

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

## AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



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### *HELLO GFWC- Woman's Club of New Tampa Ladies!*

*Although summer is coming to an end... (according to the calendar anyway) ...  
our new club year is just beginning!*

The August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was an exciting and fun start to our 2022-2023 year! We all enjoyed a lite lunch; catching up with each other as we had fun taking our pictures in the wonderful interactive picture booth created by the talented Lisa Sklet! We are so pleased to report we gained three new members at our first member meeting, getting off to a great start!



Annette Belingar, our District 8 Director, was an honored guest. She graciously conducted a lovely Installation Ceremony to officially recognize our 2022-23 Board, complete with a little "bling" for each board member! We enjoyed her delightful story of coming to the US from England as well as

her journey through GFWC local club member and leadership positions to her position now as a District Director. We look forward to seeing more of Annette at our various events throughout this year.

The main focus of our meeting was club business. Joyce Mathisen presented the 2022-2023 Budget and Calendar of Programs and Projects through December 2022; complete with a super informative and detailed tri-fold display board visually outlining the budget items and planned programs. The presentation and display board reflected Joyce's dedication and enthusiasm as our club Treasurer, as well as heading up the Programs & Projects slot. Our club is in good hands with our very capable and dynamic Treasurer! The next four months are filled with volunteer and service opportunities, as well as *several social events to bring on the fun!*



We look forward to a fun and fulfilling year of community service and camaraderie as our club continues to grow. Our guest speakers in September will be from the nonprofit environmental organization **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**; we will learn how we can join in the effort to keep our lovely Tampa rivers and parks pristine. Be sure to look over the [Calendar of Events](#) and *mark your calendar* to attend as many of the service and social opportunities as you desire. And *please do invite a friend to come along!*

*Pam Anderson*  
*President*

### Important Dates to Remember:

**September 21**  
Member Meeting  
**Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**  
*Collections for The Spring*  
**GFWC FL- JH All Children's Hospital**

**September 23 – 25**  
GFWC FL Fall Board  
Orlando

**September 28**  
**Bunco**  
Social / Fundraiser

**October 7**  
Trinity Café

**October 13**  
Pontoon Boat River  
Clean-up

**October 19**  
Member Meeting  
**OLLI USF**  
*Collections for The Spring*

**October 29**  
GFWC District 8  
Annual Meeting  
San Antonio



#### September Birthdays

Lisa Gorchoff  
1

Mary Jane Graham  
23

Jean Chakour  
28

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## *From Our Vice-President of Programs and Projects:*

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great time at our first meeting. It was so nice to see many familiar faces and some new faces too. Our theme for this year is **“You Are Picture Perfect”**. We will be updating our social media with photos of our events to encourage new membership. Our **Say Yes Campaign** asks each member **to say yes** to bring at least one new member to a meeting or event. We already have a tremendous amount planned for the first half of the year, please take a moment to look at the calendar and maybe share it with a potential new member. There are new events being added all the time, so I’m sure there will be something you’ll find interesting. In addition, we have some new and exciting activities in the works for the rest of the year.

Thank you to Elaine Jones and Ivette Moore for offering to help on the planning committee for Programs and Projects and Theresa Bogushesky for offering to help update the website and possibly start an Instagram account. If anyone else is interested in helping on any of these projects please email me at [jmathisengfwc@gmail.com](mailto:jmathisengfwc@gmail.com).

### **September 21st - Member Meeting Agenda (@ 1:00 PM – Arbor Greene Community Center)**

- **GFWC Woman’s Club of New Tampa General Business**
- **Guest Speaker - Kristina Moreta, Education Coordinator from Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**  
Topic: Learn how to get involved in their cleanup efforts - **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful** is a volunteer based environmental nonprofit whose goal is to inspire and educate people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community. Their volunteers strive to keep Tampa Bay clean, green and beautiful. Ways in which someone could get involved are: participate at one of their annual cleanups or the yearly adopt a road program, plan a self-lead cleanup where free supplies are supplied to your groups, schedule an education presentation, or go out on our Trash Free Waters Boat with Captain Al to pick up trash that has washed into Tampa Bay.
- **Hands on Activity:** Halloween Gift Bags for HeartFELT Kids
- **Collection: September for Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful** - Donations of empty cardboard egg crates and/or plastic 1 or 2-liter bottles will be appreciated; please bring with you to the meeting. If you wish to make a monetary donation to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful you can bring a check or go on their website <https://www.keeptampabaybeautiful.org>.
- **Collection: - September and October - October is GFWC Domestic Violence Month** - We will be collecting for *The Spring of Tampa Bay*. *The Spring provides shelter for women that escape domestic violence with little more than the clothes on their backs*. They are in need of hygiene products, baby items, towels and twin-size bedding. Please see their website (<https://thespring.org>) for a complete list.
- **Collection: September for GFWC FL Donations Project – Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Accredited Care Center-** Crayons, Coloring Books and Art Kits

*Joyce Mathisen*

*“The most difficult thing is **the decision to act**. The rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do.” – Amelia Earhart*

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Thank you all who brought in school supplies to the August Member Meeting. We were collecting for King High School, a Title 1 School, to help at risk highschoolers with their school supply needs. Lisa Sklet delivered the collected items to King High School principal Mrs. Castelli, who was thrilled!



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## *From Our Vice-President of Membership:*

We would like to welcome our newest members who joined at our August Meeting.

Theresa Bogushefsky  
Janet Gefre  
Mary Beth Prociuk

We would also like to thank our members who have renewed their memberships for 2022-23

Pam Anderson, Joyce Born, Marilyn Fickett, Hannah Gabora, Janie Gaglione, Mary Jane Graham, Tammy Griffith, Ursula Guy, Elaine Jones, Mary Jones, Joyce Mathisen, Ivette Moore, Caralyn Paul, Jan Rice, Lisa Sklet

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please turn in your renewal at the next meeting or mail to:

GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa  
P.O. Box 46043  
Tampa, FL. 33646  
Attn: Treasurer

(Dues are \$75 payable to GFWC-WCNT)

A very special thank you to Geri Burke and Joyce Mathisen for inviting neighbors and friends to attend the August Meeting!

We would love to see our membership grow and encourage everyone to invite a guest to attend a meeting and learn more about our organization.

*As a fun incentive, we will be holding a raffle at the end of the year for a \$50.00 gift card! Members will receive one entry to the raffle for every guest they bring to a meeting and 5 entries for every guest they bring who joins our club.*



*Lisa Sklet*

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## *From Our Treasurer:*

### Treasurer Report

-Beginning Cash Balance 7/31/2022	\$5,860.95
• Revenue - \$675.00 -9 Paid Memberships totaling \$675.00	
• Expenses - \$0	
-Ending Cash Balance 8/31/2022	\$6,535.95

*Joyce Mathisen*

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## *From Our Vice-President of Communications:*

We have several ways to help you keep you up to date on our club news.

- **Newsletters:** Newsletters are emailed to you monthly about one week before our member meeting.
- **Member Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes are emailed to you about a week after our member meeting.
- **Web Site:** <https://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com/>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/GfwcWomansClubOfNewTampa/>

*If you have pictures and/or event details to share for the newsletter, Facebook, or web site, please forward them. Please try to write a brief description for the pictures sent.*

*Facebook: Elaine Jones [emcj@verizon.net](mailto:emcj@verizon.net)  
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*Tammy Griffith*

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*Thank you, Theresa Bogushefsky, for volunteering to fill the Parliamentary Advisor position!* Theresa will be representing our club at the 2022 GFWC FL Fall Board held in Orlando September 24th; where she plans on attending the Parliamentary Procedures Workshop; along with many other fun and informative workshops and gatherings. We look forward to hearing about her experience and time spent in October!

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## The More You Know...

We would like to encourage each member to visit our GFWC Florida website: [www.gfwcflorida.org](http://www.gfwcflorida.org) . The site provides a great deal of information about the GFWC Woman's Clubs; the current projects and goals provided by our state leadership. It also has news and happenings of all the GFWC Woman's Clubs throughout Florida. Under Member Resources, you can find a detailed synopsis of each of our CSP's (Community Service Programs) objectives and ideas to help us have an impact in each of these community service endeavors. There is **also a free weekly newsletter – Florida Club Woman - to which you may subscribe to**; if you wish to extend your participation beyond the monthly club meetings and activities.

