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Newsletter of the University Women of Flagler

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October 2024 Meeting News

DATE: **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

TIME: Meeting will begin at 11:30AM; doors open at 11:00AM

PLACE: Grand Haven Golf Club
500 Riverfront Drive, Palm Coast
(enter at Waterside Parkway main gate)

SPEAKER: Erica Garris of the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties

COST: **$25.00 ($26.00, if using "Square" via the UWF website**)

RSVP: **By Tuesday, October 8, 2024**
to Pat Rhodes at **Prhodes15@hotmail.com**

REGISTRATION:

Please make a reservation for the meeting via email to prhodes15@hotmail.com.

Make your check payable to "UWF" for **$25.00** and mail to:

Pat Rhodes
35 Riverview Bend, So., #1815
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Lunch menus will vary each meeting; please let Pat know your choice. This month the selections are 1. Meatball sub 2. Shrimp basket or 3. Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken.

If you would like to prepay for the entire 2024-2025 season of meetings, the cost would be $200 if paying by check, and $206 if using "Square" on the UWF website: uwflagler.org. These totals would include all the luncheon meetings throughout the year from October through May 2025.

Please note: The venue's invoice to UWF is based on the number of reservations. If you make a reservation, but cannot attend, please understand that your payment is still required. If you prepaid and are unable to attend the meeting, please email or call Pat (386-264-7130) by **October 8th,** so your reservation payment can be donated to the UWF Scholarship Fund.

From the Co-Presidents
Robin Hall & Trish Le Net

Trish Le Net (left) and Robin Hall

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you to those who were able to attend our first general UWF meeting of our new fiscal year '24-'25! As we said, it is a time of new beginnings: the new location at Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse; the new starting time for the whole season at 11:30 AM with doors opening at 11AM; the new format with the speaker starting first, then lunch, then the business meeting; new menu choices (plus cookies!), and new co-presidents!

This year we want to emphasize inclusion, connection, involvement and commitment. We have already seen that in action for activities in 2024!

Our first fundraiser for our new year will be the Day of Games on Friday, November 15th at the Palm Coast Community Center. The fundraiser committee has already started with fliers, ticket sales ($35) and calls for help with food, set-up/take down, and urging us all to ask for gift cards and donations from businesses we frequent for the raffle table. We need your help. It is a lot of work, but also a lot fun!

Susan Wildman has started collecting for Wreaths Across America, Holly Flynn has some lovely outings lined up for the Adventure Girls, Jane Mealy welcomes readers to attend the Bookminders, and Edda Steinmeier hopes that members will bring a lunch to enjoy at the Bay Park on the beach every 3rd Friday of the month at noon.

Check the Wave for more details about all these events!

With Friendship and Service,

Robin and Trish

Coming up on Friday, November 15th: DAY of GAMES

Calendar of Upcoming Activities, Events and Fundraisers

Event	Dates	UWF Contact
UWF General Meeting (luncheon)	Saturday, October 12th 11:30am at Grand Haven Golf Club	Pat Rhodes
Bookminders	Monday, October14th at 1pm Via Zoom	Jane Mealy
Lunch Bunch	Friday, October 18th at noon at Bay Drive Park in Palm Coast	Edda Steinmeier
Day of Games	Friday, November 15th at the Palm Coast Community Center 9:30am—2:30pm	Pat Rhodes, Jean Seavey, & Karen Flaherty
SAVE THE DATE: Murder & Mayhem Mystery & Dinner	Friday, January 31st, 2025 5:30-8:30pm At the Flagler Beach Woman's Club	Linda Jaeger, Edda Steinmeier

Wreaths Across America

Every year the Wreaths Across America organization places holiday wreaths on the grave sites of every veteran buried in a National Cemetery. The wreaths are donated by individuals like yourselves who want to support our military veterans.

We have again set our UWF chapter up as a fundraising group with WAA. For every $17.00 wreath purchased by our members, their families and friends, we will have $5.00 returned to us. This is a simple fundraiser that supports our scholarship fund and allows us to do something good for our community. We will be supporting the National Cemetery in Jacksonville, where they will need 21,000 wreaths this year.

