

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of September 6, 2023

President Carol Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m., welcomed everyone back for the first meeting of the year and asked everyone to silence their phones.

President's Comments

Grade A catering staff has asked the members of Ladies Club to respect their set-up time for our meetings. Please do not enter the room early and ask them to provide you with wait services before lunch.

Please feel free to come into the room, once unlocked, to find your seats and visit as before, but remember the staff is preparing everything so they can provide the best possible lunch service to us.

Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Barnes introduced, Louise Goodman, from Caring Transitions, who is a Silver Sponsor this year and a former Club President. She shared a moving poem called “Old Glory” and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 7, 2023, General Meeting had no additions or corrections and were approved as submitted.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER, Sandy McAvoy

- The Treasurer's Report is posted on the website.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

- Total membership for 2023-2024 as of today is 262 .
 - This includes 11 new members and 52 renewals today, and about 6 mail-in memberships.
- Ms. Thomas introduced and welcomed the following new members: Sandra Henning, Marcia Johnson, Mary Norbom, Kathy Schafer, Frances Stone, Donna Rowden, Sue Brasel Kathy Fairbanks, Renee Felske, Aledria “Lyn” Selen, Birgitta Selen, Cindy Clark, Glenda Krautbauer, Cindy Tullar, Cheryl Bowman, Terry Athorn, and Mary Stahlhut.
- The following guests were also introduced and welcomed: Lisa Wimmer, Michelle Elliot, Jan Edler, Terry Edlund, Barb Muzzey, Kathleen Heiss, Elaine Kend and Paula Rehorst.
- Ms. Barnes mentioned that we had a vacancy when Terri Brown stepped up to be our President-Elect. That Assistant Treasurer vacancy has been filled by Carolyn Champagne, who was introduced to Club members.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Marsha Mellert and Laurie Inda, Co-Chairs

Ms. Inda reported:

- This year we have 28 businesses sponsoring the Ladies Club. Of those 28 sponsors, 5 of them are sponsoring Ladies Club for the first time, 2 of them have returned to sponsorship after being away for a few years, and 3 of our sponsors increased their level of sponsorship. Together with 15 Gem sponsors, who are Ladies Club members who've given a \$50-\$500 donation, we've raised \$28,350 this year. This is a record amount for Ladies Club Sponsorship!

Sponsors joining us today include

Gold Sponsors:

- Ronnie Brock & Chris Klaver from Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric
- Karen Dunivan and I representing Zurich Homes

Silver Sponsors:

- Katie Davis from Innovative Restorations
- Jeff Selk and Jan Deibel with Selk Solutions
- And Louise Goodman representing Caring Transitions

Bronze Sponsors:

- Rachel Birdwell & Chase Chiffon of Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- Candace Newby & Brandon Pollock representing Crossville Heating and Cooling. They are also Fashion Show sponsors.
- B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty
- Matt Libby with Matt Libby Insurance
- Antoinette Cassavaugh of Mutual Omaha Mortgage
- Victoria Parsons & Will Parish representing SDP Financial Planners. They are also Mistletoe Marketplace and Fashion Show sponsors.
- And Krista representing Witt Financial Group, who is also a Fashion Show sponsor.

Event Sponsors:

- Janet Morningstar with Mays the Downsizers who is sponsoring Books, Baubles, and Baked Goods.
- Our Spring Marketplace sponsor is Jacob Hammond from Risher Roofing

Gems Sponsors:

- All Gems sponsors were also asked to stand.

