

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB GFWC-FL DISTRICT 12

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CHATTER

December, 2023



GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12 WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET

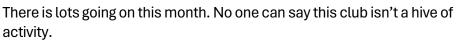




NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gwen Grace, 201-317-2317 Gweng1999@yahoo.com

Cool weather and the year has zoomed by!







At our November meeting we collected 98 toys & stocking stuffers and over \$300 in gift cards for the Jubilee Center's Christmas Shoppe. Thank you to all that donated. You've helped make a needy family's holiday a bit better.

Let's remember that the holidays can be a tough time for some folks. People are grieving, financially stressed, burned out, and doing the best they can. You never know what someone is dealing with, so be kind and patient, always.

Wishing everyone a very happy Holiday and a healthy and blessed New Year.

Keep busy, keep healthy and "Bee" all you can "Bee"!

Gwen





FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Gloria Rogoski, 440 487 5586 rogoskigi@gmail.com

Happy Holidays! Boy, when I look at my calendar it is certainly filled with RWWC events. This is a very busy group. From the Christmas Parade, the Cool Today Atlanta Braves Park tour, the ESO Luncheon, the Holiday Tea and more. Wears me out just thinking about it. I also have the Englewood Fishing Club Christmas dinner to look forward to as

my husband and I are both members there also.

I hope you are busy, but not too busy to take some time to remember the reason for the Season. Christmas Carols, Church services, decorations, and time with family and friends are what make this time of the year so very special.

My very best wishes for a joyous, calm, loving holiday.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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We have 6 new members this month. It's so much fun meeting all the new ladies. Each brings a rich history and life experiences, and they are eager to join the club. Induction will be at the December meeting.

Take a minute to introduce yourself and invite them to an activity you attend with the club. If one of your groups has a special project think of contacting a new member first as you recruit volunteers. Some of my best conversations have been while serving cookies, playing Trivia, or even picking up trash!!



Lynn Means



Kathy Kerr



Annette Carruthers



Cindy Zotter



Colleen Koppenhaver Kelly McInerney





GFWC RWWC BOGGY CREEK PRESIDENT'S PROJECT CHAIRMAN Kathryn Gallagher, 610 952 1333, <u>kathryngal@yahoo.com</u>



We have finished up our Boggy Creek campaign since RWWC has donated two checks for \$2,500 to send a child to camp. We never really got into Bears, but did 16 curtains for one whole cabin...and a few sheet sets and an Afghan...so that's pretty much that for Boggy Creek

GFWC FLORIDA - DISTRICT 12 WHERE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET District 12 Director's Report

At the November 4, 2023, Annual District Meeting held at the LaBelle Woman's Club, President Elect Sara Dessureau gave District 12 an amazing compliment by calling our District "One of the Best." I believe each and every member of our District 12 Clubs has contributed to receiving this title and I am very proud to be able to bring that message to you.

As the New Year approaches, I would like to wish you all the very best for this Season of Giving and thank you for giving so much of yourselves on behalf of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, and GFWC Florida District 12. You are GFWC.

In Peace, Love and Unity, Kathryn







ARTS & CULTURE

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I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.



All entries for the Art Competition are due at the December General Meeting with a \$3 entry fee per entry. If you are not sure which category your project belongs in, send me a picture and I will help you figure it out.

A reminder will be sent to those that signed up to help set up and document the entries.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Tea. JoAnn House has donated a wonderful opportunity basket and our newest member Annette Carruthers has made three opportunity baskets from our bazaar crafts.





A reminder that our next Arts and Cultural and Creative Crafters meeting will be Friday January 12th at 9:30 am.

Love, Respect and Kindness Hello ladies. Happy Fall!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Linda Hall, Chairman, 678 485 0762 <u>lindashall53@gmail.com</u> Bev Dobbins, Co-chairman 317 373 4503 <u>bosartbev@sbcglobal.net</u>

Bev says we still need plastic bags for the plarn mats and is working on having a class on making the mats.

The "Plarn Mat Makers" have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th, at 9am in the Community Center. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Bev.

Bev has found two locations we can partner with on making and distributing the plarn mats.

The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP will be selling See's Candy at the December meeting, as a fund-raiser. See's chocolates are the best!





EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

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Save the Date: January 25, 2024 for Our Trivia Night! Once again, we welcome Trivia Jim, and

GFWC ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Hosted by MR. TRIVIA Jim Wasowski

Thursday January 25, 2024, 6-8 PM ROTONDA WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.

Donation: \$15 PER PERSON PAYABLE IN ADVANCE, PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 22ND, 2024. Payment by Cash or Check made out to GFWC RWWC.

Teams forming now or join some new friends on Trivia night! \$100 FIRST PRIZE \$50 SECOND PRIZE \$10 WINE PULL

You can register at the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club Monthly meetings or by contacting Debra Sigismondo at sqad7@aol.com

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ROTONDA WEST WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITY.

Sponsored by the Education & Libraries and Environmental CSP. Kara Kelly & Debra Sigismondo, Janet Rojas & Rachele Adler, THANK YOU!

his lovely assistant Connie Friess, to entertain and educate us! We are taking reservations for teams of 8 players. Please reserve your table at the December General Meeting or email Debra Sigismondo. What a fun night it will be, while raising funds for Scholarships and Environmental non-profits in our community.

Donate Children's Books: The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library are in need of new or gently used books for children, ages 4 to 14 years old. Nancie Jankowski will be accepting your gifts for the children who attend "Read and Feed" programs held whenever the public schools are closed. Each child receives nutritious food and a book to keep for their own. The next "Read and Feed" will be December 27, 28, 29, 2023.

March Against Violence

A community march to symbolize unity and solidarity. We hope to inspire change at the individual, community, and societal levels. We believe in the power of collective action to create a more peaceful learning environment for our youth.

When: December 17, 2023

Time: 9:00AM

Location: LA Ainger

245 Cougar Way, Rotonda West, FL 33947

(941) 697-5800

School Safety and Violence Prevention

"Our mission is to unite as a community dedicated to providing a safe and peaceful learning environment for our youth. We are committed to fostering collaboration among parents, educators, community leaders, and policymakers to identify and address the challenges that threaten the wellbeing and educational experience of our children. Through prevention programs, the promotion of a positive school culture, enhanced security measures, and robust mental health support, we aim to create an environment where every student can thrive emotionally, academically, and socially. By engaging the local community, advocating for relevant policies, and empowering parents to actively participate, we seek to ensure that our youth have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed in an atmosphere of respect, tolerance, and inclusivity. Our ongoing commitment to evaluation and adaptation drives our mission to nurture the potential of the next generation in a safe and harmonious educational setting."



ESO – BOOK CLUBS

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At a meeting of the Book Club Leaders in September, it was decided that each month one of the Book Clubs would suggest a book that all Club members may enjoy.

Suggested book for December, 2023

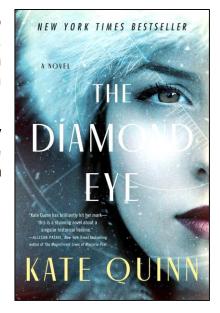
"THE DIAMOND EYE" BY Kate Quinn

Kyiv, Ukraine 1937 – Student, Library worker, mother, Lyudmila Pavlichenko suddenly joins the Ukraine Army after Hitler's invasion of Poland and Russia. Given rifle training she becomes a deadly sniper killing over 300 German Nazis. Known forever after as "Lady Death". Pavlichenko becomes a National Heroine having received many medals and awards.

On a good will tour of America in 1942, Lyudmila develops an unlikely friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. The two will remain close friends the rest of their lives. This book is fiction based on true fact. An interesting read for history buffs.

Submitted by Doris Walker, Happy Bookers ESO Book Club

Happy reading, Doris







Brunch Buddies ESO celebrated "Friendsgiving" our annual pot luck brunch, with great fellowship and fun. We don't count calories at the Holidays.



ENVIRONMENT/FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

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TRIVIA NIGHT

We are co-sponsoring the Trivia Night on January 25th, 2024, with hopes of using our portion of the proceeds towards sponsoring a turtle nest next season. It will be a fun night and will support our club's various projects, our scholarship fund, and environmental projects. Please consider attending and supporting this event.

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If you are interested in joining our committee, please feel free to contact Rachele or Janet

Tip of the Month:

With all the upcoming holiday shopping, here are some recycling tips:

All Amazon.com packaging

Paper padded mailer

Paper padded mailers are recyclable. They are curbside recyclable along with cardboard boxes and other paper products. Click here for additional details.



