



Women of Nassau

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August 2023 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Dear *Women of Nassau*:

The July Luncheon was wonderful! Emily Floore held everyone's attention talking about the St. Marys River.

For August we will hear Lynda Bell speak about Keep Nassau Beautiful. And we will do our first check presentation for 2023! WON members selected Barnabas as one of our top four charities. We will donate \$1,000 towards this year's Empty Bowls event. The sponsorship comes with four tickets to their annual event.

There is still time to paint a bowl for the event! There are other fun events coming up: Fiddler on the Roof at the Alhambra in September, and the AIGS Annual Cemetery Tour in October, and a social for members on October 26th, to name a few.

Remember the Welcome Coffee has a NEW date; the third Monday of each month at 10 am at Story and Song. Come and join us for coffee and bring a friend! Let others know WON is the Club to be part of for fun and finding friends!

Thank you all for your continued support of WON!

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August WON Luncheon

Date Thursday August 17
Time 11:30 a.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost \$32 per person
Maximum 70 (first come first serve)
RSVP Required
Deadline **Sunday August 13**
 Reservation, Payment and Entree Selection deadline
Program Lynda Bell - Keep Nassau Beautiful

Salad

Antipasto Salad- Fresh Mozzarella, Heirloom Tomatoes, Greek Olives, Pepperoncinis, Red Onions, Genoa Salami, Cucumbers, & Oregano Vinaigrette

Entrée

*Individual Vegetable Lasagna Florentine Served with a Choice of:
Grilled Chicken Breast or Shrimp or Grilled Tofu*

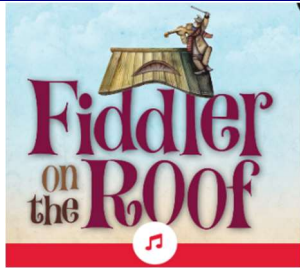
Dessert

Assorted Italian Petit Fours Mini Cannolis, Tiramisu, Amaretto Cheesecake Bits & Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

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!

August News and Articles



Alhambra Theater

The Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jax will be presenting Fiddler on the Roof! This classic musical is set in the Pale of Settlement in Russia in 1905. The music is outstanding, and the food is always exceptional!

WON will attend on **Sunday, September 17th**. Lunch served at 12 noon with the Play beginning at 1:50 pm. Seats are still available. Purchase your tickets now at www.alhambrajax.com.

Please email Dawn at wonpresident@gmail.com if you plan to attend. We will send out a note regarding carpooling when the date is closer.

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>.



Jacksonville Symphony Series: The Coffee Series

Joyce Ellenson has volunteered to head up our group for The Coffee Series that will begin in the fall 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 next year 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.



Gathering Information for a Cruise!

Are you interested in going on a cruise? Great news! WON members are planning our first event! Our next meeting will be Friday, August 4th at 10 am at Panera in Yulee. If you are interested in going on a cruise, please plan to attend the meeting and bring with you an itinerary for a place you would like to go. We plan to vote at this meeting. We are planning a cruise for 2024. Questions? Please email wonpresident@gmail.com.

August News and Articles



Annual Cemetery Tour Starts This Year

The Amelia Island Genealogy Society and the Amelia Island Museum of History have joined forces to begin the Annual Cemetery Tours of Amelia Island Program. These engaging and informative tours will begin this fall with the inaugural tour scheduled for October 24, 2023. Once the times are finalized, we will share this information with the group. There will be a sign-up sheet at the luncheon. If you miss the luncheon, please let Celia (cegrav@yahoo.com) know if you would like to be a part of this new and exciting activity for Amelia Island.

Savannah Trip

Planning continues for the Savannah trip October 3, 4, and 5. Those who signed up for the trip should have received an email from Celia with links for hotels, sightseeing cruise line, and other information regarding plans for the group activities. If you did not receive an email please reach out to Celia and let her know - cegrav@yahoo.com.



Party Party Party

Our group is having a social Thursday, October 26 from 6 pm until 10pm. The event is being held at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. Members are asked to bring a snack to share and BYOB. Please bring your significant other and come and meet all the great people in our group. We are planning some games and lots of fun!

July Luncheon



Pictured Emily Floore, Executive Director & St. Mary's Riverkeeper and Lynda Watson, Vice President WON

Pentanque



Pentanque Crew

Come join us Wednesday August 16th at the North Hampton Petanque Courts

August News and Articles



SUNSHINE CORNER

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

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 so a member of the Sunshine Team can send a card.



Facebook

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.

