



Women of Nassau

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February 2024 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Women of Nassau:

We started off the new year with a grand luncheon celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the founding of Women of Nassau! A champagne toast to members, a beautiful blue and white cake, and lovely blue and silver decorations made the occasion special. The founding Board members, founding members, and 2024 Board members were recognized with introductions, pictures and a long stemmed rose. Be sure to check out the pictures in this newsletter!

We also welcomed our 200th member, Susan Jansen, who joined us in January!

Our membership has grown to 200 members as of January! **Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2024.** If it slipped your mind in January, be sure to renew now to continue to receive the WON newsletter and email announcements! You can renew online, by mail, or in person at the February luncheon.

Our next luncheon is February 15. Our speaker will be Nancy Cerra, Real Estate Financial Planner, who will provide useful personal finance information related to real estate transactions, including tax advice and trusts for transfer of wealth. I attended Nancy's seminar recently and found it to be very informative, interesting, and helpful. So be sure to register for the February luncheon to take advantage of this free financial advice!

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February *WON* Luncheon

- Date** Thursday February 15th
- Time** 11:30 a.m.
- Location** Amelia National Clubhouse
- Cost** \$32 per person
- Maximum** 70 (first come first serve)
- RSVP** Required
- Deadline** **Sunday February 11th**
Reservation, Payment and Entree Selection deadline
- Program** Nancy Cerra, Real Estate Financial Planner

Soup

Vegan Italian Wedding Soup with Orzo

Entrée (Choice of One)

Chicken Scallopini al la Parmigiana with Angel Hair Pasta, Broccolini, & Tomato Basil Marinara

or

Shrimp Alfredo Served Over Angel Hair with Broccolini

or

Pasta Primavera Served with Basil Pesto Aioli, Angel Hair Pasta

Dessert

Mini Italian Style Petit Fours to include, Tiramisu, Mini Cannolis, Amaretto Cheesecake

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!

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February News and Articles



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; this is a seven day cruise.

Stops include: Rockland, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Cruise in Gulf of St. Lawrence, Saguenay and Quebec City. Now is a good time to reserve your cabin, there are specials and a variety of benefits on this cruise. Reserve your cabin now and get one dining credit and \$100 excursion credit for each person.

When we reserve eight cabins as a group we will all earn onboard credits. **This special ends on Feb 29, 2024.**

Call Holland America, 1-800-355-3017 and speak to any agent to reserve your cabin! Be sure to give them the **Group TPN on voyage #U462.**



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

The first exhibition explores 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

One card was sent out by The Sunshine Corner to members in January.

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.

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 beginning in February. There will be a signup sheet for this activity at the February 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.

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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>.

Presidents Letter (cont.)

Your Board has committed to providing more benefits for members this year, including more evening social events and other opportunities to meet new people, make new friends, and have fun! A new Board position was created, Vice President for Special Events and Education, to help realize this new initiative, and Joy Kemp was elected to fill this position. Your ideas for this new initiative are needed and are most welcome. Please use your creativity and let Joy know any ideas or suggestions for this.

Your input on luncheon programs, special events, new activities, etc. is always welcome. If you have a suggestion for an additional activity, luncheon program, special event, charity fundraiser or other ideas, please do not hesitate to let me or another board member know, and the board and I will work together with volunteer members to make it happen.

And finally, don't forget the next Welcome Coffee, on Monday, March 18 at 10 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!

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

Lynda Watson

“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.



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.

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Blue Fire Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

The Women of Nassau are planning to attend the **March 9th** presentation of “Next of Kin” presented by the Blue Fire Theatre group. The plot is about Sickly patriarch, Big Daddy Sugarbaker, one of Nassau County's wealthiest residents. He is throwing a Bicentennial Celebration to honor his beloved home, Nassau County, turning 200 this year. His final wish is that his family and friends gather for what could be their last time together before he passes on. He must decide who will be the beneficiaries of his vast estate or whether he should leave his hard-earned fortune to help preserve the history of Nassau County. Everyone who wants his money is quick to honor his dying wish to make sure his millions stay in the family and that they reap all the rewards. Attendees who Dress to Impress may be included in the last will and testament!

Tickets go on sale beginning **January 22**. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February luncheon. Everyone will purchase their tickets individually at <https://www.bluefiretheatre.org/>. A list of WON attendees will be provided to the box office. The box office manager will then assign seats so we can all sit together. If you miss the February luncheon, please send Celia (cegrav@yahoo.com), or 352-316-2485) a note stating you plan to attend so she will be able to provide the information to the box office. The event is sure to sell out, so purchase your tickets early!

Early Bird tickets are \$45.00 per person and will be sold individually and in tables of 4, 5 & 6. We encourage everyone to purchase a whole table if you will have a party of 4 or more. Tables comfortably seat 6 people, but if you have a larger party we can accommodate by putting tables together. Early bird pricing ends February 18th. Tickets increase to \$50.00 per person on February 19th.

