



The Comet

April Membership Meeting



Our April Membership Meeting will be another evening meeting - with a starting time of 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30) This is also our Annual Meeting. Per our bylaws, we will hold our elections for the 2026-28 Executive Board and we will hear annual reports from our 2024-26 Chairmen and board members.

April 1, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Viera East Residents' Clubhouse
1964 Golf Vista Blvd.
Social time begins at 5:30 PM

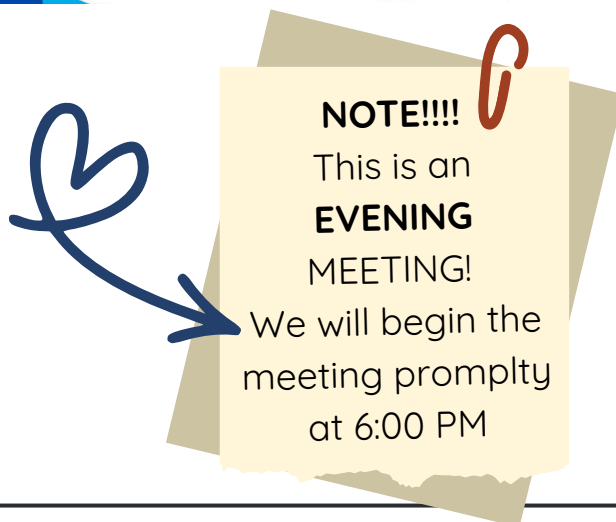
We will also have a guest speaker: Chris McPherson from Endeavour Elementary.

- Annual Reports
- 2026-28 Elections
- Guest Speaker: Chris McPherson, Community Partnership School Director at Endeavour Elementary School

The following is the slate of officers, which we will be voting on:

We look forward to seeing you there!

- President:** JoAnne Post
- 1st Vice-President:** Suzanne Bennitt
- 2nd Vice-President:** Diane Angus
- Treasurer:** Susan Musil
- Recording Secretary:** Laurie Watkins
- Corresponding Secretary:** Tiny Butler



President's Message



President
Sarah Anthony
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Dear Members,

As we look ahead to the next club administration, we are entering an exciting time of transition and opportunity. One of the most important steps in continuing our success is the election of our new officers, who will help guide our club into the future.

Strong leadership is the foundation of everything we accomplish, and clubs thrive when members are willing to step forward, share their talents, and support one another. I encourage each of you to consider how you can be part of this next chapter, whether by pursuing a leadership role or by supporting those who do.

Serving in a leadership position is not only a meaningful way to give back, but also an opportunity to grow, connect, and make a lasting impact within our club and community. Together, we can continue building on the momentum we've created.

In Federated Spirit,

Sarah

1st Vice-President's Message



1st Vice-President
JoAnne Post
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Spring is hopefully in the air as we turn the page on the calendar. I think we can safely say that March came in like a lion—cold and stormy—and hopefully went out like a lamb—mild and gentle.

I am looking forward to spring break this year, as we will be taking our grands to Aruba, one of our favorite vacation spots.

We are also all waiting patiently to attend convention and hopefully receive some state awards for our amazing reports. Stay tuned for the May edition!

Until then, please remember to submit your hours. If you have any trouble or notice something that might be missing, please let me know.

Happy Spring,

JoAnne

Fundraising



2nd Vice-President
Diane Angus
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Happy April everyone and let spring begin!!!

It's time to get out your glue guns and ribbons!!! I'm happy to announce that our first craft project workshop is scheduled for us to work on the Christmas trees for our fundraiser. This will count towards our Arts and Craft CSP as well as the fundraiser.

Wednesday April 22, 2026, at the Viera East clubhouse 9:30-11:30

There will be a signup sheet at the April monthly meeting for those ready to roll up your sleeves and get crafting!!!

Please refer to last month's newsletter for the list of supplies needed. I will provide some scissors and glue, along with a pattern to follow.

-Diane

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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



Chairman
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LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch this month was at Meg O'Malley's in Melbourne. All seven of us shared stories about ourselves growing up, traveling and our kids, laughed a lot and enjoyed delicious food. Exactly what Lunch Bunch is all about! I hope many of you will be able to join us next month for April's Lunch Bunch.