From the lab to the fulfillment center, employees contributed to the innovations behind a mailer that can be recycled in the same bin as Amazon's iconic box.

Bubble-lined plastic bag



Some cities offer curbside recycling. Where not available, use designated store drop-off locations where plastic film is accepted. Find your drop off location.

Cardboard box



Cardboard boxes are recyclable in most curbside recycling programs. Flatten the box and remove tape before putting it in your recycling bin.

Recycling Your Electronics

Amazon recognizes the importance of recycling electronic equipment at the end of its useful life, which is why we offer both the option to trade-in your device and a recycling program for electronic items including Amazon devices and accessories. In some areas, the disposal of rechargeable batteries and certain electronic devices is regulated, so please make sure you dispose of devices, accessories and batteries in accordance with your local laws and regulations.

Before submitting a device for Trade-In or recycling, we recommend that you (i) perform a factory reset in order to remove any of your personal content from the applicable device(s) and (ii) deregister the device(s) from your account. We also recommend that back up your applicable device(s) before performing the factory reset if you want to restore your settings on another compatible Amazon device.

Trade-In Your Device

The Amazon Trade-In program allows customers to receive an Amazon.com Gift Card in exchange for thousands of eligible items, including Amazon devices and non-Amazon devices. Even non-working devices are eligible. Visit the Amazon Trade-In storefront to see what options might be available for you to receive an Amazon.com Gift Card for trading in your device by following this link: https://www.amazon.com/tradein

Or you can follow the steps below to recycle your device.

Recycle Your Device

To recycle your devices and accessories through the Amazon Recycling Program, please visit the website of our certified recycler through this link:

Amazon Recycling Program

The information you enter at that website will be used to generate a UPS shipping label for you to print. Simply follow the packaging guidelines and then drop your packaged device or accessory off at the nearest UPS location. Amazon covers all the costs associated with shipping and recycling your devices and accessories through our Amazon Recycling Program.

All devices sent for recycling will undergo material reclamation by a licensed recycling facility. All identifying marks or personal information will be erased or destroyed before or during the recycling process.



Happy Holidays

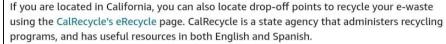
and Happy Shopping











If you are located in Washington D.C., you can also use the MRM take back program. Through this program you can recycle items of any brand when you buy a new Amazon device.

Recycle Your Batteries

For the recycling of loose batteries, Amazon has partnered with Call2Recycle to take back and recycle used batteries free of charge. Please click here to identify a battery collection point near you. Note that the Call2Recycle collection sites do not accept batteries embedded within electronic devices.

Additional Information

You can find Customer Service contact information and other applicable terms and device information (including how to recycle your device in additional countries) at https://www.amazon.com/devicesupport.



PENNY HARVEST COLLECTION

This year's Penny Harvest donations will again be going to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). Please remember to keep saving those pennies or any change and turn them in to the blue and yellow dog house each month. Every little penny helps, thank you.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Clare Imrie, Co-chairman, 713 825 2154 clareimrie@hotmail.com

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to enjoying the Holidays and New Year with family and friends. The weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years are said to be the "happiest time of the year." For many people, however, the holiday season is actually the saddest or loneliest time of year. I read a very interesting article about the above - you can

find it here:

5 Ways to Manage Your Mental Health During the Holidays (verywellmind.com)

If you don't want to read the whole article the 5 ways are:

- 1. Create a Goal for the Holidays
- 2. Establish Time Limits
- 3. Schedule Activities That Are Good for Your Mental Health
- 4. Limit Things That Aren't Good for Your Mental Health
- 5. Put Things in Perspective With the "Last Year Test"

The article goes on to say, if the holidays aren't your happiest time of year, that's OK; you don't have to pretend they are. In fact, if you talk to someone you trust, maybe one of your friends in GFWC RWWC, about some of the challenges you experience, you might find they open up and talk about their holiday struggles a little more freely as well. I know I miss my family (who live in England) during the holidays.

If you're experiencing a lot of holiday distress this year, make an appointment with your physician or talk to a therapist, if you can, so you can get the tools you need to feel better. It's OK to not be OK.

All the best for 2024 - may it be a happy and healthy year!



The GFWC RWWC will host a **OneBlood Drive** on January 22, 2024, from 9 am - 3 pm. It will be held at the Marina across from The Hills Golf and Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. Please register to donate at One Blood.org or you may call Ellen Lang 917 579-7770 to register.



