

Victoria Gardens Women's Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 2, 2023

Present: Laura Blackburn, Ruth Chrismore, Nancy Greenfield, Rosie McKenna, Susan McMahan, Elise Saunders, Darlene Cross, Joan Neumann, Lynn Reim, Connie Hampton, Pat Martuscello

The board officially welcomed Ruth Chrismore as Vice President, and Pat Martuscello as Recording Secretary.

- I. Moment of Recognition candidates: Rosie spoke of candidates, and it was decided this month's recognition would go to Lynda Stein.
- II. February Event: Lynn led the discussion to let people know the luncheon will be held in the Multi Purpose Room. Peggy Porter will also be present to talk briefly about club house renovations. The main presentation is Florida's Iconic Wildlife, by John Serrao.
- III. Casino Night Update: Elise and Rosie started our discussion by letting the board know that it is a sold out event, the menu has been decided, and there are picture boards depicting the prizes. Nancy is sending out an email to all the bakers with directions. Joan shared the Program, and it was checked to make sure everyone was acknowledged. Darlene shared that we are all set with sponsors. Susan shared that we now have 4 boards of lottery tickets. Laura discussed the change in time (4:00PM – 9:00PM). There will be a rehearsal/run through/training for all volunteers on

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Raffle tickets are still being sold at events at the clubhouse ahead of time, for example The Liverpool concert on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Darlene spoke about the music being played from Spotify (Vegas themed), Mike Cross, and Tom Totin will be carrying boards around during registration and cocktail hour to promote Who Wants to be a Millionaire tickets. Remember, if you need to be reimbursed for anything that has to do with Casino Night please get receipts to Barbara or Laura as soon as possible.

- IV. Susan spoke about the shredding event March 11 with the Men's Club. Crown Information Center will oversee the shredding, and all Victoria Gardens Residents are asked to donate non-perishable food items for The Neighborhood Center. Posters will be in the Clubhouse so people know the event is coming. Call Judy Agame if you want to volunteer. Susan and Darlene are working on sponsors. Mahjongg Madness is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Bonne Friedman is coordinating the event.
- V. Sunshine Connection: Please let Connie know if you know of anyone that is in need of help. You can also contact Rosie she'll contact Connie. Connie and Nancy are also meeting with Branch Leaders to let the know what they are doing for the residents. Connie spoke about Block Captains speaking up if they know of people who need anything. Connie and Nancy spoke of the possibility of a gathering for new members in April. Nancy is working on the Facebook issue, and we will be updated when she has news. It is a work in progress,

and she will put out a call to the membership to see if anyone can help.

- VI. Future Events: Rosie talked of having a “ Board Reboot” sometime in March. Lynn spoke about monthly luncheons being set up differently: 4 yearly, an evening happy hour, a speaker jointly with the Men’s Club, luncheons with a speaker quarterly were suggested.
  
- VII. Extra: Barbara is working on access to the WC closet. She is looking at ways to have people borrow items for a short time, as well as organizing what we have already in there. Visitation House, a small building that houses pregnant women with nowhere to go during their pregnancy as well as for a short time after their babies are born is having an online auction and 50/50 raffle. Laura is going to purchase 500 raffle tickets, and if we win, we will donate it back. Dancing Through the Decades is March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 10 tickets available. Please let Susan know if you are interested in going. This is a big event for the Council on Aging, and she’d like to fill the table.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

### Committee Reports

I hope you received a copy of the February *Neighbors Magazine*. If not, don’t worry I will bring it to the next Board meeting. An article about the Family Renew Playground was the centerspread story.

I’ve been busy this month creating the following flyers:

January Lunch Flyer featuring Cindy Brummitt  
Casino Flyer Early Bird Registration  
February Lunch featuring John Serrao  
Playground and Giving Tree Success Story  
Shredding Event & Food Drive  
Casino Prize Flyer  
Casino Lottery Board Flyer  
Lottery Board Poster  
Casino Program  
Casino Prize Insert  
Casino Prize Donors Insert

Joan Neumann



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## **Victoria Gardens Women's Club**

