

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of December 6, 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, Jacob Hammond from Risher Roofing, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Comments: Ms. Barnes announced that we have received a new Year Book and that this is the book we should use. Please notice that this year book has "Final Revision, Dec. 2023" on the back cover so you know that you've kept the correct book. Anyone who joined or became a sponsor after the September meeting is not included in the year book.

Minutes

The minutes from November 1, 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 324 members.
- Ms. Thomas introduced and welcomed the following new members: Melanie Adams, Jill Bick, Robbin DiCiacco, Marie Spitler and Mary Jo St Clair.
- The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Vicki Arida, Monique Freeman, Betsi Krivo, Lisa Pantoja, Jean Parks, Elaine Teichman and Cindy Ziegler.
- Nametags: We sold \$50 in new name tags and made \$2 from those who forgot their name tags.
- Name tags that have been purchased can be picked up at the membership table at the Ladies club monthly meetings.

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

Ms. Inda introduced Mark Witt from Witt Financial Group, who talked about his book "Bogey Free Retirement" and recommended that Ladies club members read Chapter 9 as it is geared toward women in retirement. There was a book for the taking at each person's place setting.

Sponsors Attending Today:

Gold Sponsors:

- Laurie Inda and Pam Hall representing Zurich Homes

Silver Sponsors:

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

Bronze Sponsors:

- Vicki Parsons from SDP Financial Planners
- Tracey Barnes from Atlas Realty and a Fashion Show Sponsor.
- Rachel Birdwell of Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty
- Elizabeth Radford and Sarah Doran from Fairfield Homes & Glade Realty
- Kelli Tipton with Grace Givers Home Care
- Matt Libby from Matt Libby Insurance
- Mark Witt representing Witt Financial Group both a bronze and Fashion Show Sponsor

Event Sponsors joining us today:

- Christine Gage and Janet Morningstar with Mays the Downsizers were the Books, Babbles and Baked Goods sponsor.
- Jacob Hammond, Ryan Rhodes & Nick Prall representing Risher Roofing are our Spring Marketplace sponsor.

In addition to our community sponsors, we have 16 Ladies Club members who have donated to Ladies Club as Gem Sponsors this year, contributing a total of \$3,900. Their names are in the program on your table as well as in the Yearbook. If you are a Gem sponsor, please stand so that we may acknowledge you.

Sponsors Unable to Attend Today:

- Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric
- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC
- Budget Blinds
- Crossville Heating and Cooling
- Cumberland Medical Center/Covenant Health
- JWK Plumbing LLC
- Mutual of Omaha Mortgage
- Tennessee Farm Bureau
- 127 Skin Medical Aesthetics
- Cronwell Insurance Group/United Healthcare
- The Law Office of Hayden Shadden

- Weichert “Realtors/The Webb Agency
- Cleanse Wellness Spa
- Juice Plus Affiliate
- Crain Burns Associates

Sponsor Highlight

Our Sponsor Highlight this month is another of our new sponsors, Risher Roofing. They have been in business in Cookeville since 2020 with over 15 years of roofing experience and offices now in Cookeville, Gainesboro, and Smithville. Their goal is to provide quality, reliable service to their customers during the entire process; from free inspections and consultations, to install, and any needed future maintenance. They can install both shingle and metal roofing, as well as gutters and gutter guards. They are proud to be LC sponsors and are excited to be your trusted local roofing contractor. Thank you to Risher Roofing.

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Our Service Project this month was Peavine Care Center. They have about 150 family units that they support in the community (almost 400 people total). We collected \$3,400. to help them with their cause.
- Next month our Service Project is the C-5 Christian Counseling Center. They would prefer cash or checks.

WEBMASTER – Jennifer Sipe

- There is a pamphlet inside the year book which outlines how the Ladies Club communicates to the members.
 - The g-mail account works as follows:
 1. If you reply directly back to the email, the contact person you are trying to reach will not see the message.
 2. Please reply directly to the contact person listed in the email to be assured the person receives your message.
 - Change to the Website:
 1. There are no longer photos on the website – they have been moved to our Facebook page.
 2. A “Calendar of Events” will take the place of the photos on the website.

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

Ms. Urban & Donovan reported:

We had a very successful Mistletoe Marketplace with a profit of \$6,567.57.

Thank you to:

- Our sponsors
- Bakers
- Workers

- Ways & Means Committee
- Shoppers!!

SILENT AUCTION:

- February 7 meeting
- Guests are always welcome and your special Valentine is invited to the Silent Auction! YES! Husbands, boyfriends, significant others are encouraged to attend!
- We have updated our Silent Auction format and have carefully reviewed the most popular items from previous years and are limiting the types of items that we will accept.
- There is a list at the W&M table and we will send an email blast.
- Now accepting donations of:
Wine & Spirits, Candy, Services (pontoon rides, luncheons or dinners or cocktail parties in your home,
Purchased gift cards from your favorite business \$10-\$25 price range

PLEASE do NOT ask local businesses for donations. We have a dedicated, small team that goes out into the community. We strictly monitor where we go, so we don't approach a business more than once.

Take your donations to the January 10th meeting or contact one of us to arrange for pick up or to meet somewhere.

We are open to other donations if approved by our committee so contact one of us if you have something.

How do you contact us??

Deni Donovan

Mary Ann Urban

FACEBOOK:

Join our Facebook GROUP! Search for FGLC, request to join, answer 4 easy questions and we will approve you. Best place for everything about Ladies Club!!

