

# GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA



## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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*Hello Fellow Clubwomen!*

*April was a full month for our club! At our Member Meeting we elected our new 2023-2024 Executive Board, collected and counted a very generous amount of donated items for our boxes going to Operation Gratitude – and learned a new skill - how to make lanyards!- which were then added to the boxes.*



*Also in April, we had members volunteer at Trinity Café, Penguin Project and the March for Babies. Several members participated in the District 8*

*Membership Workshop; and four members represented our club at the GFWC FL Spring Convention in Orlando!*



*The month ended with the exciting news of our own Joyce Mathisen being chosen as the Volunteer of the Year for GFWC Florida at the Convention- CONGRATULATIONS JOYCE! -a well deserved honor! The club also had 3 winning entries in the GFWC FL Arts & Crafts contest!*



*Congratulations to Joyce M. for 1<sup>st</sup> place in ceramics and 3<sup>rd</sup> in photography, and to Mary Beth P. for her 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon for her hand-made greeting card. We are so proud of our ladies for these accomplishments! See pictures of their winning entries at the end of the Newsletter, along with a few pics from the convention.*

*May closes our 2022-2023 club year. Thanks to the determined, tireless, and creative efforts of Joyce M, Lisa S, and Theresa B, the club year ends on a highly successful note! New events, newly styled meetings and a variety of different projects; along with members enthusiastically inviting others to join us, has resulted in more than doubling the starting membership count in June 2022.*



*I look forward to the new year with great optimism for continued growth, as Joyce Mathisen, Lisa Sklet, and Theresa Bogushefsky are joined by Linda Bocage, Mary Beth Prociuk and Tamali Saha to serve as our club's 2023-2024 Executive Board. I am grateful to these dedicated women who have volunteered to lead our club for the next year. It will be exciting to see what the new year brings – I hope you all will participate in the planning process with your new board (June 14<sup>th</sup>!) everyone is invited and welcomed!*

*We will have the New Board Induction Ceremony at our May 17<sup>th</sup> End of Year Luncheon – sure to be a wonderful afternoon of good eats (Italian Buffet!!), and a grand time. I hope to see you all there!!*

*Pam Anderson, President*

### Important Dates to Remember:

**May 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

Kendra Scott  
Fundraiser

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Café

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

End of Year Luncheon  
and New Board  
Installation



**June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

GFWC Annual  
Convention  
Louisville, KY

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

GFWC-WCNT  
Planning Meeting

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

KTBB Pontoon Boat  
Hillsborough River  
Cleanup

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Welcome Back Tea



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Tammy Griffith – 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Nina Hayes – 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Cheri Pyer – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan Rice – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Mary Jones – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Caralyn Paul – 25<sup>th</sup>**



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

## Programing and Planning Report by Joyce Mathisen

Please join us for an End of Year Luncheon & New Board Installation and celebration of a fantastic 2022/2023 year at the GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa. Our luncheon will be on May 17th at 12:00 PM in the Arbor Greene Community Center. We will be catering in trays of food from Taste of New York, drinks, and desserts. Bring your appetite and we'll do the rest.

There are a few other events left on this year's calendar. I hope all of you will attend the Planning Meeting on June 14th for next year's calendar of events. In addition, we have a make-up Pontoon Boat Trip on June 20th. Sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

## Calendar of Events

**Online Friday May 5th & Saturday May 6th : In Store 11 am to 1 pm Saturday May 6th - Kendra Scott Fundraiser** This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Use promotion code **GIVEBACK -DWVYX** when making your purchase.

**Friday, May 5th 10:00am District 8 Spring Training Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 9th 11:00am - 1:00pm 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. (Elaine Jones chair: [emcj@verizon.net](mailto:emcj@verizon.net))

**Wednesday, May 17th @ 12:00pm End of Year Catered Luncheon** This meeting will take place at the Arbor Greene Community Center. Installation of new officers. There will be three collections.



School Supplies Drive for the children from Voices for Children. Use this scan code for their Amazon Wish List



Members can bring breakfast items and shelf-stable dairy products to our May Meeting or donate to their virtual drive <https://ftb-cerealforsummer.funraise.org/>.



Spring Cleaning? Give your items a second life. Donate your gently used clothes, art supplies, magazines, books, and puzzles to our friends at Colonial Assisted Living. This is an ongoing collection at our monthly meetings.

- **Cereal and Breakfast Items** will be collected at the meeting for **Feeding Tampa Bay Cereal for Summer**. You can also donate money to the cause <https://feedingtampabay.org/how-you-can-help/give-food/cereal-for-summer>.

- **School supplies for Voices for Children** QR code (above) or use this link [https://www.flowcode.com/page/vfcwishlists?utm\\_term=ZPeHcfZlt#fid=ZPeHcfZlt&c=a7343f9e-6c75-478c-8587-66d0ba12f92f-SSE:1681754141](https://www.flowcode.com/page/vfcwishlists?utm_term=ZPeHcfZlt#fid=ZPeHcfZlt&c=a7343f9e-6c75-478c-8587-66d0ba12f92f-SSE:1681754141). If you decide to send the items from Amazon directly to Voice for Children, please bring an invoice copy of what you sent to the meeting or email it to me so we can have a record for our files. If you want to purchase the items from a different vendor, we'll have a collection at the meeting.
- Finally, our collection of **gentle used items** for the residents of **Colonial Assisted Living**.

