

November 2024 TRWC Newsletter

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President's Message

It's that time of year where we take a moment to acknowledge all that we are grateful for in our lives. We are certainly thankful for such a vibrant, active women's club. Volunteers are always willing to lend a hand wherever needed, allowing the club to continue offering activities and events. Thank you to all our members for your ideas, attendance, participation, encouragement and most of all for just being you.

Our November luncheon at Brine Seafood & Raw Bar will host Galina Jordan from A.C.E. (Adult Continuing Education.) Galina is the Community Outreach & Marketing Specialist for A.C.E. If you've received an A.C.E. booklet in the mail, you have already seen the vast number of classes being offered at local venues to adults. Join us as we take an insider look at the Adult Continuing Education program.

The December luncheon is our biggest luncheon of the year. We will gather at Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, December 4th for an afternoon of great food, lively conversation and wonderful holiday music. It's festive, fun and is always well attended. Don't miss this one! The deadline for reservations is November 27th. Additional information is included in the newsletter.

We hope you will join us for a Holiday Dinner Dance hosted jointly by the TRMC & TRWC. The festive evening will be held on Friday, December 13th at Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club. The evening is open to all Turtle Rock residents. Dust off your party shoes, grab a neighbor or two and come celebrate the holidays with your Turtle Rock family. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 8th. Further details are included in this newsletter.

There are two collections starting this month. The first is a food collection to benefit All Faiths Food Bank, the largest hunger relief organization in Sarasota & DeSoto counties. Donated items can be brought to any of our luncheons November through January. The second collection benefits the Women's Resource Center. Our February luncheon speaker will introduce us to the center and their mission. Please see the article in this month's newsletter for donation instructions.

We gladly welcome new members throughout the year so invite a neighbor or friend to any one of our events. We'll be sure to give them a warm women's club welcome. As always if you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to any board member via our TRWC email at turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com.

Suzanne Placzek & Joan Miller



<p>November 6 Brine Luncheon</p>	<p>Reservation deadline has passed.</p>
<p>November 12 Game Night</p>	<p>All women and men are invited to attend our game night. Join others who also enjoy playing cards and games such as the Mexican Train domino game. We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm, at the Community Center. Contact: Joan Miller at 630-258-1821 or joanmiller272@gmail.com.</p>
<p>November 20 Bunco</p>	<p>Bunco is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Gather at 5:30 pm and bring \$5.00 to play. RSVP needed to Donna McCarthy at dmccarthy1014@gmail.com. If you like, stay after Bunco to play Left, Right, Center, bring \$3 to play LRC.</p>
<p>December 4 Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club Luncheon</p>	<p>\$34 per person includes tax and gratuity. Please include your entree selection on the memo line of your check. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Details below.</p>
<p>December 13 Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club Dinner Dance</p>	<p>Holiday Dinner Dance hosted jointly by the TRMC & TRWC. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 8th. Further details are included in this newsletter.</p>
<p>December 20 Families Group Christmas Trolley Ride</p>	<p>Details coming soon.</p>

TRWC Bylaw Change Announcement Amending Resident Requirement for Board Positions

The Bylaw committee (Suzanne Placzek, Joan Miller, Helene Horrell, Diane Spinella, Debbie Foust & Lisa Taverna) propose a change to reduce the residence time frame required for TRWC Board nominees in an effort to open the option to more members. The current timeframe is 1 year. A vote to reduce this to 6 months and require the nominee be a TRWC member will be taken via an email which will be sent to the full membership later this month.

Food Donations

Food donations will be collected at our luncheons starting in November and continuing monthly through January's luncheon. January will be the last food collection.

Women's Resource Center Clothing Donations November 1st - February 5th



Have you been wanting to reorganize and sort through your closets but just haven't made the time? Are you trying to decide if you should discard all the items you no longer wear or use? Well as they say, there's no time like the present!

Our February 2025 luncheon speaker will be a representative of the Women's Resource Center (www.mywrc.org). The center is a nonprofit organization that provides women of all ages and backgrounds with various forms of support, resources, and services. One area of support offered is for women who are preparing to enter or re-enter the workforce. These women can shop at Career Closet, which is a part of the resource center, for little or no cost and select clothing and accessories that will give them the confidence to take the steps that may lead to successful employment and independence.

The TRWC would like to support our February speaker and the nonprofit she represents in the form of donations of new or gently used women's clothing and accessories. **Starting November 1st and continuing through February 5th**, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry for the center. We will sort and organize the items as they arrive. All donated items will be presented to the speaker at the February luncheon.

