



The Comet

Membership Meeting

Our next Membership meeting will take place in September. Take time to rest and recharge and we’ll see you on September 2 for a fun and exciting meeting.

Watch our website, Facebook page, and your email for more information later this summer.

Check our calendar on [page 3](#) for May activities and our website and your email for any summer activities that may come up.

Congratulations!

Our club’s new officers were installed at our May meeting: JoAnne Post, President; Tiny Butler, Corresponding Secretary; Laurie Watkins, Recording Secretary; Suzanne Bennitt, 1st VP; Diane Angus, 2nd VP, and Susan Musil, Treasurer



GFWC Florida Convention



Mealtimes are always fun!



Sally pinning Sarah as D6 Director



Sarah accepting a 1st place award.



Sarah, Sally, JoAnne, & Gussie



GFWC FL President Terry Reese and GFWC International President Suellen Brazil.

Calendar

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MAY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1 GFWC FL Convention - Orlando	2
3 GFWC FL Convention - Orlando	4	5	6 10:00 Membership Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 8:30 Walk & Talk Avenues Viera	14	15	16 9:15 District 6 Spring Workshop Deltona
17	18 1:00 Book Club Tiny B.'s house	19	20	21 TBD Healthy Start	22	23
24	25	26	27 10:00 Board Meeting	28	29	30

President's Message



President
Sarah Anthony
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Dear Members,

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving as our club's President. It has been an honor to represent our club at District and GFWC Florida events and within our community. Starting a new club and venturing into the unknown was both exciting and a bit daunting, but we never lead alone. I have been grateful to serve alongside an incredible board and dedicated members during these first three years. It hasn't always been easy, but it has always been worth it.

As I pass the gavel to President JoAnne, I reflect on all we have accomplished together and look forward to what lies ahead. We started this club to give back and make a difference in our community, and through our collective efforts, we have done just that. From the baby shower for Healthy Start to the Little Free Library in the park, we have made a meaningful impact.

My theme was "Love What You Do," and I truly love GFWC, our club, and our community — but most of all, I love what WE do together. Thank you for allowing me to serve. It has been an honor.

In Federated Spirit,

Sarah

1st Vice-President's Message



1st Vice-President
JoAnne Post
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The saying goes April showers brings May flowers and I believe we will be seeing some beautiful flowers after Mothers Natures visit the first week in April. May also brings us to convention and our club was represented by 4 members.

We did a little drum roll and I am happy to report: our club received 7, that's right, a total of 7 Florida State awards for Category 2 as well as recognition for having 100 or more points on the Honor Score. Category 2 clubs are those with more than 26 **members.**

1st place - Membership; Newsletter; and
Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

2nd place - Leadership; Health & Wellness CSP;
Website

3rd place - President's Project - Flight to Honor

Those in attendance cheered loudly when our club name was announced and we are so proud to be recognized by the state.

This is my last article as your 1st Vice-President. It is my honor to serve as your next Club President. My theme will be "Hearts In Action" - Serving with compassion, leading with purpose and making a difference together.

Have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing you at our August Social and September meeting.

JoAnne

Fundraising



Thank you to the ladies that joined together on April 22nd to begin crafting our Christmas trees for the Fall craft shows. We all had a great time learning and laughing. Everyone took home a tree to finish and asked when the next craft day would be held. Keep an eye out for notification of the next day so you can enjoy crafting with us. Sometime in June will be our next meeting and I will shoot for a Christmas in July to follow that as well.

-Diane



Craft day was a huge success and lots of fun!



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Jen H., earns for hockey

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us:

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Be sure to use our club code: **SF65D7DEF8S4**



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Membership



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Summer Social

Mark your calendar for the next Summer Social! More information will be coming, but here are the details:

- August 26, 2026
- 4:00-6:30 PM
- Viera East Residents' Clubhouse

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Chairman
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In April we delivered more Dr. Seuss books, new clothes for the women, and a couple of African American hair products. Our April newsletter listed the specific products that are preferred.

If you visit SereneHarbor.org you will find the latest updates and events they are sponsoring, May 17th is their annual golf tournament, this year at Viera East Golf Club. Mother's Day is Sunday May 10 this year.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline:**
Phone: 800.799.7233 Text: START to 88788
or visit <https://thehotline.org>

To report human trafficking, please contact the **National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888.373.7888**

Education & Libraries CSP



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Book Club

The book club does not take a break for the summer, so our next book club gathering will be on Monday, May 18 beginning at 1:00 at Tiny Butler's house (address in the directory or email).

Endeavour Elementary School

Our guest at the April meeting spoke to us about volunteering and the many ways we can support the school. Summer is the perfect time to get cleared so you're ready to go when school is back in session! Here's more from Endeavour...

We have several types of opportunities available for folks to volunteer & mentor. Here is the overview of information:

Volunteering:

Endeavour is a Community Partnership School, so we always have great opportunities for volunteers. To become a district approved volunteer you will need to visit here: <https://www.brevardschools.org/page/volunteers> to review the information. Approved volunteers have the freedom to be on campus, work hands on with students and join us for field trips.

Mentoring:

Mentoring is a very special type of volunteering. You get to connect with our tiny humans individually or in a group and focus on building positive relationships with them. Below is the district mentor page with all of the needed information. <https://sites.google.com/share.brevardschools.org/navigation/home?pli=1>

Health & Wellness CSP



Chairman
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On May 1st, our Charity Miles team, GFWC Space Coast - COMETS, will change their charity to the ALS Association. ALS is a progressive disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe. There is still no cure or treatment that can halt progression but new treatments are helping to slow and ease the symptoms. The ALS Association funds global research, provides care services and programs to people affected by ALS through its nationwide network of clinical care centers, and advocates for public policy at the state and federal levels, working to improve the lives of people living with ALS and caregivers. Let's see if we can add more COMETS and accumulate many more miles to help this organization.

Our May **Walk and Talk** will be on Wednesday, May 13th at Avenue Viera. We'll meet in the new Panera parking lot at 8:30 am. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes, put on some sunscreen and perhaps a hat and bring some water. For those who would like some yummy breakfast items and some social time after the walk, join me in the the new Panera. Hope to see lots of you!

We will be putting the **Healthy Start** brochures together on Thursday, May 21st. Meet us at the UF IFAS Brevard County Extension Service located at 3695 Lake Dr, Cocoa, FL.

I will have sign-up sheets for both the Walk and Talk and the Healthy Start activity at our May meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, please let me know if you plan to participate in either or both of these activities.

What We’re Collecting

This is a list of on-going collections for items that will be donated to various organizations in our area or used for club projects.

- **Pull-tabs** (soda & soup can tabs) - will be donated to Ronald McDonald House charities. (Health & Wellness)
- **Eyeglasses** - will be donated to the Lions Club. (Health & Wellness)
- **Bottle corks** (wine & champagne) — for recycling on our Etsy shop & craft projects. (Environment)
- **Travel-size toiletry products** - will be donated to Endeavour Elementary School and Trinity Lutheran School-Rockledge. (Health & Wellness)
- **Pantry Items** (non-perishable foods) - will be donated to Serene Harbor (Domestic Violence)
- **Cleaning Items** (including laundry supplies) - will be donated to Serene Harbor (Domestic Violence)
- **School supplies** - will be donated to Endeavour Elementary (Education & Libraries)

More items will be added as projects are developed. To donate, please contact our club or bring to our monthly meeting.

Contact Us!

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Information

This newsletter is published on the 1st of every month, September to May. All information is submitted by club members. For corrections, please contact our club.