

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of November 1, 2023

President Carol Barnes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed everyone and reminded all to please silence phones.

Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Barnes introduced, Mark Witt, from Witt Financial Group, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes from October 4, 2023, General Meeting had no additions or corrections and were approved as submitted.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER, Sandy McAvoy

- The Treasurer’s Report for October 2023 will be posted on the website soon.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

- Ms. Thomas also introduced and welcomed the following new members: Reene Petro, Kay Kibbel, Elaine Kend, Kelli Tipton Buchanan, Lisa Mulcahey.
- The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Karen Bray, Erica Finley, Linda Grzenia, Karen Lemmerman, Denise Melton (sponsor!), Judith Pritt, Carolyn Rau, Jo Vann, Linda Waters.
- Nametags: 6 permanent tags, 1 magnet and 12 paper tags for a total of \$66.00.
- The yearbooks will be available at the Mistletoe Marketplace on November 4th at the Center and at the Village Green Mall. They will also be available for pickup at the Membership desk at the December luncheon.

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

Ms. Inda reported:

Sponsors Attending Today:

Gold Sponsors:

- Pam Hall and I are representing Zurich Homes Inc.

Silver Sponsors:

- Louise Goodman and Sally Jo Marquis with Caring Transitions
- Katie Davis from Innovative Restorations
- Jeff Selk and Jan Deibel with Selk Solutions

Bronze Sponsors:

- Tracey Barnes and Lisa Harris from Atlas Realty also a Fashion Show Sponsor
- Rachel Birdwell and Chase Chaffin are here representing Buckeye Medical Equipment.
- Barbara Shepherd with Budget Blinds
- Candace Newby and Steve Wincinski are representing Crossville Heating and Cooling. They are also a Fashion Show sponsor.
- Cumberland Medical Center representative today is April VonAchen.
- Kelli Tipton with Grace Givers Home Care
- Mei San & McKenzie Kapp of JWK Plumbing
- Matt Libby and his wife Janise Libby with Matt Libby Insurance
- Victoria Parsons & Will Parish representing SDP Financial Planners. They are also Mistletoe Marketplace and the Fashion Show sponsors.
- Chris Thomas from Tennessee Farm Bureau
- And Mark Witt with Witt Financial Group who is also sponsoring the Fashion Show.

Event Sponsors:

- Christine Gage and Janet Morningstar with Mays the Downsizers were our Books, Babbles and Baked Goods sponsors.
- Ron Cronwell with Cronwell Insurance Group LLC/ United Healthcare is a Mistletoe Marketplace sponsor.
- Lisa Garcia from Cleanse Wellness Spa in Cookeville is our Silent Auction Sponsor.
- Lori Gigowski from Juice Plus Affiliate sponsoring our Spring Marketplace.
- Jacob Hammond, Justin Smith, and Nick Prall sponsoring the Spring Marketplace

Sponsors Unable to Attend Today:

Level Sponsors:

- Hiller Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, and Electric
- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC
- Cry-Lieke/Brown Realty
- Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty

Event Sponsors:

- 127 SKIN Medical Aesthetics
- Weichert "Realtors/The Webb Agency
- The Law Office of Hayden Shadden
- And Crain Burns

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Our Service Project for this month is House of Hope. We collected a large amount of the requested clothing items and also donated \$1,100. in cash today. Ms. Marten introduced representatives, Denise Melton and Emily Turner, from House of Hope who are joining us for our meeting.
- December's Service Project is Peavine Care Center. Last year was the first time we supported this group, and the response was very good. December is a big month for them as it is Christmas month. They use the money primarily for purchase of meats and protein, that are usually not donated. Cash/Checks are appreciated.

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

Ms. Urban reported:

MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE

- Saturday, November 4 at both the Center & Village Green Mall
- 9 AM – 3 PM
- Sold out – over 60 vendors
- **There will be a FREE shuttle running between the Center and Village Green Mall. Cost to the event - \$120.00.**

We want to let our sponsors know how much we appreciate your support! The Ways and Means Committee could not do our fundraising events without our sponsors.

Our club could not do what we do without all of our sponsors and we THANK YOU!!

BAKE SALE - Deni

- Bakers – still looking for more

Mistletoe Marketplace is the biggest event of the year for the Ways and Means committee and we hope to see all of you on Saturday! The baked goods will be amazing and the vendors are the best of the best!!

Facebook – Keep updated with all things Ladies Club by joining our Facebook Group!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Silent Auction – February meeting
- Spring Marketplace – Village Green Mall – Friday, March 22, 2024

FASHION SHOW – Claudia Brooks and Janice Cahill, Co-Chairs

- “Birds Bees & Butterflies” is the theme of our Fashion Show - April 3, 2024.
- Table ticket sales can be turned into Janice, Claudia or Gin Gentempo after meeting; paid in full, preferably by check, if paying with cash - must be correct amount. The table tickets will be distributed at the December General meeting.
- We are on schedule - basket sheets and table ticket sales sheets are on the member tables today.
- Basket sheets may be turned in anytime.
- We are continuing to get models and back-room assistants.
- We will be at table in hall before and after each meeting.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

