

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of October 4, 2023

President Carol Barnes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed everyone.

President's Reminder

Our business meeting is necessary to be able to inform you of activities and updates and is a requirement of our bylaws. We appreciate your courtesy and attention during our meeting! Please take this opportunity to silence your phones.

Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Barnes introduced, Caleb Andrews, from Hiller Plumbing Heating Cooling and Electrical, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction:

Ms. Barnes introduced and welcomed Bill Culbreath, Interim General Manager of FFG Community Club to the Club Members.

Minutes

The minutes from September 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 for September 2023 is posted on the website.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

- Total membership for 2023-2024 as of today is 296.
- The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Doreen Ford, Lu Hobbs, Debbie Perrault, Renee Petro and Joan Teister.
- Ms. Thomas also introduced and welcomed the following new members: Michelle Elliott, Terry Enlund, Mindy Moore, Sandy Murray, Barbara Muzzey, and Cyndi Way.
- The Ladies Club Yearbook will be distributed to everyone at the November meeting.
- Nametags: 12 temporary tags were sold for \$3.00 and 5 permanent tags for \$50.00.
- If you have purchased a name tag in the past but not picked it up please see membership.

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

Ms. Inda reported:

Sponsors joining us today include

Gold Sponsors:

- Chris Klaver and Caleb Matthews from Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric

- Karen Dunivan, and Pamela Hall representing Zurich Homes

Silver Sponsors:

- Katie Davis from Innovative Restorations
- Jeff Selk with Selk Solutions
- Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions

Bronze Sponsors:

- Tracey Barnes from Atlas Realty and a Fashion Show Sponsor
- Chase Chaffin of Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- Candace Newby and Brandon Pollock representing Crossville Heating and Cooling is also sponsoring the Fashion Show
- B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty
- Cumberland's Medical Center representative today is Jessica Kalin
- Kelli Tipton with Grace Givers Home Care
- Brianna Atkinson with Matt Libby Insurance
- Antoinette Cassavaugh from Mutual of Omaha Mortgage
- Victoria Parsons representing SDP Financial Planners they are also sponsoring the Mistletoe Marketplace and the Fashion Show.
- Laurie Schmidt from Tennessee Farm Bureau
- And Mark Witt with Witt Financial Group who is also sponsoring the Fashion Show

Event Sponsors Attending Today:

- Christine Gage with Mays the Downsizers the Books, Babbles and Baked Goods sponsors
- Ron Cronwell with Cronwell Insurance Group/United Healthcare: a Mistletoe Marketplace sponsor.
- And Spring Marketplace Sponsor: Jacob Hammond, Nick Prall, & Ryan Rhodes from Risher Roofing

Sponsors Not attending today:

- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC
- Budget Blinds
- Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty
- JWK Plumbing
- 127 SKIN Medical Aesthetics

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

New Sponsor highlight: Antoinette Casavaugh w/ Mutual of Omaha Mortgage. Antoinette specializes in and strictly does reverse mortgages. She is happy to speak with individuals or present to groups. Educating retiree’s is the favorite part of her job.

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Our Service project this month is Cumberland County Good Samaritans. Phyllis Betz and Barbara Capps were introduced as the representatives representing Good Samaritans.
- We collected \$840.00 and lots of toilet paper.
- We also passed out the angel cards for our November service project, which is House of Hope. This year they are mostly looking for socks and underwear, as pajamas have been donated by another organization. (Please Do Not Wrap) They are also now housing children on premise, and as such are in need of household items, like toilet paper, paper towels and laundry pods. Of course, cash/checks are also appreciated.

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

Ms. Donovan reported:

BOOKS, BAUBLES & BAKED GOODS

- We would like to thank our event sponsors – Mays the Downsizers, Glade Stor-N-Lock and Jennifer Sipe, Ladies Club GEM
- Special Shout out to Janet and Christine from MAYS! They made our jobs so much easier with the extra time they put in with us at set up
- Thank you to Karen Boyer who is stepping down as Book Chair after many years. Her hard work and attention to detail is so much appreciated
- We would also like to recognize those who BAKED, WORKED all the tables, helped to SET UP/TEAR DOWN/CLEAN UP, DONATED and SHOPPED!
- Without you, we would not be able to put this event on!
- Our NET PROFIT for this event is \$5,211.07 as of this meeting.
- Please give yourselves a round of applause!!

Ms. Urban reported:

MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE

- 16th Annual Holiday themed craft & vendor show
- Saturday, November 4 from 9 AM until 3 PM
- The Center and Village Green Mall
- Both locations are SOLD OUT!!

