



# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

## NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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*"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." – Voltaire*

The club has been very busy this past month...with many of our members taking part in community service projects as well as our social/fundraising event. So pleased, and grateful, to see the participation in our planned events- the River Clean-up Day with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful; preparing the beautiful meals that were cooked for Hope Lodge; as well as the monthly volunteer day at Trinity Café.

The October Meeting proved to be quite informative with the presentation from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (so many classes and activities!); and the PINK theme, décor and special treats for Breast Cancer Month were fabulous – thanks to Lisa Sklet! Our Bunco Fundraiser Night was a fun filled night, not only raising money for our Alzheimer's Walk coming up, but some lucky members won a bit of money and prizes too! This will be a repeating event for sure!

Would you like to see pictures of all our happenings in October?? **Of course you would!!** Well, please go to our Facebook page to check them out! Thanks to our Media Committee (Joyce M, Elaine J, Lisa S, and Theresa B) our page is full of pictures and information about all our activities. [www.facebook.com/GFWCWomansClubOfNewTampa](http://www.facebook.com/GFWCWomansClubOfNewTampa). And while we are talking about Social Media...we are also now on Instagram!! Thanks to Theresa Bogushefsky! Read all about it in her blurb.

Thank you, Joyce Mathisen, for taking on and completely updating our web page. We would like to send a very special thank you to **Melinda Kroeze of MK Website Consulting**, who worked with Joyce in this tremendous endeavor; providing expertise and assistance when needed. We encourage you all visit our new webpage! <https://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com>

November 16th is our next Member Meeting, and is sure to be one NOT TO MISS! Food, fun and fellowship; a cookie exchange and a timely presentation from our own Mary Jones- "How to Host a Stress-Free Event". Looking forward to seeing you all there – and to COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with the company of family and friends, and of course...all the yummy trimmings!

Your Sister in Service,

*Pam Anderson*  
*President*

### Important Dates to Remember:

#### November 12

Walk for Alzheimer's

#### November 16

Member Meeting

Mary Jones

Presentation Cookie

Exchange

#### November 18

District 8 Recording

Workshop

#### December 5

Colonial ALF Party

#### December 6

Victorian Christmas

Stroll - Henry B Plant

Museum

#### December 7

Bush Gardens

Christmas Light Social

#### December 12

Trinity Café

#### December 15

Silent Auction &

Holiday Party

#### December 16-17

Kendra Scott

Fundraiser



#### November Birthdays

Marilynn Fickett

3

Lisa Sklet

18

#### December Birthdays

Mary Beth Prociuk

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

Hi Everyone-

We've had an amazing month of October. Thank you to everyone that participated in all the wonderful events. The board is hard at work at planning the events for the rest of the year. Please review our attached calendar or our website calendar <https://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com/events/> for a complete list of events all the way through next year.

***Below are the events through the end of 2022.***

**Trinity Cafe on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** (Thank you **Marilynn Fickett** and **Mary Jones** for volunteering!)

**CANCELLED “-Friendsgiving” on November 10th to be rescheduled.**

**Walk for Alzheimer on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 AM.** If you can please wear purple. It will start near the **Hunter Green Community Center**, located in Hunter's Green Community Park. The club's team name is **GFWC Woman's Club New Tampa**. Thank you to all that contributed to make this event a success. As a club we donated \$50 from the money raised at our BUNCO Night. This walk is open to the public, please bring your family and friends- even the 4-legged kind! Link to our page:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/FL-FloridaGulfCoast?team\\_id=781201&pg=team&fr\\_id=15478](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/FL-FloridaGulfCoast?team_id=781201&pg=team&fr_id=15478)

**CANCELLED -Movie Night at Hunters Green (Fundraiser) on November 12th has been cancelled by Hunters Green Community Assoc.** Thank you to all that offered to volunteer.

***Our Wednesday, November 16th Meeting will get all of us into the holiday spirit!*** This very special meeting highlights the talents of two of our members. Mary Jones will be giving us advice on **“How to Host a Stress-Free Event”**. Then Tammy Griffith will be coordinating our **First Cookie Exchange**. Please bring three dozen of your favorite cookies, along with one copy of the recipe; we'll provide the cookie bags. If possible, please send a copy of the recipe to our [womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubnewtampa@gmail.com) email address.

This month we have **hands on activities plural!** We will be putting together socks and candy canes for Trinity Cafe, and making prize bags for Holiday Trivia at Colonial Assisted Living. Please try to come a little early or on time so we can get everything done.

**Donation Holiday Toys** - we will be collecting toys for Joshua House. For a list of ideas visit

<https://www.friendsofjoshuahouse.org/how-you-can-help/holiday-gift-drive/>

**Donation Colonial Assisted Living Holiday Trivia Prizes.** Don't know what to do with your excess Halloween candy or treats, new hotel toiletries or makeup samples, and/or any new and unused freebies gathering dust in your drawers??? Please donate them for us to make prize bags for the residents of Colonial Assisted Living.

**Monday, December 5th at 1:00 PM is our Annual Christmas Event at Colonial Assisted Living Facility.**

We will be Christmas Caroling and assisting in their holiday party, including a very special Holiday Trivia. Members are encouraged to bring toiletry items for the residents to use throughout the year. Contact Geri Burke, our committee chair for more information ([burke159@gmail.com](mailto:burke159@gmail.com)).

