



# Women of Nassau

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## December 2024 Newsletter

### Letter from Our President

*Hello Again, Wonderful Women of Nassau:*

Well, November was full of fun and fellowship for WON members! November 10 was our final quarterly event – a tailgate/chili cookoff/beach bonfire party. It was a whopping success attended by 87 members and guests, who enjoyed the food, fellowship, chili competition, and beautiful beach at night with a huge bonfire created by Cyndi Barlow and Tom Bartlett. This may become an annual event! A Big Thank You to Joy Kemp and her Event Committee for organizing all four great events this year!

Our November 21 luncheon was eventful with the election of our 2025 Board of Directors and Executive Officers and 2nd Annual Cookie Bake Sale, which yielded over \$600, as well as being great fun! A Big Thank You to Charlene Kingsnorth and her Ways and Means Committee members who organized a number of successful events this past year to raise funds to go toward WON business operations and member events.

At 9 am on Friday November 22, a rather large group of WON members headed out for the Diamonds in the Rust rustic arts and crafts festival at the Diamond D Ranch south of Jacksonville. The ranch was an experience in itself with wide open pastures and many animals, including horses, cattle, goats and deer – and cowboys and cowgirls! We enjoyed the variety of unique arts and crafts and delicious food trucks, even better in the company of fellow WON friends!

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### WON Luncheon

<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Time</b>	11:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Amelia National Clubhouse
<b>Cost</b>	\$32 per person
<b>Maximum</b>	70 (first come first serve)
<b>RSVP</b>	Required
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Monday December 16<sup>th</sup></b> - Reservation, Payment and Entrée Selection deadline
<b>Program</b>	Ornament Exchange

#### Soup

*Curried Spiced Pumpkin Bisque with Candied Pepitas and Cilantro Crema*

#### Entrées

*Baked Salmon or Chicken or Wild Mushroom Galette*

*With Spinach, Artichoke & Fresh Mozzarella, Pesto Balsamic Drizzle, Served Over Ribbon Vegetables & Citrus Greens*

#### Dessert

*Spiced Carrot Cake, Cinnamon Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream & Chocolate Dried Cranberry Bark*

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](mailto: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!

### From the Editor



*Barbara Dennis, Newsletter Chair*

# December News and Articles



## 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.

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



## Jacksonville Symphony

Jacksonville Symphony will be doing their morning Coffee series again. The first event I plan to attend in 2025 is Phantom of the Opera & More. This is an evening event, featuring the full orchestra. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 4th** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$21 each.

If you would like to attend, please contact Dawn Bostwick at [bostwickdwn@gmail.com](mailto:bostwickdwn@gmail.com).



## Alhambra Theater

Alhambra Jacksonville has just released their schedule for season 2025, and it is an amazing line up of performances! Please mark a 'save the date' on your calendar for the following shows as you will not want to miss these!

West Side Story in February, My Fair Lady in May, Mystery of Edwin Drood in October, and Elf the Musical in November. I plan to attend the Matinee shows; which include the wonderful dinner and desserts served with each performance.

If you are interested in attending any of these shows, please contact Dawn Bostwick at [bostwickdwn@gmail.com](mailto:bostwickdwn@gmail.com).

## WON Facebook Page

Want your pictures on the WON Facebook page? Send your pictures and information to Laurie Laiken at [laurielaiken@outlook.com](mailto:laurielaiken@outlook.com).

## Presidents Letter (cont.)

Newly elected 2025 Board members and Executive Officers will be installed at the December luncheon meeting. We will also celebrate the holiday season with an ornament gift exchange which is always fun. I'm looking forward to working with returning officers as well as new Board members to make WON even better next year!

Lynda Watson

President, Women of Nassau, Inc.

# Photo Gallery

## Diamonds in the Rust



## November Luncheon



## Crafty Ladies



# December Monthly Activities

Please be sure to always check our website at [www.womenofnassau.org](http://www.womenofnassau.org) for additional news and updates.

