



Women of Nassau

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October 2024 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Hello Wonderful Women of Nassau:

I hope you enjoyed the September luncheon fashion show and the Dinner and Dancing Event on September 27. Thank you to Lorraine and Joy and the Events Committee for organizing such exciting and fun events! I can't believe it is October already, but some cooler fall temperatures will be most welcome!

Your WON Board of Directors is already making plans for 2025 and we need your help. Volunteers are needed for several upcoming efforts. If you are interested in any of the following opportunities to participate, email me at lyndanamelia@gmail.com, and I will make sure you are signed up! I am looking forward to continuing as your President for the remainder of this year and for 2025!

Audit in January 2025

Per WON By-Laws, An audit committee consisting of one Board member and two additional members has been appointed – Lynda Watson, Suzie Zurich and Cathy Hohner. The audit will be performed in January 2025

Nominating Committee for 2025 Board of Directors officers (required by By-Laws)

Per WON By-Laws, the Board is to appoint a nominating committee consisting of a Chairperson, two board members and two members from the general membership. The duty of the Nominating Committee is to identify members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors and to develop a proposed slate of officers for 2025. The proposed slate of officers will be presented to the membership for vote at the November luncheon/business meeting.

The Board has appointed President Lynda Watson as Chairperson, Joy Kemp volunteered as a board member. ***We still need one board member and two members from general membership.*** Please email me - lyndanamelia@gmail.com - if you can serve on the nominating committee.

Vacant Board Positions for 2025 - When I was nominated for President last year, I was advised that the Presidency is a two -year term. So I will continue as your President for 2025. A few of our long-term board members are stepping down to allow others the opportunity to bring fresh, new, exciting ideas for making WON even better! Several members have stepped up to be nominated for the vacant board positions. Please see the tentative proposed slate on Page 2. Positions still vacant are:

- o Newsletter
- o Activities Chair

Anyone who is interested in any of these opportunities, email me at lyndanamelia@gmail.com. I encourage you to get involved with this great group of ladies - WON has been a blessing for me by providing an opportunity to contribute to our organization and our community, and I have made some wonderful friends in the process!

I am looking forward to continuing as your President for the remainder of this year and for 2025!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau, Inc.

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Women of Nassau Nominating Committee Appointed September 2024 2025 Proposed Slate of Officers

President	Lynda Watson
Past President	Dawn Bostwick
First Vice President: Luncheon Meals and Programs	Jacqui Pazzanese
Assistant	OPEN
Second Vice-President – Special Events and Education	Bonnie Bartlett
Assistant	Karen Boyce
Recording Secretary	Karen Boyce
Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster	Donna Williams
Assistant	Nancy Gallimore
Treasurer	Pat Clendenen
Assistant	Nancy Gallimore
Membership	Gay Dunlop
Philanthropy	Vicki Gibson Jan Post
Committee	Nancy Gallimore, Nancy Cerra Sherylan Vaughn Laura Thalwitzer
Ways and Means	Charlene Kingsnorth
Activities	OPEN
Newsletter	OPEN
Publicity	Maryna Kisil
Historian	Nancy Gallimore Jo Lichten

October News and Articles

WON Luncheon

Date Thursday October 24th
Time 11:30 a.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost \$32 per person
Maximum 70 (first come first serve)
RSVP Required
Deadline **Sunday October 20** - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline

Program Amelia Island Whale Ambassadors

Presented by Theresa Hartz, an Amelia Island Whale Ambassadors, who will speak to us about Right Whales which migrate to Amelia Island every winter to give birth and nurture their calves. The AI Whale Ambassadors' goal is to introduce and educate Amelia Islanders about the Right Whale, which are an endangered species. Even though the North Atlantic Right Whale is bigger than a school bus, they are very difficult to see when boating. So, like the turtles, they are an important part of our island culture.

Theresa will discuss the whales, how they get to Amelia Island every year and why; why they are endangered; and the Amelia Island Whale Festival and other events that take place each year.

Right Whale Festival - November 2-3, 2024

Main Beach Park, Amelia Island
Life size whales, 70+ booths, youth activities... Fun and Educational for the whole family! For more information, visit <https://rightwhalefestival.com>

Salad

*Caesar Salad & Tomato Mozzarella Salad
Antipasto Platter & Garlic Knots*

Entrées

*Chicken Caprese Served Over Linguini & Parma
Rosa Sauce; Eggplant Parmigiana;
Seafood Manicotti with Alfredo & Basil Pesto*

Dessert

Assorted Italian Petit Fours

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!



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.

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 bostwickdwon@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Cost is \$25 per person.

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/event/diamonds-in-the-rust-spring-market/>

October News and Articles

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 - bostwickdwon@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.



