

VICTORIA GARDENS WOMEN'S CLUB
DIRECTORS' REPORTS FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Programming Committee – Lynn's Report

February 9th: **"Tea Party" with Zach Zacharias speaking on the: "Elegant Abodes of Volusia County"**
14 tables of 6 will be set up for the tea (71 as of Tues. count).
Program planned from 2pm to 4 pm.

March 9th: **Bethanne Weiss "More Joy Less Oy" Better Brains, Balance & Butts.**
This event has been rescheduled from January 12th due to clubhouse shutdown.
No food will be served. Seating will be in auditorium with space allowed between chairs for some exercise movement.
Dress casual. Tea, Coffee and Water will be available.

March 23rd

& March 24th: **2 Field Trips to Mount Dora.**

56 women will be transported by bus each day.

Boarding of the bus will be at 8:45 am and departure from the clubhouse at 9:00 am.

Upon arrival: 55-minute Trolley Ride or Shopping (swap places)

12:15 pm Lunch at "Pisces Rising" with 6 menu choices (preorder)

There will be time for more shopping after lunch.

Depart Mount Dora at 3 pm and arrive back to VG by 4 pm.

Cost: \$75 which includes Bus, Trolley Ride, Lunch & all taxes and gratuities.

A list will be given out on the bus listing some stores that are expecting us and have offered VGWC members discounts, drinks, or snacks!

Publicity/Club Support Committee – Joan's Report

Submitted Giving Tree Success Flyer to:

The Beacon, Neighborhood Magazine and The Picket Fence.

Wrote an update summary for the Friendship Branch Leaders' Leadership Training and submitted it the website; also, included pictures.

Flyers Created/Revised:

Corrected telephone number on the Shred It/Food Drive Flyer.

Created February 9th Valentine Themed Flyer.

Revised date for Bethanne Weiss non-lunch event to March 9th.

Created T-shirts and Tribute Card Promotion.

Charitable Action Committee – Susan’s Report

Shred Event Update:

Another success for the Victoria Gardens Women’s and Men’s club! Despite the chilly, damp weather, volunteers and residents showed up to donate non-perishable food items in exchange for document shredding. Thanks to Crown Information Management for providing on-site shred service. Thanks also to the many Victoria Gardens residents who donated food to benefit The Neighborhood Center Food Pantry. At the end of the day 5147 lbs. of paper was shredded and approximately 1000 lbs. of food donated. Special thanks to our local business sponsors, Beth P. Weinbrenner, Realtor, Charles Rutenberg Realty, Saimir Hoxha, Master Painter LLC, Eric Hansen, Realtor, Greater Orlando Realty and Drs. Katherine Burtis and Julie Shubik, Pure Alignment Chiropractic.

Branch In-Kind Collection Update:

The Branch Collection process is going great. We now have ready supplies of shampoo, deodorant, pet food, household cleaning products and paper products. We have purchased additional shelving for the storage unit to keep these items. We have over \$2000 in product stored and ready for distribution. We updated the collection schedule to include items for seniors going forward. Special thanks to all our Branch members for their donations!

Neighborhood Center update:

VGWC is a Platinum Sponsor for the Empty Bowls fundraiser benefiting Neighborhood Center. VGWC has a table of 10 at the event. Date of fundraiser is February 24. 5-7 at Deland High School. Several members will attend. All proceeds are used to fund Neighborhood Center’s Food Programs. VGWC was featured as a sponsor in a full-page ad for the event in the Beacon.

Council on Aging of Volusia County (COA) updates:

- We are seeking a \$2500 sponsorship at Dancing through the Decades benefiting Council on Aging of Volusia County. Event is March 31st, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Ocean Center, Daytona Beach. VGWC will have members in attendance.
- The VGWC donated two robotic pets to COA. The “pets” were received enthusiastically and are already in the arms of two worthy seniors.
- VGWC is preparing 300 Valentine packets for senior clients receiving Meals on Wheels.

Scholarship Fund update:

A scholarship has been awarded to Latin American and Latino Studies Aid fund open to all Stetson students and itinerant staff in this program who qualify and demonstrate financial need. VGWC is exploring scholarship options for next year. Area of interest are graduating Deland High School seniors. This aligns to VGWC desire to expand children and education outreach and support in our community.

Membership Committee – Connie’s Report

- Membership numbers are frozen as it is too cold to move.
- T-Shirts are in my possession and ready for pick up. We have extras to sell that will be a good fund raiser. My plan is to find a date and send out an email that states T-Shirts can be picked up or purchased on that day. I don’t want to do it on a meeting day. There is just too much going on a meeting day.
- Name tags will be dispersed soon.
- Does anyone know the birthday of our organization?

Friendship Branch Committee – Ellen’s Report

- New Membership requests to the Branches has slowed down significantly. Some Branches did not meet in January due to the uptick in Covid cases. Meetings are resuming in February with great anticipation from the Members.
- The Leaders of one of our Branches had to step down but I am happy to report that we have found interim Leadership and the group will be meeting this Thursday with their March program already planned.
- The Branches had a very successful training seminar with the theme being “Leaders Wear Many Hats” It was well attended and very well received by all. Hats off to Rosie McKenna.

Special Events Committee – Linda’s Report

Update for Cruise Week April 25th thru April 29th: Registration for cruise week is scheduled to begin the week of February 21st. All events will be posted on the VGWC website and people will place individual choices into their cart and pay online. There was a meeting of the various subcommittees on Feb 7th, and all are off and running with their plans. Final food choices will be made within the next week. We are on target for a fabulous program.

Update for May 21st Gala:

We are excited that our Gala starring Carol Stein is fully organized and waiting in the wings to reactivate for a May 21st smash!

We are hoping to bring in a huge success for our charities.