



Women of Nassau

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September 2024 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello Wonderful Women of Nassau:

This month I greet you from my new cabin in the North Carolina mountains. The weather here is fabulous; I am wearing long pants and a sweater! Building this cabin has been a long stressful road, I am so happy it was finally completed last week, although that caused me to miss the August WON Board meeting, luncheon meeting and Welcome Coffee this month. Thanks to outstanding Board members who stepped up to carry on in fine manner in my absence!

As always, WON has many activities planned to provide members the opportunity to meet, socialize, volunteer, have fun and make new friends. Plans for the September dinner have been finalized and it will be an elegant, delicious and fun event. Look for an email with details and registration information soon. Be sure to read this newsletter to learn about WON philanthropy efforts and the many other ongoing and special events this month!

Have a safe and fun month. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau, Inc.

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WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday September 19 th
Time	11:30 a.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$32 per person
Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Sunday, September 15th - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline

Program Twisted Sister Fashion Show

Soup

Hot Soup Duo. Fire Roasted Red Pepper Bisque and Potato Leek with a Cheddar Chive Biscuit

Entrées

Grilled Chicken, Salmon, Shrimp or Grilled Portabella with a Cobb Salad; Butter Bibb Lettuce, Hard Boiled Egg, Maytag Bleu Cheese, Grape Tomatoes, Avocado with an Avocado Vinaigrette

Dessert

Mini Key Lime Tartlet with Chocolate Dipped Strawberries and Kiwi Coulis

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



Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair

September 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.

One card was sent out by The Sunshine Corner to WON members this month.

WON Philanthropy

On July 29, Women of Nassau President Lynda Watson presented a check for \$1,500 to Mollie Cressey, Liaison, for "Families in Transition" (FIT) at their Clothes Closet in Yulee. Mollie and Volunteer Coordinator Judy Hall expressed their appreciation to the club for their generous donation in support of this program which offers assistance in the form of clothing and supplies to the homeless children in Nassau County.

Several WON members attended the presentation and were able to see the facility and learn more about the ways in which the FIT program assists the children and families as well as how FIT works with other community service programs in the area.

The Philanthropy Committee is grateful for the support Women of Nassau has given to the community service projects we have funded."

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, 2, and 3pm. Max number per session is 8. Please select your specific time. Closed-toed shoes are required. Cost is \$50 per person. All beverages and food must be purchased onsite.

Pre-payment is required (no refunds). Payment options: Zelle (mary.jury@hotmail.com); Venmo (@stainedglass1); Square call Mary at 904.861.7828. Please note time of class on payment. For more information or have questions, please contact Mary at (904) 861-7828.

Cocktails and Canasta

Cocktails and Canasta group will meet only once in September - Friday, September 13th. The WON Quarterly Event (Dinner) will be held on the fourth Friday in September at the North Hampton Amenity Center. We'll have to have lots of fun on the second Friday, enough to last the whole month!

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. Beyond Horizons will be catering our dinner. We will have a DJ to provide our music so be prepared to dance and have fun! Reservation instructions are at <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart>.

Cummer Museum Fabric of a Nation

Quilt Show at the Cummer - A group tour is being planned for **September**. Please contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwn@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Jacksonville QuiltFest

On Friday, **September 20th** some of us will be attending QuiltFest Jacksonville (at the [Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center](#), 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville). If you're interested in joining us, send Karen Galambos (kgalambos@verizon.net) an email For more information about the show, including where to buy advance tickets, visit <https://quiltfestjax.com/>.

Fifi's Shopping Event

Fifi's has agreed to do another WON shopping event for us on Thursday, **October 3rd**, 5-7pm.

Graveside Chronicles: Annual Tour

Join us for this respectful tour of eight graves in Bosque Bello Cemetery. This year the tour concentrates on the people that founded the City of Fernandina. This is an officially sanctioned Bi-Centennial program. The tour takes place on Saturday, **October 12th** at 10:10 am. We will meet at the second (North) entrance of Bosque Bello. Please contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwn@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Cost is \$25 per person.

September News and Articles

Diamonds In the Rust Fall Market

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. Lynda Watson and Bonnie Bartlett are coordinating. Contact Linda at lyndanamelia@gmail.com for more information. See the link below for more detailed information regarding this event:

<https://diamonddranchinc.com/events/>

Empty Bowls Event

The Women of Nassau will support the Empty Bowls event for Barnabas Center again this year. The next paint party is planned for Tuesday, October 22nd from 4-6 pm. Please contact Dawn Bostwick if you plan to attend bostwickdwn@gmail.com.