Families in Transition Donation Drive

Women of Nassau

Laundry Detergent Donation Drive

October 24, 2024

in support of
"Families in Transition"



Will you help by bringing a bottle of laundry detergent to the October Luncheon?

A donation of a bottle of detergent that would handle a month's worth of laundry would be greatly appreciated.

"Families in Transition" is a local program that offers support and clothing to children experiencing homelessness to help ensure they continue to attend school.



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 www.womenofnassau.org.



Photo Gallery

September Luncheon Twisted Sister Fashion Show

(More photos are on the website at <https://womenofnassau.org/photos>)



October Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE

Date Saturday October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
(Every Saturday)
Time 9:30 a.m.
Location Central Park Pétanque Courts
Questions Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email
jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

BETWEEN THE LINES

Book *In the Blood*
Author Steve Robinson
Date Thursday October 10th
(2nd Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location Fernandina Beach Library
Nov Book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
Dec Book Holiday Party

CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

Date Tuesday October 8th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 12:30 p.m.
Location Hola Cuban Cafe
RSVP: Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net

COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

Date Friday October 11th and 25th
(2nd and 4th Friday evening)
Time 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards
Location North Hampton Amenity Center
RSVP Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com
(352) 316-2485

ORIGINAL BUNCO

Date Tuesday October 8th
(2nd Tuesday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP: Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com

BUNCO 2

Date Thursday October 3rd
(1st Thursday)
Time 7:00 p.m.
RSVP: Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509

GAME NIGHT

Date Monday October 28st
(4th Monday)
Location Fernandina Beach Library
RSVP: Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

PENNIES CANASTA

Date Tuesday October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
(Every Tuesday)
Time 1 p.m.
Location Amelia National Clubhouse
RSVP Ann, 913-638-9247;
annknickrehm@gmail.com
Call to be added to waitlist

MAH-JONGG

Date Thursday October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
(Every Thursday)
Time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
RSVP: Joyce Ellenson 760-902-9051

BOWLING BEAUTIES

Date Monday October 14th, 28th
(2nd and 4th Monday)
Time 10:15 a.m.
Location Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games)
850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
RSVP: Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com

CHICK FLICKS

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

CHEAP THRILLS

Date Wednesday October 2nd, 16th
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)
Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP: Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com

WON Welcome Coffee

Date Monday October 21st
(3rd Monday)
Time 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location Story and Song Bookstore Bistro.

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>.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Leigh Mitchell
Tracy Turpin
Lisa Lukasek

Maryna Kisil
Joan Shelley



October 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!

Laurie Gibbons - October 1
Lillian Bachorski - October 5
Michelle Bollman - October 5
Diane Simmons - October 12
Mary DeFilippo - October 14
Ronnie Schaer-Vinette - October 15
Barbara Hill - October 17
Maria Mestroni - October 21
Pat Clendenen - October 22
Lisa Riggs - October 26
Genevieve Avino - October 29

Constance Bellisari - October 4
Mary Banigan - October
Mary Jane DeBeers - October 9
Laurie Laiken - October 13
Dolores Myers - October 15
Nancy Roeser - October 16
Terri Lumsden - October 20
Linda Reynolds - October 21
Michelle Bedecarre - October 24
Joyce Mascena - October 28

Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2024 – 11:30 am

Amelia National Clubhouse

Call Business to Order

- President Lynda Watson called the business meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of August 15, 2024 Minutes

- Motion made by Marcela Bowler to approve minutes from August 2024 business meeting.
- Second by Barbara Dennis. Motion passed

New Member Recognition

- New members in attendance were recognized. They included: Jane Crisci, Karen Henefeld, Kelly Marine, and Maryna Kisil.

Guests Recognition

- Guests at the luncheon were recognized. They included: Krin Brand, Robin Edwards, Cheryl Quinty, Joanne Randall, Sandy Thompkins, and Maryann Titone.

Birthdays Recognition

- Members with September birthdays were recognized: Barbara Combs, Gay Dunlop, Carol Newton, Sandra Taylor, and Sherylan Vaughn.

Reports and New Business

President – Lynda Watson

Some members had stated that the business portion of the luncheon meeting was too long. They would like to have more time to visit and socialize during the luncheon. President Lynda Watson shared that the board was aware of this, and she stated that every attempt would be made to shorten the business meeting.

Here announcements at the luncheon included the recruitment of members or the Audit committee, the nominating committee and a call for recruitment of members to serve on the board in some open positions. If anyone is interested in serving on the audit committee, the nominating committee or serving on the board, please email Lynda at lyndanamelia@gmail.com and she will discuss with you. Further information about each opportunity is detailed below:

Audit in January 2025

Per WON Bylaws: Section B.5- Treasurer:

- The Treasurer shall submit records for an annual audit, to be conducted by the end of the fiscal year by 1 Board member and 2 additional members.

