



The Comet

Membership Meeting

April 2, 2025
10:00-Noon
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr., Cocoa

Board Meeting

April 16, 2025
10:00 am
on Zoom

GFWC FL Convention

April 26-27, 2025
Rosen Plaza, Orlando
Registration Deadline: 4/1/25



Spring into Service

Dear Club Members,

As we welcome the fresh energy of spring, our club is blossoming with excitement for the months ahead! With the GFWC FL Convention just around the corner, I encourage you to take part in this wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate our collective impact.

April also brings GFWC Federation Day, a time to reflect

on our rich history and the incredible work GFWC clubs do across the country. Let's take pride in our contributions and continue to make a difference in our community.

I look forward to sharing a fantastic season with all of you!

In service and friendship,

Sarah



President Sarah Anthony
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"Let the beauty of what you love be what you do."
~Rumi

1st Vice-President's Message



1st Vice-President JoAnne Post
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Happy Spring!

By the time you read this, I may still be flying to Sydney or have

already arrived and started our adventures.

I want to remind everyone to submit your donated dollars and volunteer hours in the reporting app. This is especially important for our recent Vows of Valor fundraiser. If you:

- Donated anything toward a basket
- Assisted with the event in any way
- Attended the event

please make sure to report it so we can accurately tally

our club's contributions to the President's Project.

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email. I'll have Wi-Fi on the ship and will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for your support and dedication!

JoAnne

Membership



Attention members! A recent update to our Standing Rules now requires all members to wear their Club name badge at official events and while volunteering on behalf of the club.

To streamline this process, new members will purchase their badge at the time of application, along with their annual dues. If you need to place your order for a nametag, please email Sarah Anthony. The cost is \$10.00.

Thank you for helping us maintain a professional and unified presence in our community!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: The next orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 1:00 on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent to all members via email. Please pass along to any potential members once you receive it and help us get the word out!

2nd Vice-President's Message



2nd Vice-President Diane Angus
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have been fortunate over the past two years to not only meet our operating budget needs, but to also have funds to share with many of the organizations that we support. For the upcoming year, we will be developing a fundraising goal and opportunities to achieve those goals.

We have an exciting fundraising opportunity to consider! The South Brevard Junior Woman's Club and the Community Woman's Club have invited us to co-host a large, themed public event in November 2025. To proceed with planning, we need club approval at the April meeting, so please come prepared to vote.

The three clubs will be sharing the

proceeds and the organization of the event, with ALL proceeds being donated to a charity or CSP project and not club operating expenses.

As we are a small club (as are these sister clubs), it would be an excellent opportunity to collaborate and meet some of our goals for next year.

Please bring any questions you have regarding the fundraiser to the April meeting. As always, any suggestions regarding future fundraising opportunities are gladly accepted.

The Board of Directors has been busy working on the budget for our next year. As the budget is approved, the fundraising opportunities will need to be identified and approved also. We

Club FUNdraisers

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To join our club's fundraising efforts, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/4eJXKSJ>
If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us: pho@spacecoast1@gmail.com
Be sure to use our club code: SF6SD7DF8S4

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GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

PIGGY BANK FUNDRAISER

Supports our club's Dollars for Delegates fund.

Pigs can be adopted for \$5.00 at any club meeting.

Money saved can be donated at any club meeting.

\$53.19 was deposited from just **3** members' bank donations!

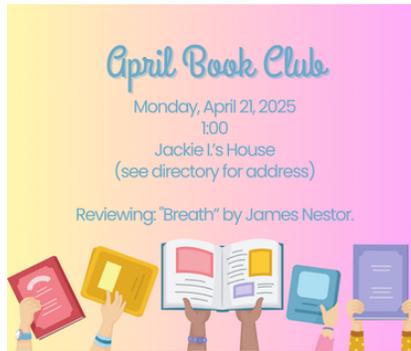
The Dollars for Delegates fund is used to help provide leadership experiences such as LEADS.



Education & Libraries CSP



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ENDEAVOUR ELEMENTARY Crockpot Night

Mark your calendar for Crockpot Night at Endeavour Elementary on April 17 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM! A few years ago, many parents at the school weren't familiar with crockpots, so the staff introduced them as an easy way to prepare nutritious meals, whether parents were home or at work. Thanks to donations from No Kid Hungry, the school has raffled off crockpots to families and now encourages local organizations and businesses to

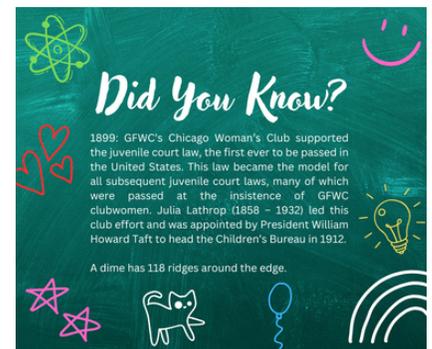
bring a crockpot dish and share the recipe.

During the event, parents and children sample different dishes as they explore simple, healthy meal ideas. It's a fun and interactive evening that brings together families, staff, and community supporters like us.

Want to participate? Find a healthy, budget-friendly crockpot recipe, prepare your dish, and bring a few copies of the recipe. We'll meet at 5:00 PM to set up. Let me know if you'd like to carpool!