Yesterday, I sent out detailed instructions to everyone in a blast. This is an excellent opportunity for you to honor our veterans and benefit our chapter. The deadline for me to receive paper checks is November 16th. If you choose, you can contribute online at https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/FL0649P until December 3, 2024. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

Susan Wildman, UWF's Wreaths Across America Fundraising Chair

Programs for 2024-2025

Janice Nickol, Vice President for Programs

Date	Program	Location
October 12th	Erica Garris Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties	Grand Haven Clubhouse
November 16th	Volunteer TBD Seniors vs. Crime Project	Grand Haven Clubhouse
December 14, 2024 Holiday Luncheon	The Light Keepers Choir Director: Erin Alford	Grand Haven Clubhouse
January 11, 2025	Terran McGinnis The Right Whale Program In Marineland	Grand Haven Clubhouse
February 15th	Denise Garcia, President The Garden Club of Palm Coast	Grand Haven Clubhouse
March 8th	Micki of Padma Yoga Chair Yoga	Grand Haven Clubhouse
April 12th	P. Ansley Wren-Key, Ph.D. Coastal Engineering Admin. On "Beach Erosion"	Grand Haven Clubhouse
May 17th Scholarship Luncheon and Installation of Officers	Honoring our new Scholarship Recipients. Introduction of new recipients and updates from Former Scholarship students.	Grand Haven Clubhouse

Looking for Volunteers/help for upcoming events

We need a few volunteers!!! The Flagler Auditorium is inviting non-profit groups to an event on Saturday, October 26 from 5:30 - 7PM before the show, *Triple Laughs*. They will provide a table. We just need to have some UWF women willing to sit outside before the show (please bring a chair) and distribute UWF flyers or talk about our organization with passers-by. The auditorium is sending a newsletter to ticket buyers inviting them to come early to this show. This kind of activity is good for promoting UWF's name recognition and recruiting!

Please contact Trish Le Net (nwtrish@yahoo.com) if you are willing to do this! Thank you!

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Thespians Wanted

University Women of Flagler will be holding a Murder Mystery Dinner on January 31, 2025 at the Flagler Woman's Club from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. We are in need of several people to portray the characters in this 1970's murder in a California vineyard. The action takes place at a dinner in the vineyard. There is a very loose script to follow – improvisation is expected! While you are performing, the guests at this fundraiser will be listening carefully to determine which of you actually committed the murder! In between sharing the clues and eliciting information from the suspects, you and the audience will enjoy a three-course dinner, and of course, there is the option for a glass or two of wine.

If the thespian in you needs to be released, please contact Linda Jaeger at 631-875-3799. A meeting will be scheduled to bring the mystery to life! We'd love to have you join us!

Membership Report:

Valerie Herndon and Nancy Hazo, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Welcome to all 67 members who have renewed your 2024-2025 membership.

At our September meeting our new Co-Presidents, Trish Le Net and Robin Hall, introduced themselves and announced some changes for this year.

We will continue lottery seating to encourage members to interact with different members each month. Andrea Latish is a new member who has volunteered to be our greeter for the October meeting . Being a greeter is a great way for new members to meet other members as they check in at the registration table. Anyone interested in doing this fun job can speak to either Valerie or Nancy.

For all members, new and otherwise, Robin and Trish have created a one-page summary of all UWF's activities throughout the year. That summary can be found on page 15. We hope it helps you in planning your time with UWF and we look forward to seeing many of you at these activities.

Day of Games: Volunteers/raffle items needed

UWF DAY OF GAMES on Friday, November 15

Our Day of Games fundraiser is coming up soon. If you like to play games, the time has come for everyone to invite your friends to participate and get your group's tickets. Just bring a game you enjoy and sign up for a table for 4 up to 8. Single tickets are also available for those who would like to join a table and make new friends! It is a day full of fun, prizes, raffle items, and delicious homemade food.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED! To make the day a success, we are in need of volunteers to help set up, take down, and assist with food and prizes. We also need volunteers to make lasagna, breakfast breads or cookies/brownies for desserts.

We would also like to ask for your help in gathering donations for our raffle baskets and door prizes. Many members ask their favorite beautician, nail salon, restaurant, or gift store for a gift card donation. Our local stores and restaurants are usually happy to help as they know they get business by giving the gift cards! All the ladies love the gift cards. It's a win-win for all of us—but only if you ask your friendly merchants!

Items can be brought to the October general meeting, or give me a call, and we will come pick them up! There will be signup sheets at the upcoming meeting.

For Information or to volunteer or donate, please contact:

Pat Rhodes at prhodes15@hotmail.com or 386-264-3893

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Coming up at the November meeting!

At the November 16th luncheon meeting, our topic will be the **Seniors vs. Crime Project**. The program will be presented by a volunteer, who is an educational resource from our State Attorney's office. The project is to help inform seniors about common and emerging tricks used to steal their money.