- Request for two members to serve on the 2024 Audit Committee along with Lynda Watson as the Chair – audit will be performed in January 2025. This is a one-time commitment, probably consisting of a single meeting in January to review the books.

Nominating Committee for 2025 Board of Directors officers (required by By-Laws)

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- **September** – Board appoints the Nominating Committee
 - Chairperson and two board members and two members from the general membership.
 - Board has appointed President Lynda Watson as Chairperson, Joy Kemp volunteered as a board member. So still needed one board member and two members from general membership.
 - Nominating Committee develops a proposed slate of Officers.
- **October** Newsletter - Chairperson publishes proposed slate of officers in newsletter
- **October General Business/Luncheon Meeting** – President presents the proposed slate of officers and accepts nominations from the floor. Slate is finalized.
- **November General Business/Luncheon Meeting** – Slate finalized at October meeting is voted on by active members who must be present to vote.
- **December General Business Meeting / Luncheon** – The 2025 Executive Board will be installed.

Vacant Board Positions for 2025

Request for members interested in serving on the Board for 2025. A few of our long-term board members are stepping down to allow others the opportunity to bring fresh, new, exciting ideas for making WON even better! Vacant positions are (if a name is listed that means that individual is interested in the position):

- First Vice-President, Luncheon Meals and Programs and Assistant
- Second Vice-President, Special Events and Education (Committee to assist)
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster, Assistant – Donna's Assistant
- Treasurer and Assistant – Pat and Nancy as Assistant
- Newsletter
- Publicity – Maryna Kisil

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Past President - Dawn Bostwick

- Announced Graveside Chronicles to be held October 12. Sign-up sheet available. Announced Barnabas Empty Bowls painting event October 22. Sign-up sheet available

First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Lorraine Clapper

- October luncheon will be a buffet, program will be presentation about Right Whales and the upcoming Right Whale Festival in November

Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Joy Kemp

- 3rd Qtr Dinner Update: Look for an email blast to register and pay, reply required by September 19
- September 27, 5-8pm, buffet dinner, live music, Northampton Amenity Center. Activities are: 5-6 Cocktails, 6-7 Catered dinner, 7-8 DJ and dancing
 - Cost to members - \$32
 - Deadline to register 9/19
 - 4th Qtr Beach Tailgate and Bonfire:
 - We will finalize plans later in the year.

Recording Secretary – Celia Gravely

- No announcements

Corresponding Secretary-Webmaster-Donna Williams

- Current membership: 208
- Website visits in August: 1351, September so far: 473

Treasurer-Nancy Gallimore

- Monthly income/expense report provided by Nancy
- Bank balances – Checking \$8,625.02, Savings \$103.33
- Current Bank balance - \$11,071.92

Philanthropy – Joy Kemp (for Vicki Gibson)

- FIT Laundry detergent drive for October luncheon, please look for bottles that do around 50 loads
- Working on plans for 2025

Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth

- 50/50 drawing was held. Karen Henefeld won.
- Fifi's Sip and Shop October 3, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. 20% of Oct 3 sales (all day) will be donated to WON
- Bake Sale at November luncheon. Each table has a sheet for bakers to volunteer to create recipes for the sale. Please remember to add the recipe of your baked good to the box. Charlene will distribute boxes at October luncheon. Cost will be \$15 per box.
- White Elephant sale idea will be referred to the Philanthropy Committee for consideration.

Activities – Karen Boyce

- Please see the Sign-Up sheets in the lobby!
- Diamonds in the Rust craft fair will be held November 22 at the Double D Ranch close to Orange Park. Lynda

Watson and Bonnie Bartlett are heading up this event. Lynda will send an email to all who signed up. If you haven't signed up and want to attend, please let Lynda know. Cost of the ticket for Friday is \$15 and it is good for all weekend if you want to attend for more days.

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- Current membership - 208
- New members in August – 6, new members so far in September – 6.
- Next Welcome Coffee is Monday, October 21, 10:30 – 11:30 am, at Story and Song. All current members and interested residents of Nassau County are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter-Barbara Dennis

- Items for October 1st newsletter are due to Barbara on September 21.

Publicity-Laurie Laiken

- Look for WON announcements in the News Leader, Amelia Island magazine, and a plethora of Nassau County-related Facebook pages!

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Celia Gravely,

From the Editor

Happy
HALLOWEEN



Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair

Women of Nassau – October 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
66		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 Fifi's Shopping Event 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM BUNCO 2 7:00 PM		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
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		Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM Hola Cuban Cafe Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM		Mah-Jongg 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Between The Lines 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library Crafty Ladies Karen at kgalambos@verison.net	Cocktails and Canasta 5:30 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts Graveside Chronicles: Annual Tour 10:10 AM
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