- Sponsored by Weichert Realtors, SDP Financial, Cronwell Insurance Group and The Law office of Hayden Shadden
- Huge Bake Sale at The Center only
- Vendors at both locations
- This is a HUGE event and we need bakers and workers
- Baker forms on your tables
- Worker sign-up sheets on W&M table

The purpose of the Ladies Club is to support our local community through scholarships and charitable donations.

- The W&M committee plays a vital role in raising a part of those funds and we need YOUR help in continuing the great work we do.
- We need 2 or 3 people to serve as co-leaders for each of our 4 fundraising events. NO experience is necessary. It's fun and it's not difficult!
- Deni and I aren't abandoning you and will remain co-chairs of the W&M committee. We will be right beside you sharing our experience and helping to create successful events in the future.
- Collectively, we can continue to give back to our community. So, reach out to Deni or myself and let's do this together!!
- The best way to learn about an event is to become involved. We welcome you to shadow us for Mistletoe Marketplace and learn what goes into the event.

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

- Fashion Show: April 3, 2024
- THEME: Birds, Bees & Butterflies
- Ticket prices will remain the same @ \$35.00.
- Chicos will once again be our clothing sponsors.
- We already have interest with the ladies for being models and helping in the back room for the show.
- Ticket request sheets and basket sheets will be on each table in November as well.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

- Our **“Crooked Road”** trip was wonderful and pictures have been posted on the Ladies Club Facebook page.
- Our **Creation Museum & the Ark** trip that was scheduled for October 11-13th has been canceled.

- Our trip to Nashville's TPAC to see **Mrs. Doubtfire** on November 11th, 2023 needs at least 7 more people to go. This musical is based on the movie made famous by Robin Williams. Please sign up today for this great live theatre experience.
- Our trip to **Gaylord Opryland** on December 13-14 is still taking names on the wait list. 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 last month's meeting only has a few signups so far. This musical is the story of Fanny Brice and 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 so please sign up today.
- Our new Knoxville symphony **evening** performance celebrating the music of **Rodgers & Hammerstein** on April 6, 2024 that I announced at the September meeting also needs additional signups. In addition to the Knoxville Symphony, the performance will include singers direct from Broadway who will perform songs 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!"
- Today, I am announcing a one-day trip on April 26, 2024-"**Down on the Farm.**" 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. Pick up a brochure today for this "Down on the Farm" trip.
- I'm hoping to have the brochure for the **Holland Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island** trip on May 2-11, 2024, ready for distribution at our November Ladies Club meeting. This will be an 8-day trip through Michigan to attend the annual tulip festival in Holland, Michigan, learn about Dutch culture, windmills, and architecture, visit museums, gardens & estates, followed by 2 additional days on Mackinac Island where we will stay at the Grand Hotel. This is my special trip for 2024 and I will get the brochure out just as soon as I can. Keep checking the LC website.
- As for our **Italian Adventure** October 7-17, 2024, Intertrav has provided me with an initial draft of the itinerary which is under review and revision. As soon as they are able to confirm pricing for the airfare it will be finalized and I will post it on the Ladies Club website. The reservation form for this trip will be included with the brochure which you will be filling out and mailing in to Intertrav along with your non-refundable deposit. You will also need to have a passport that is current for 3 months after this trip returns to the us (so your passport must be valid through Jan. 17, 2025). If you think you may want

to go on this trip, please check your passports now and if you need to renew it, you should start that process immediately. The passport offices are extremely backlogged and it is taking up to 2-3 months to get a renewal.

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

PRESIDENT INTRODUCTION: Ms. Barnes introduced Dana Freeman from Caras Medical, who presented information to us about volunteer opportunities through their group. Brochures are available if you have an interest in volunteering.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am. Motion by Judy Lynn, seconded by Mary Ann Urban. Motion Carried.

INVOCATION

- The invocation was provided by Carol Barnes.

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 luncheon meeting, donated by Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions.
- 2 tickets from the Cumberland County Playhouse for "Ghost, Ghost Come out Tonight".
- 4- \$25.00 Fairfield Glade gift cards, donated by Selk Solutions.
- Gift Card to Peavine Wine & Spirits by Mutual of Omaha
- 2 tickets to Cumberland County Playhouse donated by Atlas Realty.

PROGRAM

- Bonnie Cleary introduced today's program:
 - "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" provided by Carrie Smith from the Recycling Center.
 - Presenter will be Carrie Smith. She has been with Cumberland County Sanitation for eight years and is responsible for the Litter Prevention and Education program for the past 4 years. She educates the general public about the recycling center, what can be recycled, what to reuse and how to reduce household waste.