

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of March 6, 2024

President Carol Barnes called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m., welcomed everyone and reminded all to please silence phones.

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

Minutes

The minutes from February 7, 2024, General Meeting had no additions or corrections and were approved as submitted.

Introduction of Scholarship Recipients, Parents, and Roane State Staff

Charlene McMahan Reported:

- For the 2023 budget year FGLC Pam Biggs Scholarship Fund has awarded 31 scholarships for a total of \$25,000.
- These scholarships helped support 5 Middle College Students, 11 RSCC Returning Adult Students, and 15 TCAT Students.
- The Fund partners with the Roane State Foundation to award scholarships to students attending Roane State Community College.
 - We welcomed, JoRene Finnell, Student Aid Specialist, who was with us representing the Foundation.
- Ms. McMahan also introduced 3 of the students we helped support:
 - Katrina Brissiot-Terzo, Haley Sexton, and Nathaniel Ritter.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER, Sandy McAvoy

- The Treasurer’s Report for February 2024 is posted on the Ladies Club website.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

Ms. Thomas reported:

- We currently have 351 members. (Three renewals and 2 new members today)
- The following new members were introduced and welcomed: Becky Vest.
- The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Susan Bradshaw, Jorene Finnel, Jane Hanson, Lucy Kaufmann, Betty Michiele, Esteline Ruder, Pamela Rudnitzki, Bernie Van Horn, and Becca West.
- Name Tags Sold; 28 Temporary and 5 permanent for a total of \$57.00

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

Ms. Inda made the following introductions:

Sponsors Attending Today:

Gold Sponsors:

- Pam Hall and I are representing Zurich Homes

Silver Sponsors:

- Christian Downs from Innovative Restorations
- Louise Goodman representing Caring Transitions
- Jeff Selk and Jan Deibel with Selk Solutions

Bronze Sponsors:

- Rachel Birdwell and Chase Chaffin from Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- Candace Newby with Crossville Heating and Cooling is also a Fashion Show sponsor.
- B. J. Brown from Crye-Leike/Brown Realty
- Brianna Atkinson with Matt Libby Insurance
- Victoria Parsons and Will Parrish representing SDP Financial Planners. They are also a Mistletoe Marketplace and Fashion Show Sponsors
- Mark Witt representing Witt Financial Group is also a Fashion Show Sponsor
- And Jamie Love with Anew You LLC is our newest and final Fashion Show Sponsor

Event Sponsors:

- Laurie Gigowski from Juice Plus Affiliate and Jacob Hammond, Ryan Rhodes, Nick Prall and Alain Edel from Risher Roofing-Our Spring Marketplace sponsors.
- Janet Morningstar with Mays the Downsizers were our Books, Baubles and Baked Goods sponsor.
- And Steve Dalton a Fashion Show sponsor representing Edwards Jones on Peavine Road

Sponsors Unable to Attend Today:

- Atlas Real Estate
- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC
- Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Electric Company
- Budget Blinds
- Cumberland Medical Center
- JWK Plumbing LLC
- Mutual of Omaha Mortgage
- Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty
- Grace Givers Home Care
- Tennessee Farm Bureau
- 127 Skin Medical Aesthetics
- Cronwell Insurance Group/United Healthcare

- The Law Office of Hayden Shadden
- Weichert Realtors/The Webb Agency
- Crain Burns Associates
- Cleanse Wellness Spa

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- House of Hope sent us additional information about the donations of items plus cash that we provided for a total of \$5,246 to help them serve 800 children last Christmas.
- Last month we donated \$1455 to Kids on the Rise, who sent a note to let us know that our money will be used, in part, to help with their new Book Buddies Program.
- This month, our Service Project is Fair Park Senior Center. They serve over 500 meals a week, have a food pantry, they have classes and activities, and they are great senior advocates. Alicia Arehart, joined us as a representative for Fair Park Senior Center. We collected \$1,300 for them.
- April’s service project is Cumberland House Hospice. We are one of the few rural counties in Tennessee that has a facility in their county. They provide service at home & in the facility. They also have a support program for people caring for hospice patients at home and need of a short respite themselves. Cash/Check donations requested.

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

Ms. Urban & Donovan reported:

SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to everyone’s hard work, donations and spending we earned \$10,461.56 to support our charities.

- Thanks to our sponsor, Cleanse Wellness Spa and all the local businesses and individuals who supported our event.

SPRING MARKETPLACE & BAKE SALE

Friday, March 22, 2024 at Village Green Mall

9 AM – 3 PM

- **Looking for bakers and workers for the Bake Sale Tables**
- **No Refrigerated Items Please!**
- **Sponsored by Risher Roofing, Lori Gigowski, Juice Plus and Tower Garden Affiliate and an anonymous donor**

Vendors include Habitat for Humanity, Sandi Edwards, Fairwinds Lavender, Galena Garlic, Pampered Chef, Budget Blinds, Charlie’s Cards, Jordan Essentials, the Baklava Lady, and more!!! Watch our Facebook Group for vendor info.