- We are almost at 500 FB members!!! Will #500 be you??

SPRING MARKETPLACE & BAKESALE

- **Friday, March 22, 2024 at Village Green Mall**

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

- Fashion Show Birds, Bees and Butterfly tickets were on sale today.

- Tickets can be purchased to fill up a whole table so you can sit with friends.
- All of the models have now been found.
- Still need 4-5 back-room assistants.
- Looking for baskets and donations for those baskets. Bring your donations to the meetings and a designated person will put those donated items together in attractive packages for our basket fund raiser.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

Ms. Edwards reported:

- Our **Secret City** trip on Nov. 3rd was wonderful. Our knowledgeable step on guide kept everyone delighted with stories, history and explanations of the Manhattan Project. We made a profit of \$1,509 which has already been submitted to the board.
- Our trip to Nashville’s TPAC to see **Mrs. Doubtfire** on November 11th, 2023 was also a great day trip and everyone enjoyed this delightful show.
- Our trip to **Gaylord Opryland** on December 13-14 is now full. If you have not picked up your travel packet for this trip, please stop by the travel table after the meeting to get it. The bus will arrive at the police station on Peavine at 10:00 a.m. and we will depart at 10:15 for Nashville. I have been asked about the dress code for the dinner show – to my knowledge there is none, but I don’t think this is a jeans and t-shirt event. Appropriate dress would be whatever you would normally wear to church. If you want to dress up, please feel free to do so, and it would be perfectly appropriate.
- Our annual **Holiday Pops** trip scheduled for December 16, 2023 is full with a wait list. We’ve already been through a number of cancellations and replacements from the wait list, so there is still time to put your name on the wait list for this trip. The bus will arrive at the police station at 10:00 am and leave at 10:30.
- Our TPAC trip scheduled for January 6, 2024 to see “**Funny Girl.**” Needs 12 more travelers for this trip to go. If we do not get a total of 30 people signed up for this trip, I will have no choice but to cancel it. My deadline is Dec. 8th.
- Our Knoxville Symphony **Evening** performance celebrating the music of **Rodgers & Hammerstein** on April 6, 2024 has only 5 more spots available. Once it is full, we will take names on a wait list.
- Our -“**Down on the Farm**” one-day trip on April 26, 2024, has been **Cancelled**. Those individuals will receive a refund of any monies paid.
- I’m happy to report that we already have 34 signed up for the **Holland Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island** trip on May 2-11, 2024. That is enough for this trip to go, but it is not yet full and we have no wait list yet, so there is still time to sign up for this special trip.

Also please note that I have until February before I have to start paying hotels, so if you want to go, you need to sign up before then.

- I am pleased to finally announce our **Italian Adventure** October 7-17, 2024. This trip is a total of 11 days, 9 days in Italy plus 2 travel days. We will be visiting, Tuscany, including San Gimignano, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Florence where you will get to see Michelangelo's magnificent Statue of David, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the neighboring Baptistery of St. John's Bronze Doors, and the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest surviving bridge in Florence. We will also visit Orvieto, a hill town with spectacular views and a beautiful Duomo, one of Italy's grandest Romanesque Gothic Cathedrals. We will spend 3 nights in Rome, visiting St. Peter's square, the Vatican Museums, the Basilica, the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona which contains 3 fountains including Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers. We're then off to the Amalfi coast where we will see the ruins at Pompeii, explore the coastal towns of Positano and Amalfi. We will also take a high-speed ferry to the Isle of Capri and visit both Anacapri and Capri, before returning to Rome to catch our flight home. The brochure is available at the travel table if you did not pick one up on your way in today. The reservation form for this trip is a separate document inside the brochure and on the back side is InterTrav's travel insurance form which must also be completed and mailed in with a copy of your passport which must be valid through January 17, 2025. 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. You may be able to get travel insurance for this trip more cheaply by contacting one of the companies listed on our travel policies and procedures which is located on the travel page of the Ladies club website. If you are still trying to get a new passport or to renew your passport, you must now make an appointment at the Cumberland County Court Clerk's office at the Justice Center to process paperwork. Their phone number is 931-484-5852. I hope to have information about 2 potential optional activities for this trip – a cooking class and a boat trip to the Blue Grotto, weather permitting. InterTrav is still trying to work out the details to see if we can include these optional activities into our itinerary.
- For planning purposes, can I have a show of hands of how many of you would be interested in a day trip to the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary for a guided tour, an included lunch, and a visit to the Sweetwater Valley Dairy farm that specializes in different kinds of cheese?

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Our meeting next month is on January 10th (second Wednesday)** - because our caterer is not available on the first Wednesday in January.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am. Motion by Judy Lynn, seconded by Karen Boyer. Motion Carried.

INVOCATION

- A song invocation was provided by Joenne Kettler.

LUNCH

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

DRAWINGS

- 2-\$25 gift cards for Fairfield Glade, donated by Grace Givers.
- A check for 1-free Ladies Club lunch to be used for a future luncheon meeting, donated by Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions.
- BJ Brown from Crye Leike, Brown Realty donated: one month's facility rental (\$685) in honor of his mother, Martha Brown and 1-\$25 gift card to a restaurant of choice.
- Sandy D'Alessandro donated the table centerpiece decorations.

PROGRAM

- Janelle Bauer introduced the FGLC Program for the December luncheon which featured JR and Friend's "Jazz on the Plateau". They entertained us with toe tapping holiday music - all with a jazzy influence!