



Women of Nassau

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January 2025 Newsletter

Letter from Our President

Happy New Year, Wonderful Women of Nassau:

First of all, I want to thank the WON Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Committee members, as well as all WON members, for a great 2024 year! It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your President this past year. I am proud of our accomplishments during 2024 - we have grown the club membership as well as the activities, events, opportunities for fellowship, service to our community of women and girls, and other benefits for our members.

Newly elected 2025 Board members and Executive Officers were installed at the December luncheon meeting. These new officers have already started forming committees and are working on some exciting plans for 2025. I'm looking forward to working with returning officers as well as new Board members to make WON even better next year! If you have any ideas about events or other actions that you would like to include in WON, or if you would like to contribute by serving on a committee or with an event, please do not hesitate to let me or the Board members know – we welcome your input!

I am excited about returning for my second year as your President and hope to see you at a WON event early in 2025!

Lynda Watson,
President

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WON Luncheon

Date	Thursday January 16 th
Time	11:30 a.m.
Location	Amelia National Clubhouse
Cost	\$32 per person
Maximum	70 (first come first serve)
RSVP	Required
Deadline	Sunday January 12th - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
Program	We will be celebrating our 6 th year as an organization.

Soup

Roasted Red Pepper Bisque with Basil Pesto Crema and Garlic Stick

Entrée

Choice of Petit Filet, Grilled Airline Chicken Breast, Grilled Salmon or Grilled Portobella Mushrooms

Sides

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Asparagus and Red Wine Mushroom Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Dipped Strawberry and Petit Fours

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!



January News and Articles

Events Committee Report

The events committee had a brief planning meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2024. We discussed each quarter for the upcoming 2025 year and events we thought might be fun 😊 for the membership.

We will kick the year off with a St Patrick's day party 🍀 appetizers, games and green beer 🍷 🍀 and of course friendship. More details to follow. Anyone wanting to help with this committee (who likes to have fun) can reach out to myself, Carol Newton, Charlene Kingsnorth-Heller or Lynda Watson. Any questions please email Bonnie Bartlett - Talleybabs@yahoo.com.

Alhambra Theatre

Alhambra Jacksonville has just released their schedule for season 2025, and it is an amazing line up of performances! We will all purchase tickets on our own, and work on carpool information when we get close to the event. Tickets are selling quickly! Dawn has purchased tickets for the following:

West Side Story: Saturday, March 8th. Lunch is at 12 noon, the show begins at 1:50 pm, table C2.

My Fair Lady: Saturday, June 21st; LUNCH at 12 noon, SHOW at 1:50 pm, table B2.

Mystery of Edwin Drod: October 18th; LUNCH at 12 noon, SHOW at 1:50 pm, table B2.

Tickets for **Elf the Musical** go on sale January 1st.

If you are interested in attending any of these shows, please contact Dawn Bostwick bostwickdwon@gmail.com



WON Facebook Page

Want your pictures on the WON Facebook page? Send your pictures and information for the WON Facebook page to Maryna Kisil at maryna@southwavesoft.com

Cummer Museum Spirit in the Land

The Cummer has a new temporary exhibit every quarter. The current exhibit is Spirit in the Land. The amazing show features 30 artists and 69 of their works. It is the artist's view of the land.

The docent-led tour will be held Saturday, January 18 at 11 am, lunch after the tour at the Museum at 12 noon. Admission is \$15, or free with membership card, paid at the door. Lunch is approximately \$21.60, this includes: drink, entree, dessert and gratuity.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.



There has been interest in visiting the Jacksonville Symphony this year, both the evening concerts and Coffee series.

The first event for our calendar in 2025 is **Phantom of the Opera & More**. This is an evening event, featuring the full orchestra. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 4th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are now \$30 each.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Bostwick at bostwickdwon@gmail.com.

Newsletter Information:

During the next few months Celia will reach out to members for assistance in completing the newsletter. It is a fun and rewarding experience and much easier than most seem to think. Please volunteer to help out if you would like to learn more about the newsletter, how it's put together, and to provide any assistance, ideas, etc. for keeping our membership informed in a fun and interesting manner. Thank you. Contact info:

cegrav@yahoo.com 352-36-2485

January News and Articles

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.



Sunshine Corner

Two cards were sent out by The Sunshine Corner to WON members this month.

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 and a member of the Sunshine Team will send a card.

Have a Blessed New Year!



WON T-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 WON website: <https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart/ols/products/won-shirt>

Book Club News

Thanks to all of you who attended our holiday social and especially for all the donations for Joy to the Children. And thank you Susie for coming to my rescue in getting the donations delivered. We had a great time chatting and trading books. We had enough books left (thanks to Karen's big donation) to donate to the tiny libraries and FOL book sale!

On the subject of charities, we discussed the possibility of collecting and donating books to Nassau County schools/students this fall. It seems that at times students are required to read certain books that are not provided by the school or readily available in the library. While many parents can afford to purchase them, it may be difficult for some families. One list of books is the SSYRA Books for grades 3-5. This list is posted in the Fernandina Beach library. I'm going to speak with the Librarian about the list and how the books are made available to students. If anyone has a contact at the country board of education who could guide us in the best way to donate books please let me know. While I love the idea of donating books to students who can't afford to purchase them, I think we need to know the particulars before we proceed. We have lots of time to figure it out before the next school year begins. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Activity Groups

We are looking to add more activity groups to our calendar. Some suggestions are Mix & Mingle, Wine Group, Samba cards, Gourmet, Walkers. Groups can meet monthly, every other month or at various times during the year. If you would like to chair an activity or have suggestions for a new one, please contact Carol Newton, Activity Chm., at chnewton@msn.com or 352-533-0721. There will be papers on each table at the January luncheon on which you can give your ideas.

Photo Gallery

December Luncheon



Table of Ornament Presents



Table Decorations



2025 Board Members

Maryna Kisil, Carol Newton, Charlene Kingsnorth, Pat Clendenen, Gay Dunlop, Karen Boyce, Jacqui Pazzanese, Dawn Bostwick, Jan Post, Nancy Gallimore, Lynda Watson.

Absent: Celia Gravely, Bonnie Bartlett, Donna Williams, Jo Lichten, Vicki Gibson

Photo Gallery



Barnabas Empty Bowls Luncheon Attendees



Book Club December gathering

January Monthly Activities

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

PETANQUE		PENNIES CANASTA	
Date	Saturday, January 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th (Every Saturday)	Date	Tuesday, January 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 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
BETWEEN THE LINES		MAH-JONGG	
Book	Last Bus to Wisdom	Date	Thursday January 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th (Every Thursday)
Author	Ivan Doig, presented by Karen	Time	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Date	Thursday, January 9 th (2 nd Thursday)	RSVP:	Debbie Price , deb203@aol.com
Time	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	BOWLING BEAUTIES	
Location	Fernandina Beach Library	Date	Monday, January 14 th and 28 th (2 nd and 4 th Monday)
February Book	James by Percival Everett, presented by Susie	Time	10:15 a.m.
CUISINE AND CONVERSATION		Location	Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games) 850822 Hwy 17, Yulee
February	Tuesday, January 14 th (2 nd Tuesday)	RSVP:	Sandy, taylor32034@gmail.com
Time	12:30 p.m.	CHICK FLICKS	
Location	The Beach Diner, 2006 S Eighth Street	Date	Tuesday, January 28 th (Last Tuesday)
RSVP:	Debbie, samdeb@bellsouth.net	Time	Movie and Time to follow
COCKTAILS AND CANASTA		Location	AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10 96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee
Date	Friday, January 10 th and 24 th (2 nd and 4 th Friday evening)	RSVP:	Joy Kemp, joykemp@earthlink.net
Time	5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards	CHEAP THRILLS	
Location	North Hampton Amenity Center	Date	Wednesday, January 15 th (cancelled for 1 st) (1 st and 3 rd Wednesday)
RSVP	Celia, cegrav@yahoo.com (352) 316-2485	Time	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
ORIGINAL BUNCO		RSVP:	Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com
Date	Tuesday, January 14 th (2 nd Tuesday)	OUTDOOR ADVENTURES	
Time	7:00 p.m.	Date	TBD
RSVP:	Lynda Watson lyndanamelia@gmail.com	Time	TBD
BUNCO 2		Location	TBD
Date	No play in January, will resume in Feb (1 st Thursday)	RSVP:	joanne.lichten@gmail.com
Time	7:00 p.m.	WON Welcome Coffee	
RSVP:	Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509	Date	Monday, January 20 th (3 rd Monday)
GAME NIGHT		Time	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Date	Monday, January 27 th (4 th Monday)	Location	Story and Song Bookstore Bistro.
Location	Fernandina Beach Library		
RSVP:	Laurie @ laurielaiken@outlook.com		