Seniors vs. Crime is made up of volunteers from across the state dedicated to helping older Floridians who have been taken advantage of financially. The organization spends thousands of volunteer hours assisting Floridians. Since 2019, these volunteer Senior Sleuths have secured more than $4.5 million in recoveries, refunds and savings for people seeking their help.

Janice Nickol
Programs Vice President

Minutes from September 14, 2024 General Meeting

UWF General Meeting at Grand Haven Golf Club

Saturday, September 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER at 11:30 AM by Co-Presidents Robin Hall and Trish LeNet, who welcomed everyone (38 total) led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced a moment of silence. Rhenda Brodnax presented an inspirational poem and message.

Speaker Introduction: Janice Nickol introduced speakers Teresa Rizzo, Executive Director and Samantha Adams, Director of Development, for the Flagler County Education Foundation, who gave an informative presentation on their programs and services.

Co-Presidents welcomed members to a year of new beginnings. All 2024/25 General meetings will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club at the new time of 11:30 am, new menu options, and a new format starting with speaker. The presidents' goal is to promote inclusion, connection, and commitment. Members were asked to share a highlight of their summer.

OFFICER REPORTS
Treasurer**:** Linda Jaeger (assistant Pat Rhodes): presented three reports, the year end 2023-2024 cash flow reports of the operating and scholarship accounts; the July/August 2024 cash flow report; and the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. Motions made, seconded, and passed to approve Treasurer's Reports (as printed in the Wave).

Recording Secretaries (Jo Dervan, not present, Susan Moeser, not present): Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve May meeting minutes (as printed in the Wave).

Membership Vice Presidents (Nancy Hazo and Valerie Herndon): UWF currently has 67 members. Member birthdays were highlighted.

Scholarship (Pat Malak and Dale Curran): No report

Corresponding Secretary (Sheila Platt): No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Bylaws (Jane Mealy): Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve changes (as printed in the Wave). Motion approved.

Directory (Jane Mealy): reported that the online version of the corrected directory will be available soon and an email blast will inform the members. The printed version will depend on the speed of the printer and will be distributed at upcoming general meetings.

Communications-Wave, Social Media, Website (Karen Flaherty, not present): No report

Corporate Sponsorship (Susie Moya, Eve Sckolnik, Karen Flaherty): reported that although the committee has not met in person, research on potential donors is ongoing.

Daytona State Endowment Scholarship (Linda Jaeger): reported that our endowment earned enough revenue this past year to provide two $1200 scholarships. Remaining endowment balance is $20,830.

Sunshine (Lee Ross): reported that she had received several thank you cards for condolences that UWF mailed over the summer.

FUNDRAISERS**:** UWF relies on fundraisers to provide money for our scholarships. Active participation by all members is needed to meet our financial goals through hosting successful events.

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Minutes from September 14, 2024 General Meeting

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Holiday Fashion Show at Chez Jacqueline (Jane Mealy): needs a few members to be models for this show which will be held in the Chez Jacqueline boutique on Nov 1 from 5-7 pm.

Wreaths Across America (Susan Wildman): The wreaths to place on soldiers' graves at the National cemeteries are now available for $17. UWF has a special link that will be sent via our blast email. This code will assure that UWF receives $5 for every wreath sold. See the Wave for more details.

Day of Games (Pat Rhodes, Karen Flaherty, Pat Malak, Susie Moya): UWF will host two Day of Games (November 15 and March 28) at the PC Community Center. November 15 tickets are now available. The committee needs gift cards, other items for baskets; and members to make lasagna, breakfast breads, and desserts. Contact the committee to volunteer.

Murder Mystery Dinner (Linda Jaeger, Edda Steinmeier, not present) "Save the Date" for January 31 from 5:30-8:30 pm for a UWF Murder Mystery at the Vineyard (Flagler Beach Woman's Club) for a three -course home cooked dinner.

INTEREST GROUPS
Adventure Girls (Holly Flynn, not present): Check the Wave and website for planned activities.

Bookminders (Jane Mealy): Next meeting is October 14 on Zoom discussing Diva by Daisy Goodwin
Lunch Bunch (Edda Steinmeier, not present): September 20, noon, at Bay Drive Park.
Share & Share (Luzibu Nsakala): $140 was collected with Susie Moya winning $70 .

