



## DWN WOMENS CLUB

# April Newsletter

### May 20th Member Meeting!

May is the month that we honor the women in our lives – our moms and the moms among us.

We will be celebrating us and the important women in our lives with a traditional Afternoon Tea at our May 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting!

Relax and enjoy a selection of Premium Teas, along with delicious tea sandwiches, dainty sweets and delectable scones. Visit with your friends and share memories of those you hold dear. Please wear your favorite outfit, bring cash for the “Lady Luck” drawing, and your own teacup to enjoy this festive event! There will also be a special gift for each of our attendees!

*The cost for this event is \$25.00, which includes \$5 that will help fund our Fleece Tie Blanket outreach project to benefit Wolfson's Children's Hospital.*

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-56325975-may17th#/>

**NOTE there will be only 160 seats available; you must signup AND pay by April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in order to attend.** Please leave checks payable to “DWN Women’s Club” in the club binder after you signup.

Remember to bring something extra for Lady Luck – this could be YOUR special day!!



# OUTREACH

## February Service Project

### *Northeast Florida Diaper Bank*

Our Goal was to raise 10,000 diapers.  
We raised over 14,000 diapers thanks to you our members and our incredibly generous community!



## April Clothing Drive *to benefit*

### *Betty Griffin Center* where women &

their children who have suffered from domestic violence are offered help & shelter. As of April 15<sup>th</sup> close to 2000 items, plus gift cards have been collected! There's still time for you to contribute! The box will be in the Canopy Club lobby until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## June Outreach: *St. John's County Animal Shelter*

Once again we will be collecting food, toys, and other items need by the shelter. Look for the collection box in the Canopy Club lobby beginning June 1.

## Our September Community Service Project

### *will benefit Wolfson Children's Hospital*

\$5 from each of the May meeting entry fees will go toward funding for the blanket kits we will use to make fleece blankets for the hospital. Wolfson gives a blanket to every hospitalized child they care for. Stay tuned for 2 dates in August when we will meet as a group to make the blankets.

## On-Going Outreach Project to Benefit

### *St. Francis House*

This outreach program is done on the third Thursday of every month. Women's Club volunteers prepare and serve a meal to residents at the shelter in St. Augustine.

In March 32 women participated by either cooking or serving (or both). While there we serve an average of approximately 45 people and any leftovers are used for lunch the next day.

There were 40 women signed up for the April 17<sup>th</sup> service.

***If you would like to be notified when volunteer opportunities for this, or any other outreach program are available, please sign up here:***  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-50065162-outreach#/:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-50065162-outreach#/)

## Membership Update

DWN Women's Club now has 358 members.

Know someone who wants to join?

Send them this link to signup:



[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-51926811-membership#/:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-51926811-membership#/)

If you need assistance with on-line sign-up please feel free to reach out to any member on the membership team.

Vonda Jewell: [diamondjewell@verizon.net](mailto:diamondjewell@verizon.net)

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## Mark your Calendars for our next meetings

**Doors open at 3:45!**

**May 20 July 15**

**September 16 November 18**

Our **July** program will feature David Ray, General Manager of Tolomato Community Development District (i.e., Nocatee). His presentation will be "Nocatee -- Where we came from, Where we are today and What's to come". This should be fascinating!!

The **September** program is still "in the works".

And don't forget to put our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Party on **November 18<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. We are already working on how to top the big success of 2024!

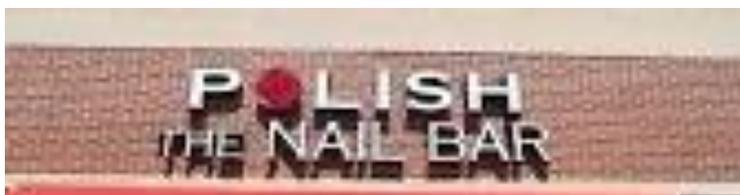
# LUCKY LADIES



May Meeting Lady Lucky gift cards!



# Spring Pilates



# Activity Groups!

We now have 4 **book clubs** that meet monthly for lively discussions on the selected book (2 daytime, 2 evening) with 45 active members. We have availability for DWN Women's Club members in our 4th club coordinated by Gabriella McAuliffe that meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm.

**Culinary Adventures** will again be hosting Chef Paul of LeBain de Paul bakery for a European Flavors class on Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:00 pm. In this class, we will learn how to make a Goulash and Spatzle with a Panna Cotta for dessert. There are still spots available, if interested, please let us know by email Annette: [aklucidi@gmail.com](mailto:aklucidi@gmail.com)



In March & April **Foodie Friends** hosted 4 events including a spring brunch, a chocolate adventure, a Mardi Gras celebration, and a St. Patrick's Day feast. If you have joined the group but never signed up, please do so now. We've asked those who have attended twice or more to take a step back and let others who have tried but missed the signups to participate.

**Green Cuisine** had a lovely March event at Alex Keleman's home. It was a small group of 7 who made delicious plant-based entrees and desserts. We exchanged recipes and had a beautiful dinner outside on the lanai.



For April, Carol McDonald will be hosting a plant-based International theme. Attendees will be bringing dishes to share from places like South America, the Mediterranean, India and all over!



The DWN Women's **history activity group** went on a walking tour of San Marco, one of Jacksonville's most popular historic neighborhoods. From its first period of major growth in the 1920s to the

present, the neighborhood features a wide diversity of architectural styles, including Renaissance revival, Craftsman, Art Deco and more. April 27th women may go on the 46th Historic Springfield Tour of Homes and Gardens. May 10 women may go on the Riverside Avondale Yarden tour. (Tickets purchased independently).