Book Club

At our book club meeting in March, we had a great discussion on "James" by Percival Everett. This is a story about Jim, Huckleberry Finn's friend, from Jim's point of view. The discussion made us realize how long it had been since we had read the book Huckleberry Finn and the book Tom Sawyer. We just might go back and read those books for the boy's point of view.



District 6 Membership Rally



Environment CSP



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Thank you to all the members who participated in the Beach Clean-up sponsored by Sea Turtle Preservation Society. It was a beautiful day at the beach, and we picked up a lot of trash. The Beach clean ups happen every month so we will schedule another one soon.

GFWC Florida Environment CSP is encouraging clubs to find

ways to plant trees. There are lots of ways that our club can support this endeavor. For example, we could raise money for Arbor Day Foundation, or find a park or location in our community where we can plant a tree etc. I am interested in hearing your ideas- in person at meetings or via email.



APRIL ENVIRONMENT TIP

On my walk today, I saw very small gopher tortoise walking through the grass and it reminded me that it is that time of year when there are many different babies being born in nature. If you see a baby bird, rabbit, squirrel, etc. do not assume that it has been abandoned. The parent(s) are usually nearby. If you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to the Florida Wildlife Hospital.



Health & Wellness CSP



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CHARITY MILES

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. On April 1st, we'll change our charity to The Michael J. Fox Foundation. This disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that has affected 10 million people worldwide. Our miles will help the foundation improve Parkinson's care and propel them towards a cure. Let's get out there and get

at least 2,200 miles this month!!!

WALK & TALK

Our next Walk and Talk will be on Wednesday, April 9th. We will meet at the Viera Wetlands at 8:30 am in the parking lot at 3658 Charlie Corbeil Way, Viera, FL 32940. There is little shade, so dress for the weather, use your sunscreen, wear a hat and bring some water. Make sure you wear STURDY shoes. The trails can be uneven and muddy depending how much rain we have had recently. Bring your cameras and your binoculars if you want to see the birds and the gators and take home some beautiful pictures. Please text me if you plan to join the fun. (772-473-1453).

Health and Wellness had two volunteer opportunities last

month: On Tuesday, March 18th we collaborated with four other District 6 clubs by packing food for the Children's Hunger Project. We finished in an hour and 15 minutes and packed 1,281 packets. That was an amazing number according to the TCHP staff! Our next packing event will be on Tuesday, October 8th.

On Thursday, March 20th, 10 members assembled 1,000 brochures for Healthy Start. We will plan another opportunity later this spring.

We are collecting glasses and sunglasses for the Lion's, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and hygiene products for Endeavour Elementary. There will be containers for each item at our meeting.

April 9, 2025 | 8:30 AM
Viera Wetlands
(3658 Charlie Corbeil Way, Viera)

Walk & Talk

Let's Walk For Health Together

Don't forget:

- walking shoes
- water bottle
- sunscreen
- hat/visor

Text Linda:
772-473-1453
if you plan to
join the fun!

April Charity Miles

The Michael J. Fox Foundation

Please change your charity on April 1st.
April's Team Goal: 2,200 miles

GFWC SPACE COAST - COMETS

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Taylor Malishenko, Chairman
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We hosted a successful Dr Seuss birthday party on March 2nd at the Serene Harbor domestic violence shelter for the second year in a row, cupcakes and juice drinks were served and all of the young residents, including teenagers,

were given Dr Seuss books. This year we also hosted games, which were a grand success.

With over 50 books donated, those left will be added to their library and added to welcome packets when new residents arrive.

As a reminder from last month, April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. What we do to support Endeavor Elementary; a Public Partnership School is important as it helps to address a significant socio-economic risk areas for child abuse.

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://www.thehotline.org>**

To report human trafficking, please contact the **National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.**



Club Calendar

2025						
April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 AM Membership Meeting 5 Rosa L. Jones Dr. Cocoa	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 8:30 AM Walk & Talk Viera Wetlands	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 10:00 AM Board Meeting Zoom 100 PM New Member Orientation on ZOOM	17 5:30 PM Crock Pot Night Endeavour Elementary	18	19
20	21 1:00 PM Book Club Jackie's House	22	23	24 GFWC Federation Day	25	26 GFWC Florida Convention @ The Rozen Plaza - Orlando
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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. (Health & Wellness)
- More items will be added as projects are developed.
To donate, please [contact our club.](#)



social progress, she founded Sorosis, one of the first women's clubs in the United States. Her vision expanded in April 1890, when representatives from 63 women's clubs across the country met in New York City to officially establish GFWC, uniting women in service and advocacy.

Since that momentous day, GFWC has grown into one of the world's most influential volunteer organizations, leading efforts in education, health, conservation, domestic violence awareness, and civic engagement.

GFWC History & Legacy

Every year on April 24th, we celebrate GFWC Federation Day, a special occasion marking the founding of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in 1890. This day serves as a reminder of the power of women working together to improve their communities and make lasting change.

GFWC's story began with Jane Cunningham Croly, a pioneering journalist who was denied entry to an all-male press club event honoring Charles Dickens simply because she was a woman. Determined to create a space where women could come together to promote education, philanthropy, and

As we celebrate Federation Day, let's take pride in our history and the impact we continue to make today. Wear your club colors, share your GFWC pride, and join us in reaffirming our commitment to volunteerism and community service.

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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.