

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of January 10, 2024

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

President's Comments:

- Apology to Program Committee for lack of attention to the wonderful group that agreed to play for our December Luncheon. Many either left or talked during their performance. I take responsibility for not giving them center stage. That left a bad impression of our club with them.

- Please note that our Monthly meetings include our Business meeting, lunch, and a program which we should commit our full attention without private conversations during the business meeting and program. I thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Barnes introduced, Rick Disharoon from SDP Financial & Associates, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes from December 6, 2023, General Meeting had no additions or corrections and were approved as submitted.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER, Sandy McAvoy

- The most recent Treasurer's Report is posted on the Ladies Club website.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

- We now have 335 members. Have surpassed last year's totals from June.
- Ms. Thomas introduced and welcomed the following new members: Vicki Arida, Lisa Buettner, Lisa Pantojo, Lorraine Pierard, Nancy A. Johnson, Jean Parks, Melinda Rubal, and Sharon Flair.
- The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Juanita Bahr, Carole Cook, Wendi Cornilles, and Kathy Hargrove.
- Nametags: We made \$92 on name tags today.
- Encouraged everyone to fill out an interest form and turn it in.

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

Ms. Inda made the following introductions:

Sponsors Attending Today:

Gold Sponsors:

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

Silver Sponsors:

- Katie Davis from Innovative Restorations

Bronze Sponsors:

- Lynette and Chase Chaffin of Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- Candace Newby with Crossville Heating and Cooling also a Fashion Show sponsor.
- Elizabeth Radford with Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty
- Kelli Tipton and Jean Bennett from Grace Givers Home Care
- Matt & Janise Libby with Matt Libby Insurance
- Antoinette Cassavaugh of Mutual of Omaha Mortgage
- Victoria Parsons and Rick Disharoon representing SDP Financial & Associates LLC also Mistletoe Market Place and Fashion Show Sponsors
- Chris Thomas from Tennessee Farm Bureau
- Mark Witt representing Witt Financial Group both a bronze and Fashion Show Sponsor

Event Sponsors:

- Laurie Gigowski from Juice Plus Affiliate our Spring Marketplace Sponsor
- Christine Gage and Janet Morningstar with Mays the Downsizers were the Books, Babbles and Baked Goods sponsor.
- Steve Dalton from Edward Jones, who has just joined us as a Fashion Show sponsor.
- Ryan Rhodes and Justin Smith from Risher Roofing, who are a Spring Marketplace sponsor.

Sponsors Unable to Attend Today:

- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC
- Caring Transitions
- Selk Solutions
- Atlas Real Estate
- Budget Blinds
- Crye-Leike/Brown Realty
- Cumberland's Medical Center
- JWK Plumbing LLC
- 127 Skin Medical Aesthetics
- Cronwell Insurance Group/United Healthcare
- The Law Office of Hayden Shadden
- Weichert "Realtors/The Webb Agency

- Cleanse Wellness Spa
- Crain Burns Associates

Sponsor Highlight

This month we are highlighting Matt Libby Insurance. Matt Libby Insurance is a veteran-owned agency that provides affordable life, health, Medicare, and supplemental insurance. We thank Matt for his support of Ladies Club.

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Our Service Project this month was C-5 Christian Counseling Center. They do counseling for lower income families that might not otherwise have access to those services. They are now taking insurance, however, if clients do not have insurance, the services are provided based on income. We will help supplement these costs with the \$1,150. we collected for them today.
- Next month our Service Project is Kids on the Rise. They provide adults to help mentor children as they go through school and to help provide a stable adult influence They would prefer cash or checks.

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

Ms. Urban & Donovan reported:

THE SILENT AUCTION

- February 7, 2024
- Sponsored by Cleanse Wellness Spa
- Guests including men are encouraged to attend the February meeting/Silent Auction!
- Cash and checks are accepted for payment of winning bids.

We have carefully reviewed items from past auctions and are limiting items we will accept this year as follows:

- Now accepting donations of:
 - Wine & Spirits
 - Candy
 - Services (dinner at your home, craft class, pontoon ride, etc.)
 - New Pet supplies
 - PURCHASED Gift cards \$10-\$25 value but will accept any amount, higher or lower
 - We will consider other items on a case-by-case basis

PLEASE DO NOT ASK A LOCAL BUSINESS FOR DONATIONS. WE HAVE A DEDICATED TEAM THAT GOES OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND WE ARE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO APPROACH A BUSINESS MORE THAN ONE TIME

If you have something to donate and did not bring it today, please contact Deni or me to arrange for pick up.

EARLY CHECKOUT is NOT possible so please do not ask. If you have won a bid and must leave, please give your winning bid sheet(s) and payment to a friend. We greatly appreciate your help with this. Early check out requires a lot of effort to find one individual slip before they are distributed to your tables. We try very hard to sort and distribute the bid sheets as quickly as possible and early check out requests slows this process down dramatically and increases the wait time for everyone else.

If you enjoy the Silent Auction and enjoy bidding and winning, please be patient and know that we will do our best to handle checkout efficiently and smoothly.

Watch our Facebook Group for pictures and info on the items that will be up for bid!!

SPRING MARKETPLACE & Bake Sale

- Mark your calendars for Friday, March 22, 2024, at Village Green Mall

ONGOING..... Jewelry for Fall fundraiser – bring to any meeting except the fashion show

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

Ms. Brooks reported.

- Birds, Bees & Butterflies Fashion Show - **April 3, 2024**
 - We are continuing to sell our fashion show tickets at meetings. They are for sale before and after the meetings.
 - Tickets will also be sold at SDP Financial, in the Village Green Mall, Monday-Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00 each day.
 - We have sold 88 tickets to date.
 - Fill out a sheet to sit at the same table.
 - Baskets sheets are slow coming in please fill one out & bring your items.
 - There will be a table beside Ways and Means in hall way before and after each meeting.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

- Our December trips to **Gaylord Opryland** and **Holiday Pops** together netted a profit of \$4,896.00 for the Ladies Club scholarship fund.
- We are currently accepting names on our wait list for both our **Rodgers & Hammerstein** Knoxville symphony trip on April 6, 2024 and our **Holland Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island** trip on May 2-11, 2024. If you want a chance to go on either of these trips, put your name on the wait list and hold the dates on your calendar.

- Our **Italian Adventure** October 7-17, 2024 currently has 12 signed up. This trip is a total of 11 days, 9 days in Italy plus 2 travel days. 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. The only additional costs will be Travel insurance, a few meals and for 2 optional activities if you choose to participate. The itinerary is jammed packed with all the places and historical sites you would want to see in Italy. Pick up a brochure and consider joining us on this incredible trip.
- Today I am introducing a trip to **Brushy Mt. State Penitentiary & Sweetwater Valley Farm** on Thursday, June 6, 2024. We will have a guided tour of this historic prison with an included lunch. We will also visit Sweetwater Valley Dairy Farm for a tour of one of the first automated dairy farms in Tennessee that was originally part of a Revolutionary War land grant back in the early 1800's. This dairy farm specializes in different kinds of cheeses which you will be able to purchase after our tour. Sign up today for this unique one-day trip.
- 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 11:25 am. Motion by Sandi Edwards, seconded by Carole O'Brien. Motion Carried.

INVOCATION

- Invocation was provided by Becky Price.

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.
- 2 complimentary passes to see the play "Finding Nemo", were donated by Cumberland County Playhouse.

PROGRAM

- Terri Brown introduced, Andy & Maggie Moss of Moss Meals who provided January program about meal prep and healthy eating.