



# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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*Hello GFWC-WCNT Clubwomen! We certainly finished 2022 in style! Our two December Fundraisers were huge successes! Thank you to all who participated, shopped at Kendra Scott, partied and bid at the Silent Auction in support our fundraising efforts!*

*Mary Jones outdid herself again catering the Holiday Party – AMAZING! Thank you Mary! And Lisa Sklet once again wowed us with her creativity - the photo booth fun was enjoyed by all at the Holiday Party. The evening was a wonderful final meeting of 2022; thank you Elaine Jones, Joyce Mathisen, and Lisa Sklet for the planning and setup that made the night so successful.*



*What a Spread!!*



*The Lovely "Jones" girls!*

*Please visit our Facebook page to check out more pictures from the evening and all our December events!*

<https://www.facebook.com/GfwcWomansClubOfNewTampa>

*And now...Happy New Year! Our new theme for the New Year is "New You, New Us, and Renewed GFWC Spirit". We will kick off our new programming at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting with an informative lecture on "Healthy Eating and Cooking with Herbs" – for a start on the "New You"! There will be two fun fundraising events in January – a Tennis Round Robin Social (for players and spectators too), and the "Second Annual Bunco Night"! Please see the Calendar of Events at the end of the Newsletter for details on these events, and on what's planned for the next half of our year. We are excited for the upcoming months' programs, and look forward to sharing these opportunities to serve our community with you in fun and rewarding ways.*

*See you at the January Meeting!*

*Pam Anderson  
President*

### Important Dates to Remember:

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Café

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Member Meeting  
**Kimberly Bragg-Armatrout**  
**Healthy Eating & Cooking with Herbs**  
**Collection for VFC**  
**Court Kits**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tennis Fundraiser

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
BUNCO Night  
Fundraiser

February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Café

February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Colonial ALF  
Valentine Party

February 13<sup>th</sup>  
"Galentine's" Day  
Dinner at  
Rock & Brews

February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Member Meeting  
Voices For Children

February TBD  
AHA Heart Walk



No January Birthdays!

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

Programing by Joyce Mathisen:

I am so proud of everything we accomplished at the GFWC-WCNT in 2022! I look forward to an amazing 2023! I hope all of you are too. The first two weeks of December were incredibly busy. Our two major fundraisers the Silent Auction and the Kendra Scott Holiday Fundraiser were hugely successful thanks to you.

Behind the scenes we've been hard at work on our end of year reporting to GFWC Florida. ***We will be on Honor Roll again as a chapter.*** All the work we do throughout the year gets tabulated and sent to GFWC Florida and then Nationally! ***Why is this important? We are stronger together! Did you know GFWC has a seat in the U.N.? The GFWC owns a house in DC where we lobby congress to get bills passed on issues important to us.***

***The current issues being supported:  
Support Childhood Global Vaccination Efforts  
Family Violence Prevention Services  
End Sexual Assault on College Campuses***

***Want to learn more including how to be a part of a digital letter writing campaign visit <https://www.gfwc.org/legislative-action-center/> The Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.***

***Up Coming Events through February - Please see attached calendar or our website for more information\****

- ***Tennis Social Fundraiser - Sunday, January 22nd***
- ***BUNKO Fundraiser - Wednesday, January 25th***
- ***Art & Craft Festival - Friday, February 10th - Additional information is attached to the email***
- ***Trinity Cafe -Friday, February 10th***
- ***Colonial Valentine's Day Event - Monday, February 13th***
- ***Galantine's Day @ Rock n Brew - Monday, February 13th (Those going to Colonial will go directly afterwards)***
- ***General Meeting "All About Caring" - February 15th***

***Thank you for being the best part of our GFWC.***

***Wishing all of you a happy healthy New Year 2023. Thank you for allowing GFWC-WCNT to be a part of it.***

*Joyce Mathisen*

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

Happy 2023!



A warm welcome to our newest member Chris Sullivan. Chris has already dived right into WCNT's activities and is playing in our January Tennis Tournament. A special thank you to Caralyn & Geri for heading up the tennis tournament!



With Chris, we have officially **doubled** our membership since our first meeting in August. Thank you to everyone for their support in inviting friends and welcoming new members with such enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing our club grow even more in 2023.

*Lisa Sklet*

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## *From Our Treasurer:*

### **Treasurer Report by Joyce Mathisen:**

Our two major fundraisers the Silent Auction and the Kendra Scott Holiday Fundraiser were hugely successful thanks to you. Kendra Scott reported Fundraising profits of \$1,807 which we hope to receive in the next few weeks.



**A Special Thank You to the Volunteers that ran both events.** Volunteers at the Silent Auction/Holiday Party and Gift Wrapping were **Mary Jones, Elaine Jones, Lisa Sklet, and Joyce Mathisen.**

Volunteers at the Kendra Scott event were **Linda Bocage, Joyce Mathisen, Ivette Moore, and Elaine Jones.** Thank you to **Ivette Moore** for arranging the fundraiser.



\*If you have a fundraising idea, please let the Board know.

## Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance 11/30/2022		\$5,906.86
Revenue:		
Silent Auction Fundraiser.	\$1,495.00	
1 discounted 1/2-year membership Deposit	\$45.00	
Sold 2 GFWC Shirts.	\$33.00	
Reimbursement Recording Workshop	<u>\$29.45</u>	
	\$1,635.45	
Expenses:		
Lisa Sklet - Kind Bars Recording Workshop.	-\$24.95	
Mary Jones -Reimbursement Silent Auction.	-\$301.30	
Elaine Jones - Books for HeartFELT.	-\$309.36	
Debit Card Balloons Kendra Scott	-\$11.09	
Florida Remittance Dues & Donations.	<u>-\$774.95</u>	
	-\$1,421.65	
Closing Balance 12/31/2022		\$6,120.66

***Wishing all of you a happy healthy New Year 2023. Thank you for allowing GFWC-WCNT to be a part of it.***

*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.

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Tammy Griffith

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### From Our Parliamentarian: (and Social Media Committee Member)

I am very excited to Announce that we have a new Instagram account! Now keep in mind it is still a work in progress as I figure out ways to include pictures of our activities and community outreach! To find it you just need to go to Instagram App on your phone or to Instagram.com and type in NewTampaGFWC in the search bar and you will be taken straight to our page. Feel free to share pictures or flyers for upcoming events or past ones with me and I will be happy to add them to the account. My email is [tbogushesky@verizon.net](mailto:tbogushesky@verizon.net) and cell number is 703-405-8305.



Theresa Bogushesky

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Thank you to our January Volunteers for *Living the Volunteer Spirit:*

Trinity Café: Linda Jones, Linda Bocage and Mary Jones

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## The More You Know...

We would like to encourage each member to visit our **GFWC Florida** website: [gfwcflorida.org](http://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, as well as news and happenings of all the GFWC Woman's Clubs throughout Florida. Under Member Resources, you will 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 Clubwoman - to which you may subscribe*; if you wish to extend your participation beyond the monthly club meetings and activities.

For more information and a greater understanding of the **General Federation of Women's Clubs**, please visit their website [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org). You may subscribe to receive their free weekly e-newsletter "*News and Notes*", along with the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*, which is published quarterly (all issues available in the Member Portal).

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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 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)*



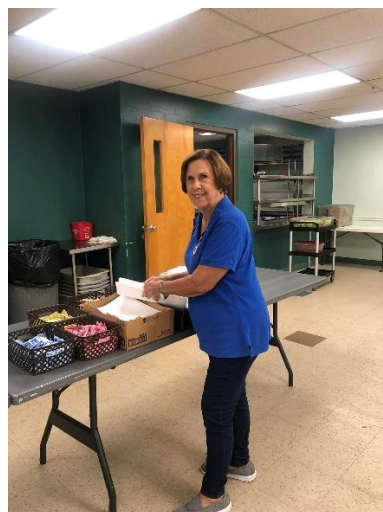
Here's some December Photos to enjoy – For lots more please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GfwcWomansClubOfNewTampa>) and be sure hit “like”!

*December Holiday Party at Colonial ALF:*



*We all had a great time! Residents enjoyed the cookies and lemonaid, and certainly our singing! The Trivia Contest was a hit too.*

*December Trinity Café:*



*Holiday fun at the Henry Plant Museum -Holiday Tour:*



*Holiday Party Photo Booth, Fun and Food!*





# GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa

## 2023 Calendar of Events

**Wednesday January 18th @ 1:00 come early @ 12:30 for Hands on Activity**

**General Meeting - New You, New Us, Renewed GFWC Spirit**

**Speaker Kimberly Bragg- Armatrou (New You) Hillsborough County Extension**

- Healthy Eating- Cooking with herbs and a paper bag drying technique demo for herbs
- **New Us and Renewed GFWC Spirit Presentation by Joyce Mathisen**
- Hands on Activity Event for Colonial Assisted Living Valentines Party -Self Care Bags
- Collections- Voices For Children - Court Kits: - activity bags given to children all ages so they can do something while appearing with their legal guardians at court. They can include coloring books, comic books, crayons, mini art kits, crayons, little toys, and mini puzzles.

**Sunday January 22nd @ 1:00 PM (Game Play Starts) to 4:00 PM**

**Tennis Fundraiser @ Arbor Greene Community Center**

Come play or be a spectator and cheer the players on. Cost to play \$25 limited to 36 players. \$10 for Spectators including food and drink.

- An assortment of Appetizers, Treats, Sangria and Non-Alcoholic Beverages will be provided at the end of play.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
- Thank you to the Arbor Greene Community Center for donating the court time
- For more information, please contact Geri Burke and Caralyn Paul

**Wednesday January 25th @ 6:00 PM**

**BUNKO Fundraiser @ Joyce Mathisen's House**

**\$10 Donation at the door - \$5 goes towards prizes / \$5 goes to the GFWC**

- Joyce Mathisen will be hosting our SECOND bunko night since the first was such a success!
- There will be a \$10 entrance fee of which \$5 will go toward the prizes and \$5 will be a donation to GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa Events.
- Guests are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert.
- Please BYOB

## Friday February 10th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### Trinity Cafe

- 4 volunteers needed
- Each person is assigned a table to prepare for the guests. Once they arrive, we act as either servers, table hosts, or bussing. When they leave, we wipe down the tables.