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Existing members, it is time to renew your membership for 2025. Renewal payments are due no later than January 31, 2025. To continue to be a member in good standing and receive the newsletter and the updated directory, you must renew your membership no later than January 31, 2025, by completing the application form at <https://womenofnassau.org/2025-on-line-membership>. Renewal payments can be made via the shopping cart (<https://womenofnassau.org/shopping-cart>) or you can mail a check for your renewal to Women of Nassau, 1997 Sadler Road #15207, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 along with an updated application found online at <https://womenofnassau.org/forms>. Your annual dues remain only \$30 (if paying online, there is a service charge of \$1.15). Thank you for your support.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Mary Nolan
Teresa Johnston



January 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!

Kris Meyer - Jan 1
Robin Phillips - Jan 1
Jacqui Galbreath - Jan 3
Michelle Atchison - Jan 4
Vicki Gibson - Jan 4
Sonya Shortkroff - Jan 5
Doreen Lampert - Jan 6
Sarah Magnus-Sharpe - Jan 6
Marilyn Booth - Jan 10
Alison Deeb - Jan 10
Gerti Motavalli - Jan 10

Karen Boyce - Jan 12
Jo Thrasher - Jan 12
Kelly Marine - Jan 13
Korrin Hume Johnson - Jan 16
Pat Riordan - Jan 18
Helen Edwards - Jan 22
Carol Weldon - Jan 22
Kim Gill - Jan 23
Cyndee Schaub - Jan 27
Susan White - Jan 30
Jessie Trickett - Jan 31

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WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2024

Call Business to Order – President Lynda Watson at 11:34 pm

Approval of November 21, 2024, Minutes – A motion was made by Jan Post to accept the minutes, and it had a second by Marcela Bowler. Motion passed.

President Watson Recognized New Members: Teresa Johnston and Mary Nolan

President Watson Recognized Guests present: Holly Erikson and Eleanor Jodrey

President Watson Recognized members with December birthdays: Susan Barnhardt, Nancy Gallimore; Jody Scruggs and Jan Crisci.

Reports and New Business

President Watson reminded everyone not to forget to renew your membership by January 31!

President Watson announced and welcomed the 2025 Board and issued the oath of office to the following:

Installation of 2025 Board of Directors/Executive Officers

President	Lynda Watson
Past President	Dawn Bostwick
First Vice President	Jacqui Pazzanese
Second Vice-President	Bonnie Bartlett
Recording Secretary	Karen Boyce
Corresponding Secretary/Webmaster	Donna Williams
Treasurer	Pat Clendenen
Membership	Gay Dunlop
Philanthropy	Leader -Vicki Gibson, Jan Post
Ways and Means	Charlene Kingsnorth
Activities	Carol Newton
Newsletter	Celia Gravely
Publicity	Maryna Kisil
Historian	Nancy Gallimore & Jo Lichten

President Watson read/administered the oath of office to the 2025 Directors with responses by Directors. Note: Lynda took a two-year oath last year and therefore did not have to take it again.

