



DWN WOMEN'S CLUB February Newsletter

Join us for our March 17, 2026 Meeting!

Our members will be modeling fashions from the local Chico's store in Sawgrass Village.

We will need 8 models of various sizes, plus two alternates.
A sign-up for those of you who wish to model will be emailed out on 2/19 at 5 pm.

- Please sign up under the slot for the size that you wear.
- Please do not sign up if you modeled last year.
- Model names will be drawn randomly on Wednesday, 2/25 at noon in the Canopy Club Lobby.
- **NOTE:** you must be available on March 15th or March 16th to go to Chico's and be fitted for the show (note this is the weekend of the Players Golf Tournament).

Doors open at 3:45 PM

To attend

[Sign-up Here](#)

Remember to bring cash for the **Lady Luck drawings** which feature \$50 gift cards to Chico's, Aqua Grill, Nona Blue, & Blue Mercury.



OUTREACH

Our February Outreach

benefitting Isaiah House & Foster Closet, charities who work with foster children and the families who care for them, is in full swing. *We are so grateful to live in such a caring community.* Current critical needs include **new clothing in all infant and children's sizes**, as well as **new shoes for older children**. Please leave any items you wish to donate in one of the large boxes near our library area in the Canopy Club. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Let's keep putting compassion into action all month long!



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.

This month's service, (which is already filled!) will be on the 19th. Look for the email after the first of March with the sign-up for that month's service on 3/19 if you would like to participate in this incredibly meaningful outreach project.

Mark Your Calendars! 2026 Meetings

Doors open at 3:45!

March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th

Membership Update

Help us welcome new neighbors!

Do you have a new neighbor or a friend who has been thinking about joining the Women's Club? Please share this info with them. Our goal this year is to grow to **400 members**, and the best way to reach that goal is simple word of mouth and friendly invitations.

How to join

Step 1: Complete the online membership form by scanning the QR code →



OR use this link to signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82AABF5C16-58950157-membership#/>

Step 2: Submit annual dues: **\$20 check** made out to **DWN Women's Club**. Drop the check in the **Club Binder** at the **Canopy Club**.

Once someone joins, they are welcome to attend meetings, participate in activities, and enjoy the friendships and fun that make our club so special.



Thank you for spreading the word and helping us keep the Women's Club warm, welcoming, and growing.

We have a new website!

dwnwomensclub.com

Here you will find updates on upcoming events, meetings, and current outreach projects.

NOTE: you no longer need to have a username & password to sign up or delete your participation in Activity Groups. The “Members Only” page lists each group, along with a brief description, and a link to the appropriate signup genius page for each. *Remember, the membership in these groups is open to our paid members only.*

Make Sure You Receive Women’s Club Emails

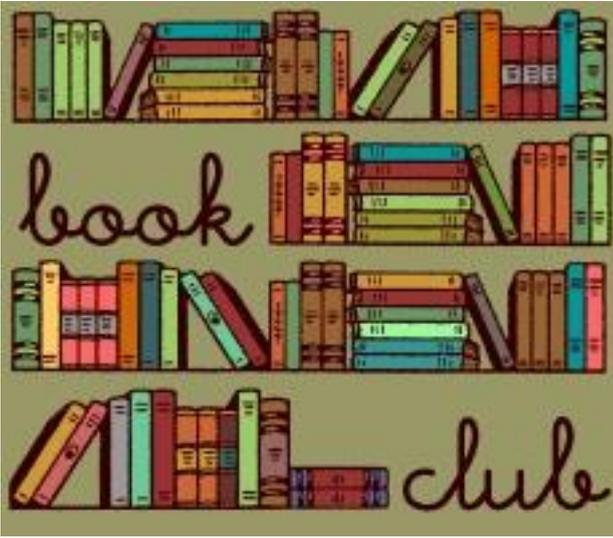
The DWN Women’s Club uses SignUpGenius for most club communication, including reminders and information about meetings and events. Recently, several messages have been returned because email addresses in SignUpGenius are incorrect or our messages are being blocked.