## PETANQUE

**Date** Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
(Every Saturday)  
**Time** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location** Central Park Pétanque Courts  
**Questions** Lee Ann, 970-589-4241 or email  
[jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)

## BETWEEN THE LINES

**Book** *Holiday Social*  
**Date** Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
**Time** 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Fernandina Beach Library  
**Jan Book** *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig

## CUISINE AND CONVERSATION

**Date** Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
**Time** 12:30 p.m.  
**Location** Mezcal Spirit of Oaxaca  
**RSVP:** Debbie, [samdeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:samdeb@bellsouth.net)

## COCKTAILS AND CANASTA

**Date** Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>nd</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evening)  
**Time** 5:30 p.m. Cocktails; 6:30 p.m. Cards  
**Location** North Hampton Amenity Center  
**RSVP** Celia, [cegrav@yahoo.com](mailto:cegrav@yahoo.com)  
(352) 316-2485

## ORIGINAL BUNCO

**Date** Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
**Time** 7:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Lynda Watson [lyndanamelia@gmail.com](mailto:lyndanamelia@gmail.com)

## BUNCO 2

**Date** Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)  
**Time** 7:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Gail Teachworth (240) 507-3509

## GAME NIGHT

**Date** Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(4<sup>th</sup> Monday)  
**Time** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location** Fernandina Beach Library  
**RSVP:** Laurie @ [laurielaiken@outlook.com](mailto:laurielaiken@outlook.com)

## PENNIES CANASTA

**Date** Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
(Every Tuesday)  
**Time** 1 p.m.  
**Location** Amelia National Clubhouse  
**RSVP** Ann, 913-638-9247;  
[annknickrehm@gmail.com](mailto:annknickrehm@gmail.com)  
Reservation required - Call Ann to be added to the list for entry.

## MAH-JONGG

**Date** Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
(Every Thursday)  
**Time** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Debbie Price [deb203@aol.com](mailto:deb203@aol.com)

## BOWLING BEAUTIES

**Date** Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)  
**Time** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location** Yulee Bowling (\$10.75 for 2 games)  
850822 Hwy 17, Yulee  
**RSVP:** Sandy, [taylor32034@gmail.com](mailto:taylor32034@gmail.com)

## CHICK FLICKS

**Date** Cancelled for December  
(Last Tuesday)  
**Time** Movie and Time to follow  
**Location** AMC CLASSIC Yulee 10  
96012 Lofton Square Ct, Yulee  
**RSVP:** Joy Kemp, [joykemp@earthlink.net](mailto:joykemp@earthlink.net)

## CHEAP THRILLS

**Date** Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Time** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Laurie @ [laurielaiken@outlook.com](mailto:laurielaiken@outlook.com)

## WON Welcome Coffee

**Date** December Welcome Coffee Cancelled  
Next Coffee: Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)  
**Time** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location** Story and Song Bookstore Bistro.

# ***Membership Information***

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

# **ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**



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.

Please encourage your female friends, family, and neighbors who live in Nassau County, FL to join us. This organization will work to provide friendship and fun to all members while supporting beneficial services to our community. We welcome your suggestions, your ideas and your dreams in helping to organize, plan and create this unique club! Renew your membership if you want to continue enjoying the wonderful activities presented to us and future activities as we continue to grow and have more fun.

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>.

# Membership Information

## Welcome to our New Members

Joanne Randall  
Becky Swan

Bettina Gonzalez  
Eleanor Jodrey



## December 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!

Catherine Burke  
Jody Scruggs - December 6  
Michele Glazer - December 13  
Cheryl Gaughen - December 17  
Deborah Pauline - December 24  
Ann Bachand - December 28  
Lynne Orr-Holley - December 28

Jo Lichten - December 3  
Susan Barnhardt - December 7  
Sara Corrigan - December 16  
Joan Shelley - December 20  
Susan Kosciulek - December 26  
Jane Crisci - December 28  
Cindy Arnold - December 30

Nancy Gallimore - December 5  
Donna Czyzyk - December 9  
Mary Ann McNulty - December 16  
Bonnie Bartlett - December 21  
Mary Kay Armour - December 27  
Karen Galambos - December 28  
Karen Aronowitz - December 30

# Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

## **WON - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Call Business to Order – President Lynda Watson

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 am by President Lynda Watson.

Charlene Kingsnorth thanked all the bakers who provided the delicious-looking boxes of goodies for sale. She then announced the Cookie Sale beginning. And thanked all who came to buy the goodies.

Approval of October 24, 2024, Minutes. Minutes were presented to the membership in the November newsletter. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lorraine Clapper with a second by Laurie Laiken. Motion passed.

President Watson recognized new members in attendance at the luncheon: Toni Boelsen, Bettina Gonzalez, Leigh Mitchell, and Joanne Randall.

President Watson recognized guests: Patricia Capote (was she there?), Ellie Jodrye, Mary Nolan, and Becky Swan.