NEXT MEETING: October 12 at 11:30am, Grand Haven Golf Club - program will be from the Early Leaning Coalition

ADJOURNMENT by Co-Presidents at 1:30 pm, after motion made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted: Kay Forest, Acting Recording Secretary

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October Speaker: Erica Garris of the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties

Erica Garris is the Literacy Coordinator for the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia, and will be joining us as our guest speaker for the October meeting.

Her background comes by way of the early learning classroom. She has worked in early childhood education since 1992 in some capacity. The last classroom position was a VPK educator and then a roll as Director. While in that position she met some of the same ELC staff that supported her school, educators that are now her treasured colleagues. In November Erica will celebrate 5 years with the coalition.

Erica will share some Dolly Parton updated statistics that show the impact of our donations, as well as other exciting news, and volunteering opportunities.

"In general, ELC is the hub for all things early learning and development." A better future. One child at a time.

Monthly Operating Account Cash Flow
July 2024 - June 2025

OPERATING ACCOUNT	2024-2025 Budget	August Actual	September Preliminary	Year to Date Actual
INCOME		$12,716.91	$13,291.60	
Day of Games **Square** Income	$0.00	$0.00	$35.14	$35.14
Donation Button Contributions **(Square)**	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Membership Dues ($50) 2024-2025	$3,250.00	$0.00	$0.00	$165.57
Miscellaneous Operating Income	$0.00	$0.00	$50.19	$50.19
Monthly Meeting	$7,200.00	$574.69	$2,424.77	$3,224.43
Monthly Share & Share	$525.00	$0.00	$70.00	$70.00
Scholarship Accruals	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total Income	**$13,975.00**	**$574.69**	**$2,580.10**	**$3,545.33**
EXPENSES				
Audit	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Community Assistance	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Directory	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Day of Games **Square Transfer**	$0.00	$0.00	$35.14	$35.14
Donation Button (**Square) Transfer**	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fees-Dept of Consumer Services	$90.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fees-FL Non-Profit	$170.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Honors for Speakers	$175.00	$0.00	$25.00	$25.00
Insurance	$635.00	$0.00	$0.00	$631.48
Membership Committee	$250.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Memorials	$200.00	$0.00	$25.00	$25.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	$115.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Monthly Meeting Expense	$7,200.00	$0.00	$1,050.00	$1,050.00
Office Supplies	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Presidents Expense & Meeting	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Program Committee	$400.00	$0.00	$75.66	$75.66
Publicity	$125.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Scholarship Accruals **Transfer**	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Sunshine Fund	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Website	$325.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total Expense	**$13,975.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,210.80**	**$1,842.28**
TOTAL OPERATING CLOSING BALANCE		**$13,291.60**	**$14,660.90**	

Monthly Scholarship Account Cash Flow
July 2024— June 2025

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT	2024-2025 Budget	August Actual	September Preliminary	Year to Date Actual
INCOME		$29,915.08	$29,915.08	
Adventure Girls	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Book Minders 2024-2025	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Contributions from Individuals	$3,000.00	$0.00	$75.00	$75.00
Corporate Sponsorships	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Correction Scholarship Income	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Day of Games Nov	$4,000.00	$0.00	$735.14	$735.14
Day of Games March	$5,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Donation Button Contributions	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Food Truck	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Jersey Mike's	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Honors (trans from Programs/speakers)	$175.00	$0.00	$25.00	$25.00
Lunch Bunch 2024-2025	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60.00
Memorials for Scholarship	$200.00	$0.00	$25.00	$25.00
Miscellaneous Scholarship Income	$425.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Murder Mystery	$4,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Non-Traditional Student Grant	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Scholarship Accruals (trans from Op midyr)	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
T-shirt fundraiser	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Wreaths Across America	$600.00	$0.00	$10.00	$10.00
Total Income	**$23,300.00**	**$0.00**	**$870.14**	**$930.14**
EXPENSES				
Adventure Girls	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Corporate Sponsorships	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Correction Scholarship Expense	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Day Of Games Nov Expense	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Day Of Games March Expense	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Early Learning Coalition/Dolly Parton	$1,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Food Truck	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Miscellaneous Scholarship Expense	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Murder Mystery Jan 2025	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Non-Traditional Student Grant- Expense	$4,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Office Supplies-Scholarship	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Scholarship Committee	$550.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Scholarship Award 2025 (3 new, 6 returning)	$12,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Take Stock In Children FC Ed Foundation	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
T-shirt expense	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total Expense	**$23,300.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP CLOSING BALANCE		**$29,915.08**	**$30,785.22**	
TOTAL UWF ACCOUNT BALANCE		**$43,206.68**	**$45,446.12**	

Adventure Girls: Starting the Fall Strong...