Sponsors unable to attend today include:

Gold Sponsor:

- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC

Our Bronze Sponsors not attending today are:

- Atlas Real Estate
- Budget Blinds
- Cumberland's Medical Center
- Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty
- Grace Givers Home Care
- JWK Plumbing LLC
- Tennessee Farm Bureau

Event Sponsors:

- *New Member Tea and Fashion Show Sponsors:*
 - 127 SKIN Medical Aesthetics
- *Mistletoe Marketplace Sponsors:*
 - Cronwell Insurance Group/United Healthcare
 - Law Office of Hayden Shadden
 - And Weichert Realtors/The Webb Agency
- *Silent Auction Sponsor:*
 - Cleanse Wellness Spa in Cookeville.
- *Fashion Show Sponsors:*
 - Atlas Real Estate
- *Table Newsletter Sponsor:*
 - Crain Burns Associates, LLC

New Sponsor Highlight:

- Katie Davis joined us from Innovative Restorations. Innovative Restorations helps people who struggle getting in and out of a bathtub safely by offering walk-in tubs and showers that are made in the USA and have a lifetime warranty.

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Our service project this month was Cumberland County Schools. They were primarily looking for school supplies & cash or checks.
 - Today we collected a large pile of supplies together with \$1,228.
 - Introduction of representatives from the schools as follows: Michael Brady, Emily Breeding and Susan Swain.
- Next month's service project is Cumberland County Good Samaritans. They are requesting cash or checks.

WAYS AND MEANS—Mary Ann Urban and Deni Donovan, Co-Chairs

Jennifer Sipe reported:

BOOKS, BAUBLES & BAKED GOODS

- Monday September 25 and Tuesday, September 26, 2023
- 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM each day
- Village Green Mall
- Sponsored by MAYS the Downsizers, Jennifer Sipe LC GEM and Glade Stor-N-Lock (donation of use of storage unit)
- Thanks to everyone who has donated to our event! We could not do this without your support.

BOOKS:

- Thank you to Karen Boyer for chairing the Book Sale!!! Her years of hard work are greatly appreciated! This will be Karen's last year chairing the Book Sale
- Book sale worker sign-up sheet is at Ways & Means table
- **THE PINK BOOK DONATION BOX WILL BE REMOVED FROM VILLAGE GREEN MALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
- Additional book donations may be taken to BBB set up at Village Green Mall on Saturday, September 23 between 10 AM and Noon

BAUBLES:

- Bauble tables worker sign-up sheets are on the W&M table
- Thank you to Evelyn Birmingham and Pam Moore for helping to chair the Baubles sale
- We are very excited for you to shop our amazing selection of jewelry, handbags, and scarves
- Mark your calendars and tell your friends.

BAKE SALE:

- Bakers are still needed for the Bake Sale
- Bakers' sign-up sheets are on each of the luncheon tables
- Donation envelopes are on the luncheon tables for people who want to help but aren't available to bake
- Thanks to Deni Donovan and Jennifer Sipe for chairing the Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE, our fabulous, annual Craft and Vendor show on Saturday, November 4 at both The Center and Village Green Mall.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

I want to welcome all of you to the first meeting of the Ladies Club new fiscal year. The travel club is a benefit to all Ladies Club members. For those of you who are new members: trips planned by the travel committee are exclusively offered to Ladies Club members for the first 2 months after a brochure announcing the trip is published. If, after 2 months, the trip is not full, it is then open to the public. Our trips that are outsourced to a travel or tour company are open to anyone as soon as the brochure is published. Once we fill a trip, we take names on a wait list. We typically go through 10-12 names on a wait list to fill last minute cancellations, so never hesitate to put your name on the wait list. There is a good chance you will get to go. Brochures are first published on the Ladies Club website (www.ffgladiesclub.com) and then announced at the following month's meeting.