### **Charitable Action Committee – Feb 2023 BOD Update**

#### **Charitable Action Committee**

- i. Annual Food Drive and Shred Event – Judy Agamie, Project Lead**
  - a. VG Women's and Men's clubs will once again host an on-site Shred event. Event will be held outside on the clubhouse parking lot. A mobile Shred truck will be available to shred documents as they are dropped off. We are asking residents to provide donations of non-perishable food in exchange for document shredding.
  - b. Date is Saturday, March 11 19-11. Food Donations to benefit The Neighborhood Center
  - c. Poster will be displayed at clubhouse, and flyer included in Newsletter to all VG residents.
  - d. Judy Agamie is leading this effort for the women and organizing volunteers. Please let Judy or myself know if you would like to help.
- ii. Agency Updates**
  - a. **Council on Aging of Volusia County (COA) – Ellen Haynes, VGWC Relationship Manager**

- i. Ellen Haynes and Susan McMahon met with Daryll Wolke, new Director of Development and Doreen Willett, Community Engagement Liaison over lunch to discuss COA opportunities and volunteering at the Orange City Senior Center.
  - ii. Fidget Blankets and Robotic Pets donated during the Annual Giving Tree collection were delivered. COA was overwhelmed with the generosity of these gifts. Thanks to our residents who provided them!
  - iii. We are again a \$2500 Salsa level sponsor at their annual fundraiser, Dancing Through The Decades, Friday, March 31 6:00-10:00 at Daytona Beach's Ocean Center. Please contact Ellen Haynes or Susan McMahon if you would like to attend.
  - iv. Branch in-kind donations of adult hygiene products and other products benefiting seniors were collected and will be delivered to COA for distribution to seniors in need.
- b. Neighborhood Center – Cindy Netherton, VGWC Relationship Manager**
  - i. VGWC was a \$2500 level sponsor at the annual Empty Bowls event again this year. Several VGWC members attended the event, bringing awareness and financial support to serving the homeless through The Neighborhood Center.
  - ii. We discussed several volunteer opportunities for members to become involved. It was suggested the branches be involved to assist with communication of opportunities and branch support of time and talent. Ruth Chrismore is leading this initiative, with tech support provided by Dacia Jackson. More to come very soon!
- c. Family Renew – Rebecca Carpenter and Maura McKay, VGWC Relationship Managers**
  - i. A two-page “Charity Spotlight” centerfold article in “Neighbors” South Deland and Victoria Park magazine featured Family Renew Playground project, along with VG Women’s Club and Men’s Club. Great article! Thanks to Joan Neuman for submitting the article.
- d. The Beacon Center – Elaine Kozakis, VGWC Relationship Manager**
  - i. Delivery of branch in kind contributions were well received. Huge thanks to those who contributed.
  - ii. The Angie Pyle, CEO will speak at the VGWC Casino Night, highlighting the needs and thanking attendees for their support.
- e. FBH Community (formerly: Food Brings Hope) – Marilyn Harraman, VGWC Relationship Manager**
  - i. We are engaged in conversations with new leadership at Food Brings Hope, and will have more concrete information to share soon. Our efforts will most likely be concentrated on Middle School launch of their teen program, targeting 6<sup>th</sup> graders who were involved in programs in the grade school level. Thanks for Marilyn Harraman for her patience in connecting with this agency.
- iii. In-Kind Donations Update**
  - a. VG Charitable Relationship Managers have begun to reach out to branches who have adopted their agency with requests as needed. As always, the branch members are responsive and generous in their giving! Thank you to everyone for your support!
  - b. If any member is interested in donating in-kind items and not in a branch please reach out to Susan McMahon to learn more

## FEBRUARY BOARD REPORT FRIENDSHIP TREE BRANCHES

THE 13 BRANCHES ARE MEETING MONTHLY AND ARE PLANNING GREAT EVENTS.

WE CONTINUE TO GET INQUIRIES ABOUT JOINING A BRANCH AND ARE HAPPILY PLACING LADIES IN BRANCHES.

ON FEBRUARY 7TH OUR FRIENDSHIP BRANCH TEAM IS MEETING. THE PRIMARY AGENDA ITEM IS PICKING A DATE FOR THE THANK YOU EVENT FOR OUR LEADERS. WE ARE THINKING OF MAY OR JUNE .

NANCY GREENFIELD

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE REPORT JANUARY 2023

- Assisting Casino Party Night Committee with planning and details.
- Communicating with Sunshine Connection leader and participants
- Planning to hold a BOD Re-Boot session in March to determine when member's 2 year terms are completed and interest in extending

for one year and also to realign positions as needed.

- Continue to support BOD members with positive ideas and suggestions.