

September 2023 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Dear Women of Massau:

The August Luncheon was amazing! Lynda Bell had an excellent presentation on all the new programs and partnerships at Keep Nassau Beautiful.

WON presented a check for \$1,000 to Barnabas Center for their Empty Bowls program. There is still time to paint a bowl for the event! We will be going back to Amelia Makery on Thursday, Sept. 21st at 4:00 pm.

This month our program will be presented by Sylvia Purvis with Pinky Promise. As a kick-off to Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, WON will present Ms. Purvis with a check for \$500.

This last quarter is filled with activities! Read on about all the activities. I am sure you will find something fun to do! And be sure to bring a friend or two. There are other fun events coming up: Fiddler on the Roof at the Alhambra, the AIGS Annual Cemetery Tour in October, and a Mixer for members also in October just to name a few.

Remember Welcome Coffee's have 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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September WON Luncheon

	Date	Thursday September 21 st
	Time	11:30 a.m.
	Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
•	Cost	\$32 per person
	Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
	RSVP	Required
	Deadline	Sunday September 17 th
		Reservation, Payment and Entree
		Selection deadline
	Program	Sylvia Purvis - Pinky Promise

Soup

Duo Soup Roasted Cauliflower Soup and White Cheddar Broccoli

Entrée

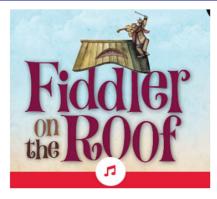
Trio Salad Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, and Shrimp Salad Served Over Fried Green Tomatoes and Cheddar Chive Biscuits

Dessert

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries And Assorted Petit Fours

You can make your reservations on the WON website <u>https://womenofnassau.org/luncheons</u> by using the cart and payment options. If you need to make different payment arrangements, please contact the WON Treasurer at <u>wontreasurer@gmail.com</u>.

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!



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* **17**th. 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.



Savannah Trip

Planning for the Savannah Trip **October 3rd – 5th** continues to be finalized. The deadline to sign-up to attend was August 31. 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.



Party Party Party

Our group is having a social **Thursday, October 26**th 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!



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 14**, 2023. The tours start from the main entrance at Bosque Bello cemetery, look for the signs, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing throughout the day every 10 minutes with the last tour starting at 5 p.m. We will pick a time as a group and send an email to all on the sign-up sheet. If you did not sign up, please send a note to Celia Gravely, cegrav@yahoo.com .



The Women of Nassau will hold a Sip 'n Shop event on **Thursday, October 12**th at Fifi's Fine Resale Apparel of Amelia Island store located at 4802 1st Coast Hwy Suite 430, Fernandina Beach, FL. The event begins at 5 pm and goes until 7 pm. All members of Women of Nassau (and friends you would like to bring with you) are invited to attend the event. There will be wine and light appetizers available. Fifi's has agreed to donate 20% of all sales for October 12th to the club in support of our mission.

Front Porch Beads

Front Porch Beaders

The Front Porch Beaders of Fernandina Beach has asked the Women of Nassau to join them in an activity specially scheduled for our organization. The Front Porch Beaders is a 501c3 organization located in Nassau County. They create jewelry and sale it with all sales proceeds donated to charities in our county. The Beaders will supply all equipment, beads and instruction. The cost is \$10 per member, tax deductible. The request is that you make at least 2 pieces of jewelry, one for you to take home and one for the Beaders to sell.

Date, time and location to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September luncheon, or you can contact Celia Gravely, <u>cegrav@yahoo.com</u>.



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.



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 .



Holiday Cookie Sale

The Women of Nassau are going to exhibit their talents by holding a Holiday Cookie Sale at the November luncheon. Members of the organization are baking cookies with a holiday theme for sale. Cookies will be packaged in amounts of around a dozen and offered for sale to all members and attendees at the November luncheon. The price will be reasonable and well worth it for the fantastic cookies you will purchase to share with your family or at holiday gatherings. This is a fundraiser for our Ways and Means group.



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: <u>bostwickdwon@gmail.com</u>



New Bunco Group

We are starting a new bunco group. There is a sign-up sheet at the luncheons, or you can reach out to Lynda Watson (<u>lyndanamelia@gmail.com</u>) to get on the list. Date, time and activity particulars are still TBD. If you want to be involved, please let us know.



SUNSHINE CORNER

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

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 <u>judymahan23@yahoo.com</u> so a member of the Sunshine Team can send a card.

Photo Gallery

August Luncheon



Cuisine and Conversation





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.



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.

September 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 September 18th from 10:00 – 11:30.

Date	Monday September 18 th
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.

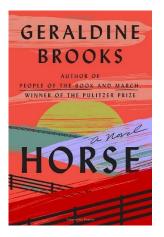
DateWednesday September 20thTime9 a.m.LocationNorth Hampton Petanque CourtsQuestionsLee Ann, 970-589-4241 or emailjimlee.shobe@gmail.com



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 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursday beginning at 5:30 pm. Classes are held at the 2^{nd} Amendment Guns and Range in Yulee.

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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, <u>tcab9@hotmail.com.</u>

Book	Horse
Author	Geraldine Brooks
Date	Thursday September 14 th
Time	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location	Fernandina Beach Library

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CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting on Tuesday September 12th at the Ahan Thai Kitchen. Please be there by 12:30 to be seated. RSVP to Debbie Grove if you plan to attend this month.

Date	Tuesday September 12 th
Time	12:30 p.m.
Location	Ahan Thai Kitchen
	474260 E State Rd 200
RSVP:	Debbie, <u>samdeb@bellsouth.net</u>



COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

For September 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 September 8 th and 22 nd
Time	6 p.m. Cocktails; 7 p.m. Cards
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
Maximum	30 (for now)
RSVP	Celia, <u>cegrav@yahoo.com</u>
	(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.