- Our **"Crooked Road"** trip leaves Friday. The bus will arrive at the police station at 6:00 am and we will leave at 6:30 a.m. if you have not yet picked up your complimentary travel mug, please stop by the travel table after the meeting and pick one up.
- We have had quite a few cancellations on our **Creation Museum & the Ark** trip on October 11-13th and as a result I need a minimum of 5 more travelers for this trip to go, otherwise it will be canceled. I can take up to 14 additional travelers. There is no wait list. Sign up today if you would like to go.
- Today I have the pleasure of announcing 2 theatre trips. The first show is **Mrs. Doubtfire** on November 11th, 2023. This one-day trip takes us to Nashville to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) where we will see the musical based on the movie made famous by Robin Williams. It is the story of Daniel Hilard, a man who loses custody of his 3 children after a messy divorce and the extraordinary antics he goes to in order to see his children after being denied visitation. This show is both delightfully funny and poignant. I was only able to obtain 38 tickets for this show, so it will fill up quickly.
- Our other new TPAC show is on January 6, 2024. We will be seeing the classic **"Funny Girl"**, the story of Fanny Brice who was told she would never make it on Broadway, but who ultimately became one of its most beloved stars. This show includes some of Broadway's most iconic songs including "Don't Rain on My Parade," "I'm the Greatest Star," and "People." I was only able to get 40 tickets to this performance and again, it will fill up quickly. Sign up today.
- I also have the pleasure of announcing a new Knoxville Symphony trip. We will attend an **evening** performance by the Knoxville Symphony and Singers direct from Broadway who will perform songs written by Rodgers & Hammerstein. This celebration of their music will include selections from *"Oklahoma," "The King and I," "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music."* We will have a delicious buffet dinner at Calhoun's on the river before the performance. Join us as we get a chance to hear some of the best music and lyrics of all time! It will truly be "Some Enchanted Evening!"

- Our **Gaylord Christmas** trip on December 13-14, 2023 is full but we're taking names on the wait list. If you want a chance to go, please sign up today. Gaylord has announced that the entertainment for the dinner show will be Darryl Worley & friends. Darryl's most memorable song is his ballad in homage to 9-11 entitled "Have you Forgotten" that hit number 1 on the country music charts in 2003 and remained at number 1 for 7 weeks. He's had numerous other hits in the top 20 of the country charts including "A Good Day to Run," "Second Wind," and "Hard Rain Don't Last." I'm sure the show will be great.
- Our annual Knoxville Symphony **Holiday Pops** concert trip on Saturday, December 16th is currently full, but we are taking names on a wait list. This year's theme is "An Olde English Christmas," including the Madrigal Singers of the Webb School, Knoxville Choral Society and the Knoxville Symphony Youth Choir, as well as other special guests. If you want a chance to go, sign up on the wait list today.
- For those who have asked me about updates for our **Holland Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island** trip, the dates will be May 2-11, 2024. I have finished the itinerary and am just awaiting some pricing information to finalize this brochure.
- As for our **Italian Adventure** trip, Intertrav is busy working on confirming the hotels, flights and attractions. The dates for this trip are October 7-17, 2024. If you're thinking about going on either of these trips, please go ahead and mark the dates off on your calendar. I will put out both these brochures just as soon as they are completed later this year.

If you have any questions about any of our trips please call or email me.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. Motion by Sandi Edwards, seconded by Lin Marten.

INVOCATION

- The invocation was provided by Nerissa Bright.

LUNCH

Thank you to the staff of Grade A Catering, from Cookeville, who served our lunch.

DRAWINGS

- 2-\$50 gift cards, that can be used at multiple restaurant choices, donated by B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty.
- 1-free Ladies Club lunch to be used for a luncheon meeting, donated by Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions.
- A complimentary pass for 2 from the Cumberland County Playhouse for “Little Shop of Horrors”.
- 3-\$25 Fairfield Glade gift cards, donated by Selk Solutions.
- Chocolates & small container with lid, located on each table, donated Sandy D’Alessandro, Decorating Committee.

PROGRAM

- Carol O’Brien introduced today’s program:
 - Overview and description of the activities and plans for our Cumberland County Habitat for Humanity by Executive Director Vanessa Petty.
 - Development Director Jessica Stephens, presented their major fund-raising event “Lunch on the Lawn” set for Friday the 15th of September at the Courthouse Lawn in downtown Crossville.