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THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER

Let us give honor to our brave Veterans this month.

Let us never forget that our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD FOR TODAY'S BLESSING

This is a prayer for Thanksgiving.
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends,
O, Lord our God, we give you thanks.
Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

AMEN

November, 2023



RECEPTION

Diane Oglesby, Cochairman, 941 828 0119 btoglesby@comcast.net
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Please wear your name tags. If you forget, we have temporary tags you can have.

Thank you, Diane



BEDTIME BAGS PROJECT

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"A.N.A.'s Friends, formerly known as the Guardian ad Litem Foundation - 20th Judicial Circuit, Inc., is excited to continue its vital work in serving **Abused**, **Neglected**, **and Abandoned** children in Southwest Florida. Our core purpose, to provide these vulnerable children with unwavering support, care, guidance, and resources, remains stronger than ever.

This change signifies a new chapter in our journey, but I want to assure you that <u>our fundamental mission and commitment</u> to the children we serve remain <u>steadfast and unwavering</u>, just as it has for over 40 years.

Thank you for all you do. Let's keep up the good work!!





SEW N SEWS

Jackie Miller, Chairperson 305 745 1685 Jackie2gm@gmail.com

The sew n sews would like to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Jackie Miller.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Please call or send an email to me when a member needs some get well cheer, encouragement or condolences. An appropriate card will be sent to them right away to let them know their sister members are thinking about them.

TONETTES

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Come on and join us---do you sing in the car, feel like you might holding that voice back around others? Would you like to sing like you are belting it out on stage in Nashville! Then, your stage is our stage!. You don't have to be a classically trained vocalist!! You don't have to know how to read music. All genres, all skill levels. For those who play other musical instruments, we can also use that talent, come join our group....the stage is open, open your door! Your voice will make a difference in people's lives.

We meet on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm, at the Rotonda Community Center. All music is provided. Questions or concerns--feel free to contact me. 912-398-7047

HANUKKAH TRADITIONS – Rachele Adler



As we celebrate Hanukkah this month, here are some interesting facts about Latkes as well as a recipe to try:

5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT LATKES

Gil Marks - December 16, 2014

Dedicated to the life and works of <u>Gil Marks</u> who shared this article with us last Chanukah in the Joy of Kosher with Jamie Geller magazine, may his memory be a blessing.

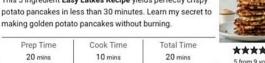
Judah Maccabee never saw a latke or a potato (or doughnut)... nor did medieval Jews.

- 1. Pancakes are batters shallow-fried in a skillet or on a griddle. People were already cooking on hot stones and griddles since time immemorial. In the Temple, a minchat machavat was cooked on an oiled griddle. But with the fall of Rome, pancakes, along with many culinary techniques, disappeared from most of Europe. Pancakes reemerged (made from flour and fried in olive oil) in Italy after the First Crusades, then spread north (usually not fried in olive oil). The first record of the English word "pancake" was in 1430.
- 2. Sicilian Jews introduced ricotta pancakes to northern Italy, called cassola in Rome, as a Shavuot dish and later combining two traditional Chanukah foods fried and cheese. The association of dairy to Chanukah was first mentioned (c. 1360) by Rabbi Nissim ben Reuben (Ran) of Gerona.
- 3. The initial association between Chanukah and pancakes (and fried foods in general) was by Rabbi Kalonymus ben Kalonymus (c. 1286-1328) raised in Provence, but spending his career in Italy who mentioned pancakes in a poem about Chanukah.
- 4. Oil in northern Europe was rare and expensive, so the principal fat for frying was schmaltz animal fat, being unacceptable for cooking with dairy. Rye and, later buckwheat, commonly substituted for cheese and wheat. The two most prominent Eastern Yiddish terms for pancake became chremsel (from the Western Yiddish vermesel from Latin vermiculos "little worms" before you get all oooey, vermiculos is also the source of the pasta vermicelli) and latke, derived from the Ukrainian diminutive word for pancake/fritter, oladka ("little oily"), from the Latin oleum ("olive oil," also the source of the English word "oil") from the Greek elaion (olive oil).
- 5. When the white potato arrived in Europe around 1570 from its native Peru/Bolivia, it was considered poisonous, taking centuries to gain acceptance as food. By the end of the 1700s, Germans made pancakes

from raw or cooked potatoes. Only with a series of crop failures in Ukraine and Poland in 1839 and 1840 were these tubers consumed there. Potatoes emerged as the staple of the Eastern European Jewish diet and most prominent type of latke.