I do solemnly affirm that I will support, protect, and defend the By-Laws of the Women of Nassau; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the By-Laws of the Women

of Nassau; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of the Office to which I have been elected.

Please respond with “I do”.

All 2025 Directors took the oath except Donna Williams, Celia Gravely, Bonnie Bartlett, Vicki Gibson and Jo Lichten, they were not present at the meeting).

President Lynda Watson announced: In the consideration of time the “Recognition of retiring 2024 Board members” and “Recognition of 2024 Committee members” and “Ways and Means (Right Hand Man)” -- Are being postponed until the January 2025 meeting.

President Watson stated that “A letter with a List of 2024 Board Accomplishments” will be emailed to all members.

Charlene Kingsnorth announced the Winner of the 50/50 Drawing of \$115: Barbara Dennis. Charlene also announced the Winner of the Christmas Basket Raffle Drawing: Linda Belcher.

Past President-Dawn Bostwick announcements:
Alhambra 2025 schedule – 3/8 West Side Story, 6/21 My Fair Lady, 10/18 Mystery of Edwin Drood (Charles Dickens)
Jan 4 – Symphony, Phantom of the Opera, \$21 special is over, \$30 tickets still available

First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Lorraine Clapper announcements: (Lorraine was absent, report presented by Lynda Watson)

Thank you to Lorraine for arranging excellent luncheon meals and programs this past year!
Thank You to Amelia National management and staff (letter to follow)
January luncheon will be our annual anniversary program
February program will be Travel Agency presentation

Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Joy Kemp announcements:

4th Qtr Beach Tailgate and Bonfire held
November 10 was enjoyed by 87 members

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and their guests. So successful that this may become an annual event.

Thank you to Joy and her Events Committee for the excellent special events this past year!

Recording Secretary – Celia Gravely

Corresponding Secretary-Webmaster-Donna Williams announcements:

Current membership: 218

New members in November: 4, December so far: 2

Website visits in November: 1544

Treasurer-Nancy Gallimore announcements:

Monthly income/expense report provided by Nancy

Bank balances – Checking \$7,931.95, Savings \$103.33

Philanthropy – Vicki Gibson/Jan Post announcements:

A check was presented to the Barnabas Center at the Empty Bowls Luncheon on Monday, December 2.

Women of Nassau was a Silver Bowl level sponsor of the event. Nine members of WON sat at the sponsorship table. Several other members of the club attended individually. A photo was taken at the event and will be sent to the newsletter for publication.

Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth announcements

Bake sale in November was a success

Activities – Karen Boyce announcements

Diamonds in the Rust, rustic arts and crafts festival - November 22 - attended by about 20 members , all enjoyed it!

Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop announcements:

No Welcome Coffee in December, due to holidays

Next Welcome Coffee is Monday, January 20, 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 announcements:

Items for January 1 newsletter are due to new newsletter chair Celia Gravely by December 27.

Publicity-Laurie Laiken (was absent from meeting)

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

Historian – Jo Lichten (was absent – President Watson) announcements.

Requests pictures of members having fun at our activities and events!

LUNCH

PROGRAM – Ornament Gift Exchange – see the gift exchange number on your table assignment strip

Adjourned at 1:40 pm

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



DEADLINE TO RENEW IS JANUARY 31ST

Women of Nassau – January 2025 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Mah-Jongg 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse		Mah-Jongg 9:45 AM – 12:45 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
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WON Luncheon Payment, Reservation and Entrée Selection Deadline	Bowling Beauties 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	Cuisine and Conversation 12:30 PM The Beach Diner Pennies Canasta 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse Original BUNCO 7:00 PM	Cheap Thrills 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Mah-Jongg 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM WON Luncheon 11:30 AM Amelia National Clubhouse		Pétanque 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts Cummer Museum 11 :00 AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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