Ms. Urban – mentioned the bake sale envelope, on each table, where a donation of just \$1.00 from each lady could make over \$200 for the sale. Final dollar amount will be reported later.

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

Ms. Cahill reported.

- Fashion Show is next Month – April 3, 2024.
- There are only 13 tickets left for the show. They could be purchased after the meeting or will be available at Village Green Mall at both Collage and SDP Financial.
- Lots of basket items were turned in at the meeting today.
- Ms. Cahill thanked everyone for their support of this event by bringing basket items and buying tickets as this event helps to support area charities.
- If you still have basket items you may turn those in to Janice Cahill or Carol Barnes by 16th. Please call first before delivery to make sure we are home.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

- Our **Italian Adventure** October 7-17, 2024 currently has 25 signed up. It is enough to go but this trip is not full and we can definitely take more travelers. Pick up a brochure today.
- We currently have 23 signed up for **The Gates of Hell to Dairy Goodness** trip to Brushy Mt. State Penitentiary & Sweetwater Valley Farm on Thursday, June 6, 2024. We need 30 to go, so please sign up today.
- Our **Octoberfest Trip** (Sept. 13-15) to Helen, GA currently has 27 signed up. We need 3 more to go.
- Today, I am introducing **“A Country Christmas--a 4-day trip, December 5-8, 2024** to Lorretta Lynn’s ranch in Hurricane Mills, TN with a guided tour of the ranch and the replica of her butcher holler home where she grew up. This trip includes a tour of the Carter House, the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum, and the Belmont Mansion. We will tour Belle Meade Plantation with an included 3-course lunch, a backstage tour and attend an evening performance at the Grand Ole Opry. We will also attend a dinner show at the Ray Stevens CabaRay. And for a little different flavor of music, we’ll be stopping at Nashville’s Margaretville for lunch on our way home.
- I am also introducing a new outsourced trip for 2025--**Southern Charm** with Collette Travel. This trip is April 21-27, **2025**. We will have bus transportation to the Nashville airport and will fly to Charleston, SC for 2 days, followed by 2 days in Savannah, GA and then on to St. Simons & Jekyll islands for 2 days. The trip has 2 included options for you – in Charleston, you can do a walking tour or take a bus ride to Fort Sumter for a tour. In Savannah, you can take either a Trolley City tour or a Savannah walking tour. There will also be one optional tour-- a Historic Charleston Carriage Ride with an included lunch. This option will cost an additional \$120.00 pp. The brochure for this trip is already posted on the Ladies club website along with the reservation form, insurance form, and optional tour form. If you sign up before October 20th, 2024, you will save \$100.00 pp. It is important to have travel insurance for this trip and Collette is offering travel insurance for

\$349.00 pp or you can get your own policy, but I strongly urge everyone to obtain travel insurance. You can register for this trip either online (Collette has provided us with a dedicated link which is on the brochure); or by filling out the forms and mailing them in.

- TPAC has announced their new season. Of the shows they are offering the following that will fit into our travel calendar:
 - Peter Pan – Jan. 11, 2025
 - Mama Mia – March 22, 2025
 - MJ – April 5, 2025 –Story of Michael Jackson.

Ms. Edwards took a poll of the membership and will follow-up with information about Mama Mia in the future.

- There will be another new trip introduced on the Ladies Club Website (before the April meeting) watch for it! Trip to Biltmore Mansion where will have a Candlelight/Audio Tour of the home and we will also see a Chihuly Glass exhibit. Brochures will be available at the Ladies Club Travel table, *located by the front door*, at the April meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next month we need to have a very short business meeting to present the Executive Committee slate of officers for the 2024-2026 Ladies Club fiscal years. This will be done promptly at 11:00 and is the only order of business before the Fashion Show.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am. Motion by Judy Lynn, seconded by Sandi Edwards. Motion Carried.

INVOCATION

- Invocation was provided by Lu Hobbs.

LUNCH

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

DRAWINGS

- 2 – \$50 Gift Cards to “your choice” of 12 different Restaurants donated by B.J. Brown, Crye-Leike Realty.
- A check for 1 - free Ladies Club lunch to be used for a future luncheon meeting, donated by Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions.

- 2 - tickets to see the play “Dial ‘M’ for Murder”, donated by Cumberland County Playhouse.
- 3 - \$25 Fairfield Glade gift cards donated by Selk Solutions.
- Leprechaun bag of gold (candy) given to person at each table whose birthday was closest to March 6, by Sandy D’Alessandro, decorations committee.

PROGRAM

- Nancy Barta introduced our speaker, Theo Wellington, who provided our very interesting and informative program “Starry Skies over Tennessee”. After our program members were able to purchase Solar Glasses for viewing the skies during the upcoming Solar Eclipse.