



# Women of Nassau

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## January 2024 Newsletter

### Letter from Our President

*Women of Nassau:*

Welcome to another year with the wonderful Women of Nassau. WON and its great ladies have truly been a blessing to me since 2020. I am excited and honored to be your President for 2024!

Our December luncheon was much fun with an interesting presentation on the history of soap by guest presenter Lisa Stubbins, who also provided a lovely sample of her handmade soaps. The gift exchange was lots of fun and afforded an opportunity to interact with other members, and perhaps make a new acquaintance.

This past year has been one of many successes for our club. We supported several charities including Barnabus, Micha's Place, Families in Transition and Pinky Promise. The number of club-sponsored activities, special events, friendships made and fun we had exceeded all expectations. Even more activities, special events, and opportunities to support women and girls in Nassau County will be offered in 2024. See the accompanying Newsletter for more information on each activity and event.

A survey requesting your input on charities, luncheon programs, special events, new activities, etc. will be coming your way soon. If you have a suggestion for an additional activity, luncheon program, special event, charity or other ideas, please do not hesitate to complete the survey or let me know and the board and I will work together with volunteer members to make it happen.

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### January *WON* Luncheon

**Date** Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Time** 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Amelia National Clubhouse  
**Cost** \$32 per person  
**Maximum** 70 (first come first serve)  
**RSVP** Required  
**Deadline** **Sunday, January 14<sup>st</sup>**  
 Reservation, Payment and Entree Selection deadline  
**Program** Celebration of WON 5th Anniversary

#### **Soup**

*Creamy Wild Rice Soup with Sweet & Spicy Walnuts*

#### **Entrée (Choice of One)**

*Crepes Stuffed with Grilled Chicken Breast, Spinach, Mushrooms & Brie with Sundried Tomato Coulis*

*or*

*Crepes Stuffed with Jumbo Shrimp, Spinach, Mushrooms & Brie with Sundried Tomato Coulis*

*or*

*Crepes Stuffed with Grilled Portobello, Zucchini, Squash, Carrots, Red Onions & Asparagus with Sundried Tomato Coulis*

#### **Dessert**

*Assorted Petit Four Plates*

You can make your reservations on the WON website <https://womenofnassau.org/luncheons> by using the shopping 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 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

To all our WON members. Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy New Year. Looking forward to another great year and hope you can attend some of our many activities, make new friends and have fun!

*Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair*

# January News and Articles

## Crafty Ladies: Preserve Your Precious Memories

Do you have boxes of old photos, videos, and slides? Would you like to learn how to digitize and preserve them at no cost? Then join the WON's Crafty Ladies on **Tuesday, January 9th** as we carpool down to Jacksonville's Public Library for their 10AM tour of the Memory Lab. The staff will introduce us to all the technology to help you scan your old (and new) photos, and digitize your 8mm, VHS, and other videos. Plus you'll learn how to research your ancestry through their online database...All at no cost! Interested? Reach out to [joanne.lichten@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.lichten@gmail.com) to get on the list. This trip is open to the first 20 people who respond. Carpools will be organized.



## Jacksonville Symphony Series A Journey from Bach to Beethoven

WON will be attending the Jacksonville Symphony Series: A Journey from Bach to Beethoven **Friday January 19th** at the Jacoby Symphony Hall in Jacksonville. Coffee and cookies begin at 10:00AM and the concert begins at 11:00AM. Joyce Ellenson has volunteered to head up our group. She can be reached at [iloveapiano@hotmail.com](mailto:iloveapiano@hotmail.com).



## SUNSHINE CORNER

Two cards were sent out by The Sunshine Corner to members in December.

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.



## 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](mailto:bostwickdwon@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:bostwickdwon@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](mailto:joanne.lichten@gmail.com).

# January 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>.

## Presidents Letter (cont.)

Another success this year is that our membership has grown to 193 members as of December! Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2024 by January 31. Look for a reminder email in January or go ahead and do it now! You can renew online, by mail, or in person at the January luncheon. Further details can be found on Page 6 of the Newsletter.