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

Karen Galambos is leading this activity. The next two dates are: **October 10th** - Decoupage Pumpkins and **November 20th** Folded Fabric Stars and Button Ornaments. Currently, each date is limited to 8 spots. Contact Karen at kgalambos@verizon.net for additional information.



WON Facebook Page

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

WON Sister Project

The WON Sister Project is for current members who would like to help guide and introduce a new member to the club and its various activities. An application form for current members who would like to join this program is online or printable on the website <https://womenofnassau.org/club-news>

Volunteer Opportunity

Dear Members of Women of Nassau,

Barnabus has extended an invitation for anyone interested in a rewarding volunteer opportunity to contribute one to two days a month at their Yulee location (463146 FL-200). The volunteer day will be on a Monday and the hours are from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please contact Lee Ann Shobe to express your interest. You can reach her at 970-589-4241 or via email at jimlee.shobe@gmail.com. Once I see how many women are interested, I will contact you with further details and a meeting time to discuss a schedule.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our community!

Best regards,
Lee Ann Shobe

Volunteer Opportunity

September 21st is International Coastal Cleanup. I'll be participating. Do you want to join me? Cleanup (at various locations around Amelia Island and Yulee) is from 9-11AM followed by Volunteer Appreciation lunch at V Pizza at 2709 Sadler.

Site Captains will have supplies including trash grabbers, reusable bags, and disposable gloves. There will also be collection bags for pickup of cigarette butts from the parking lot and park areas. Bring your reusable gloves (if you prefer), sunscreen, and a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated.

To register (free) and select the site you want to help clean-up (I picked Peters Point), visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pn7sfn2> For more information: Keep Nassau Beautiful, (904) 261-0165, knb@keepnassaubeautiful.org at each site.

Jo Lichten - joanne.lichten@gmail.com

Photo Gallery

WON Philanthropy Families in Transition



Dear Women of Nassau,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to our Families in Transition (FIT) Program. Your support ensures students and families experiencing homelessness have new clothing, shoes, socks and underwear to choose from at our Clothes Closet. Your kindness is making a real difference in the lives of our students and families.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our FIT families. We deeply appreciate your contribution!

Sincerely,

Mollie Cressey
NCSD Homeless Liason
(904) 277-9021



September Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE		PENNIES CANASTA	
Date	Saturday, September 7 th , 14, 21 st , 28 th (Every Saturday)	Date	Tuesday, September 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th (Every Tuesday)
Time	9:30 a.m.	Time	1 p.m.
Location	Central Park 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	<i>The Women</i>	Date	Thursday, September 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th (Every Thursday)
Author	Kristin Hannah	Time	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Date	Thursday, September 12 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, September 9 th , 23 rd (2 nd and 4 th Monday)
Oct Book	<i>To the Grave</i> by Steve Robinson	Time	10:15 a.m.
Nov Book	<i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i> by John Berendt	Location	Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games) 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
CUISINE AND CONVERSATION		RSVP:	Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com
Date	Tuesday, September 10 th (2 nd Tuesday)	CHICK FLICKS	
Time	12:30 p.m.	Date	Tuesday, September 24 th (Last Tuesday)
Location	Kitchen 251	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, September 13 th Note: Friday 9/27 is the Dinner and Dancing Event (2 nd and 4 th Friday evening)	CHEAP THRILLS	
Time	5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards	Date	Wednesday, September 4 th , 18 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		WON Welcome Coffee	
Date	Tuesday, September 10 th (2 nd Tuesday)	Date	Monday, September 16 th (3 rd Monday)
Time	7:00 p.m.	Time	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
RSVP:	Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com	Location	Story and Song Bookstore Bistro
BUNCO 2			
Date	Thursday, September 5 th (1 st Thursday)		
Time	7:00 p.m.		
RSVP:	Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509		
GAME NIGHT			
Date	Monday, September 23 rd (4 th Monday)		
Location	Fernandina Beach Library		
RSVP:	Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com		

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application is 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

Linda Belcher
Pat Riordan
Melissa Boettcher
Pat Clendenen

Sandy Drozda
Kelly Marine
Karen Henefeld



September 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!

