

Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club Field Trip to FSU Coastal and Marine Lab

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What a fun and educational field trip! Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club (TWNC) members took a drive down to the FSU Coastal and Marine Lab in St. Teresa and learned so much about the research they are doing. Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club (TWNC) is a social club for women in the area who like spending time with others who share similar interests. Members do not have to be new to the area at all. They just have to have some time to spend with others.

The FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory (FSUCML) is a research facility affiliated with Florida State University. Its mission is to conduct innovative, pioneering, interdisciplinary research on coastal and marine ecosystems. They offer research space that includes laboratories, greenhouses, and a wide variety of field sites. Additionally, the lab aims to mentor the next generation of problem solvers and leverage scientific outcomes and expertise through engagement with stakeholders to optimize marine management and conservation.

TWNC ladies loved the boat ride out into the Gulf of Mexico where the FSU staff did trawl and put the contents of each catch in a Touch Tank. Viewing and touching several species of fish and invertebrates was exciting and educational! Many thanks to Deanna Epley for arranging this trip!

Many more special trips to area attractions are planned for the members of TWNC in addition to our regular monthly activities. TWNC has three monthly events that all members are invited to attend: a luncheon, a coffee, and a social hour. It also has more than thirty small group activities each month of things like Music Makers, Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta variations, Bunco, Book Club, Mahjong, Walking Group, Fiber Arts and Lunch Buddies. These groups are usually made up of four to twelve members. New groups are always being added as members come forth with an idea they would like to pursue.

Prospective new members are generally invited to come to a coffee or a luncheon to see if Tallahassee Women's Newcomers Club is right for them. If interested in more information, please email tlhnewcomers@gmail.com. Our membership chair, Geri Quirk, will get in touch to invite you to attend an event. Joining a newcomer's club is more than just attending meetings—it's about embracing a community, making lasting friendships, and creating memories. So, take that leap, introduce yourself, and enjoy the journey.













