



The Comet

Membership Meeting

May 7, 2025
10:00-Noon
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr., Cocoa

Board Meeting

May 21, 2025
10:00 am
on Zoom

District 6 Spring Meeting

May 2, 2025
10:00
5 Rosa L. Jones Dr., Cocoa



District 6 Members at GFWC Florida Convention

Cheers to a Great Year!

Dear Club Members,

As we wrap up another successful club year, it's a great time to reflect on our accomplishments and look ahead to a fun summer with family and friends.

I'll be moving back to Florida this summer and can't wait to reconnect with you all at our meetings and events starting in September.

Several board positions are open for the 2025-2026 club year—see pages 7-10 for details. Our club depends on the support of members like you, so please consider stepping into a role. Reach out if you have any questions!

Wishing you a safe, happy, and healthy summer—see you soon!

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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I'm still cruising through the South Pacific, en-route to Hawaii, where we'll arrive on May 6. After five days at sea, it

will be such a relief to finally set foot on land. The seas have been a mix—at times calm and cooperative, and at others, more challenging.

I'm thrilled to share that our reports were recognized at GFWC Florida Convention—such an exciting and rewarding time for our awesome club.

Our club was recognized with:

1st Place, Category 2:
Art & Culture CSP, Education & Libraries CSP, ESO, and Newsletter.

2nd place, Category 2:

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention and Health & Wellness CSP.

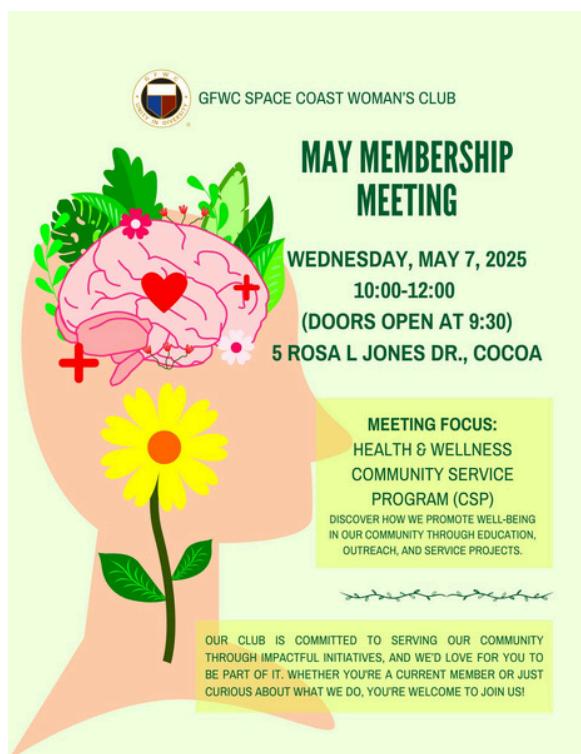
3rd place, Category 2:

Environment CSP, Leadership and Women's History & Resource Center.

Wishing everyone a great summer!

JoAnne

Membership



Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th. We have a very exciting and busy program planned for this meeting and we look forward to seeing you there!

We will be voting on some bylaw amendments. These amendments were approved by the club's Board of Directors and were sent to each club member in accordance with the bylaws. If you have any questions regarding the bylaws, please reach out to a board member.

Our club will be breaking for the summer, but we will be working on the programming for the 2025-26 club year. If you have any ideas for socials, speakers, or projects, please reach out and let us know!

SAVE THE DATE: Our next social will be on Saturday, August 16th at 10:30 am.

2nd Vice-President's Message



As we complete the year, I want to take time to reflect on the success of our organization in dollars raised, hours donated, and donation in kind. We are small in membership but huge in heart.

Goals for the next year will continue to revolve around the District/State goals as well as our CSP needs. This means finding new ways to expand our

ability to fundraise in support of those goals. New ideas will come from your help and participation in committees.

Anyone that would like to participate on a fundraising committee can contact me at (321)243-2611 or catch me after the membership meetings.

There are no bad ideas so please bring yours forward!

Continue to use RaiseRight and collect your spare change over the summer!

Club FUNdraisers



Contact
Diane Angus
if you have
any
fundraiser
ideas for our
club!

Education & Libraries CSP



Sally Kramer, Chairman
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hinges were rusting and the door was just starting to sag so she went over and fixed it.

ENDEAVOUR ELEMENTARY Crockpot Night

On April 17, 2025, four of us went out to Endeavour for Crockpot Night. We took with us six crockpots full of deliciousness!



Club members at Crockpot Night

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is going strong. I go over every week to check on it and sometimes the children's books are all gone! I have noticed that there is a turn over in adult books, adults are taking a book and leaving a book.