President Watson recognized members with birthdays in November in attendance: Joanne Randall, Deborah Edgar, Lee Ann Shobe, Barbara Leech, Joann Flieger, and Marcia Pertuz.

### **Reports and New Business**

#### **President – Lynda Watson**

- Election of 2025 Board of Directors/Executive Officers
- Thank you to Nominating Committee for 2025 Board of Directors officers
- Nominating Committee Members – Chair, Lynda Watson, Joy Kemp, Trish Cabellero, Judy Mahan.
- A copy of the Slate of officers finalized at the October meeting is on each table. There were no nominations from the floor at the October meeting, so the slate was finalized as presented. The membership will vote on the slate today. Members must be active and present to vote. A motion was made by Lorraine Clapper to approve the slate as presented. A second was provided by Laurie Laiken. The motion passed. The slate was approved as presented.
- The 2025 Board of Directors and Executive officers will be installed at the December luncheon-business meeting.

#### **Past President-Dawn Bostwick**

- Many sign-up sheets are available for various outings.
- January 4, 2025, the Jacksonville Symphony is presenting Phantom of the Opera at special pricing, \$21 per person.
- There is a group attending West Side Story at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre for the matinee on March 8. Dawn will send a note to those who sign up with her seat location so we can try and sit together when we purchase our tickets.
- Dawn announced tickets are selling quickly for My Fair Lady. She selected May 24, 2025, for the WON group to attend. Let her know if you wish to attend and she will discuss seating with you.
- There is a visit planned to the Cummer in January 2025, date to be announced. The exhibit is Spirit in the Land.

#### **First Vice-President/Luncheon-Programs – Lorraine Clapper**

- December Luncheon – Ornament exchange. Bring an ornament with a value of \$1 to \$20 for Dirty Santa gift. Instructions to be provided at the December luncheon.

#### **Second Vice-President – Events and Education – Joy Kemp, report by Lynda Watson**

- Report on 4th Quarter Beach Tailgate and Bonfire held November 10.
  - It was great fun. Approximately 90 people attended
  - The chili contest was a great success as well. Delicious food.
  - The bonfire was fantastic. All enjoyed the quiet on the beach.
- 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, report by Lynda Watson**

- Current membership: 21
- New members in October: 6, November so far: 1
- Website visits in October: 1463

# Women of Nassau Business Meeting Minutes

## Treasurer-Nancy Gallimore

- Monthly income/expense report provided through the end of October by Nancy and distributed to each table.
- Bank balances – Checking \$7,931.95, Savings \$103.33
- Bank balance – Today \$9,976.00

## Philanthropy – Vicki Gibson/Jan Post

- Vicki – Thank the membership for their support of the FIT Laundry detergent drive. Over 80 jugs of detergent were donated.
- Jan – Opportunity to be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army's Christmas Campaign. Visit their website: [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) It is individual signup. Select your place and time.
- Vicki thanked the new volunteers who have joined the Philanthropy Committee. If others would like to join for next year, contact Vicki or Jan to discuss.

## Ways & Means-Charlene Kingsnorth and Lee Ann Shobe

- Bake sale in progress. Cost is \$15 per box. All goodies were purchased. Thanks to all who participated.

## Activities – Karen Boyce

- Diamonds in the Rust, rustic arts and crafts festival - November 22 (tomorrow). If you would like to attend, show up at the Home Depot parking lot at 8:45 am.

## Membership/Welcome – Gay Dunlop

- Current membership - 214
- New members in October - 6
- 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

- Items for December 1 newsletter are due to Barbara on November 24.

## Publicity-Laurie Laiken

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

## Historian – Jo Lichten

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

## LUNCH

**PROGRAM** – Bake Sale, Gingerbread House silent auction

- The Gingerbread House high bid was Donna Williams. Thanks, Donna.

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**Adjourn**



# Women of Nassau - December 2024 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse	<b>Cheap Thrills</b> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM <b>BUNCO 2</b> 7:00 PM		<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>Bowling Beauties</b> 10:15 AM Yulee Bowling Center	<b>Pennies Canasta</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM Amelia National Clubhouse <b>Cuisine and Conversation</b> 12:30 PM Mezcal Spirit of Oaxaca <b>Original BUNCO</b> 7:00 PM		<b>Mah-Jongg</b> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM <b>Between The Lines</b> 10:00 - 11:30 AM Fernandina Beach Library	<b>Cocktails and Canasta</b> 5:30 PM North Hampton Amenity Ctr	<b>Pétanque</b> 9:30 AM Central Park Pétanque Courts
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