

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

President-Elect Terri Patefield called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m., and welcomed everyone.

Ms. Patefield asked that everyone silence their phones and mentioned that the Auction Tables are closed during the business meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance –Ms. Patefield introduced, Victoria Parsons, representing one of our sponsors, Slate, Disharoon and Parish, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 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 January 2023 is posted and February 2023 will be on the website soon.

MEMBERSHIP, Sheila Thomas, Second Vice President-Membership

- Ms. Thomas welcomed our numerous guests.
- Our membership now stands at 318. We added 7 new members & had 1 renewal since our last meeting.
- We made \$4.00 from members who forgot their name tags, and sold \$60.00 worth of permanent name tags.
- Ms. Thomas introduced the following new members: Mary Seidl, Lucy Noe, Patty Mooney, Theresa Maher, Joy Vidimos, Patricia Dunlap, Cindy Pontbriand, Vicki Tisdell, Susan Tebbe, and Karen De Vinney.
- The following female guests were also introduced: Diana Amos, Donna Childers, Laraine Dahika, Jerry DiNicola, Jo Jakobsen, Marian Jaros, Gail Leach, Kay McGarvey, and Debbie Towns.
- All of the gentlemen attending were ask to please stand and were thanked for supporting the ladies in their lives and communities.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Marsha Mellert and Judy Lynn, Co-Chairs

Ms. Mellert reports:

Sponsors joining us today include

Gold Sponsors:

- Ronnie Brock from Hiller, Plumbing, Cooling, and Electric Company

Silver Sponsors:

- Jan Deibel and Jeff Selk from Selk Pressure Washing and Roof Cleaning. They will also sponsor half of the room rent for our fashion show.
- Laurie Inda representing Zurich Homes
- Catie Rice with Crossville Heating and Cooling. They are also Sponsors for our Silent Auction today.

Our Bronze Sponsors:

- B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty:
- Jan Deibel & Jeff Selk with Selk Painting and Coatings;
- Victoria Parsons, & Will Parrish from Slate, Disharoon, Parrish and Associates LLC. In the Village Green Mall. They are also event sponsors for our Mistletoe Market Place and one of our Fashion Show sponsors.
- Lindsay Becker from Pure Spin.
- Jean Bennett with Grace Givers Home Care LLC.
- Lynette Evans CEO and Rachel Birdwell Manager of Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
- Mark Witt representing Witt Financial Group LLC., and who is also one of our Fashion show sponsors.
- Laurie Schmidt from the Tennessee Farm Bureau.

Our Event Sponsors:

- Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions sponsoring our Spring Event:
- Books, Bling & Baklava Event Sponsor Janet Morningstar and Christine Gage from Mays the Downsizers.
- Zoe Groff, from One Way Home Services which is a new Fashion Show Sponsor.
- A new event sponsor for our Spring Market Place is Isabellia Cobb with Cobb Plumbing Services LLC.

Our Gems Sponsors are

- Diamond Level: Carol Barnes
Nancy Stephenson
Sandra McAvoy

Sponsors that are unable to attend today include:

Gold Sponsor:

- Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC

Our Bronze Sponsors:

- Budget Blinds.

- Cumberland Medical Center/Covenant Health.
- Fairfield Glade Homes.

Event sponsors:

- 127 SKIN Medical Aesthetics
- Crain Burns Associates, LLC
- Cronwell Insurance Group LLC/United Healthcare
- Weichert Realtors/The Webb Agency;
- Crane Burns Associates, LLC our Table Newsletter sponsor
- Matt Libby, from Matt Libby Insurance, who is another new sponsor, and will be sponsoring half of the room rent for the Fashion Show.

SERVICE – Lin Marten, Chair

Ms. Marten reported:

- Today's service project was the Bread of Life. This organization provides temporary shelter and food to the homeless and displaced. We raised \$765 for them.
- Ms. Marten introduced the three representatives from Bread of Life's Board of Directors as follows: Sue Evans, Kathy Berger and Karen DeBos.
- We received a very nice thank you note from House of Hope (Our November Service project) who wanted to let us know: On behalf of the children they thanked us for our cash donation of \$396, plus the in-kind clothing donations for the angel tree program which equates to \$8,375. Our donations helped them provide Christmas for 664 needy children in Cumberland County.
- April's service project is Fair Park Senior Center. Fair Park is looking for cash/check donations. Fair Park Senior Center provides classes (both exercise and informative - like computer classes and health information), free lunches twice a week, food bank and hygiene items for local seniors, blood pressure checks, and of course entertainment (like games and activities).

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

Ms. Urban reported:

SPRING MARKETPLACE & Bake Sale

- Friday, March 31 at Village Green Mall
- 9 AM – 3 PM
- 2 Sponsors – Caring Transitions (Louise Goodman) and Cobb Plumbing
- Vendors include: Habitat for Humanity, Jewelry by Sandi Edwards and Donna Thompson, Galena Garlic, Charlie Cards, Fabric Crafts, Mia Bella Candles, Jordan Lotions and magnesium products, Fairwinds Lavender, Baklava lady, and more!
- Bake Sale – there will be baker sign-up sheets and donation envelopes on the tables at the March meeting.
- W&M committee will be selling hand-made spring and Easter bows

SILENT AUCTION

- At Today's meeting
- Sponsored by, Crossville Heating and Cooling and an Anonymous Member donor
- Ms. Urban said a thank you to everyone who donated, everyone who worked and the event sponsors.
- Silent Auction rules & tips were given by Ms. Urban.