**Tuesday, December 6th at 10:30 AM Victorian Holiday Stroll at the Henry B Plant Museum (Newly Added).** This is a discount day- there will be \$2 off the cost of admission, Cost is \$16 for adults under 65 and \$14 for seniors over 65. Tickets will be purchased directly from the museum on the day of the event. If possible, please bring cash so we can pay as a group. The Oxford Exchange is nearby for lunch afterwards; Please make your own reservation at the restaurant.

**Wednesday, December 7th is Bush Garden Night** - to enjoy the Christmas Lights Display.

**Monday, December 12th, Trinity Cafe** volunteer at trinity cafe. We will donate the socks and candy canes at this time. Contact Elaine Jones to volunteer ([emcj@verizon.net](mailto:emcj@verizon.net)).



I've had a number of new members ask about the **Holiday Party/ Silent Auction**. This year's auction will be **Thursday night December 15th at Mary Jones's house. It's one of our favorite events**. We ask each member to bring a basket to be auctioned off. The basket can be something you made, sharing of a skill or event; or putting together a basket of some of your favorite things (a theme basket). It's a fun opportunity to be creative. The proceeds from this event goes to purchasing books for Heart FELT kids for the holidays. Last year we were able to purchase and wrap each child in the program a book. Sometimes this is the only present they receive. Excess proceeds go to fund other events including gifts to Heart FELT at Halloween and Easter. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact the committee chairs Mary Jones ([menuadore@aol.com](mailto:menuadore@aol.com)) and Elaine Jones ([emcj@verizon.net](mailto:emcj@verizon.net)).

**TBD Wrapping Books for Heart FELT Children.**

**Kendra Scott Fundraiser** December 16th online and December 17th online and in person with promotion code **GIVEBACK-CISRQ**. This is our major fundraising event of the year and a beautiful way to purchase some lovely holiday presents.



***There will be NO activities planned from December 18th through the end of the year. We wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.***

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

*Best*

*Joyce Mathisen*

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead*

**Thank you** all who brought in supplies and food to be donated to the families of those affected by Hurricane Ian. *Jolie Frankfurth* and *Michele Small* (President of GFWC Tampa Woman's Club) drove down a large U-Haul truck loaded with donations from all our District 8 clubs. These donations were gratefully received by the Director of GFWC FL District 12 (Ft. Myers area), whose members helped distribute them to their community.



*Thank you again to Melinda Kroeze for all her help on our webpage, past and present! If anyone is ever in need of a Webmaster, Melinda is the one to see!*

[melinda@melindakroeze.com](mailto:melinda@melindakroeze.com) or <https://melindakroeze.com>

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

Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm in inviting guests to our meetings and events. At our first meeting in August, we had 14 members; after our Bunco event in October, we now have 27 members!

Please welcome our newest members:

*Janet Amendola*

*Nina Hayes*

*Whitney Lohr*

A special thank you to *Janie Gaglione* for making our new member name tags!

Don't forget to let us know if you have invited a guest and they attend a meeting. Collect your raffle ticket!

*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:*

Treasures Report:

Opening Bank Statement Balance 9/30/02022 \$6,429.17

Additions:

2 Membership Deposits \$150.00

Fundraising BUNCO \$116.00

Total Additions: \$266.00

Deductions:

Reimbursement Heart FELT- L Sklet \$23,81

Reimbursement Food Hope Lodge-M. Jones \$266.95

Reimbursement Member Pins – J. Gaglione \$90.00

Donation OLLI \$100.00

Tampa Bay Meeting Fee \$69.00

Total Deductions: \$549,76

Closing Bank Statement Balance 10/31/2022 \$6,145.41

*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)  
**Website:** Joyce Mathisen [jmathisengfwc@gmail.com](mailto:jmathisengfwc@gmail.com)  
**Newsletter:** Pam Anderson [pjahappy54@gmail.com](mailto:pjahappy54@gmail.com)

## 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 [tbogushefsky@verizon.net](mailto:tbogushefsky@verizon.net) and cell number is 703-405-8305



## Theresa Bogushefsky

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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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### Mary's Kitchen Hacks:

Many holiday cookie recipes are wonderfully freezer friendly! Start baking early (November!) so there is no pressure the week before Christmas. As a plus, you can always throw together a little plate of cookies as a hostess gift.

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

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

*Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful River Clean-up: Janet Amendola, Linda Bocage, Theresa Bogushefky, Geri Burke, Marilynn Fickett, Janet Gefre, Joyce Mathisen, and Carolyn Paul*

*Cooking for Hope Lodge: Janet Gefre, Lisa Gorchoff, Mary Jones, Elaine Jones, Joyce Mathisen, and Lisa Sklet*

*Trinity Café :(November) Marilynn Fickett and Mary Jones*



## *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)

### *Member Meeting Collections:*

**Holiday Toys & Gifts for Joshua House** - For a list of ideas visit <https://www.friendsofjoshuahouse.org/how-you-can-help/holiday-gift-drive/>. Donations should be brought to the meeting unwrapped.

**Donations for Colonial Assisted Living Holiday Trivia Prizes.** Sample size toiletries, candies, make-up samples and other “freebies” that would be appropriate for a “prize bag” item.

A background image showing several cookies of different shapes and colors, including chocolate, vanilla, and red velvet, arranged on a white surface.

## Cookie Exchange November 16

Please join our Club for a holiday cookie exchange at our November 16th meeting.

Bring three dozen of your favorite cookies on a platter along with one copy of your recipe. We will sample cookies and take home a selection. Cellophane bags will be provided.

We look forward to this sweet exchange!

*Wishing all our members a wonderful Thanksgiving*