## Friday February 10th Registration @ 9:00 Am - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### District 8 Art & Craft Festival

- At GFWC Tampa Woman's Club 2901 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629
- DONATION \$18pp + \$2 registration (breakfast & lunch included)
- See Attached Information

## Monday February 13th @ 3:00 PM

### Colonial Assisted Living Valentine's Day Celebration

- We will host a sweet Valentine Day Event for the residents.
- GFWC members will give out the self-care bags we made at our January General Meeting.
- Optional: The group will go directly from Colonial to Rock N' Brew for our GALentine's Day Celebration.
- For more information, please contact Geri Burke

## Monday February 13th @ 5:00 PM

### Galentine Day Dinner - Rock & Brew

- A percentage of our dinner tab will be donated back to the club
- This is our founders day event. We will donate \$18.95 to GFWC Founders Day Fund
- White Elephant gift exchange? To be discussed at the January General Meeting

## Wednesday February 15th

### General Meeting - Is all about caring about others

Speaker executive director Jennifer Starr, Kelsey Grimmer, and their newest facility dog Barley from Voices for Children will come to speak about their work.

- -Partnering with Guardian ad Litem to support and advocate for the abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Hillsborough County Dependency Court System
- Hands-on Activity - Voice for Children Court Kits
- Decorate bookmarks with gems as part of District 8 GEM Companion and Read Across America to a GFWC special touch to the Court Kits

- Create “Court Kits” with books and activities for children to do while at court include our special bookmarks as a novelty tag
- Collections- Voices For Children - Art Kits, Books, Coloring Books, and other things to put into the Court Kits

## February TBD (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 10<sup>th</sup>)

### American Heart Association Walk.

## Tuesday March 7th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### Trinity Cafe

- 4 volunteers needed
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## Saturday March 11th

### 2022-2024 GFWC Florida Leads

- Leadership Education and Development Seminar

## Wednesday March 15th

### General Meeting - Think Green for Springs

Speaker: Will Stone Hillsborough County Extension -How to Grow Herbs and a demonstration on how to make a theme three-tier herb garden (which will be raffled to the group at close of meeting).

- Hands on Activity -Heart FELT & Friends of Joshua House- Goodie Bags for Easter
- Collections for military care package -Here are some military care package ideas that service members appreciate: Necessities, such as sunblock, socks, underwear, flip-flops, lip balm, and powder; Snacks including chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, non-melting candy and trail mix in packaging that isn't easily crushed. Drink mixes in single-serving packets are also a good addition. Games, - playing cards/poker chips, crosswords, or puzzle books; Stationery-Send paper, envelopes, address labels, and pens.

## March TBD

### Trash Free Waters Clean Up Crew-Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

- This is GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa event!
- Space is limited, sign up will be available as soon as we hear back
- Spend the morning on a pontoon boat cleaning up the water on the Hillsborough River and Tampa Bay. Then join us for lunch at Armature Works.

**March TBD**

**Pizza making class with kids at Joshua House**

**Monday April 17th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Trinity Cafe**

- 4 volunteers needed
- Each person is assigned a table to prepare for the guests. Once they arrive, we act as either servers, table hosts, or bussing. When they leave, we wipe down the tables.

**Wednesday April 19th**

**General Meeting - Honor Flight Mail Call for Flag Day 6/14**

**Special Event -Potluck luncheon**

**Planning for 2023/2024 year including Voting on Next Year's Board**

- Hands on Activity -Writing cards to people in military service. "Honor Flight Mail Call' for June 14th - Flag Day "Remembering All you do on Flag Day". Cards will be designed by Tamali Saha's son. Putting together care packages to go with the cards.
- Collections for military care package -Here are some military care package ideas that service members appreciate: Necessities, such as sunblock, socks, underwear, flip-flops, lip balm, and powder; Snacks including chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, non-melting candy and trail mix in packaging that isn't easily crushed. Drink mixes in single-serving packets are also a good addition. Games, - playing cards/poker chips, crosswords, or puzzle books; Stationery-Send paper, envelopes, address labels, and pens.

**April 20-23, 2023 GFWC Florida Convention**

**More information to follow.**

**April TBD**

**March of Dimes Walk.**

**Tuesday May 9th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Trinity Cafe**

- 4 volunteers needed
- Each person is assigned a table to prepare for the guests. Once they arrive, we act as either servers, table hosts, or bussing. When they leave, we wipe down the tables.

**May TBD**

**End of year luncheon at Mary Jones' House**

**Share your ideas!**

**Future Events We Are Working:**

- Meal for Ronald Mc Donald House
- Lettuce Lake Nature Walk -Guided Nature walk at Lettuce Lake Park
- Cooking Demo and or Competition
- Flower Arranging Party

If you have suggestions for future events or are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Joyce Mathisen at [jmathisengfwc@gmail.com](mailto:jmathisengfwc@gmail.com).

Thank you for being the most important part of GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa.