



DWN WOMENS CLUB June Newsletter

Please Opt-In for Electronic Voting!!

Why is electronic voting important? It allows us to defray the cost of mailing paper ballots with return postage to you for votes that change our club charter provisions or require election of officers when more than one person is running for the same position.

*If you think this isn't a big deal consider this: as of 6/15 we have 375 members but only 289 have opted in to e-voting. If we have to mail paper ballots to the 86 members **it will cost the club over \$300+ the cost of the time to label and mail all those ballots.***

PLEASE OPT-IN TO E-VOTING!!! [Click here!](#)



Nominations for Club Officers are Now Open

As is required by our charter, we are seeking nominations for our Club officer positions. Even though the turnover will take place on 1/1/26, we want our new officers to have the opportunity to “shadow” the current officers so that they will feel comfortable taking on a leadership role.

If you would like to be considered for a position we ask that you complete a “Nomination Form” which you will find here (it is the first form for download under “Presentation & Documents”): [NOMINATION FORM 2026](#)

This form contains complete descriptions of all positions and two simple questions for prospective officers to answer. *No Nomination Forms will be accepted after the 9/16/25 member meeting.*

Please note that if you are completing a form ahead of time, these Nomination Forms are due to Susan Opferman no later than Sept. 16, 2025. Her email is gatorsmo@aol.com (the email address is also on the Nomination Form).

Ballots with nominee names and bio information will be sent to all paid members after the Sept. 16th meeting. Electronic voting will begin on Oct. 20th, 2025. If you do not agree to electronic voting a paper ballot will be mailed to you on this date.

New officers will begin shadowing current officers in mid-November and assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2026.



OUTREACH

April Clothing Drive

benefitted Betty Griffin Center

where women & their children who have suffered from domestic violence are offered help & shelter. 3736 items, plus a \$100 gift card were delivered to the Center.



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 balloons in the Canopy Club parking lot on 6/30 or drop donations off at 106 Broadhaven Dr before 6/30/25.***

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 May 40 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.

The next service is on June 19th.



If you'd like to be added to the list of women who want to volunteer for this or any other outreach project please  [CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Doors open at 3:45!

July 15

September 16

November 18

July 15th Meeting Info

[Signup here](#)

Come learn more about the place we call home!

At the July meeting, the Nocatee Community Manager, David Ray, will be giving a presentation on Nocatee.

During this meeting, he will talk about how it all started, where we are today, and the plans for future. We will also have plenty of time to ask questions. Why is Publix the only supermarket??? Why is the area by Starling being developed with a storage facility and big home store... and is more coming??? What are the long-term plans for Starling? We will be reaching out via email to our members asking for YOUR questions, so please be on the lookout for that. And be sure to put July 15th on your calendar so you don't miss this most informative meeting!!



The **September** program is still “in the works”.

Don't forget to put our **2nd Annual Holiday Party** on **November 18th** on your calendar. We are already working on how to top the big success of



Activity Groups!

We have 4 active **Book Clubs** including 46 members. We continue to meet monthly to discuss a book the members have chosen.

In May book club 2 discussed *The Winemaker's Wife* by Kristen Harmel about France's champagne region's resistance during WW II, and for June we plan to discuss *The Last Flight* about 2 desperate women who swap identities. Our July book is *James*, a modern version of Huckleberry Finn.

Book Club 4 meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm. In May, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo and discussed *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. We met this past Monday and discussed *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. July's meeting is scheduled for 7/7. We will be discussing *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.



Culinary Adventures hosted 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 learned how to make a Goulash and Spatzle with a Panna Cotta for dessert. We are currently exploring programming possibilities for early fall.



In May, **Foodie Friends** had 2 events: "Honoring Mom & other special Women" and "A Night In Italy".

In June, members hosted "National Cheese Day Brunch" and "It's 5:30 Somewhere-A Florida Food & Drink Fiesta".

Be on the lookout for signups with details about July events!

The next **Green Cuisine** event on July 17th will be hosted by Alex Kelemen; she will be demonstrating how to make hummus, as well as a versatile dressing that can be used on vegetables or salads. There are some that have expressed an interest-in learning food preparation; and this will be a wonderful opportunity for them.