To help ensure you receive all future emails from the club, please:

- add SignUpGenius to your email contacts or safe sender list
- check that your email address is correct in your SignUpGenius profile. These simple steps will help you stay up to date on all Women’s Club news and activities.



Activity Groups!



We currently have over 60 members and have just launched our fifth Book Club, led by Anne Maxwell. We now have three clubs that meet during the day and two evening clubs and are at capacity. We will be putting additional members who sign up on a waiting list until an existing spot becomes

available or there is enough interest to start a new club. We are excited by the tremendous response we have had and members are enjoying fascinating discussions on a variety of excellent books.

At our January meeting **Book Club 2** discussed Marie Bostwick's historical fiction book, The Book Club for Troublesome Women, in which a book club inspired women in the 1960s to want more out of life than just being a wife and mother. In February we will be discussing Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi about time travel and regrets.

Career and Beyond Collective is making plans for several fun activities in 2026. Activity group members, watch your email to sign up for an evening of bowling and dinner at Beach Bowl later this month! We will return to the Alhambra Dinner Theatre on April 23 to see "Morning After Grace." All current C&BC activity group members should have received sign-up information.

If you are currently working or retired from your career, and you enjoy fun activities in the evenings and on Saturdays, we would love for you to join us.

Foodie Friends has gotten off to a great start this year with January theme events featuring a New Year's brunch and down-home comfort foods. Our February events included celebrating the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day.



It may have been 33 degrees today in Ponte Vedra, but it was 76 degrees in Mexico City. So, host Polly Tertocha and **Green Cuisine** women channeled warmer

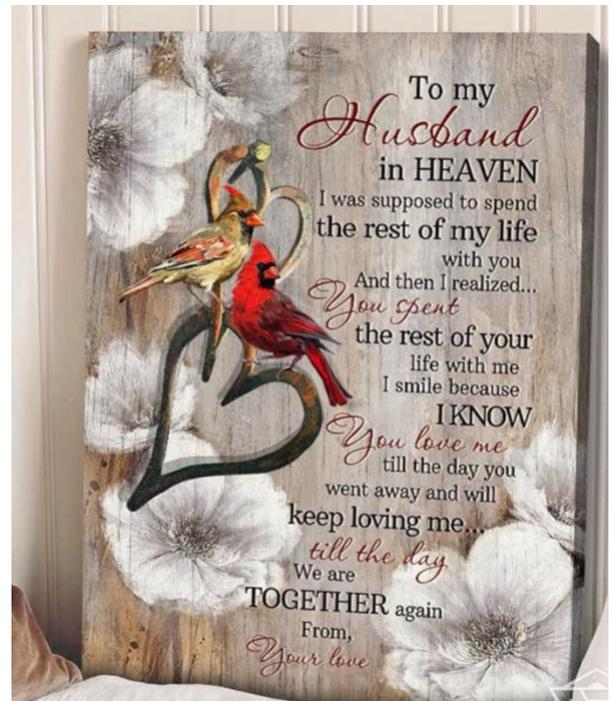
weather with a fiesta! It was a tantalizing feast of enchiladas, fajitas, tacos, Mexican street corn, bean salads and dips, sofritos, guacamole, salsas, churros, Sangria, and more....but with a twist. All dishes were homemade vegan, vegetarian, or plant-based and everyone shared their recipes. It was healthy, delicious, with a hint of summer, to carry us through our current Arctic Blast!

The DWN Women's **History group** went on a tour of St. Augustine's Oldest House Museum complex. Also known as the Gonzalez-Alvarez House, and now owned and operated by the St.



Augustine Historical Society, this is the oldest surviving Spanish colonial residence in Florida.

