

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF NEW TAMPA

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



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March is Women's History Month
"One woman can make a difference but together
we can rock the world."

It's hard to believe it is MARCH already! Spring is almost here (we KNOW from all the pollen...yellow coated cars, patios, sidewalks; and red eyes and noses!). But soon the yellow will be gone and all will be green and beautiful again. And so our March theme is **Think Green** – from a club event to “green up” our environment to our monthly meeting with a “Green Thumb” activity!

March is also Women's History Month, when we honor women's contributions and accomplishments. I am proud to be a part of our GFWC-WCNT club, which has so many wonderful women who are generous with their time and resources; who gladly join in the effort to improve and enhance our community and the lives of those in need. I know our club has made a positive impact on our community as a result of our dedicated giving of time as well as funds to the causes we support. Together, we ARE ROCKING our community!

I hope you find the “history blurb” about Women's History Month an interesting read. We are making history ourselves, being a part of the GFWC organization which strives to make the world better for women and children; from our local community level all the way up to lobbying Congress to change national policy toward that end. One of our own, *Jolie Frankfurth*, is in action this week as part of the GFWC Executive Board, speaking with legislators to advance the causes of GFWC International. We are well represented!



Our February Meeting was well attended. Voices for Children shared with us an informative presentation of their work with the Guardian ad Litem program of Hillsborough County. And the Courthouse Dog, Barley, was the Star of the Day! Along with a

monetary donation and handmade bookmarks, our club also gave VFC quite a supply of items to make up the activity bags given to the children they represent in court. **Thank you to our very generous members** for bringing in the coloring and puzzle books, crayons, markers and other items for these kits.

Our March member meeting will be both fun and business; as we will be presenting our updated bylaws for member review after an interactive presentation on growing herbs! The Nominating Committee will be collecting the Willingness to Serve forms that have been sent to all the members – **looking for our next year's board!**

The Calendar of Events is attached to the Newsletter with the full details of our March happenings, as well as what's coming up in April and May. As always, you may find this information on our website; and more on Facebook and Instagram!

Your Sister in Service,

Pam Anderson, President

Important Dates to Remember:

March 8th
International
Women's Day

March 11th
GFWC FL LEADS
Seminar

March 13th
Project Blue
Appreciation Bags –
with GFWC New Tampa
Jrs Club

March 14th
Keep Tampa Bay
Beautiful Hillsborough
River Cleanup

March 15th
Member Meeting
Will Stone of
Hillsborough County
Ext.- How to
Grow Herbs

**Collections for
Military Care
Packages**

March 17th
**HAPPY St. PATRICK'S
DAY!**


March 20th
Pizza Party
at Joshua House

**Happy
SPRING**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

No March Birthdays!!





A Bit of Brief History....Every year, March is designated Women’s History Month, to honor women’s contributions in American history. From a grass-roots effort that began in Santa Rosa, CA in 1978 to celebrate “Women’s History Week”, the movement spread across the country, and in 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th as National Women’s History Week. In 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to include all of March as a celebration of the economic, political and social contributions of women.

International Women’s Day, observed every March 8th, became a mainstream global holiday following its adoption by the United Nations in 1977. The holiday is a chance to celebrate women’s accomplishments and advocate for greater gender equality. Women’s History Month is celebrated in March in countries like the US, the UK , Australia, and New Zealand. In Canada, the month for Women’s History Celebration is October.

“There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise.”—W.E.B. Du Bois

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was an American sociologist, historian, a scholar, educator, editor, and civil rights activist. He was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1895. Throughout his writings, Du Bois **supported women's rights and women's suffrage**..



Speaking of “A Woman Determined to Rise” ...

We are so very proud have **Jolie Frankfurth** as an active clubwoman in GFWC Woman’s Club of New Tampa. Jolie was one of the founding members of GFWC-WCNT; as well as the New Tampa Jr’s Club. Jolie has been involved with GFWC for over 25 years, and has held leadership positions at the local club level, District level, GFWC FL executive level; as well as on the Executive Board of GFWC International. She is currently the **Second Vice President of GFWC International**. Jolie’s goal is to serve as President of GFWC International.



Jolie in Washington DC March 6th -7th speaking with legislators about Funding for domestic violence shelters, EARN IT ACT, and other bills important to the work of GFWC. As a spokesperson for GFWC, Jolie met with Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott and Rep. Laurel Lee, who is from our District

Visit GFWC Facebook page for more pictures of the visit to Capitol Hill



From our Vice-President of Programs and Projects:

From the Desk of Joyce Mathisen- VP of Planning & Programming:

This month we will be nominating members for our 2023/2024 Board. Please consider joining the Board. We need all positions filled next year to continue to grow as an organization.

GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa Board Positions:

- President (This board position may be shared by two members as Co-Presidents)
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs & Projects
- Vice President of Communications & Community Relations
- Treasurer

New people mean new ideas and a promising new future! If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I welcome any form of dialog JMathisenGFWC@gmail.com; 516-448-8239; or find me at our General Meeting.

March is green for the environment. Join Us!

The complete detailed calendar is attached to this Newsletter. To get the most up to date calendar visit our Website <https://gfwcwomansclubnewtampa.com/> click on the **About Section** on the Cover Page **then Calendar.** We update our calendar continuously throughout the month!

Quick View of Upcoming Events for March/April:

- **2022-2024 GFWC Florida LEADS** Joyce Mathisen attending—**Saturday March 11th**
- **NEW EVENT!!!! Our Green is going Blue for those that protect us and the environment. -Monday, March 13th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** We are doing a joint project Blue Bags for Police with the GFWC New Tampa Juniors at their evening meeting,
- **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Pontoon Boat Clean Up Event on Tuesday, March 14th @ 10:00 AM.** Contact Joyce Mathisen for more information.
- **It's a Green Thumb Event!** General Meeting - Think Green for Springs **-Wednesday March 15th @ 1:00 PM Speaker: Will Stone Hillsborough County Extension -How to Grow Herbs. He's showing us how to make a themed herb garden. One lucky winner from the club will bring it home. You must be at the meeting to enter.**
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- **Pizza Making Party at Joshua House- March 20th from 4:00 to 6:30pm**
- **District 8 Event – Membership Workshop -Saturday, April 8th 10:00am - 2:30pm**
- **Volunteer Opportunity Penguin Project – Usher for the Penguin Project Play April 14th at 8 PM, April 15th at 7 PM, and April 16th at 3 PM**

- Trinity Cafe -Monday, April 17th 11:00am -1:00pm
- General Meeting - Honor Flight Mail Call for Flag Day 6/14 -Wednesday, April 19th @ 1:00pm
 - 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
 - Collections for military care package – (See items listed under March 15 Meeting)
- GFWC Florida Annual Spring Convention – Orlando, FL -April 20-23, 2023
- Join us for The March for Babies -Saturday, April 22nd @ 8:00am

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

Joyce Mathisen

From Our Vice-President of Membership:

Please welcome our newest member, **Cheri Pyer!** Cheri joined at the February Member Meeting, bringing our membership roll to 33!



Lisa Sklet

Galentine's Night out at Rock & Brews



"When women support each other, incredible things happen."

From Our Treasurer:

From the Desk of Joyce Mathisen-Treasurer:

Thank you to Caralyn Paul and Rock & Brews for supporting our organization. Rock & Brews sent us a check for \$150 for our GALentine Fundraiser!

Bank Statement Balance 2/2/2023 **\$7,842.65**

Amazon Smile – Misc. Income	\$11.58
Membership Dues -Cheri Dyers	\$45.00
Fundraiser - Rock & Brews - Galentine Dinner	\$150.00
Membership Dues- Lisa Howard	\$45.00

Total Revenue: **\$251.58**

Amazon - Mathisen-Book Marks - Read Across America	\$14.09
American Heart Association -Walk	\$168.00
Walmart - Colonial-Food & Drink for Valentines Day	\$28.01
Amazon -Mathisen-Clean Up Tools Green Team Clean Up	\$18.37
Amazon - Mathisen -Book Marks - Read Across America tassels	\$8.27
District 8 Art & Craft Event -Meeting Fee	\$40.00
Voices for Children- Donation Guest Speaker	\$150.00
Lisa Sklet - Tennis Fundraiser-Reimbursement Tennis Fundraiser	\$143.32
Thin Blue Line US -P Anderson - Joint Project w/ Juniors	\$136.61
GFWC Donation Founders Day - For March 21st	\$18.90

Total Expenses: **\$725.57**

Subtract Previously outstanding check:
Colonial - Food for Xmas **- \$25.04**

Bank Statement Balance 3/3/2023 **\$7,343.62**

Thank you for being the best part of the 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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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).

Upcoming GFWC FL Events:

District 8 Membership Workshop: Sat. April 8th 10:00am-3:00pm

Heritage Park Community Center 5401 Land O'Lakes Blvd, Land O'Lakes FL 34639

District Membership Workshops are open to all club members. Current and future club leaders are especially encouraged to attend. These workshops are packed with content and tools you can take back to your club and use right away. You will also have an opportunity to communicate with, share ideas and learn from other nearby clubs and club leaders. The responses to the Club Wellness Check-Ups have determined the content. Focus areas include Membership, Leadership, Communications & PR, Programs, and Financial Stability & Governance.