Recently, you were asked to vote to approve the revised Constitution and Bylaws. This document has been updated to reflect the current Executive Board structure and document policies that have been informally in place.

The revised bylaws create a new Board position – Vice-President for Special Events. Joy Kemp has been elected to fill this position for 2024. The Board has pledged to sponsor a social event at least once per quarter during 2024. If you have ideas for a social (or other) event, please contact Joy.

And finally, don't forget the Welcome Coffee this month on the third Monday, January 15, 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. I look forward to serving as your President this coming year.

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](http://www.womenofnassau.org).



## 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](mailto:NancyGallimore1@gmail.com).

# January News and Articles

## Pétanque Update

Please note that the WON Pétanque Group has changed location. Note that we will not be playing in January but will resume in February on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 AM at the North Hampton Pétanque courts located behind the swimming pool. We invite you to come and enjoy a fun outdoor activity.

We do have practice balls to try, so don't let that stop you from enjoying the fun of Pétanque. If you would like to purchase your boules, you can get them from Pétanque America at [www.petanqueamerica.com](http://www.petanqueamerica.com).

You are also encouraged to play on Saturdays at 9:30 at Central Park or the Marina, depending on the time of year, with the Amelia Island Boules Club (AIBC). It is a great way to learn to play Pétanque and meet new friends.

If you have questions, email Lee Ann Shobe at [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com) or call (970) 589-4241. Remember, this is a great sport to enjoy with your spouse or significant other.

## Photo Gallery

### Between the Lines Holiday Party



Our year-end holiday social was lovely, and we got an amazing amount of Barbies and Hot Wheels. Susan from Joy to the Children came and told us about the charity and all they do for families on Christmas day. We were all happy to give to such a positive local charity. Thanks to all who donated and thanks for being part of our educational and friendly book group!!!!

## Barnabas Empty Bowls Charity Event



## December WON Luncheon



# January Monthly Activities

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

## PETANQUE

**Date** Not Meeting in January  
will resume in February  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

**Time** 10 a.m.

**Location** North Hampton Pétanque Courts.

**Questions** Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email  
[jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)

## BETWEEN THE LINES

**Book** West with Giraffes

**Author** Linda Rutledge

**Date** Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

**Time** 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Location** Fernandina Beach Library

## CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

**Date** Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

**Time** 12:30 p.m.

**Location** Garden Street Bistro

**RSVP:** Debbie, [samdeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:samdeb@bellsouth.net)

## COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

**Date** Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evening)

**Time** 6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Cards

**Location** North Hampton Amenity Center

**RSVP** Celia, [cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com)  
(352) 316-2485

## ORIGINAL BUNCO

**Date** Tuesday January 9<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 January 4<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

**Time** 7:00 p.m.

**RSVP:** TBD

## PENNIES CANASTA

**Date** Tuesday January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
(Every Tuesday)

**Time** 1 p.m.

**Location** Amelia National Clubhouse

**RSVP** Ann, 913-638-9247;  
[annknickrehm@gmail.com](mailto:annknickrehm@gmail.com)  
Full call to be added to waitlist

## MAH-JONGG

**Date** Thursday January 4, 11, 18, 25  
(Every Thursday)

**Time** 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**RSVP:** Joyce Ellenson 760-902-9051

## BOWLING BEAUTIES

**Date** Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</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 January 30<sup>th</sup>  
(Last Tuesday)

**Time** Movie and Time to follow

**Location** AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10  
96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee

**RSVP:** Joy Kemp, [joykemp@earthlink.net](mailto:joykemp@earthlink.net)

## CHEAP THRILLS

**Date** Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<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)

## CRAFTY LADIES

**Date** Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time** 10:00 a.m.

**Location** Jacksonville Public Library

**RSVP:** [joanne.lichten@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.lichten@gmail.com)

## WON Welcome Coffee

**Date** Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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>.

## 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 with all the fun and friendship (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**