We ask that donations be dropped off at Debbie Foust's home. If you are unable to make a drop off, a board member will be happy to pick up the donation at your home. Please text Debbie prior to your drop off as this will alleviate clothing sitting outside in the elements for extended periods of time.

Debbie Foust
4673 Sweetmeadow Circle
(570) 713-8693
Thank you in advance for your generosity!



*Holiday Luncheon
Wednesday, December 4, 2024*

\$34 per person

*Stoneybrook Golf &
Country Club*



11:30 am Social Gathering/12:00 noon lunch

*All lunches include coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soda.
Credit card only for purchases for bar drinks.*



Entree Choices Including Bread Service (Choose One)

Chicken Piccata

Served with capers, shallots, white wine, and fresh lemons

Roasted Scottish Salmon

With fresh dill and citrus beurre blanc

Vegetable Stacker

Marinated, grilled & layered asparagus, spinach, zucchini, squash, roasted red peppers, portobella mushrooms on a pool of smoked tomato coulis

Dessert

Strawberry Shortcake

*Reservation deadline is **Wednesday, November 27, 2024**. Include your entree selection on check. Drop your check off in the TRWC mailbox at the Turtle Rock Community Center. To cancel, send an email to turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com. Sorry, no refunds after the reservation deadline date.*





The Turtle Rock Women's Club and the Turtle Rock Men's Club
cordially invite you to our Holiday Party
Friday, December 13th
6pm-10pm
Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club
8801 Stoneybrook Blvd; Sarasota, Florida 34238

Cocktails will be served at 6pm
("Cash" Bar – Stoneybrook only accepts credit)
Dinner service begins at 6:45pm and includes:

Bread/roll service with Winter Holiday Salad

*Romaine and baby lettuces, candied pecans, pomegranate arils, feta, tomato, carrot ribbon,
cucumber, pomegranate vinaigrette*

Entrees (choice of one)

Burgundy Braised Short Rib

Pan gravy, asparagus bundle, sour cream mashed potatoes

Oven Roasted Salmon

Lemon Shallot Dill Sauce, asparagus bundle, herbed rice pilaf

Chicken Stuffed with Smoked Gouda, Pistachio and Cranberry

Sour Cream Mashed Potato and Asparagus Bundle

GF/Vegetarian-Grilled Vegetable Stacker with Roast Tomato Bisque

Dessert

Crème Brulee

Beverages:

Coffee Service to include Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, and Soda

Wear your best holiday attire and join in on the dance floor with music provided by DJ Hinsome. Reminder: Country Club dress code still applies – collared shirts, slacks, or suit with or without tie for gentlemen and slacks/skirts with appropriate top/blouse or dresses for ladies. No denim or hats, please.

\$70.00 per adult (no children)

Deadline: Sunday, December 8th

Checks (no cash) should be made out to **TRMC** and dropped in the "newly installed" TRMC mailbox located on the outside of the TR Community Center. **Be sure to indicate attendees' names and entree choices on your check.**

Questions? Contact Ron Contillo (racontillo@comcast.net) or Jean Contillo (jccontillo@comcast.net).



November Birthdays

	Jeannette	Hohmann	1-Nov		Ielna	Johnson	12-Nov
	Susan	Neisler	1-Nov		Susan	Starosciak	13-Nov
	Tina	Pitoniak	3-Nov		Tina	Sommers	19-Nov
	Margaret	Becker	4-Nov		Janice	Druckman	29-Nov
	Ann	Hollister	5-Nov		Zofia	Cegielnik	29-Nov
	Astrid	Stephan	8-Nov		Mary	Laureno	30-Nov
	Charlotte	Swan	8-Nov				

Special Spotlight British Open Pub



The October lunch at the British Open Pub was fabulous! There were rave reviews from those who had the Veggie Pie, Corned Beef Reuben and Fish & Chips. All delicately cooked and served hot! The cash bar offered happy hour drinks at a great price! Happy hour is from 11:00am - 6:00pm. It doesn't get any better than that!

The venue itself is an authentic pub and the long tables allowed for free flowing conversation with our Turtle Rock women who sat around us. Service was impeccable. The waitress was extremely attentive to serving and cleanup. She was friendly and appeared to me as though she really enjoyed working there.

