



Women of Nassau

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May 2023 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Dear *Women of Nassau*:

Thank you to all who joined us for the April-Welcome Spring lunch meeting! And many thanks to Betsy Clark for playing the piano beautifully for all of us during lunch!

In April we welcomed Spring, and many members wore decorated Spring bonnets. It was a really difficult decision as to which was best. Carolyn Glaza took the prize, sporting a lovely orange straw bonnet decorated with a variety of spring flowers! Celia prepared a couple of 'bingo' type of get-to-know-you games! We all had fun trying to fill our bingo cards while getting to know each other. Thank you, Celia! I look forward to playing more games at future events.

Arsenic & Old Lace was classic entertainment at the Alhambra Dinner Theater. It looks like we will go back in September for Fiddler on the Roof! This is one of my all-time favorites, I have already purchased my tickets and I hope you all will as well while front table seats are available.

Remember Welcome Coffee is scheduled each month on the last Wednesday at 10 am. Invite your friends to join, and let others know as this is the perfect opportunity to find out about our wonderful organization.

In May we will have a presentation from Families in Transition; in June we look forward to filling the bus with school supplies for children in need.

Thank you all for your continued support of WON! And Happy Mother's Day to all!

May WON Luncheon

Date Thursday May 18
Time 11:30 a.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost \$32 per person
Maximum 70 (first come first serve)
RSVP Required
Deadline **Sunday May 14**
Reservation, Payment and Entree Selection deadline
Program Speaker – Molly Cressey, Families in Transition Nassau County Board

Soup

Chilled Tomato Cucumber Gazpacho with Scallions & Garlic Twist

Entree Choice of:

*Individual Quiche with Shrimp & Cheese, or
Individual Quiche with Ham & Cheese, or
Individual Quiche with Bacon & Cheese, or
Individual Quiche with Grilled Vegetables*

*** Each quiche will be served over Sweet Potato Hash & Wilted Baby Spinach with Green Goddess Dressing*

Dessert

Assorted Petit Fours & 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!

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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

One member has purchased seats at table B2, seats A & C. This is front row seating! All dates are seats are selling out quickly as this show has a short play time. Purchase your tickets now! Go to www.alhambrajax.com.

Please email Dawn at wonpresident@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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>.



Savannah Trip Dates Finalized

Our trip to Savannah has reached its final planning stages. Our dates are October 3, 4, and 5, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We will provide more information once the attendees are finalized. We request that you let Celia Gravely know by August 31st (cegrav@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend. All members currently signed up should receive an email in the next few days with information.

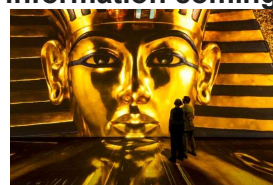
There are three hotels in the historic district that have been reviewed and are suggested for your stay. They are the Hilton Garden Inn ([Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Historic District Hotel](#)), The DoubleTree ([The DoubleTree Savannah Historic District Hotel \(hilton.com\)](#)), and the Hyatt Regency ([Downtown Savannah, GA Riverfront Hotels | Hyatt Regency Savannah](#)). All are priced around the same, \$260 - \$295 nightly depending on hotel and view selected. They are also fairly close together and right in the historic district. If you prefer to stay elsewhere that is great. We will establish meeting places in the historic district each morning during the day so we can all meet up and enjoy the city together. [10 Savannah Must-Dos for First-Time Visitors | VisitSavannah.com](#) this is a link to a site about Savannah where we can think about what we all want to see.

April Luncheon Pictures



National Geographic's *Beyond King Tut* Opens In Jacksonville June 9, 2023

More information coming soon!



May Monthly Activities

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WON Welcome Coffee

Our next Welcome Coffee will be at Story and Song on May 31st from 10:00 – 11:30.

PETANQUE

Let's Play! Our WON Petanque league meets on the 1st and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 at Central Park in Fernandina Beach.

Come and enjoy a fun outdoor activity. We have a few practice balls for you to try, but we encourage you to purchase your boules from Petanque America on the island. Phillipe will be happy to help you and can be reached at www.petanqueamerica.com Contact: 904-491-1190

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. For those of you interested, the AIBC will be hosting a Memorial Tournament on October 10th starting at 1:00 pm.

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	Thursday May 4 and 18
Time	10 a.m.
Location	Central Park, Fernandina Beach
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 May 11 and 25
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	The London House
Author	Katherine Reay
Date	Thursday May 11
Time	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location	Fernandina Beach Library



CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting the on second Tuesday this month, May 9. Please be there by 12:30 to be seated. RSVP to Debbie Grove if you plan to attend the monthly activity.

Date	Tuesday May 9
Time	12:30 p.m.
Location	Pepper's Mexican Grill 530 Centre St, Fernandina Beach
RSVP:	Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

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COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

We are continuing our Cocktails and Canasta get togethers playing both Canasta and Pennies, a derivative of Canasta. We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings of each month starting at 6 pm at the North Hampton Amenity Center for cocktails, snacks and conversation with card play beginning around 7 pm. We would love to have you and our partner/spouse join us. We play a partner game so if you would like to play and need a partner, we will match you up with someone. Please let Celia Gravely know if you have any questions or if you would like to be added to the email that is sent out to gather reservations for the games.