The **LADIES** (Life after death in every step) group of widows gather each month to grow friendship and support as we walk this grief journey. We have celebrated several milestone birthdays, made a trip to Alhambra theater, take a moment to share stories of our husband and support each other by listening, laughing, and sometimes crying. We have several small groups that meet monthly and this year we have three meetings scheduled for all the small groups to meet as one large group. We are sisters in widowhood. If you are on this grief journey and would like to learn more about our group please call Sherry Andreo 724-875-2842 or email Bristolhouse100@gmail.com.



Based on your feedback and recommendations, we are once again offering small-group options for our February **Lunch with Friends** outings. This month the group has scheduled four different dates at both The French Pantry in St. Augustine and YH Dim Sum in Jacksonville (Southside), providing a total of eight options for members to choose from. Thank you for making our

activity group so successful. We look forward to exploring more exciting restaurant options during our next outings in April!



The **Museum & Art Enthusiasts Group** spent a lovely afternoon enjoying the Flagler College architectural and historical tour on February 10th.

The **Trailblazers** kicked off the new year with a walk in the nearby Guana Reserve on January 28th. We'll be heading to Ravine Gardens State Park in February for a challenging hike (steep ravines, as the name implies!) and to enjoy the azaleas in peak bloom.



The **Culinary Adventures Activity Group** has been disbanded for now.

ACTIVITY GROUPS DESCRIPTIONS

Lunching with Friends – Explore local restaurants as you have lunch with new friends.

Green Cuisine – Meet others who are interested in learning about delicious plant-based meals. Exchange favorite recipes and enjoy exploring local restaurants that offer vegetarian/vegan options.

Museum and Arts Enthusiasts – Expand your knowledge of local museums and art galleries with new friends.

History Hunters – Get to know the history and heritage of NE Florida through various activities: Walking tours; Visiting local landmarks and museums; Reading, watching, and discussing historical books/movies.

Book Clubs – Meet with a small group of new friends (approximately 15 people) in members' homes or other location of choice to discuss authors and books chosen by the group.

Trailblazers/Nature Exploration – Enjoy monthly walks with new friends at local trails, parks or beaches. Typically cover up to 3 miles over 1-2 hours.

Foodie Friends – Meet at members home where hostess will select theme. Each member to bring theme dish and share recipes. Members agree to host (or co-host) an event at their home. Evening times encouraged.

Career and Beyond Collective – “All work and no play makes Jane a dull girl!” A group of professional working or retired career women whose purpose is to have fun while networking and building relationships among women who share common bonds. Meet in the evening or Saturday every other month, opposite the Women's Club meetings, with a variety of scheduled activity offerings.

LADIES (Life After Death In Every Step) – Women's Club widows sharing a safe space to honor lost spouses. Support and uplift in a positive, fun, and creative way to live life to its fullest.

To sign up for Activity Groups via the Women's club website:

<https://dwnwomensclub.com>, click “Members Only” section, click on Activity Group link you wish to join (routed to Sign up Genius), complete information in Sign Up Genius. AG Lead will then be in contact with the groups next scheduled event. Sign up for one or for all! Must be a member of the Women's Club to join AGs. Contact Suzanne Almond @ salmond83@yahoo.com or 484-587-0187 with any questions or suggestions for new Activity Groups.

A Note from the President

Wow, what a great turnout for our first program of 2026! Seeing all the new faces of our DWNWC members was exhilarating! We have a great membership team that has worked diligently to get you all registered and ready to attend more exciting events this year. Our Outreach to clothe foster children for this month is going strong.



Thank you for your donations! We couldn't do it without you.

We are excited to kick off our first Women's Weekend Workshop this Saturday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. making vision boards. We hope to continue offering some programs occasionally on a Saturday in hopes of accommodating more member's schedules. It will be fun!

We are looking forward to the March Fashion Show program at which time we will also introduce our April Outreach mission. This is your club! Be a part of it by volunteering or joining an Activity Group. Please forward any suggestions to dwnwomensclub@gmail.com.

With gratitude,
Ginger LeBlanc

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