Linda Woodward - September 2
Chris Malach - September 8
Mary Lou Waas - September 13
Sherry Vaughn - September 14
Mary Rotunno - September 16
Rosie Benshop - September 19
Sharon Dodson - September 21
Marlies Snyder - September 24
Gloria Foglia - September 28

Gay Dunlop - September 5
Susan Janson - September 9
Marie Larson - September 14
Janice Meegan - September 16
Linda Belcher - September 18
Sandra Taylor - September 20
Barbara Combs - September 22
Donna Cyr - September 28
Carol Newton - September 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2024 - Amelia National Clubhouse

Call Business to Order

Vice President Joy Kemp (for President Lynda Watson) called the business meeting to order at 11:45 am. Approval of July 18, 2024, minutes: A motion was made by Janet Hape to approve the minutes of the May 2024 business meeting. The second by Paula Suita - motion passed.

Vice President Joy Kemp (for President Lynda Watson) recognized new members present at the meeting: Linda Belcher, Amy Briggs, and Lynn Bird.

Vice President Joy Kemp (for President Lynda Watson) recognized guests present: Carla Dail, Kathleen Fisher & Andrea DiStefano (speaker).

Birthdays Recognition included Tracy Evans, Cynthia Fisher, Roselyn Myers, Mary Jean Umbarger, & Dawn Bostwick.

Reports and New Business

Past President - Dawn Bostwick

- Sign up for Annual Cemetery Tour – Tickets go on sale 9-6-25 for 10-12-24 for 10:10 am slot
- Additional Empty Bowls Painting session for Tributary Oct. 22, 4-6 pm at Barnabas
- Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston another trip possibly in September

First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Lorraine Clapper

- Date Change for the October Luncheon to the 24th. It will be an Italian buffet
- September Fashion show - Lorraine needs volunteers to model. Amy Briggs and Chong Murphy rounded out the needed spots
- Treasurer-present by Lorraine Clapper (for Nancy Gallimore)
- Monthly income/expense report provided by Nancy are on the table to review
- Bank balances – Checking \$10758.71; Savings \$103.30

Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Joy Kemp

- 3rd Quarter Dinner Update: September 27, 5-8pm, buffet dinner, live music, North Hampton Amenity Center. Email blast will be going out shortly with details.

Philanthropy – Joy Kemp (for Vicki Gibson)

- FIT check presented for \$1,500.00 on July 29, 2024 with several WON members in attendance. A thank note from FIT is posted on our website to review.

- Sign-up sheet for Blue Fire Theatre's Love, Loss and What I Wore productions in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is being held at the Yulee Lion's Club Oct. 4th & 5th.

Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth/Lee Ann Shobe

- Lee Ann - Volunteer opportunities for Barnabas - The store coordinator says they need help to sort & do some staging of merchandise. It would be 2 Mondays a month, from 10-12 or 12-2 and they could use 3 people. Lee Ann has offered to coordinate the volunteers. If the Board agrees, Lee Ann would like to present it at the Luncheon. She will need a sign-up sheet.
- The Bake/Cookie Sale in November Luncheon
- A "White Elephant" event in early 2025
- Fifi's After Hours WON Member Shopping - Oct 3rd 5-7pm

Activities – Karen Boyce

- Diamonds in the Rust – Trip sign-up has many openings
- Roadkill Bingo - Wednesday, August 28, American Legion, begins at 6:00 pm Sign-up sheet up front, please sign up by August 23 so we can get a good count, any questions please reach out to Celia
- The Art of Stained Glass - Tuesday, September 10, American Legion, various times Sign-up sheet and pay information up front. Please be sure to select and pay for your session. Sessions limited to 8 people each. Four sessions available.

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- Current membership: 199
- 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.

50/50 Raffle Drawing

- The Ways and Means 50/50 Raffle collected \$180, \$90 for the winner and \$90 for the club. Jana Smith- was the winner of this raffle today.

Luncheon Program

- Andrea DiStefano from Beaches Dermatology presented on the Art of Aging.

Adjourned

- A motion was made by Gay Dunlop to Adjourn and was seconded by Laurie Laiken.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Clapper,

Acting Secretary

Women of Nassau – September 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		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		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Kitchen 251 Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse The Art of Stained Glass American Legion Unit 54 Original BUNCO 7:00 PM		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 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
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>WON</i> Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Welcome Coffee 10:30 – 11:30 AM Story and Song Bookstore Bistro	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 <i>WON</i> Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse	Jacksonville Quiltfest 9:00 AM Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center	International Coastal Cleanup 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center Game Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM Fernandina Beach Library	Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Chick Flicks Time/Movie: TBD AMC Classic Yulee		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Dinner and Dancing 5:00 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
29	30					