This 5 ingredient Easy Latkes Recipe yields perfectly crispy potato pancakes in less than 30 minutes. Learn my secret to



Course: Side Dish Cuisine: European

Keyword: potato latkes, potato pancakes Servings: 12 potato latkes

Calories: 70kcal Author: Jordan

Equipment

- Food processor
- · Splatter guard

Ingredients

- · 4 large russet potatoes
- · 1 small white onion
- · 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- · 1 large egg
- · 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- · 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- · olive oil, for cooking
- · fresh chives, chopped

Instructions

- 1. Place a baking sheet lined with parchment paper in the oven and preheat to
- 2. Using the medium grater attachment for your food processor, grate the potatoes and onion. Transfer the shredded potatoes to a large mixing bowl of ice water to keep the potatoes from browning and remove some of the starch. Soak the grated potatoes for 15 minutes.
- 3. Transfer the potatoes and onions to a medium mixing bowl and toss with the flour, egg, garlic powder and salt. Mix gently until fully combined.

- 4. Heat a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat with about 1/8 inch of olive oil. When oil is shimmering, scoop 1/4 cup of the latke mixture into the pan, flatten with a spatula, and fry for 4-5 minutes, or until crispy, flip and fry 3-4 minutes on the other side.
- 5. Place the latkes on the baking sheet in the oven to keep them warm while you finish frying the remaining latkes.
- 6. Garnish with fresh chives and serve with sour cream and apple sauce.

Air Fryer Instructions

- 1. Preheat the air fryer to 375° F. Spritz the air fryer basket with olive oil.
- 2. Scoop 1/4 cup of the latke mixture onto a baking sheet, flatten with a spatula, then use the spatula to carefully place them in the air fryer basket. Air fry for 8 minutes, then flip and air fry 5 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Nutrition

Calories: 70kcal | Carbohydrates: 15g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 0.4g | Saturated Fat: 0.1g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 0.1g | Monounsaturated Fat: 0.1g | Trans Fat: 0.002g | Cholesterol: 14mg | Sodium: 106mg | Potassium: 319mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 1g | Vitamin A: 21IU | Vitamin C: 5mg | Calcium: 14mg | Iron: 1mg

AN "ANNIVERSARY" THANKSGIVING - Kathy Altenburg

Larry and I celebrated "55" years of marriage on November 23rd, which also happened to be Thanksgiving this year.

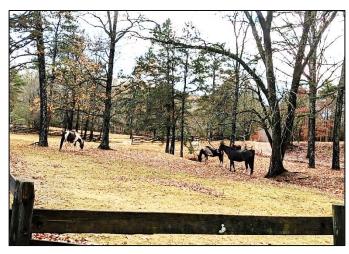
We spent our Thanksgiving week staying with family in Gaylesville, Alabama at their Camelot Farm! Horses, Black Angus Steers, Peacocks, Chickens, Deer Hunting, Fishing, Food, Food and more food!

High 50° weather with wonderful sunny blue skies and experiencing the last few days of Fall....so different from 'Fall in Florida'! See a few of my photos. It was the best way to start the Holiday Season!

Kathy Altenburg



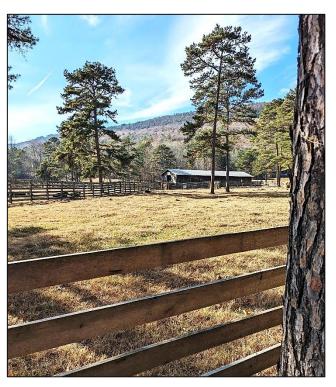










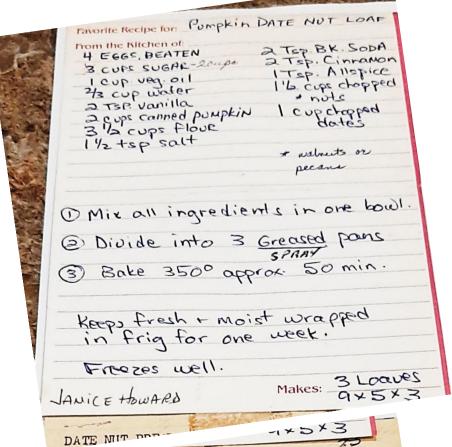




PUMPKIN DATE NUT LOAF RECIPE

In a letter to the Editor last month, Debra Sigismondo requested the recipe for the Pumpkin Date Nut Loaf she purchased at our Craft Fair. The baker, Jackie Miller, sent the recipe (at right).