Photo Gallery



Carolyn Glaza, WON Founding President



WON 200th Member - Susan Janson

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WON 5 Year Anniversary Luncheon



Anniversary Cake



WON Founding Board Members
Donna Williams, Joan Ayers, Janet Hape, Carolyn
Glaza, Donna Cyr (l to r)



WON Founding Members



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February Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE

Date Wednesday February 14th
(2nd Wednesday)
Time 10 a.m.
Location North Hampton Pétanque Courts
Questions Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email
jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES

Book Thursday Night Murder Club
Author Richard Osman
Date Thursday February 8th
(2nd Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location Fernandina Beach Library

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Date Tuesday February 13th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 12:30 p.m.
Location Down Under
RSVP: Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

Date Friday February 9th and 23rd
(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 February 13th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP: Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO 2

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

PENNIES CANASTA

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

MAH-JONGG

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

BOWLING BEAUTIES

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

CRAFTY LADIES / OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Date TBD
Time TBD
Location TBD
RSVP: joanne.lichten@gmail.com

WON Welcome Coffee

Date No Welcome Coffee in February
Time
Location

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

Joan Ayers
Pam Dawson
Kim Gill
Joan McDonald

Constance Bellisari
Debbie Edgar
Cathie Hohner
Mary Ann McNulty
Susan Ziel

Suzanne Byrne
Patricia Eichner
Susan Janson - 200th member
Barbara Parent



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
Suzanne Byrne - Feb 5 New member
Patricia Eichner - Feb 6 New member
Kim Boylan - Feb 8
Teresa Martin - Feb 14
Jana Smith - Feb 15
Diane Rubino - Feb 18
Deborah Price - Feb 19
Georgiann Koziana - Feb 22
Bernadette Holodak - Feb 24

Pam Dawson - Feb 4 New member
Lucy Bryan - Feb 6
Lynda Gaddy Watson - Feb 6
Joyce Ellenson - Feb 12
Pat Smedley - Feb 14
Tracey Case - Feb 18
Blenda Long - Feb 19
Ann Knickrehm - Feb 21
Barb Sudak - Feb 22
Nancy Kay Taylor - Feb 27

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2024

Call to order by President Lynda Watson at 11:37 am, Amelia National Clubhouse.

Motion made for approval of December business meeting minutes, Donna Cyr made motion, Lorraine Clapper second. Motion carried.

This luncheon celebrated the 5th year of the Women of Nassau organization. A champagne toast was shared by all to celebrate.

President Lynda introduced the new 2024 board members. There were some updates since the December meeting. 2024 Board members are: Lynda Watson, President; Lorraine Clapper, 1st Vice President, Luncheons and Programs; a new position – Joy Kemp, 2nd Vice President for Special Events and Education; Nancy Gallimore, Treasurer; Celia Gravely, Recording Secretary; Donna Williams, Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster; Dawn Bostwick, Past President; Karen Boyce, Activities Chair; Charlene Kingsnorth, Ways and Means Chair; Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair; Gay Dunlop, Membership Chair; Vicki Gibson, Jan Post, Tracey Case, Cheryl Passarelli, Nancy Cerra, Laura Thalwitzer, Philanthropy Committee; Jo Lichten, Historian.

New Members in attendance at the meeting were Suzanne Byrne, Patricia Eichner, Evelyn Gibson, Susan Janson, Susan Ziel. A milestone has been reached by the club; Susan Janson was our 200th member to join.

Birthdays this month in attendance were Karen Boyce, Jacquie Gilbreath, Vicki Gibson, and Carol Weldon.

The 50/50 drawing was held, the amount was \$230. Joan Ayers won.

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy Gallimore. She thanked Laurie Laiken and Karen Boyce for assisting in the use of the tools to manage the organization's finances. The checking balance is \$11,851.03, savings balance is \$103.20 for a total of \$11,954.57.

The Philanthropy group was represented by Jan Post and Vicki Gibson. They discussed the survey provided on each table for each member in attendance at the luncheon. The group requested that

each member rate the 7 suggested charities from 1 to 7 with 1 being the highest rating. There was also an information sheet provided that detailed information about each charity listed. The Philanthropy group will score the survey and announce the top 3 at the next luncheon.

Activities Chair Karen Boyce had no announcements.

Newsletter Chair Barbara Dennis via President Lynda Watson requested everyone submit their newsletter articles in a timely manner. The deadline monthly is the 21st of each month prior to the publishing of the newsletter.

There was a general announcement to everyone to remember our membership renewal deadline is January 31st. If you do not renew by that time, you will no longer receive the newsletter nor the directory for our organization.

Lunch was served.

Anniversary Cake was enjoyed by all.

Carolyn Glaza, founder and inaugural President for Women of Nassau, provided history and stories of the forming and early days of WON. Founding board members Donna Cyr, Janet Hape, Joan Ayres, and Donna Williams were recognized with photos for the newsletter and a rose. Founding members Genevieve Avino, Dawn Bostwick, Marcela Bowler, Barbara Combs, Michele Goldberg, Celia Gravely, Joy Kemp, Charlene Kingsnorth, Susan Kosciulek, Janet Loveless, and Carol Weldon were also recognized with photos and a rose for each. President Lynda Watson expressed the club's appreciation to these ladies for creating the wonderful Women of WON organization and sustaining it for five years!

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:30pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia Gravely.

Recording Secretary

Women of Nassau - February 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
WON Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Down Under Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM	Pétanque 10:00 AM North Hampton Pétanque Courts 	Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM WON Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse	Jacksonville Symphony 10:00 AM Jacoby Symphony Hall	
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