DateTuesday September 12thTime7:00 p.m.LocationAmelia Walk Amenity CenterRSVP:Lynda Watsonlyndanamelia@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 September 6 th and 20 th
Time	1 p.m. to 3 p.m
Location	Amelia Walk Amenity Center
RSVP:	Donna @ <u>donnacz@verizon.net</u> 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 September 5, 12, 19 and 26
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 September 7, 14, 21 and 28
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 airconditioned 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 September 11 th and 25 th
Time	10:15 a.m.
Location	Yulee Bowling
	850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP:	Sandy, <u>taylor32034@gmail.com</u>



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 September 26 th
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 <u>https://womenofnassau.org</u> 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.



Carmon Jones Carlene Washington Lynne Orr-Holley Korrin Hume Johnson Sherry Vaughn Mary Molusky Kathy McFarland Jennifer Smith Cheryl Drummey Chong Murphy Marilyn Rubel Murielle Labeaud Ronnie Schaer Vinette Deborah Adeline Conner



September 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!

Lisa Webber - September 1 Deb Cottle - September 5 Marie Larson - September 14 Rosie Benshop - September 19 Sharon Dodson - September 21 Donna Cyr - September 28 Kacee Vojdani - September 30

Gay Dunlop - September 5 Mary Lou Waas - September 13 Sherry Vaughn - September 14 Sandra Taylor - September 20 Barbara Combs - September 22 Carol Newton - September 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WOMEN OF NASSAU - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2023 – Amelia National Clubhouse

Called to order by President Dawn Bostwick at 11:47 am.

Recognition of Guests and New Members:

Guests: Genevieve Summers and Lynda Belle, Keep Nassau Beautiful; Nicola Barnack and Barb Decker, Barnabas

Birthdays in attendance: Paula Robinson, Adele Motter, Dawn Bostwick, Sandy Barron, Leana Beal

New Members: Carol Newton

Approval of minutes from last month's business meeting: Motion made by Lynda Watson, second by Marie Larson, motion carried.

Announcements:

Cruise news, 2 destinations were selected by the cruise committee, one short cruise, 3-5 days, to the Caribbean and one longer cruise, 5 to 7 days, to the northeast including Quebec. The committee is having a meeting on August 18 at Panera to select specific cruises and will send information to the membership when the selection is completed. – See News and Articles Section for additional details.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking \$9786.77; savings \$103.18

Activities:

Activities Chair Celia Gravely made the following announcements:

The group is starting a second Bunco group, sign-up sheet up front. More to come. Lynda Watson is helping to organize and get it up and running.

On August 29, 6 pm to 8 pm, a WON member, Nancy Cerra, will be presenting a real estate investment seminar. The meeting is being held at the Fernandina Beach Airport in the meeting room. There is a sign-up sheet on the front desk. All interested should sign up. Nancy has offered to present multiple seminars to our members.

September 17 some of the group will attend Fiddler on the Roof being presented at the Alhambra Dinner Theater.

September 21, 4 pm to 6 pm, our group will host a second Empty Bowl Painting party. It will be held at the Amelia Makery. There is a sign-up sheet up front.

The Savannah Trip is finalized to be held October 3, 4, and 5. The deadline to sign up is August 31. Emails have been sent to folks attending with itinerary information and links for hotels and cruise tickets. More to come in the next few weeks.

The Cemetery Tour sponsored by the Amelia Island Genealogy Society and the Amelia Island Museum of History has had a date change. The Tour will now be held October 14, with groups leaving the staging area every 10 minutes beginning at 9 am and going until 5 pm. There is a sign-up sheet up front.

On October 26 WON is sponsoring a social event at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center. The event begins at 6 pm and will end at 10 pm. All members and guests are invited to attend. We are planning to have music, appetizers, games, BYOB. Planning is underway and anyone wishing to participate should contact Dawn or Joy.

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

Sonya made an activity announcement about the Front Porch Beaders. They are inviting the membership of WON interested in participating to attend a beading session. The date is TBD and a sign-up sheet is on the front table. This event is slated for October. The plan is to make at least two items from the beads, one for you to keep and one for the beaders to sale. They are a 501c3 organization in Nassau County and 100% of their proceeds go to support charities in Nassau County. The cost of this activity is \$10.More to come from Sonya soon.

Charlene made the following activity announcements: The planned Sip 'n Shop at Fifi's has been rescheduled to October 12, from 5 pm until 7 pm. Wine and light appetizers will be served. The shop has agreed to give WON 20% of that day's sales as a donation for Ways and Means.

Charlene also announced the cookie sale has been moved to the November luncheon. The date of the December luncheon was very close to Christmas and the concern is attendance may be low. The Holiday Cookie sale has many club members volunteering to create holiday goodies for members to purchase. These will be on sale at the November luncheon.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Loree Siebert. The Keep Nassau Beautiful organization provided some t-shirts to be a part of our raffle today. Winners were: Vicki Gibson, Lee Ann Shobe, Barbara Dennis and Joy Kemp.

A check presentation was made to Nicole from Barnabas. The club has decided to provide this support as part of our ongoing support of charity organizations in our community. Nicole discussed the many Barnabas programs and thanked the organization for their support.

The program was presented by Keep Nassau Beautiful organization. They discussed their many programs in the county, encouraged members to participate and have fun keeping Nassau Beautiful.

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Laurie Laiken and second from Charlene Kingsnorth.

Respectfully submitted: Celia Gravely

Women of Massau - September 2023 Monthly Planner						
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