If interested in attending, please let a Board Member know – registration deadline is April 1st 2023

GFWC FLORIDA Annual Spring Convention: April 20th-23rd Orlando FL

Theme: "Puttin' On The Ritz"

For Details and Registration Information:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A102b7f94-b1b5-3d52-94d5-fd7af8fe419e>

Deadline for Early Registration: March 29th, 2023



*Colonial ALF Valentine's Party:
Janet Amendola, Joyce Born, Janie Gaglione,
Joyce Mathisen and Lisa Skjet*

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

Volunteers at Community Cleanup Day Feb 25th – Highwood Preserve



Janet Amendola, Linda Jones, Nina Hayes, and Joyce Mathisen

Love Bunco????

Here's an opportunity to have a fun afternoon playing Bunco and help Support our Sister Club while having fun!!

**GFWC WESLEY CHAPEL
WOMAN'S CLUB
ST PADDY'S DAY BUNCO**



**Saturday March 18th, 2023
1:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

\$20.00 per person

refreshments, drinks, prizes for winners

***Timberlake Estates Club House 1
34301 Countryside Drive
Wesley Chapel***

*To reserve your spot - Venmo to @GFWC-WCWC-1
or RSVP to GFWCwesleychapel@gmail.com
or text Marie @ 954-829-0551*

Proceeds will fund our 2023 Education Scholarships

GFWC Wesley Chapel Woman's Club is a 501©3 non-profit community service organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteering

GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa

2023 Calendar of Events (March to May)

Saturday, March 11th

2022-2024 GFWC Florida LEADS Seminar - Palatka, FL

- Leadership Education and Development Seminar. Joyce Mathisen will be representing our organization.

Monday March 13th @ 6:30pm- 8:00pm

Hunter's Green Tennis and Athletic Center (TAC).

GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa and GFWC New Tampa Junior Woman's Club JOINT PROJECT for National Police Week.

- Hands-On Activity -Putting together 50 Project Blue Appreciation Bags
- **National Police Week** is celebrated on whatever week May 15 falls in, under President Kennedy's decree to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day in the line of duty — it takes place from May 15 to 21 in 2023. National Police Week is all about honor, gratitude, remembrance, servitude, and peer support.
- No preregistration required

Tuesday, March 14th @ 10:00am

by Armature Works Dock

Trash Free Waters Clean Up Crew-Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

- Join us for another fun adventure cleaning up Tampa Bay with Captain Al. Spend the morning on a pontoon boat cleaning up the water in the Hillsborough River followed by lunch at Armature Works food court. This is a members-only event. We will send out a list of members attending so ladies can carpool to Armature Works. This is GFWC Woman's Club of New Tampa event!
- Space is limited – please contact Joyce Mathisen if you are interested.

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Monday March 20th 4:00pm-6:00pm

1515 Michelin Ct, Lutz, FL

Pizza making fun with the kids at Joshua House

- We will bring all the necessary ingredients and supplies for the kids to make their own pizzas! There will be two pizza making sessions – a fun time for and with the children living at Joshua House.

Saturday, April 8th 10:00am - 2:30pm

Heritage Park in Land O'Lakes

District 8 Event – Membership Workshop

April 14th at 8 PM, April 15th at 7 PM, and April 16th at 3 PM

Volunteer Opportunity Penguin Project

- This is a great way to give back to the community - be an usher for a theater performance by children and young adults with disabilities – a program directed by New Tampa Players for the Penguin Project Organization.
- The production is “Beauty and the Beast Jr” and will be at the New Tampa Performing Arts Center

Monday, April 17th 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.

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April 20-23, 2023

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Saturday, April 22nd @ 8:00am

Join us for The March for Babies Walk

- March for Babies Tampa Bay Saturday, April 22, 2023; George M. Steinbrenner Field; [1 Steinbrenner Dr, Tampa, FL 33614-7064](https://www.marchforbabies.org/locations/tampa-bay)
- Registration Time: 8:00 AM; Opening Ceremony Time: 8:45 AM; Walk Start Time: 9:00 AM.

April/May TBD

BUNCO - Final Bunco of 2022/2023

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Wednesday, May 17th @ 1:00pm

End of Year Catered Luncheon with Pot Luck Appetizers and Desserts

- Installation of new officers

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!

- Be a part of planning the events for the 2023/2024 year!

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