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

Ms. Cahill reported:

- Fashion show will take place next month at our April 5th General Meeting. Tickets are still available.
- Reminder, especially for the new members, that we do not sign up for this luncheon, you Must have a ticket to attend. Ticket price is \$35. After today tickets may be purchased at Collage (checks only) and will be on sale through March 27, 2023.
- All basket items must be turned in at the March meeting on Wednesday. If you did not bring your basket items today, please contact Janice Cahill to make arrangements for her to get those items from you soon. Thank you.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

- For those traveling to **Ireland** with us May 4-13, just a reminder that if you have not already done so, you need to send in your final payment. This trip is now closed with a total of 45 going.
- For those going on our Tpac trip to see **Ain't Too Proud** on March 25th, the bus will be at the FFG police station at 10:00 a.m. and we will leave at 10:30 a.m. for Nashville. We do not provide water for our 1-day trips, so please bring your own and no reminders will be sent. The brochure has your itinerary, so if you need one to take with you, stop by the travel table to pick one up. If you plan to eat lunch at the hermitage hotel, it is wise to make a reservation. The number is on the brochure.
- In January I announced our 3-day Chattanooga **Ramblin on the River** trip on April 28-30, 2023. We need 5 more people to sign up before Friday, or I will have no choice but to cancel this trip. For those on the list, if I have to cancel, you will receive a full refund.
- Our **Gaylord Christmas** trip on December 13-14, 2023 still has a few openings, but I expect it will fill up today. If you want to go, please sign up at the travel table.
- Our one-day **Secret City** trip on Friday, November 3, 2023 is already full. Thank you to all who signed up. We are taking names on a wait list if you want to go but have not yet registered. We typically draw 10-12 names from the wait list for last minute cancellations, so sign up today for a chance to go.
- Today I am presenting our 6-day **"The Crooked Road"** trip. I am very excited about this unique trip following Virginia's Heritage music trail. I don't believe the ladies club has

ever done a trip like this before. On this trip, you will visit some of music's iconic museums, including the Ralph Stanley Museum, the Carter Family Fold for a musical performance, and the Birthplace of Country Music Museum, where we will get a tour and a behind the scenes look into what a recording session would have been like when the Carter family and Jimmie Rodgers came to Bristol to record their music "direct to disc" and why this was the dominant form of music recording before 1950. We will also attend 2 different theatres, the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA. This historical theatre has been in operation since 1933, initially accepting vegetables & produce in lieu of payment from some patrons so that they could attend the theatre – thus the "barter" name. There we will see a production of the iconic play "to kill a mockingbird." We will also attend a lunch theatre show at Wohlfahrt Haus dinner theatre, a Bavarian style theatre in Wytheville, VA where we will see "Million Dollar Quartet," a musical about the night that Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins & Elvis Presley were all at sun records and had a jam session. (this show was recently done at our Cumberland County Playhouse). We will also tour SW Virginia's cultural center, a museum dedicated to the music and crafts of Appalachia. Additionally, we will tour the home of president Woodrow Wilson's wife, Edith Bolling Wilson, the muster grounds of Abingdon, VA where we will learn about the Virginia volunteers who, in the fall of 1780, joined colonel William Campbell to fight with the patriot militia, the Haller-Gibboney rock house and the Thomas Boyd museums in Wytheville, VA, and the old Deery Inn and the museum of Ralph Blizzard, a well-known fiddler from Kingsport, TN whose "Appalachia Mountain Longbow" fiddling was incomparable. We end our 6-day trip with a visit to the museum of the Appalachia, where we will have lunch and a performance of "Good Ole Appalachia Music." I will need a minimum of 30 travelers for this trip to go. Dates are September 8-13, 2023. This trip is a must for any history, music or theatre buff. Please pick up a brochure today.

- Lastly, the travel committee will be losing one of its members effective June 30, 2023. Eileen Covino, our brochure manager, has decided to retire from the committee. Eileen's job is to prepare the brochures that advertise our trips. If you have experience with Microsoft Office's Word program, including inserting photos, working with text boxes, editing and manipulating text, or a background in advertising, and would like to serve on the travel committee, please contact me, Sandi Edwards. There are a number of perks for working on the travel committee including be able to escort at least one trip a year. Eileen has indicated that she will be available to assist and do some training with her replacement.

If you have any questions about this position or 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 11:36 am. Motion by Carole O'Brien, seconded by Jan Diebel.

INVOCATION

- The invocation was provided by Becky Price.

LUNCH, DRAWINGS

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

- Drawing for money for 2 future Ladies Club luncheons given by Louise Goodman, Caring Transitions.
- Drawing for 2 gift certificates donated by Selk Pressure Washing.
- Winners were selected for 2 gift cards, donated by B.J. Brown of Crye-Leike/Brown Realty.
- Drawing for 1 winner to receive 3 free classes donated by Pure Spin.

Announcement made by Ms. Urban:

Last call for auction will be 12:00 noon. With end of auction at 12:10.

PROGRAM

- Two programs were provided at today's meeting as follows:
- Jeff Selk and Jan Deibel, from Selk Pressure Washing presented "Solutions" for Maintaining Your Home's Integrity.
- Our second speaker for the day was Mark Baldwin, who spoke to us about his work with Creative Compassion.