The **LADIES** (Life After Death In Every Step) group has certainly met the goal of developing friendships and giving support to each of us on the grief journey. The loss of our spouses has been challenging beyond words and we have found in each other that while we experience grief in so many different ways and times we all completely understand the “roller coaster ride”.

Our March meeting was hosted by Sandy in which she opened her beautiful home and shared wonderful memories of her dear husband, Larry. She had a delightful catered lunch from Serafina’s. We all enjoyed our conversation, laughs and tears, and most of all friendship.

In April, we had breakfast at First Watch in Nocatee and much to my surprise our group celebrated my birthday with gratitude for developing friendships, flowers and gifts. Thank you to the Women’s Club for the opportunity to have this group. We are all truly blessed to be part of this community.

If you’d like more information about our group, please email me, Sherry Andreo: [bristolhouse100@gmail.com](mailto:bristolhouse100@gmail.com)



The **Lunch with Friends** group went to PF Chang’s at the St John’s Town Center in April. The group’s membership continues to grow providing an opportunity for our members to meet new friends as we explore local restaurants.

*We continue to involve our members for feedback & improvements to enhance our restaurant experience!*

The **Museum & Art Enthusiasts** traveled to the charming town of Winter Park in March and toured The Morse Museum, home to the largest Tiffany Collection in the world, and the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens. Later in the month, we visited Castle Ottis, a unique landscape sculpture in Vilano Beach with an interior designed to replicate an Irish Abbey. In April, the group will attend a tour of the Fr. Miguel O’Reilly Museum in St. Augustine to learn about the Sisters of St. Joseph and their role in education of emancipated slaves during Reconstruction and their continued impact today within the community.





The **Trailblazers** have planned some new monthly hikes to take us up to the summer, when we'll be on hiatus in July and August. In 2025 we'll be returning to some popular spots and we have new activities planned as well. Mark your calendars with the dates below and watch for invites to come out approximately 2-3 weeks before each hike.

There will be more details for each walk in the SignUp Genius invitation:

**Thursday, May 15th at 5:15pm:** We're doing an evening beach walk at Mickler's Landing. We've timed it to coincide with low-tide so there will be hard sand to walk on!

**Wednesday, Jun 4th at 8:00am:** We'll be heading just down the road to the Nocatee Splash Park to walk the Lazy River. The Lazy River is open early in the morning to Nocatee residents (ID required) before general admission, so we'll beat the crowds.

Again, notifications to register for the walk on SignUp Genius will typically be sent by email 2-3 weeks prior to the activity, with a reminder going out a week before. For those who have not joined us on previous hikes, for all activities we meet at the Canopy Club to start the walk or carpool to the destination.

**Working Women & Wine** are excited for our next WW&W activity – “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical” on Thursday, May 8\* at Alhambra Dinner Theater. The cost with tax & tip is \$78.48. Doors open at 6 p.m.; they suggest we arrive by 6:30.

**\*\*Note the date change from what was previously announced.\*\***

**YOU WILL NEED TO RESERVE AND PAY FOR YOUR OWN SEAT.** Here's how to do so:

1. Call Alhambra at 904-641-1212 to reserve your seat and pay for your ticket ASAP. Seats are not reserved until you pay.
2. Those who have already bought tickets are sitting at Tables B22, B23, and B24. As of today, there are a couple of seats still available at B22 and several at other nearby tables.
3. Alhambra will take your name, seat # request, and credit card info and send you an email confirmation.

***Be sure you're listed as a member of the Working Women & Wine activity group to be notified of carpool plans and other upcoming activities.***

**To join an Activity Group go to:**

<https://dwnwomensclub.godaddysites.com/m/login?r=%2Fmembers-only-1>

***put in your user name (your email) and the password you set up  
click on the interest group you are interested in  
participating in and sign up to be notified of events, etc.***

## A Note from the President

I hope you are all enjoying the mild weather we are having right now. Before we know it the heat and rain of summer will be upon us!

The Programs and Leadership Team is pleased to present an Afternoon Tea for our May 20 membership meeting. It will be a great opportunity to socialize with friends, savor delectable treats and teas, as well as support our Fleece Tie Blanket outreach to benefit Wolfson's Children's Hospital. Making the blankets will give us another chance to work together to support others in need.



Ticket price for the Afternoon Tea is \$25 and there is a SignUp Genius to claim your seat for the Tea. We are limited to 160 members, so please sign up right away and deliver your check to the Women's Club Binder in the Canopy Club by the due date.

Spring is a time for our Activity Groups to explore their interests in fresh new ways. Our greater community is a rich source of Art events, Home Tours, Hiking opportunities and food gatherings. And spending the afternoon relaxing with a good book is a special treat. How fun to enjoy the Florida sunshine!

As we plan for our future together the Board will be taking on a review of our current by-laws to make sure they align with our goals and creating position descriptions for each Board member so that we can successfully "pass the baton" later this year to new leaders who want to step up and run for Board positions. To position ourselves for effective and efficient elections, we will be asking you to agree to online voting. Be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius to add your name to the online voting list.

I continue to be amazed at the energy and enthusiasm you bring to each and every activity provided by the Women's Club. I am honored to serve as your President with a strong and dedicated Board of Directors. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. Looking forward to seeing you at the Afternoon Tea!

Cheerio!

*Kathy*

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There, they will find a link to SignUp Genius for membership.

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