Sounds really good – other members may also wish to bake it.



DATE NUT BREAD

- 1. Package of dates cut up in a small pieces
 Pour 1½ cups boiling water over them and let
 stand till cool.
- Cream until light and fluffy:
 eggs 2 cups sugar (either all brown or ½ & ½)
 tbsp. butter.
- 3. Sfft together:

Add to creamed mix, alternating with water from dates to make mixing easier. When all flour mix is added; add dates and remaining liquid; 1 cup chopped nuts and 1 tsp. vanilla.

Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake 45 - 60 mins. 325 degree oven.

As a bonus, Jackie also sent her Date Nut Bread.

Jackie, Thanks so much for sharing.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and photos – great job!

Special thank you to Rachele Adler for the Hanukkah traditions and history. I sure learned some interesting facts – I think I'll even try the Latke recipe.

Thanks to Kathy Altenburg for her 55th Wedding Anniversary article and photos. What a great way to celebrate!

Also, thank you to Jackie Miller for answering Debra Sigismondo's "Letter to the Editor" in last month's Chatter, by sharing her Pumpkin Date Nut Bread recipe. I'm sure Debra will be glad, along with other members who will want to bake some for the holidays.

I usually announce at meetings for members to keep sharing interesting/important information, vacation photos, and items of interest. I've received comments from members they find these articles very interesting. Please continue to share articles/photos about what's happening in your lives.

I wish everyone the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year. May the new year bring you love, joy, health, happiness, prosperity, and may your greatest wish come true.



LOOKING AHEAD ??

December 8 – ESO Christman Luncheon at Hill's Restaurant

December 8 – Holiday Tea Set-up at RWA Building

December 9 - Holiday Tea 11:30am - 3:00pm at RWA Building

December **14** – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour and Members Holiday Lunch) at RWA Building

Deadline for Art Competition entries - \$3 per entry

December 16 - Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery

December 17 – March Against Violence at LA Ainger School at 9am

January 5 - Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

January 9 - Plarn Mat Makers 9am at RWA Building

January 12 – Arts & Culture and Creative Crafters 9:30am at RWA Building

January 17 – Art Competition Judging

January 18 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building –
Member Art Competition viewing and presentation of ribbons

January 22 – One Blood Drive from 9 am - 3 pm at the Marina across from the Hill's Restaurant

January 25 – Trivia Night Fundraiser for Scholarships & Environment 6:00 – 9:00pm at RWA and Building & Wine Pull

February 2 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

February 3 – Furry Scurry 5K event 8:00am – 1.5 Mile Mutt Strutt 8:40am at South Gulf Cove

February 15 – General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building

February 18 – Designer Bag Bingo

March 1 – Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

March 21 - General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building –

April 5 - Board Meeting 1:00pm at RWA Building

April 18 - General Meeting 10:00am (9am Social Hour) at RWA Building

COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

RWWC Board Meeting – 1st Friday 1:00pm – except summer Creative Crafters – Fridays 9am – beginning January 12 at 9:30am Knit and Chat – Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am – RWA Building Sew n Sews – 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9am-noon – RWA Building Tonettes – Tuesdays 2-3pm – RWA Building

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michele Scott 12/4 Sharon Hodgdon 12/9 Karen Chenaille 12/12 Judy Wilson 12/16 Maureen Laderer 12/18 Irene Thibeault 12/19 Gwen Grace 12/20 Barbara Mills 12/23 Kathryn Gallagher 1/3 Carol Leon 1/5 Karen Lambert 1/6 Linda Gagnon 1/8 Sharon Ivanik 1/9 Sande Prentis 1/12 Wendy Lisbon 1/18 Kathy Ellingham 1/19 Kathy Eslinger 1/21 Alice Melhuish 1/31

TREE LIGHTING – NOVEMBER 25, 2023





HOLIDAY STROLL – DECEMBER 3, 2023









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