



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

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And all at once, summer collapsed into fall - Oscar Wilde

Haven't we all welcomed the ever so slight change in the weather, clear days and cooler nights, Fall must be coming! Finally! But I know that although we welcome our lovely weather, we are saddened and watch with heavy hearts the recovery efforts of our fellow Floridians so devastated by Hurricane Ian. Please support us as we join with our sister clubs in District 8 to provide relief and assistance to those struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items (breakfast cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, canned veggies, peanut butter, trail mix, baby/toddler food in jars, bread) to be brought to our Oct. 19th Member Meeting. These items will be delivered to our District 12 GFWC FL families, who were severely affected by the devastation of Hurricane Ian. Thank you, we are grateful for the compassionate and generous spirits of all our club members.

We enjoyed the September Meeting presentation from Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, learning so much about how to keep our community "green and clean", and the many places we can volunteer to do our part. We have members going out to clean up the Hillsborough River from a pontoon boat on October 13th, participating in one of the fun opportunities offered.

*There are **many more** events scheduled for October, please do check out the Calendar attached to the end of the Newsletter ... and check out what's coming up in November and December. Don't forget our **Bunko Fun Night Fundraiser**, which we rescheduled for October 26th. And our November Member Meeting will be especially SWEET....check out the flyer for the cookie exchange!*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Let's wear PINK to show our support! (Wear PINK to the meeting and you might win a prize!!)

*Looking forward to seeing you all at the October 19th meeting! Remember we are also collecting for **The Spring**, our local shelter for victims of domestic violence. Most needed items are hygiene products, baby items, towels and twin-size bedding. See website (thespring.org) for a complete list.*

Your Sister in Service,

*Pam Anderson
President*

Important Dates to Remember:

October 7

Trinity Café

October 13

Pontoon Boat River Clean-up

October 17 & 18

Cooking Meal for Hope Lodge

October 19

Member Meeting

OLLI USF

Collections for The Spring

October 26

Bunko

Social / Fundraiser

October 29

GFWC District 8

Annual Meeting

San Antonio

November 7

Trinity Café

November 12

Walk for Alzheimer's

November 12

Movie Night in the Park

Fundraiser

November 16

Member Meeting

Mary Jones presentation

Cookie Exchange

November 18

District 8 Recording

Workshop



October Birthdays

Theresa Bogushefsky

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From Our Vice-President of Programs and Projects:



We are so blessed that Hurricane Ian spared New Tampa. My heart goes out to those people not as lucky. This was the first major hurricane I lived through in Florida. I received a lot of information from "Floridians" (anyone who lived here over 10 years) on how they prepare. I already have an idea for a meeting next year - "*Hurricane Preparedness: What The News Media Doesn't Tell You To Do*". What do you think? Let me know.

Big news! Our calendar is now online at our website - <https://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com>; and is attached to this newsletter.

Great ideas should be shared. *Thank you, Marilyn*, for suggesting we add the day of the week to each event on the calendar. If anyone has any other suggestions or event ideas please email or talk to one of us at the meeting.

We've just finished outlining the calendar through May 2023, and will be sharing it with you at the October meeting 😊.

Calendar Highlights through December:

Thursday October 13th will be the Trash Free Water Clean Up Crew. This event is full; if you signed up and can't attend, please let us know as we have a waiting list.

Monday and Tuesday October 17th & 18th is cooking for Hope Lodge. This is before our meeting; contact Mary Jones at menuadore@aol.com if you didn't get to sign up in September.

Wednesday October 19th Meeting has Diane White and Sheryl Long from OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) speaking. They are two of my favor instructors - *you won't want to miss this!*

Bunco has been rescheduled to Wednesday October 26th at Joyce Mathisen's house; contact Joyce at jmathisengfwc@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday November 12th is Movie in the Park at HG fundraiser volunteers are needed.

Wednesday November 16th meeting has Mary Jones talking about stress free entertaining (*Mary have you been talking to Bob?*) and a member cookie exchange – yummy!

Monday November 7th and Monday December 12th are the Trinity Café dates through the end of the year. Contact Elaine Jones at emcj@verizon.net.

Thursday December 15th: Silent Auction Holiday Party; more information at the October Meeting. Mary Jones and Elaine Jones are the committee chairs.

Friday December 16th and Saturday 17th: Kendra Scott Fundraiser promo code GIVEBACK-CISRQ. Volunteers are needed on the 17th. Contact Ivette Moore at ivettemoore@yahoo.com for more information.

We are considering doing the Victorian Christmas Stroll at the Henry B. Plant Museum <https://www.plantmuseum.com/events/victorian-christmas-stroll>. **This would be a bring the family or friends event.** We'll talk about dates and have a sign up sheet at the October Meeting.

