabas Center was also selected. Two painting parties were scheduled to decorate and paint ceramic bowls for the Annual Empty Bowls event. A total of 20 members attended the events and volunteered 40 hours to paint. WON was a silver sponsor this year, giving \$1,000 for food for needy families. Ten members and guests attended the 10th Annual Empty Bowls event.

The fourth group selected was **Families in Transition**. Members collected school supplies, and clothing for the Closet. WON members collected 91 items of clothing, personal items, and volunteered 122 hours to maintain the Closet. In addition, \$1650 was collected in cash and gift cards.

One other charity was selected for philanthropy, and that was **Pinky Promise**. A check for \$500 was donated for supplies for women fighting cancer.

WON members participated in a beading party with **Front Porch Beads**. Eighteen members beaded bracelets for a total of 36 hours. Each member donated at least one bracelet that would be sold with funds going to a local charity.

The Book Club, Between the Lines, donated 20 toys to **Joy to the Children** at their annual social event.

2024 BOARD POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President – Lynda Watson
Vice President/Luncheons & Programs- Lorraine Clapper
Vice President/Special Events & Education- Joy Kemp
Recording Secretary- Celia Gravely
Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster-Donna Williams
Treasurer-Nancy Gallimore
Past President-Dawn Bostwick

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities- Karen Boyce
Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth
Publicity-Laurie Laiken
Newsletter-Barbara Dennis
Membership-Gay Dunlop
Philanthropy- Laura Thalwitzer
(Nancy Cerra & Vickie Gibson)
Historian-Jo Lichten

Photo Gallery

November Luncheon Bake Sale



December Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE

Date Wednesday December 13th
2nd Wednesday
Time 10 a.m.
Location Waterfront Pétanque Courts at the Marina
Questions Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES

December Social and Toy Collection
January West with Giraffes
Book
Author Linda Rutledge
Date Thursday December 14th
2nd Thursday
Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location Fernandina Beach Library

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Date Tuesday December 12th
2nd Tuesday
Time 12:30 p.m.
Location The Beech Street Grill
RSVP: Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

Date Friday December 8th and 22nd
2nd and 4th Friday evening
Time 6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Cards
Location North Hampton Amenity Center
RSVP Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com
(352) 316-2485

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday December 12th
2nd Tuesday
Time 7:00 p.m.
Location Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP: Lynda Watson
lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO 2

Date Thursday December 7th
1st Thursday
Time 7:00 p.m.
Location Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP: Lynda Watson
lyndanamelia@gmail.com

PENNIES CANASTA

Date Tuesday December 5, 12, 19, 26
Every Tuesday
Time 1 p.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
RSVP Ann, 913-638-9247;
annknickrehm@gmail.com

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday December 7, 14, 21, 28
Every Thursday
Time 10 a.m. to noon
Location Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP: Joyce Ellenson 760-902-9051

BOWLING BEAUTIES

Date Monday December 11th
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 December 26th
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 December 6th and 20th
1st and 3rd Wednesday
Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP: Donna @ donnac@verizon.net or
Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

CRAFTY LADIES

Date Monday December 4th
1st Monday
Time 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Location Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP: joanne.lichten@gmail.com

WON WELCOME COFFEE

Date Monday December 18th
3rd Monday
Time 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Location Story and Song

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application has been updated on the Women of Nassau website and can now be completed 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>.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME



Existing members, it is time to renew your membership for 2024. Renewal payments are due no later than January 31, 2024. 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, 2024. Renewal payments can be made via the shopping cart (<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 found online at <https://womenofnassau.org/forms>. Your annual dues remain only \$30 (if paying online, there is a service charge of \$1.43). Thank you for your support.

Please encourage your female friends, family, and neighbors who live in Nassau County, FL to join us. This organization will work to provide friendship and fun to all members while supporting beneficial services to our community. We welcome your suggestions, your ideas and your dreams in helping to organize, plan and create this unique club!

Renew your membership if you want to continue enjoying the wonderful activities presented to us and future activities as we continue to grow and have more fun.

Always, ladies, our motto is to HAVE FUN!

Membership Information

Welcome to our New Members

Daneene Mitchell

Cheryl Passarerlli

Rita Voris



December 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!