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### *Mary's Kitchen Hacks:*



*Fresh herbs will last for 2 -3 weeks if you trim the stems, place the stems in a small cup of water and cover the whole cup with a plastic bag. Parsley and Cilantro stay fresh.*

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*Compliments of Chef Mary Jones, GFWC-WCNT Member and owner of MenuAdore Catering*

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## FUNDRAISING, CONSERVATION, COLLECTIONS

### *What is Amazon Smile?*

Amazon Smile is a wonderful way to support our organization with no additional cost to you. It offers the same prices as Amazon.com but will donate a portion of the purchase price of items labeled "Eligible for Amazon Smile donation" to our club. You can use the same account as on Amazon.com to do your shopping, and account settings will remain the same. Use the link below to make your first purchase, and make sure to name GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa as your organization!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4593142>

### *Conservation Collections:*

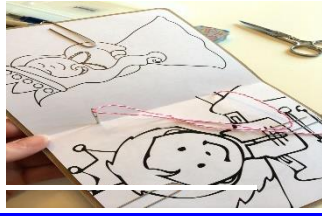
Aluminum pop tops and used printer cartridges. The items collected will be given to the Shriners, American Girls, and Junior's Club. Empty prescription pill bottles – Please remove the labels! The bottles will be donated to our local animal shelters. Please bring your collections to the monthly Member Meeting.

**Chair: Elaine Jones** [emcj@verizon.net](mailto:emcj@verizon.net)



## Member Meeting Collections:

**September Member Meeting** - Please bring in empty cardboard egg cartons and/or 1- or 2-liter plastic bottles (if you have them!) to be donated to **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**; we will find out what they are used for at the meeting! We are also asking for donations of art kits, crayons and coloring books; to be donated to **Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Accredited Care Center**. The Center, located in St Petersburg (with satellite locations in Tampa and Sarasota), diagnoses and treats infants, children and young adults with Cystic Fibrosis. **GFWC FL** will have a guest speaker from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Fall Conference; and will be supporting the Center with donations from the GFWC FL Women's Clubs. Any items collected at the member meeting will be given to Theresa Bogushefky to take with her to the Fall Board Conference.



**October Member Meeting** – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We will be collecting items to be donated to **The Spring of Tampa Bay**, a local shelter which provides safe spaces and empowering services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Most needed items are hygiene product, baby items, towels and twin-size bedding. Please see their website (<https://thespring.org>) for a complete list. You may bring items for The Spring to the September Meeting.

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## *August Meeting Photos*

### Photo Booth FUN:



*Lisa G., Tammy and Janie*



*Theresa - Our New Parliamentary Advisor!*



*Tamali and Mary Beth – Our Guests!*



*Joyce, and her friend and guest Jane*



*Carahyn, Jan, Geri, Lisa G. and Elaine*



*Your Dedicated Board!! Joyce, Pam, Tammy and Lisa S.*



*Mary Jane and Pam*



*Lisa G. and Ivette*



*Joyce Ann and Lisa G.*

**\*\*\*Hmmm...Lisa G. had the MOST FUN with the Photo Booth!!\*\*\*\***



*.....and good bites!*



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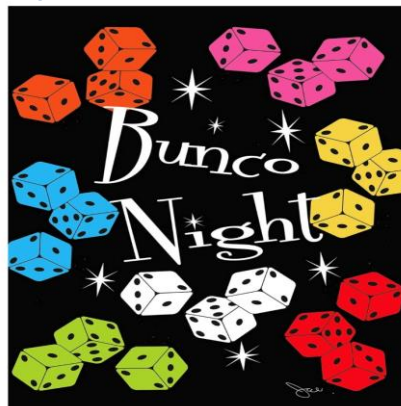
### *Our Trinity Café Volunteers*



*Mary Jones, Elaine Jones, Joyce Born and Elaine's niece Kelly volunteered at Trinity Café on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, and afterward they enjoyed a fun lunch at Chicken Salad Chick,*

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*Mark Your Calendar for Bunco!!! September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm*



**Joyce Mathisen's House  
17513 Edinburgh Drive in the Hunter's Greene Community**

**A \$10 donation is requested at the door \$5 to GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa and \$5 toward prizes**

**Guests are welcome to bring appetizers or desserts.  
This is BYOB Event.**

**Contact Joyce Mathisen @ [jmathisengfwc@gmail.com](mailto:jmathisengfwc@gmail.com) for more information.**