We have **SO MANY EVENTS** – please take a look at our calendar to see them all!

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 crayons, coloring books and assorted art kits to be donated to the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Care Center. Theresa Bogushefsky delivered them to GFWC FL Fall Board in Orlando to be added to the collection from all the Florida Women's Clubs. **Thank you, Theresa,** for representing us at the Fall Board! We look forward to hearing her recap of the Fall Board Convention highlights at the October Meeting.



GFWC-WCNT's donations being logged in at the Collection Table!

From Our Vice-President of Membership:

We would like to welcome our newest members who joined at our September Meeting!

Linda Bocage

Linda Jones

Tamali Saha

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



Lisa "pinning" New Members Theresa Bogushefsky and Janet Gefre at the September Meeting

From Our Treasurer:

Treasures Report:

Opening Balance 8/31/22		\$6,535.95
Additions:		
9 Membership Deposits	\$675.00	
Amazon Smile Donations	\$11.22	
Total Additions	\$686.22	
Deductions:		
Member Appreciation Gift	\$31.00	
AHT Insurance	\$471.00	
Theresa Bogushesky for Florida Convention	\$141.00	
Donation to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful	\$150.00	
Total Deductions	\$793.00	
Bank Statement Balance 9/30/22		\$6429.17

Joyce Mathisen



Halloween Gift Bags for Heart F.E.L.T. Kids, assembled at the September meeting, were delivered to St. James Methodist Church for distribution.

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

The More You Know...

We would like to encourage each member to visit our **GFWC Florida** website: 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. 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).

Mary's Kitchen Hacks:



Taco Tuesday...Make your own taco shells by baking tortillas draped over two metal bars on your oven rack so it bakes a flat bottom. The sides hang down towards the oven floor. No pans to clean up and a taco that will stand up to fill.

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

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:

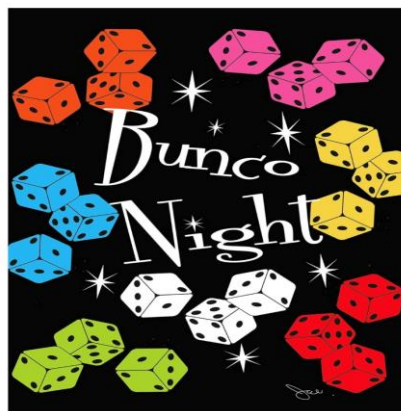
Aluminum pop tops and used printer cartridges. The items collected will be given to the Shriners, American Girls, and Junior's Club. Empty prescription pill bottles – Please remove the labels! The bottles will be donated to our local animal shelters. Please bring your collections to the monthly Member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

Chair: Elaine Jones emcj@verizon.net

Member Meeting Collections:

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 products, baby items, towels and twin-size bedding. Please see their website (<https://thespring.org>) for a complete list

Mark Your Calendar for Bunco!!! October 26th @ 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 for more information.

GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa 2022 Calendar of Events

October:

Thursday October 13th @ 9:00 AM

Trash Free Waters Clean Up Crew-Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

- This is GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa event!
- Space is limited to 5 - sign up will be available at the September Meeting
- Spend the morning on a pontoon boat cleaning up the water in Tampa Bay. Then join us for lunch at Armature Works.

Monday October 17th @ 10:00 AM & Tuesday October 18th @ 1:00 PM

Cooking Meals for Hope Lodge

This event will take place at Mary Jones's House * If you never did it before it is a lot of fun! You get a cooking lesson from a professional caterer and feed people going through a rough time.

- This is a very special event since Mary is a cancer survivor
- Be a Sous Chef for the day and make a meal for the residents of Hope Lodge
- Hope Lodge is the housing for families of patients at Moffitt Cancer Center
- We will be cooking for 50 people as the lodge is at Capacity

Wednesday October 19th @ 1:00 PM

General Meeting

Guest Speakers from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - OLLI -USF

- Topic: Information on non-accredited learning and events for people over 50 through OLLI - USF. Sheryl Long and Diane White are two of OLLI's Faculty Roll of Honor Teachers. In addition, Diane is a co-leader of the OLLI Outdoors Shared Interested Groups. OLLI is so much more than classes! Come to our meeting and find out all about it. ** I've taken courses with both these ladies and I'm part of OLLI Outdoors. They are fantastic -Joyce M.*
- GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa business
- Hands-On Activity: Holiday gift bags for Colonial Assisted Living.

- Collection: October is GFWC Domestic Violence Month - September and October are collections 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 for a complete list. <https://thespring.org>
- Collection: Supplies for victims of Hurricane Ian breakfast cereal, granola bars, cookies, crackers, canned veggies, peanut butter, trail mix, baby/toddler food in jars and bread.