- Our **Secret City** trip leaves on Friday, Nov. 3rd. The itinerary is on the brochure, so if you don't have one, you may want to stop by the travel table to pick up a copy so you have the itinerary with you.
- Our trip to Nashville's TPAC to see **Mrs. Doubtfire** on November 11th, 2023 is full and we are taking names on a wait list. We currently do not have anyone on the wait list for this trip, so add your name today for a chance to see this wonderful show.
- Our trip to **Gaylord Opryland** on December 13-14 is still taking names on the wait list. We've already had some cancellations and pulled names from the existing wait list to fill slots.
- Our annual **Holiday Pops** trip is also taking names on a wait list. Get your name on the wait list for a chance to go see and hear “An Olde English Christmas”.
- Our trip to TPAC on January 6, 2024 to see “**Funny Girl**” that I introduced at the September meeting still needs 13 more people in order to go. Join us on this day trip to see a live performance and hear some of Broadway's most iconic songs. Please sign up today. I've heard some of you are not signing up because of the cost. I just wanted you all to know that the price increase on our TPAC trips is due primarily to the increase in the price of the tickets for the shows and the transportation. The tickets for both Mrs. Doubtfire and Funny Girl have increased to \$131.00 apiece – and that is the group rate. If you were to purchase Orchestra seats on your own they would cost between \$154.00 to \$343.00 each. Like everything else, our transportation costs have also increased. This is still a bargain to see live theatre, travel in comfort and not have to worry about the driving or parking.
- Our Knoxville Symphony **Evening** performance celebrating the music of **Rodgers & Hammerstein** on April 6, 2024 that I announced at the September meeting has enough signups to go, but is not yet full.

- Our -“**Down on the Farm**” one-day trip on April 26, 2024, that I introduced at last month’s meeting only has 2 people signed up. We will be going to the Deep Draw Yak ranch right here in Crossville to learn about these wonderful gentle animals. Lunch is included and also a visit to Bloomsbury Farms to purchase some fresh seasonal vegetables. All of the lovely new members that I met at the new member tea should think about going on this trip. It is a great way to learn about an attraction right here in Crossville and to get to know other Ladies Club members. Pick up a brochure today for this delightful day trip.
- Today I am excited to introduce my special trip for 2024, our **Holland Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island** trip on May 2-11, 2024. This is an 8-day trip through Michigan to attend the annual tulip festival in Holland, Michigan and learn about Dutch culture, windmills, lighthouses, and architecture. This trip has something for everyone. We will visit museums, gardens & estates, see incredible sculptures at the Frederick Meijer sculpture garden; visit Frankenmuth, Michigan, including a River Boat Cruise and shopping at Bronner’s-the Largest Christmas store on the planet. We will also experience 2 additional days on Mackinac Island where we will stay at the Grand Hotel, have lunch at their spectacular lunch buffet, take a horse drawn carriage ride around the island, and enjoy island culture without motorized vehicles. Keep in mind that while the price of this trip is higher, it is for a total of 10 days and covers all of the transportation costs—the bus, the ferry to and from the island and carriage ride around the island and all of the many attractions including gratuities for the tour guides, the hotels and meals including gratuities. This trip is a high activity level trip with a lot of walking and a lot of stairs. Pick up a brochure today for this incredible trip.
- As for our **Italian Adventure** October 7-17, 2024, the brochure will be sent to the printer in the next week or so and I will have it posted on the Ladies Club website as soon as I receive it and will introduce it at the December meeting. The reservation form for this trip will be included with the brochure as a separate document. There will also be a separate document with information on InterTrav’s travel insurance. Keep in mind that you do not have to buy their travel insurance but you should definitely get travel insurance for this trip. Our policies and procedures provide information about several companies that offer travel insurance, and you may be able to get it cheaper through one of those companies. The price of travel insurance is usually based on your age and the cost of the trip. When shopping for travel insurance it is important to check out whether the policy covers pre-existing health issues, if they cover covid related illnesses, as well as the standard luggage delay & lost luggage coverage, and trip interruption coverage. The policy and procedures form is located on the travel page of the Ladies Club website. If you are not buying travel insurance through InterTrav, you still have to fill out their insurance form and send it in with your reservation form, deposit check and copy of your passports. Please note that the cost of the trip on the brochure includes the airfare and the gratuities for our InterTrav tour guide and driver, plus any step-on guides; but does not include the cost of travel insurance and some potential optional activities that I am

still working with Intertrav, on that you will be notified about later if we are able to schedule them into the itinerary.

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

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION: Ms. Barnes introduced and expressed appreciation for, special guest, Scott Hartema, Vice President of our Community Club.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. Motion by Sandi Edwards, seconded by Carole O'Brien. Motion Carried.

INVOCATION

- The invocation was provided by Laurie Inda.

LUNCH

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

DRAWINGS

- A check for 1-free Ladies Club lunch to be used for a future luncheon meeting, donated by Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions.
- 4-tickets to the Cumberland County Playhouse, donated by Grace Givers.
- 2-tickets to "White Christmas", donated by the Cumberland County Playhouse.
- 1 - \$25. Fairfield Glade gift card, donated by Grace Givers.
- Cutco Trimmer Knife (\$50) value, donated by Selk Solutions.
- 1 - \$25. & 1-\$50. Fairfield Glade gift card, donated by Selk Solutions.
- Blanket, donated by Matt Libby Insurance.

PROGRAM

- Carole O'Brien introduced our Sponsor Showcase Program - 19 Sponsors participated.
- A "1 minute talk" was provided about their services and members were then able to visit the tables to speak to sponsors.