Date	Friday May 12 and 26
Time	6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Cards
Location	North Hampton Amenity Center 86041 N Hampton Club Way
Maximum	30 (for now)
RSVP	Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com (352) 316-2485

BUNCO

The WON Bunco group meets the second Tuesday of each month 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, who will be notified whenever regular players cannot attend, please email Lynda Watson at Lyndanamelia@gmail.com or text (850)228-1358. Attention 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 May 9
Time	7:00 p.m.
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com



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 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time	1 p.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
RSVP	Ann, 913- 638-9247; annknickrehm@gmail.com



CHEAP THRILLS

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

Date	Wednesday May 3 and 17
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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MAH-JONGG

Mah-Jongg continues in 2023 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 May 4, 11, 18, and 25
Time	10 a.m. to noon
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Shannon Byrd, call or text, 585-748-4522



BOWLING BEAUTIES

Our group has had a great time bowling over the past months. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday. We welcomed one new bowler last month and would love to have anyone else who wants to join us. If you would like to join, please reach out to Sandy via email before planning to attend that day.

Date	Monday May 8 and 22
Time	10:15 a.m.
Location	Yulee Bowling 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP:	Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com



SUNSHINE CORNER

Two cards were sent out by the Sunshine Corner to members in March.

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.



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 May 30
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

Barbara Leech



May 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!

Toni Boelsen – May 10
Donna Williams – May 10
Charlene Kingsnorth – May 31

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WOMEN OF NASSAU - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

President Dawn Bostwick called the April 20, 2023, business meeting of the Women of Nassau to order at 11:36 am.

Four new members in March. Dawn announced we had 11 birthdays this month and recognized Carolyn Glaza and Lorraine Clapper who had April birthdays and were in attendance at the luncheon. Two guests were in attendance: Shea Vela and Mary Grafton.

Approval of March minutes was completed with a motion was made by Sandra Barron and second by Marie Larson. Motion carried.

Dawn also announced that the WON t-shirts were still on sale and should be on the WON website soon for folks to order and pay.

Philanthropy was discussed with some additional information for some of the groups our members voted to assist. The Girls on the Run has an annual run that was held in March. Most of the assistance they need is in the few months before the run. The WON will keep in touch and hopefully provide support next year leading up to the run. The Take Stock in Children group is looking for long-term commitment from volunteers to mentor children in their program. If there are club members interested in this type of volunteer work, please contact Marie Larson for more information. The Families in Transition group will present a program at a future luncheon and discuss the needs of their organization. It is hoped that our organization will have a collection of items they need during the June luncheon. More to come on that.

Dawn reminded everyone about the Welcome Coffee to be held at Story and Song next week, April 26. It begins at 10 a.m. If there are any questions reach out to Gay Dunlop.

Treasurer's Report-Laurie Laiken

Checking balance: \$8,792.18 Checking balance: \$103.12

Celia Gravely, activities chairperson, announced some upcoming activities. Signup sheets are available on the front table. Activities upcoming include a visit to the Cummer Museum for the Flamboyance Exhibit in the Gardens on April 28. The club is planning an overnight trip to Savannah in the Fall. We plan to travel to Savannah on October 3, 4, and 5. We will provide information to ladies who would like to participate. Hotels have been researched, a sightseeing cruise is planned for one night, a Trolley tour is planned for our first day there and many other fun activities. Please let Celia know if you are interested in participating on the planning committee or joining us on the trip. If you signed up on the signup sheet you will receive emails with more detail and plans. If you have not signed up on the signup sheet, please contact Celia to be put on the email distribution for the Savannah trip.

The 50/50 drawing winner was Jana Smith, and the amount was \$87.50. Carolyn Glaza won the Easter Bonnet contest.

Lunch was served. After lunch the membership played some "getting to know you" bingo games. Everyone enjoyed the games, and we had three winners: first place Cristina Wright, second place Bonnie Bartlett, and third place Barbara Combs. They all enjoyed flamingo themed prizes from the Cummer Museum Flamboyance exhibit.

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Larkin, second by Gay Dunlop. Motion passed. President Bostwick adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Celia Gravely, secretary stand in

Women of Nassau - May 2023 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	3 Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	4 Petanque 10:00 AM Central Park FB Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Center	5	6
7	8 Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	9 Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Pepper's Mexican Grill Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse BUNCO 7:00 PM Amelia Walk Amenity Ctr	10	11 Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Center Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library Defend and Protect 5:30 pm 2nd Amendment Guns & Range	12 Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM N Hampton Amenity Center	13
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21	22 Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	23 Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	24	25 Petanque 10:00 AM Central Park FB Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM Amelia Walk Amenity Center Defend and Protect 5:30 pm 2nd Amendment Guns & Range	26 Cocktails and Canasta 6:00 PM N Hampton Amenity Center	27
28	29 	30 Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Chick Flicks AMC Classic Yulee	31 WON Welcome Coffee 10:00-11:30 AM Story and Song FB			