All in all, it was a fun time especially with our speaker Vickie Oldham, President & CEO of the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition. She gave a wonderful presentation of the history of African American culture dating back to the civil rights movement and up to the current state in our great city, Sarasota. She was an absolute delight!

I look forward to returning to this wonderful venue: British Open Pub in Venice

Jane Frattini

TRWC Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/920420339340755>.

The TRWC Facebook page has been up and running for some time now. Our resident photographer Fran Sola has been doing a wonderful job of documenting our events. If you do not wish to have your picture taken during any event, simply let Fran (fransola@verizon.net) know before she takes one. In the same light, if you see a picture on our Facebook page that you would rather not have posted, contact Pam Paterson (pfp1963@gmail.com), our Facebook page administrator who will gladly remove the posting. We want to share all of our exciting events with our members, especially those who were unable to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact any board member with any photographing or Facebook posting concerns you may have. We all want to look good together!

Photos from left to right
Oktoberfest, Miguel's Luncheon, British Open Pub Lunch with the Queen





THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who donates their time to support TRWC activities. If you would like to volunteer to assist with a committee or want to create a new activity, please send an email to turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com.

Luncheon Committee

Liz DeLuca
Jane Frattini
Mary Lauren
Audrey Paddock

Social Media Committee

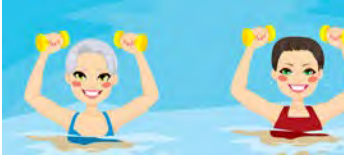






Pam Paterson - Administrator
Cean Cerny - Administrator
Fran Sola - Photographer





Welcoming Everyone (WE)

Margo Engelbrekton
Debbie Foust
Helene Horrell
Susan Larson
Emily Miller
Joan Miller
Suzanne Placzek
Diane Spinella
Judy Stump

Ongoing Activities

The following is a list of the club's regularly scheduled activities. If you have any questions or you would like to join one of the activities, please reach out to the person listed as the contact for the activity.

	<p>Water Aerobics Liz Spyrison leads a group exercise at our Community Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30 am. If you would like to join, please contact Liz Spyrison at 941-587-2596 or espyrison@gmail.com.</p>
	<p>Daytime Book Group This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Please contact Sora Yelin at 941-926-4534 for questions or info regarding joining this book club.</p>
	<p>Bunco Bunco is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Gather at 5:30 pm and bring \$5.00 to play. RSVP needed to Donna McCarthy at dmccarthy1014@gmail.com. If you like, stay after Bunco to play Left, Right, Center, bring \$3 to play LRC.</p>
	<p>Mah Jongg A fun and challenging tile game, played at the TRCC on Mondays from 1-4 pm. Call Judy Bentz at 412-848-0950 for more info. We will teach beginners. Regulars can set their own tables.</p>
	<p>What Are You Reading? Evening Book Club Are you looking for an evening of great conversation and a chance to learn about new books and authors? Contact Paula Griffin at paulasrq@gmail.com.</p>
	<p>Duplicate Bridge DUPLICATE BRIDGE is played at the Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-4 p.m. If you'd like to play, please contact Pat Bass at 941-412-7885.</p>
	<p>Knit and Stitch Group If you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, do needlepoint or other hand-stitching projects for yourself or charity, join other stitchers on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 2-4 p.m, in a group member's house. Contact Diane Glynn at 203-912-6071 or dianeglynn@aol.com.</p>

	<p>Tennis Our tennis group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am on the courts. We look forward to members joining us and enjoying some fun playing tennis. Please contact Liz DeLuca at 203-912-1404 or delucaliz@yahoo.com.</p>
	<p>Game Night All women and men are invited to attend. Join others who also enjoy playing cards and games such as the Mexican Train domino game. We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm, at the Community Center. Contact: Joan Miller at 630-258-1821 or joanmiller272@gmail.com.</p>
	<p>Pickleball Want to have fun playing America's fastest growing sport? We are currently meeting for open play sessions on Wednesday & Thursday mornings. All levels are welcome. To be added to the group texts & email list, contact Polly Fasick phfasick@gmail.com or text her at 410-218-7753.</p>
	<p>On My Own (OMO) An informal network for anyone living on their own, married women, caregivers - any woman looking for more opportunities to create a network of others in similar circumstances. The goal of this program is to help socially connect anyone interested in getting together informally to see a movie, grab a bite to eat, go for a walk, attend an event, whatever may interest you. Participants will create their own opportunities to reach out to others to get together. Please call Judy Stump for more information at 475-619-4370.</p>