



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – September 2022

September has been a busy month for the 100 Ladies of Deering:

On September 7, a group of eight members enjoyed dinner at Café Abbracci before the Gables Stage performance of FADE. The evening was so successful, the Ladies are planning another theater outing to include friends and family in April 2023.

September 10 was the second New Member Orientation brunch and tour to take place in 2022. The event was sponsored by the Membership and Hospitality Committee. Eight new members attended, and the total membership of the 100 Ladies of Deering currently stands at 81.

September 13 was our monthly 'Out to Dinner' group. This month the ladies went to Strada in the Grove to enjoy the Miami Spice Menu. Out to Dinner has proven to be a very popular event. Sandy McCarthy has organized it for the last few years, but is training two new members who will take over beginning in January 2023 – Farren Ionita and Lorraine Real.

September 14, our general meeting was at the Great Hall in the Stone House and featured a guest speaker, John Bailly, discussing his Artist in Residency (funded by MAC), and current exhibition on display. DEF members were invited to attend. Special highlight was given to the new museum quality lighting of the three paintings in the Library. It is a 2022- 2023 100 Ladies of Deering project to expand the lighting to the rest of the house to showcase the artwork and continue to improve the guest experience.

Mahjong will round out the September activities on September 22 at the Weeks. Other Committees have begun meeting and the rest of the year is filling up with projects and tours.

Respectfully submitted,

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