Wednesday October 26th @ 6:00 PM

Bunko Social/Fundraiser

- Joyce Mathisen will be hosting our first bunko night of the season. If we have enough interest, we will make this an ongoing event.
- 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 Walks for Causes.
- Guests are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert.
- Please BYOB

Saturday October 29th @ 10:00 AM

GFWC District 8 Annual Meeting @ Tampa Bay WC & Historic Brooksville WC * RSVP by October 21st

- Learn about GFWC Woman's Club on a district level at a Masquerade Party!
- Includes lunch.
- The club will pay \$8 per person toward the registration fee, so your member cost would be \$15, which we will collect from each member attending. The registration deadline is October 21st.

Saturday October 29th @ 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Hunter's Green Fall Festival @ Hunter's Green Comm. Park

- Hunter's Green Community Association is looking for volunteers for the event to help with craft table for kids, costume judging, selling popcorn & cotton candy, etc.
- If interested, please sign up using the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48A8AA2BA0F85-hunters14>

Saturday October 29th

Make Stride Walk For Breast Cancer at RJ Stadium

- Informational - We are not planning to have a formal group - Joyce Mathisen will be walking if anyone want to attend.

Sunday October 30th @ 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Camp Boggy Bear Work Day at GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club - GFWC FL President's Project - * RSVP by October 14th

Making stuffed bears for children with serious illnesses attending Camp Boggy Creek - a place where children can reach beyond their illnesses and enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood.

- Held at GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club clubhouse located at 40 Snell Isle Blvd NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704
- If you can sew and have a sewing machine, please bring it along with an extension cord with your name on it.
- If you don't sew but are willing to cut fabric or stuff bears, we need you too! Please bring a pair of fabric scissors and put your name on them as well.
- Donations needed for materials: fiberfill, thread, satin/fabric ribbon (1/4" - 1 1/2" wide works best). Also needed is cotton fabric in any color except for Black. The fabric may have a small pattern, as long as it is kid friendly, campy type of design, no stripes or fur. You can have a contrasting color for the arms and face. Please wash and dry the fabric before bringing it to the workshop. If wrinkled, please iron it.

November:

Monday November 7th @ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Trinity Cafe

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

Saturday November 12th @ 10:00 AM

Walk for Alzheimer's @ Hunters Green Community Park

- 45-minute walk
- Non-members are welcome to join us
- Option to go to Grain and Berry afterward
- A team donation link will be available in our newsletter

Saturday November 12th Set Up @ 5:00 PM

***Fundraising Event* HG Movie in the Park**

- Members needed to help set up and man the stand
- We will have a drinks and candy concession stand
- 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser
- Membership recruitment area

Wednesday November 16th @ 1:00 PM

General Meeting

Speaker Mary Jones from Menu Adore.

*Special Event Holiday Cookie Exchange chaired by Tammy Griffith.

- Topic: Host a Stress-Free Event
- Special Event: A Cookie and Recipe Exchange for our members
- GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa business
- Hands-on Activity - Socks and candy cane assembly to distribute to Trinity Cafe
- Collections - Holiday toy collection for Joshua House

Friday November 18th @ 10:00 AM

District 8 Recording Meeting

New Tampa and Dade City Woman's Clubs to co-host this district event

- Volunteers are needed to help prepare for and host this event location at New Tampa Regional Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd.

Saturday November 19th

Miles for Moffitt – Amalie Arena

- Informational - We are not planning to have a formal group

December:

Wednesday December 7th TBD

Busch Garden's Christmas Town

- Social event to see the holiday lights, shows, and ride the train

Monday December 12th @11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Trinity Cafe

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

Thursday December 15th @ 6:00 PM

Silent Auction/ Holiday Party

- Volunteers needed before and during the event
- All members are requested to create a basket for auction

December TBD

Book Wrapping Event for Heart Felt Kids

- Volunteers Needed


Friday December 16th - 17th Online

Saturday December 17th @ 1:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Kendra Scott Fundraiser & Luncheon

- Volunteers Needed
- The online code is **GIVEBACK-CISRQ**
- This is our major fundraiser of the year please share the code on your social media page

Future Events We Are Working On:

- Victorian Christmas Stroll - Henry B. Plant Museum
- Tennis Social/Fundraiser
- Meal for Ronald McDonald House
- Cooking Demo and or Competition
- Flower Arranging Party
- *"Galentines Day"*  Fundraiser Fun Event
 - A percentage of our dinner tab will be donated back to the club
 - White Elephant gift exchange

Share your ideas!

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.

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