Empty Bowls Paint Party in Support of Barnabas Center

Share your creative talents and attend a Barnabas Paint Party at the Amelia Makery! We are taking second group to the Amelia Makery on September 21st. We paint the bowls and leave them at the Makery. The paint party begins at 4 pm and we paint until around 6 pm.

It is part of our philanthropy mission, and it is fun too! The bowls are fired and given to Barnabas. Barnabas selects some of the bowls for auction. The remainder are used for the Barnabas Empty Bowl Luncheon Event held on November 27. Anyone who goes to the lunch event gets to choose a bowl for their lunch and keep it.

Paint Party Information & Bowl Painting Tips

- Thank you for supporting the Barnabas Center at the Amelia Makery.
- You are welcome to bring drinks/light snacks.
 - Please leave your creative station tidied up for the next painter.
 - Upon arrival, notice the "Barnabas Empty Bowls" station inside and feel free to browse the idea book for inspiration.
 - Amelia Makery staff and Barnabas volunteers will guide you to seating and help you select your bowl and glaze. They will also be happy to answer questions.
 - You can "sketch" your design in pencil; please do not erase the pencil marks. They will burn off while firing in the kiln.
 - Please only use three coats of glaze. Each coat will dry quickly; you can also use the hair dryer at the back of the studio for speed drying.
 - Glaze colors will not stain your clothes or items. They wash out easily with soap and water.
 - Please do NOT glaze the very bottom (outside) of the bowl. We will apply an Empty Bowls/Amelia Makery stamp.
 - All unglazed (blank) parts of a bowl will be white. There is no need to paint the bowl white. A clear glaze will be applied to the entire bowl after you paint/ glaze it.
 - A little glaze goes a long way. Please start out with a small amount and refill as needed.
 - Please do NOT include specific names, initials or dates on the bowls. Team names or group names are fine (ex. Cairns, FSU, etc.).
 - Please do not mix glaze colors. Rinse your brush in water when switching colors and dry it after rinsing.
 - When you finish painting your bowl, place jars and trays at the sink or the table near the sink; do NOT rinse excess glaze down the drain.

 Thank you for creating a hand-painted bowl to support Barnabas!
BarnabasNassau.org • 904.261.7000



Your Hand-Painted Bowl Helps Others

Thank You for Supporting the 10th annual Empty Bowls Luncheon



Empty Bowls is a grassroots effort to combat hunger and all its residual effects. Since 2014, this beloved community event has helped the Barnabas Center raise funds that battle food insecurity and poverty throughout Nassau County. It also provides a great opportunity to showcase the many other ways the Barnabas Center connects people with the help and hope they need to become self-sufficient.

Thank you for painting a bowl that will be donated to the Empty Bowls luncheon for guests to take home or be featured on the online auction. You are helping make this important fundraising event a success!

We Hope to See You!

10th annual Empty Bowls Luncheon
Monday, November 27, 2023
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island
12 p.m. – 1 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.)

 Tickets available on our website starting August 1, 2023.
BarnabasNassau.org • 904.261.7000

August Monthly Activities

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



WON Welcome Coffee

Our next Welcome Coffee will be at Story and Song on Monday August 21st from 10:00 – 11:30.

Date	Monday August 21 st
Time	10:00 a.m.
Location	Story and Song



PETANQUE

Let's Play! The WON Petanque Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM at the North Hampton Petanque courts behind the swimming pool. Come and enjoy a fun outdoor activity.

We have a few practice balls to try, but we encourage you to purchase your boules from Petanque America at www.petanqueamerica.com.

You are also encouraged to play on Saturdays at 9:30 at Central Park with the Amelia Island Boules Club (AIBC). It is a great way to learn to play Petanque and meet new friends.

If you have questions, send Lee Ann Shobe an email at jimlee.shobe@gmail.com or give her a call at 970-589-4241. Remember, this is a great sport to enjoy with your spouse or significant other.

Date	Wednesday August 16
Time	9 a.m.
Location	North Hampton Petanque Courts
Questions	Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email jimlee.shobe@gmail.com



DEFEND AND PROTECT

This group is active again and currently members are attending "A Girl and A Gun" classes. The classes are discussion then practice and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday beginning at 5:30 pm. Classes are held at the 2nd Amendment Guns and Range in Yulee.

Date	Thursday August 10 and 24
Time	5:30 p.m..
Location	2 nd Amendment Guns and Range 85076 Commercial Park Drive, Yulee
RSVP:	Ellen Shedd eshedd0405@gmail.com



BETWEEN THE LINES

The Between the Lines Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:30. This month we will meet at Fernandina Beach Library.