Monday, April 27, 2026

11:30

Mimosa's Restaurant

6947 North Wickham Melbourne, Florida 32940

LOOKING AHEAD

There are a lot of things to do this summer to get ready for the new club year. To start, we will have a Welcome Back/Welcome New Members Social in late August. Please plan to bring a friend, a relative or your neighbor so we can inform them about the work we do in the community. I will send out a flyer with all the information during the summer. If you have an idea for a theme or a program please send me an email and let me know.

Education & Libraries CSP



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ENDEAVOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On March 6, 2026 Endeavour Elementary School held a 10 Year Celebration, honoring a decade of partnership and progress as a Community Partnership School. For the past ten years, Endeavour Elementary, has served as a critical anchor for children and families in that community, providing access to food, mental health support, enrichment opportunities and essential family resources through strong intentional partnerships.

This celebration was an opportunity to recognize the partners, volunteers, donors, families and staff who have helped shape this journey. Five members went out to join in the fun with an activity for the children, enjoy the food, the fellowship and the music. Our club members also donated 4 boxes of food to their food pantry.

At our April meeting, Christine McPherson, Community Partnership School Director at Endeavour Elementary School will be joining us to explain what part the Children's Home Society of Florida plays there, what her job entails, and about the school. I hope you will be able to join us.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Marybeth Hoffman is the chairman of this year's Teacher Appreciation Lunch on May 5, 2026. She will share our plan at April meeting and have a list of donations that we will need members to provide. Please help if you can. If you can't donate food items, which must be from a store or a restaurant, in their packaging, would you please consider donating money to help buy items.

Education & Libraries CSP, Cont.

BOOK CLUB

All club members are welcome to attend!

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Laurie Watkins' Home (email to follow)

Book: The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab and Victoria LaRue

Any questions can be sent to Jackie Insalaco:
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GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



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April is both Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, highlighting the urgent need to address and prevent violence in our communities. Sexual assault and child abuse thrive in silence and impact individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds in our communities every day. Prevention starts with recognizing that this is happening in our community, and by educating ourselves and others about consent, healthy relationships, and the importance of believing and supporting survivors.

For more information, please visit: [Stop the Hurt.org](https://www.stopthehurt.org).

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**

Health & Wellness CSP



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CHARITY MILES

Our team, GFWC Space Coast - COMETS, was challenged to reach 2,026 miles in March. It looks like our team is working hard and if we continue walking, running or biking, we will either meet or beat the 2026 challenge for, March of Dimes. On April 1st, we will change our charity to "Keep America Beautiful". I know that it doesn't sound like a Health and Wellness charity, but by accumulating miles for 'Keep America Beautiful' we will be nourishing a healthy body through exercise. If you have not joined the Charity Miles Team, please join the fun!

THE CHILDREN'S HUNGER PROJECT (TCHP)

Our TCHP packing event will be on Tuesday, April 7th . Those of you who have registered, please be there by 5:15 pm and meet in the Board Room. Wear comfortable clothes, closed-toed shoes and wear your name badge. If something happens and you can not attend this event, please let me know so I can find someone to take your place.

HARMONY FARMS

We have been invited to visit Harmony Farms to see them "harness the healing power of the human-horse connection by providing transformative, equine-assisted therapy and activities to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges". We will visit the farm on Wednesday, April 15th . I will have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting with the time and other needed information. Hope many of you will be able to be there.

Health & Wellness CSP



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WALK & TALK

Our next Walk and Talk will be on Wednesday, April 22nd at Don Griffin Trail that encircles Lake Betsi (960 Cogswell in Rockledge). Since this is Earth Day, we might pick up any trash we find as we walk around the lake. We’ll meet there at 8:30 am. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes and don’t forget the sunscreen. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting!



GFWC Florida Convention

One MORE reason to join us at Convention!

Our club’s Board of Directors has voted to reimburse our members who attend GFWC Florida Convention for the first time up to \$100 EACH to help them pay for registration and meals.

We encourage our members to attend and learn more about the Federation and the important work we do!

This event is for EVERY member, and we want you to join us!

Contact Sarah or JoAnne for more information!

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Call and
links to
register!

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

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