Jo Lichten - December 3

Jody Scruggs - December 6

Lorene Bussard - December 13

Cheryl Gaughen - December 17

Deborah Pauline - December 24

Deborah Seals - December 27

Karen Galambos - December 28

Cindy Arnold - December 30

Catherine Burke - December

Nancy Gallimore - December 5

Donna Czyzyk - December 9

Sara Corrigan - December 16

Bonnie Bartlett - December 21

Susan Kosciulek - December 26

Ann Bachand - December 28

Lynne Orr-Holley - December 28

Karen Aronowitz - December 30

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WOMEN OF NASSAU - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WON Business Meeting/Luncheon – November 16, 2023 – Amelia National Clubhouse

Attending: 54 members and guests.

President Dawn Bostwick called the meeting to order at 11:50 am. 17 new members have joined WON and Dawn welcomed 6 of them attending the business meeting, including Lucy Bryan, Tracey Case, Evelyn Gibson, Marcia Pertuz, Jan Post, and Laura Thalwitzer. Ten members have birthdays this month and 3 of those attended: Joanne Flieger, Marcia Pertuz and Barbara Leech.

Dawn called for approval of the November minutes and a motion for approval was made by Barbara Dennis and seconded by Celia Gravely. Membership approved the motion.

Dawn read the Slate of officers to be voted on: Lynda Watson - President, Lorraine Clapper - Vice President Luncheons & Programs, Joy Kemp – 2nd Vice President, Special Events & Education, Celia Gravely – Recording Secretary, Donna Williams - Corresponding Secretary/Website, Nancy Gallimore - Treasurer, Jo Lichten - Historian, Laurie Laiken -Publicity Chairperson, Karen Boyce - Activities Chairperson, Barbara Dennis – Newsletter Chairperson, Philanthropy Committee (Chairperson needed), Charlene Kingsnorth – Ways & Means Chairperson, Gay Dunlap – Recruitment/Welcome Committee Chairperson. A motion was made by Carolyn Glaza to accept the slate of officers and seconded by Jody Scruggs. The motion was approved by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Laurie Laiken reported a checking account balance of \$9971.58 and Savings account balance of \$103.21. She also reported that the Oct 26 Fall mixer had 54 members attending with guests for a total of 79 people. She thanks Lynda Watson and Trish Caballero for their help setting up, as well as Joy Kemp and Gay Dunlop, Lorraine Clapper for checking people in and Paula Robinson for clean-up help.

Announcements: Barbara Dennis reported a change to the monthly newsletter which involves shortening the activities pages to reduce the overall length of the newsletter while still providing basic information for each activity.

Activities Report: Celia reported that there are a lot of activities coming up and there are sign up sheets in the entranceway. She mentioned that quarterly socials have been discussed and we need volunteers to step up and help with organizing these events.

Dawn reminded everyone that a cruise from Boston to Quebec, in summer 2024 has been settled on and they are hoping for a few more people interested in signing up. Also, there is a trip to the Cummer Museum featuring Japanese woodblock prints.

Program: Today's program featured the owner of Vivity Candles, who explained how she began this woman-owned, small business after learning how toxic many candles we burn can be. Her candles are made of soy wax which is non-toxic when it burns, and she also set up a display of her candles for our members to purchase.

Our cookie bake/swap also took place, headed by Charlene Kingsnorth. Tables of beautifully displayed holiday cookies, cakes, candy, all homemade or bakery store made were sold at \$15/box and raised over \$500 for the benefit of WON, as well as providing a delicious reward for a donation.

Adjournment: Dawn called for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 12:55 which was made by Marie Larson and seconded by Lynda Watson and the motion carried. However, the room was for WON use until 1:30 so many women stayed beyond adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gallimore.

Recording Secretary

Women of Nassau - December 2023 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Crafty Ladies 7:00-8:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Center	Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Center BUNCO 2 7:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Center	Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM The Beech Street Grill Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 10:00 AM Waterfront Pétanque Courts at the Marina	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>WON</i> Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	<i>WON</i> Welcome Coffee 10:00-11:30 AM Story and Song FB	Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse	Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Chick Flicks Time TBD AMC Classic Yulee		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr		
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