If you are interested in joining, please email Trish Caballero, tcab9@hotmail.com.

Book	Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
Author	Jesse Q Sutanto
Date	Thursday August 10
Time	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location	Fernandina Beach Library

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THE TAVERN BY AIBC

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting on Tuesday August 8 at the The Tavern. Please be there by 12:30 to be seated. RSVP to Debbie Grove if you plan to attend the monthly activity.

Date	Tuesday August 8
Time	12:30 p.m.
Location	The Tavern 318 Centre Street
RSVP:	Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net



COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

For August our group will be meeting at the **Amelia Walk Amenity Center** while the North Hampton Amenity Center undergoes renovations, so we have transitioned our group to Amelia Walk. We will still meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings. We gather around 6 pm to share goodies and enjoy social time. Around 7 pm we begin to play cards. We play both canasta and pennies. If you would like to attend, please contact Celia for more information.

Date	Friday August 11 and 25
Time	6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Cards
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
Maximum	30 (for now)
RSVP	Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com (352) 316-2485



BUNCO

The WON Bunco group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. Currently we have a full roster of 16 regular players, but if you are interested in becoming a substitute player, please email Lynda Watson at Lyndanamelia@gmail.com or text (850) 228-1358. Regular players: If you cannot make it for any game, please email me to let me know, so that I can arrange for a sub for you. Arranging for a sub in case you cannot play is very important, as it is more difficult to play with less than four players at each table. You can contact me as late as Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget to bring a snack to share, a beverage of a choice for yourself and \$5 for the prize pot.

Date	Tuesday August 8
Time	7:00 p.m.
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com



CHEAP THRILLS

The Cheap Thrills game group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. We play different games depending on the amount of people who come and what everyone likes to play. It's all about FUN!

Date	Wednesday August 2 and 16
Time	1 p.m. to 3 p.m
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Donna @ donnacz@verizon.net or Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

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PENNIES CANASTA

Please join us for an afternoon of fun while we play Pennies. Pennies is a form of canasta. If you don't know how to play, we will happily teach you.

We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Amelia National Clubhouse. Several of us have lunch before cards beginning around 11:30. Lunch reservations are a required. Since Pennies is played with a partner let me know who will be in attendance every week. I also need to provide the guard at Amelia National with your name so you can have entrance into the community. **RSVP required weekly.**

Date	Tuesday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Time	1 p.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
RSVP	Ann, 913- 638-9247; annknickrehm@gmail.com

MAH-JONGG

Mah-Jongg continues with play open to all levels on Thursdays at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. We continue to encourage players of all levels to join and have several experienced players who are teaching beginners. We have four tables available (16 players) so there is always room for new players!

You do not have to own a Mah-Jongg set to play, but please bring your 2023 National Mah-Jongg League card. If you don't have the 2023 card you can purchase it at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org.

Date	Thursday August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Time	10 a.m. to noon
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Shannon Byrd, call or text, 585-748-4522



BOWLING BEAUTIES

This summer our group has decided to bowl through the summer. We enjoy the advantage of an air-conditioned place to exercise so want to use it. We hope others who may find summer a less than ideal time to get out to exercise will join us for fun. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If you would like to join, please reach out to Sandy via email before planning to attend that day.

Date	Monday August 14 and 28
Time	10:15 a.m.
Location	Yulee Bowling 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP:	Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com



CHICK FLICKS

This group is open to all who enjoy a good movie, which will be chosen each month by a vote from all chicks. Many also choose to enjoy lunch before the movie or dinner after, depending on the start time of the movie.

Date	Tuesday August 29
Time	Movie and Time to follow
Location	AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10 96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
RSVP:	Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The membership application has been updated on the Women of Nassau website <https://womenofnassau.org> and can now be completed and submitted on-line. Payment of dues can be completed via PayPal using the online functionality. As a reminder, anyone joining the last quarter of the current year pays only \$10 for their membership for the current year.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Carol Newton
Christine Musial
Luann Pollock

Sandra Locher
Rita Marvier



August Birthday Celebrations

Below is a list of club members celebrating birthday's 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!