Michelle Atchison

Mary Kay Armour



## **January 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!

Kris Meyer - January 1  
Jacqui Galbreath - January 3  
Vicki Gibson - January 4  
Joan Dow - January 7  
Marilyn Booth - January 10  
Jo Thrasher - January 12  
Pamela Backorski - January 15  
Luann Pollock - January 17  
Carol Weldon - January - 22  
Willene Pittman - January 25

Robin Phillips - January 1  
Michelle Atchison - January 4  
Sonya Shortkroff - January 5  
Diana Senter - January 7  
Karen Lynn Boyce - January 12  
Joanne Nieman - January 14  
Korrin Hume Johnson - January 16  
Helen Edwards - January 22  
Cheryl Passarelli - January 24  
Susan White - January 30

Jessie Trickett - January 31

# Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

## WOMEN OF NASSAU - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**WON Business Meeting/Luncheon – 12/21/23 –**  
Amelia National Clubhouse

**Attending:** 40 members and guests

President Dawn Bostwick called the meeting to order at 11:40 am. Three new members have joined WON bringing us up to 193 members. Seventeen members have birthdays this month.

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

Dawn saluted the outgoing officers and committee heads. Then she installed the following new officers and committee chairs:

- 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,
- Charlene Kingsnorth – Ways & Means Chairperson,
- Gay Dunlap – Recruitment/Welcome Committee Chairperson.

Dawn announced that the Philanthropy committee would have several members working together, rather than a committee chair at this point.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Laurie Laiken reported a checking account balance of \$10,125.98 and Savings account balance of \$103.21.

**Announcements:**

- Dawn announced many activities coming up which are enumerated in the Newsletter, such as the Holland American Cruise from Boston to Quebec, which has early sign-up specials from now until February 29. Also, the

Cummer Museum exhibit of Ladies Sporting Costumes from 1800-1960. The trip date will be forthcoming.

- Members are asked to submit their vote on the WON By-Laws changes and hope we have this completed by December 31.
- Renewal dues are due for 2024 at the rate of \$30 for the year.
- The 50/50 was held and brought in \$90 for the club and for the winner, Celia Gravely.
- Thursday morning Mah Jongh has plenty of room for new members to join. Check the newsletter for dates and contact information.

**Program:**

- Lisa Stubbings, a soap maker and teacher, presented a very informative talk with visuals about the history of soap. She makes her own all natural soaps and gave everyone their choice of a sample, as well as certain lucky winners at each table taking home a soap centerpiece.
- Lynda Watson, on behalf of the membership, presented our outgoing president, Dawn Bostwick with flowers and a special book from the Cummer Museum to express our appreciation for her leadership this past year.
- Everyone who brought a Secret Santa gift had their name put in a basket and Celia went around to all the tables and had everyone pull a name. You were then directed to take your gift to that person, which helped many of us meet new members. We all seemed to have a lot of fun! Happy holidays to all!

**Adjournment:** Dawn called for a motion to adjourn the business meeting which was made by Marie Larson and seconded by Lynda Watson and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Nancy Gallimore.**  
Recording Secretary



# Women of Nassau - January 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
		<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> 10:00 AM  <b>BUNCO 2</b> 7:00 PM		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Bowling Beauties</b> 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	<b>Crafty Ladies</b> 10:00 AM Jacksonville Public Library  <b>Cuisine and Conversation</b> 12:30 PM Garden Street Bistro  <b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse  <b>Original BUNCO</b> 7:00 PM		<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 9:45 AM  <b>Between The Lines</b> 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	<b>Cocktails and Canasta</b> 6:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>WON</i> Luncheon <b>Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline</b>	<i>WON</i> Welcome Coffee 10:00-11:30 AM Story and Song FB	<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  <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse	<b>Jacksonville Symphony</b> 10:00 AM Jacoby Symphony Hall	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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