*Thank you, members, for your spirit of generosity in giving to others!*

**Saturday & Sunday June 10-12 2023 GFWC Annual Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky.** Registration is now open - please read your GFWC News & Noteworthy Newsletter for more information.

**Wednesday, June 14th @ 1:00pm GFWC Planning Meeting Share your ideas!** We will meet at the Arbor Greene Community Center. Be a part of planning the events for the 2023/2024 year!

**Saturday, July 29th @ 10am District 8 Presidents Council** hosted by Brandon Service League, New Tampa Juniors, and New Tampa Juniores. For Club President and Board Members.

**Friday and Saturday, August 11-13 or August 18-19 Leadership Summer Camp 2023** Make a plan to join your GFWC Florida sisters at the 2023 Leadership Summer Camp. Details and registration [www.GFWCFLCamp.com](http://www.GFWCFLCamp.com).

**First 2023/2024 Year Meeting "Welcome Back Tea" Wednesday August 23rd @ 1 pm - Please plan to come early between 12:30 and 1 pm to socialize and have your yearbook photo taken** More details to follow.

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

*Joyce Mathisen*



*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/>

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/NewTampaGFWC](https://www.instagram.com/NewTampaGFWC)

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

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*From Our Vice-President of Membership:*

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for the 2023-24 year.

We are looking forward to an upcoming year filled with exciting and worthwhile events!



We would like to let you know about an opportunity through GFWC called **Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)**.

**ESO** allows for GFWC members to belong to an online book club earning GFWC pins for number of books read. Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. We can discuss starting a GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa Book Club at the June 14th Planning Meeting.

There is a small *one-time lifetime* fee of \$5.00 to join ESO, which you can be added to your 2023-24 membership dues; the club will handle the paperwork and remittance for ESO for everyone who joins.

**Annual dues \$75      Annual dues with ESO included \$80**



At our May 17th meeting we will hold our membership raffle for a **\$50 gift card to HomeGoods /Marshall's/TJ Max**. You need not be present to win.

Please note that the current board members elected not to participate in the raffle.

*Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!*

*Lisa Sklet*



## *From Our Treasurer:*

### Treasurers Report by Joyce Mathisen

Opening Balance 3/3/2023 \$6,744.65

#### Additions:

#### Subtractions:

Amazon -Toy Medical kit -192.10 pens 47.29 -J. Mathisen	239.39
GC Cover Art Military Card Eshaan Roy -J Mathisen	25.00
District 8 Spring Training check 1171	40.00
Donation for M of D Walk - P. Anderson	51.50
New Tampa Players - Donation	100.00
Conference Registration Reimbursement - JM	45.00
Conference Registration Reimbursement - LS	45.00
Conference Registration Reimbursement - TB	45.00
Conference Registration Reimbursement - JG	45.00
GiveBackBox-JM Operation Gratitude	60.00
Florida Federation - Pins	165.00
Florida Federation -Pins	35.00
Subtraction:	
Outstanding Cashed: Read Across America- Bogushefsky	19.33

#### Add Back Not Cashed:

District 8 Spring Training	40.00
New Tampa Players	100.00
Reimbursed Conference Registration -TB	45.00

Closing Balance 4/30/23 \$6,014.43

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

*Joyce Mathisen*

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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* - Club projects and activities from around the state are featured, along with articles of interest.

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). *GFWC's News & Notes*. keeps clubwomen and friends up-to-date on all the latest GFWC programs, projects, and issues. To receive *News & Notes*, sign up through the [Member Portal](http://Member Portal). - [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org)



Janet Amendola, Marilyn Fickett,  
Joyce Born and Mary Jones  
volunteering at *Trinity Café* April 17<sup>th</sup>



Thank you to our April  
Volunteers for  
*Living the Volunteer Spirit*



GFWC- WCNT had *nine* ladies  
who volunteered over 2 evenings  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the New  
Tampa Players *Penguin Project*  
*Production "Beauty and The  
Beast Jr"*. Thanks to Joyce Born,  
Caralyn Paul, Joyce Mathisen,  
Linda Bocage, Janet Amendola,  
Whitney Lohr, Pam Anderson,  
Mary Jones, and Elaine Jones.



Pam Anderson and  
her daughter  
Lauren Kopicki  
represented the  
club in the *March  
for Babies Walk* on  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at Steinbrenner  
Field.



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*  
Elizabeth Andrew

Our club really *sparkled* at the **GFWC FLORIDA Annual Spring Convention!**

April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Orlando

Theme: "Puttin' On The Ritz"



**GFWC FL Volunteer of the Year!**



**Joyce Mathisen** receiving the **GFWC Florida Volunteer of the Year Award** from Christa Nuckols (GFWC FL Director of Jr. Clubs), Debra Strahanoski (GFWC International President), and Linda O'Toole (GFWC FL President).

**Congratulations to our Winners in the GFWC FL Arts & Crafts Competition!**



**Tocqueville the Turtle** by Joyce Mathisen – 1st Place!



**Red House of Norway** by Joyce Mathisen - 3rd Place

**Mary Beth Prociuk's beautiful hand-made care "Love Is..." 1st Place**



**...and girls just wanna have fun..**



**Lisa Sklet, Janet Gefre, Theresa Bogushefsky and Joyce Mathisen**



**Joyce and Theresa with the club's donation of 10 children's toy medical kit for cystic fibrosis.**

**For more pictures visit our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages!**