This event will be limited to 8 people and we ask that if you have participated in several events in the past, that you consider waiting a little while to give others a chance to sign up. *We welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have.*

SAVE THE DATES:

September - Guest speaker, details to follow

November - "Friendsgiving" November 12 5:00-8:00 pm Magnolia Ballroom

The **History Hunters Group** went on the 46th Historic Springfield Tour of Homes and Gardens on April 27th. The previously scheduled Riverside Avondale "Yarden" tour was rescheduled due to weather. Plans for the summer are in progress

The **LADIES** (Life After Death In Every Step) group reports that the month of May slipped by, however many of the group joined the Tea Party! Thank you to the women's club- it was delightful. We celebrated Mother's Day individually but connected with each other through texts.

In June and July the group plans to continue meeting in each other's homes for lunch and friendship. Our ladies will be enjoying My Fair Lady at the Alhambra theater in June. In July our host will be putting a picnic together for us.

If you'd like more information about our group, please email me, Sherry Andreo: bristolhouse100@gmail.com

The **Lunch with Friends** continues to enjoy bimonthly lunch outings together. In June, we are trying something new and piloting smaller group sizes to better enable getting to know each other. Restaurants include both Seasons 52 and Poppy's Italiano.

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

The **Museum & Art Enthusiasts** attended a guided tour of the Fr. Miguel O'Reilly House Museum located in downtown St.

Augustine. We learned the fascinating story of the Sisters of Saint Joseph who came from France during reconstruction after the Civil War to educate freed slaves in the St. Augustine area. For June, we have a guided tour of the Pena-Peck House located on George Street in St. Augustine.



The **Trailblazer's** last two events have been water related so we could still enjoy a walk despite the warm weather. In May, we walked Mickler's beach in the early evening. The tide was low and the weather was perfect! For June, the Trailblazers group set out from the Canopy Club at 8 a.m. to walk for an hour around the Lazy River at the Nocatee Splash Park. It's a fun way to enjoy the park before it opens to the crowds at 10am! We are not having any walks during the summer, but the leadership will be busy planning our next walks

for September onward. If you have any suggestions for walks/hikes within an hour of DWN, please let Diane Guthmann know: dfguthmann@gmail.com

Working Women & Wine had a wonderful time at the Alhambra Dinner Theater in May, where we saw Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. Our upcoming events this summer will include an evening of bowling and dinner at a local restaurant. Dates and registration will be sent out soon to all members of the WW&W activity group. If you're still working or recently retired, we hope you'll join our activity group. We're all about having fun!



[Join an Activity Group Here](#)

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

Membership Update:

DWN Women's Club now has 358 members.

Know someone who wants to join? Send them this link to signup here:

[Join the Women's Club!](#)

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

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Email/Website problems

If you are not receiving emails from the club or Activity Group you signed up for, need to change your email address, or are having trouble accessing the "Members Only" page of the website please contact Penny Kahn for help: paberkahn@gmail.com



A Note from the President

Greetings DWN Women's Club!

Welcome Summer! Summer is my favorite season. I love the heat and the humidity! I grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and our Summers were very similar to the Summer we experience here in North Florida, so I feel right at home.



Thank you to all the volunteers who made our May Tea Event a huge success! I have heard from many of you that you'd like to see this become an annual event. I think there's a good chance that we will continue with the May Tea Event until you tell us you are ready for a change. The room was beautiful, the food delicious and all who attended had a lovely afternoon enjoying "High Tea" and great conversation with their friends.

At the May meeting we talked about e-voting and the importance of every member of the Club signing up for e-voting. You may wonder, how does this work? If you sign up for e-voting, when the Club has an election of officers or by-law changes you will receive an email in your inbox that will have your unique ID and a button to click to view the ballot. The ballot will contain information that you need to make your decision and cast your vote. It's a very simple process and takes about 5 minutes to complete. For those who do not sign up for e-voting, the Club is required to send a paper ballot through the US Post Office along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for you to return your vote. The estimated cost of each ballot is \$3.50 along with the time that volunteers must spend preparing the mailing and your time to fill out the ballot and return it to us. E-voting is a win-win action that will save the Club money. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to use this link to sign up for e-voting: [My Vote for E-voting](#)

This is also the Season to start the process to nominate candidates for the Women's Club Board of Directors for 2026. I am so excited to see who will step up to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. I will take on the role of Member at Large to be there as a resource as the new Board gets up to speed. Our Club is blessed with smart, capable women who are natural-born leaders! I sincerely hope we receive multiple nominations for each position. The future for our Club is bright and we will continue to soar with a new leadership team.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

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