Laurie Baranek - August 2
Christina Wright - August 5
Sharon Meadows - August 10
Lena Beale - August 12
Nancy Cerra - August 16
Dawn Bostwick - August 17
Kathleen Fiore - August 22
Joanne Ratnecht - August 23
Patricia Trudel - August 24
Sandra Barron - August 27

Connie Philipp - August 2
Jan Clark - August 8
Janet Loveless - August 11
Nancy Petrillo - August 15
Paula Robinson J - August 16
Tanis Crocitto - August 20
Jane Cannon - August 23
Robyn Redwine Mednikow - August 24
Adele Motter - August 26
Cynthia Fisher - August 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WOMEN OF NASSAU - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WON Business Meeting/Luncheon – 7/20/23 – Amelia National Clubhouse

Attending: 40 members + 2 guests

Vice President Lynda Watson called the meeting to order at 11:39 am. She welcomed two guests, Lisa Stubbing and Stephanie Reilly. She announced this month's new members, Luann Pollock, Carol Newton, Christine Musial, Rita Malvier, and Sandra Locher and our members with birthdays this month. Lynda called for approval of June's minutes; motion for approval was made by Celia Gravely and seconded by Marie Larson. Membership approved the motion.

Announcements:

- Lynda Watson announced that a presentation of \$ 1,000 will be made to Barnabas for the "Empty Bowls" event. There will be a raffle for 4 tickets, plus 6 members can buy tickets for this event, where we will have a table for 10.
- Debbie Price announced that every Thursday morning from 10:00 AM, Mah Jongg is played at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center, and all levels are welcome to play.
- Gay Dunlop announced that the welcome coffee for new and prospective members has changed to the 3rd Monday of the month, since we would like to be inside at Story and Song, and will take place upstairs, rather than the courtyard. Next meeting is August 21. We had 21 attendees at the coffee on July 17.
- Lynda Watson announced that Nancy Gallimore has made great progress in getting the word out for Women of Nassau, through Facebook and other sites, reaching out to areas beyond Fernandina Beach.

Treasurer's Report:

Laurie Laiken reported the savings account has a balance of \$103.18 and the checking account balance is \$9,779.28. She also announced that for those people who have issues with Paypal, checks can be mailed to the PO Box or arranged to give to her directly. Checks must be received a few days prior to deadline for luncheon, since Amelia National needs notification.

Activities:

Celia Gravely's announcements:

- She thanked those who participated in "Empty Bowls" painting party at the Makery on June 29, 2023. We will be able to make more empty bowls this month and would like to do it again next year. Celia will send a notification out shortly.
- We wanted to tour the FAA Facility in Hilliard this year, but they will not be able to accommodate tours for any time in the foreseeable future.
- Alhambra Theatre Matinee trip to see "Fiddler on the Roof", with lunch is scheduled for September 17, at noon. Reserve your seats on the Alhambra website (or call the theatre) now if you wish to go. There is a sign-up sheet at today's meeting also.
- There is a Savannah trip sign-up sheet, deadline is end of August.
- Joyce Ellensen is setting up a visit to the Jacksonville Symphony in the Fall and will reach out.
- The first "Cemetery Tour" has been scheduled for October 24, 2023 by the Amelia Island Genealogical Society and the Amelia Island Museum of History. They will be doing these monthly from October through January. For those interested, there is a sign-up sheet, details to follow.
- We are planning a social event at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center on October 26, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Costumes are optional. BYOB, your partner, and hors d'oeuvres, maybe Games?

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Charlene Kingsnorth's announcements:

- Charlene discussed plans for Christmas cookie sale at the December luncheon and provided sign-up sheets at each table. (Homemade or purchased from bakery)
- There will be a "sip and shop" at Fifi's Consignment on September 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM (after the store closes). 20% of all their day's proceeds will be donated to WON.

Today's 50/50 winner of \$100 was Joanne Flieger, and she graciously donated her winnings to the club.

A framed piece of artwork by Thomas Kinkade was raffled off and we collected \$40.00. Congratulations to Lynda Watson!

Program:

Emily Floore, Executive Director & St. Mary's Riverkeeper, was our speaker.

She was very entertaining and knowledgeable about the St. Mary's River and everything that the organization does to test the water and keep it safe for us. She discussed Trail Ridge, the Okefenokee, the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, as well as water issues and how they were resolved in Camden County, GA.

St. Marys Riverkeeper is a privately funded, independent and trusted voice for the St. Marys River.

You can find more information here:

[About Us - St. Marys Riverkeeper \(stmarysriverkeeper.org\)](http://stmarysriverkeeper.org)

Adjournment: Lynda Watson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laiken

Women of Nassau - August 2023 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	2 Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	3 Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Center	4 Cruise Committee 10:00 AM Panera Yulee	5
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