

## **Music Makers Spread Holiday Cheer Across Tallahassee**

The Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club (TWNC) has been enriching the lives of local women for more than 50 years. With 185 members and 38 subgroups, TWNC offers countless opportunities to explore interests, build friendships, and create lasting memories. Membership is open to all—there is no requirement to be new to Tallahassee and no time limit on being a “newcomer.”

Among its many subgroups, the largest and most beloved is the **Music Makers** chorus. Throughout December, the Music Makers ushered in the holiday season with festive performances featuring a joyful mix of Christmas and Hanukkah songs—capturing the true spirit of the season.

The chorus entertained members at the December luncheon and brought their music into the community, performing at The Villas of Killearn Lakes, Elder Day Stay, The DAR, and The Grove at Canopy. Audiences were delighted to sing along, making each event a celebration of togetherness. Over the years, the group has shared its music at venues such as St. Augustine Plantation, Christ Presbyterian Church, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Alzheimer care facilities, assisted living centers, and other local organizations.

Founded in 2000 with just five members, the Music Makers have grown into TWNC's largest subgroup, now boasting about 30 members. They rehearse every Monday at Fellowship Presbyterian Church and perform an impressive repertoire—from country classics and Broadway hits to pop favorites spanning the 1930s to today. The chorus is directed by **Vanessa Pinto**, a former middle school music teacher with 36 years of experience. Vanessa originally served as the group's accompanist before stepping into the director role in 2019. TWNC is so proud of the way these ladies share their love of music with the community year after year.

To learn more about TWNC or request a Music Makers performance, contact Vanessa Pinto at [vjpinto09@gmail.com](mailto:vjpinto09@gmail.com). For club membership details, visit <http://tallahasseenewcomers.com> or email [tlhnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:tlhnewcomers@gmail.com). Let TWNC welcome you as a new friend!