A big "thank you" to Taylor Malishenko!! The screws in the

This was the best-attended crockpot night held at the school since it started, and it was fun to watch all the children interact with the Assistant Principal, teachers, counselors, vendors, and all of us from the different organizations. The children and the adults would usually try anything offered to them, some came back for seconds, some of the older students came back for thirds and the adults would ask if you

had the recipe...which we did!

This was a fun experience, and I hope if the school does it next year more of you will join in the fun!

Have a great summer!

Did You Know?

1901: The 56th Congress of the United States chartered GFWC and designated that the Federation be headquartered in Washington DC.

1906: GFWC member Alice Lakey (1857 - 1935) spearheaded a letter and telegram writing campaign which was essential to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Dr. Harvey, the first chief of the Pure Food Bureau, attributed the bill's passing to GFWC and stated "Trust them (GFWC) to put the ball over the goal every time."

Environment CSP



Nancy Brown, Chairman
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It is hard to believe that another club year is almost over. I hope that you have been able to participate in activities sponsored by our club throughout the year.

Brevard county has many places to visit to immerse yourself in nature. Please take advantage of these places over the summer months.

Hundred Acre Hollows - (hundredacrehollows.org) This is a 100+ acre nature preserve in our backyard. It is open on Sunday evenings - around sunset - check the organization website for exact times.

Sea Turtle Preservation Society - Beach clean ups are scheduled every month throughout the year. Check the website for the dates and locations. Anyone can

participate and all supplies are provided.

Check out the **Brevard County EEL program**. There are many recreational areas that are part of this program. The **Enchanted Forest** in Titusville is one of them and is a great place to walk and connect with nature.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention



Taylor Malishenko, Chairman
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Visit **Connections Café**: "Coffee with purpose, pastries with impact" and be a part of the movement against human trafficking. Serving lunch, sandwiches, soups, salads, freshly-ground gourmet coffee, lattes, expressos, and more. They are located at: 3757 N. US-1, Cocoa, FL 32926.

Shop at **Recaptured Boutique & Beauty Studio**, which is a

destination upscale boutique. Shop for home decor, clothing, accessories, and some wonderful homemade jams: 5515 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953

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

Health & Wellness CSP



Linda Greenstein, Chairman
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CHARITY MILES

In April, GFWC Space Coast-COMETS logged over 1,200 miles for the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Starting May 1st, in honor of Mental Health Month, we'll support the Mental Health Collaborative, an organization dedicated to reducing stigma, increasing awareness, and building resilient communities through mental health

education.

WALK & TALK

Our next Walk and Talk is on Monday, May 12th at Don Griffin Trail at Lake Betsi (960 Cogswell Street Rockledge, FL). We'll meet at 8:30 am and walk the 2.25-mile path around the lake. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes, put on your sunscreen, and bring some water. Please text me (772-473-1453) if you plan to be there!

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our May meeting theme is Health and Wellness, with club member Katy Lysell as our speaker. We'll be making affirmation jars, so **please RSVP to me by Friday, May 2nd** to ensure enough supplies—and bring a pair of scissors!

HEALTHY START

At our last brochure assembly, members showed interest in hosting a Baby Shower to support Healthy Start clients. The Community Woman's Club offered their clubhouse for Saturday, June 21st and offered to help us with this project! We'll hold a **Brown-Bag Lunch planning meeting** with Community WC members at the clubhouse **immediately following our May 7th** membership meeting—everyone interested is welcome to join!

If you have hygiene products for Endeavour, used/no longer needed glasses for the Lions Club or pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, don't forget to bring them to our meeting. Hope to see you there!!



May 12, 2025 | 8:30 AM
Don Griffin Trail @ Lake Betsi
(960 Cogswell Street; Rockledge)

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!





May Charity Miles
Mental Health Collaborative

Please change your charity on May 1st.

GFWC SPACE COAST - COMETS

GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

01.

Art & Culture CSP Chairman

The GFWC Arts and Culture Program promotes the appreciation of art in all communities by providing creative ideas, support, and encouragement for clubwomen to engage in and share the arts.



02.

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP Chairman

This program empowers members to improve their communities through volunteering, advocacy, and support for local and national needs such as safety, veterans, and disaster relief.



03.

Education & Libraries CSP Chairman

The GFWC Education and Libraries Program promotes literacy, lifelong learning, and library support through volunteerism, book drives, scholarships, and educational initiatives that benefit all ages in the community.



04.

Environment CSP Chairman

This GFWC program encourages members to protect and improve the environment through conservation efforts, recycling, community cleanups, and promoting sustainability to ensure a healthier planet for future generations.



GFWC SPACE COAST WOMAN'S CLUB CSP CHAIRMAN DUTIES



Meeting Attendance

Attend all club board and membership meetings (or provide your report to the President if unable to attend). Attend GFWC and GFWC Florida if your time and budget allow.

Estimated Time Requirement:

3-5 Hours/Month

Could be more if you attend GFWC or GFWC FL events.



Be a Liaison

Serve as a liaison between the GFWC and GFWC Florida CSP Chairmen and our club, sharing and promoting relevant information and initiatives through reports, newsletter articles, and other communication.

Estimated Time Requirement:

2 Hours/Month



Create Opportunities

Create or identify community service projects that align with your CSP, encourage member participation, and help coordinate volunteer involvement

Estimated Time Requirement:

1-2

Hours/Month



Report Writing

Assist in documenting CSP activities and outcomes for the club's annual reports

Estimated Time Requirement:

1-2 Hours in November

What if I don't want to be a CSP Chairman but I still want to help?



There are other jobs in the club that don't have the same time commitments...

Here are some of those jobs that are available for the 2025-26 club year:

Little Free Library Chairman

The Little Free Library Chairman manages the club's Little Free Library project, ensuring it is well-maintained and stocked with books, organizing book drives.

Social Media Chairman

Promote the club and its activities through our social media accounts.

Book Club Chairman

The Book Club Chairman promotes the book club, organizes the monthly discussions, and creates a welcome environment for all.

Webmaster

Maintain the club's website with regular updates.

Contact President Sarah if you have any questions or if you're ready to volunteer!



April 2025 Fun!



Club members at the April Walk & Talk at the Viera Wetlands.



Congratulations to Diane Angus on her 1st Place win in the GFWC Florida Arts & Crafts Competition!



We honored our veterans at GFWC FL Convention, including our own Laurie Watkins.



District 6 Director Sally Kramer proudly represents our club.



Club President Sarah Anthony also represents us as LEADS co-chairman.

GFWC FL President, Sara Dessureau opens the Board of Directors' Meeting on Friday night and the Opening Business Session at the 129th Annual Florida Convention.



Club Calendar

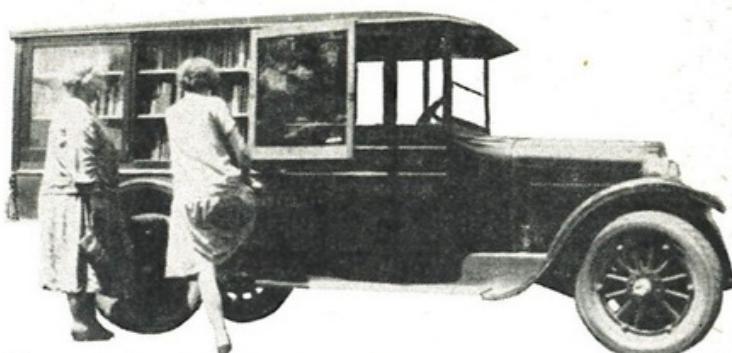
2025 May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 10:00 Membership Meeting 5 Rosa L Jones Dr, Cocoa Noon Baby Shower Planning Meeting	8	9	10
11	12 8:30 AM Walk & Talk Viera Wetlands	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 10:00 PM Book Club Judy M's House	20	21 10:00 AM Board Meeting Zoom	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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](#).



One of the first Bookmobiles, a gift of the Vermont FWC.

sprang into action—holding book drives, collecting donations, and sometimes even going door-to-door to rally support. In many towns, clubwomen personally staffed and managed reading rooms until towns could afford to take over. Their determination paid off: by the early 20th century, GFWC was credited with establishing over 75% of the public libraries in communities nationwide.

GFWC History & Legacy

One of the most remarkable—and often overlooked—chapters in GFWC history is its foundational role in creating and expanding access to public libraries in the United States.

In the late 1800s, when the General Federation of Women's Clubs was first established, most

communities, especially in rural areas, had little or no access to books or educational resources. Recognizing the power of literacy and learning, GFWC clubs made it their mission to bring books to the people.

Local clubs across the country

These efforts weren't just about books—they were about empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and promoting lifelong learning. GFWC clubwomen believed that everyone deserved access to knowledge, and they worked tirelessly to make that belief a reality.

So the next time you step into a local library, remember—you're walking into a piece of GFWC's living legacy.

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 Laurie Watkins
 Corresponding Secretary:
 Tiny Butler

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.