Many plans are being made for this season's adventures. I won't be returning until November, so if you would like to organize any activities, please do. Once again, there will be a $5 scholarship donation for each adventure. Once you've paid $20, you are set for the year. Be sure to let me know if you sign up for any of the adventures, because many require you to obtain your own tickets. Looking forward to fun and fellowship,

Holly Flynn 518-269-5988 or hollyflynn424@gmail.com

This is what we have planned so far, and I appreciate suggestions:

Thursday, November 7th: We will tour the Stetson Mansion in Deland early this year because many leave the area for the holidays. USA Today named it the number one holiday home tour in Florida and number two in the country! For more information and to purchase tickets for the 11:30 self-guided tour on Nov. 7th go to www.stetsonmansion.com. The tickets are $35.68 including tax and booking fee. This is an encore presentation from last season. The owner/designer, JT Thompson, will no longer be decorating the mansion because of damage to his hands from the many years of working on the amazing displays. So, this is a last chance to see his amazing creativity. As we have in years past, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at Cooks Buffet, after the tour.

Saturday, November 9th: We will meet at the Florida Agricultural Museum, 7900 Old Kings Rd. N., to enjoy the Celebration of Arts Country Market at 10 AM. This is a free event celebrating music. Handcrafted items will be for sale. This market is held monthly on the second Saturday, and this will be the only event that will not conflict with our UWF meetings.

Save the dates for the following events, and I will let you know when tickets become available.

** **Sunday, December 8th from noon to 5 PM**…will be the Saint Augustine Garden Club's annual Tour of Homes and Tea. Tickets at www.gardenclubofstaugustine.org are $45 and will become available on October 1. This popular event sells out quickly. This year's holiday tour is a walking tour near Flagler College of historic homes decorated with live decor designed by the Garden Club of Saint Augustine. A shuttle will take you to the River House, 179 River St., for the tea, raffle and boutique.

** There are still a few tickets available for the five-night bus tour by Diamond Tours to Asheville and the Biltmore on **December 1st-6th** for $820/per person/double occupancy. A $75 deposit will hold a seat, and the balance is due on September 24th. There is an additional charge of $32.50 to view the Chihuly exhibit. The pickup will be on Rt 100 at the Winn-Dixie Plaza at 9:45am on Sunday, December 1st. Contact Holly for more details if you're interested in joining her.

Looking forward to some great adventures,

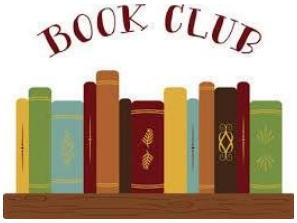
Holly Flynn, Chairperson

HollyFlynn424@gmail.com

Cell: 518-269-5988

BOOKMINDERS SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	HOSTESS / DISCUSSION LEADER
October 14	Diva	Daisy Goodwin	Eve Sckolnik
November 4 (note change)	The Berry Pickers	Amanda Peters	Ronaele Bowman
December 9	The Reading List	Sara Nisha Adams	Holly Flynn
January 13, 2025	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt	Marty Hedrick
February 10	The Frozen River	Ariel Lawhon	Carol Milewski
March 10	Lies My Doctor Told Me: Medical Myths That Can Harm Your Health	Dr. Ken Berry	Lee Ross
April 14	Bright Young Women	Jessica Knoll	Jo Dervan
May 12	Finding Margaret Fuller	Allison Pataki	Pat Cotton
June 9	Good Night Irene	Luis Alberto Urrea	Robin Hall
July 14	The River We Remember	William Kent Krueger	Susie Moya
August 11	The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	Sue Mitchell



Bookminders Group Chair: Jane Mealy
386-439-4811
janemealy@aol.com

All meetings will be held on Mondays **via Zoom at 1:00 pm.**

All UWF Members are invited to join us at the Lunch Bunch

Our next meeting for **Lunch Bunch** is scheduled for **12PM on Friday, October 18, 2024 at Bay Drive Park** in the Hammock.

Come enjoy the ocean breeze and watch the waves rushing to shore while enjoying your favorite salad or sandwich and beverage in the company of your fellow UWF members! There are picnic tables we can use, but if you prefer, you can bring your own chair.

Everyone is welcome! A donation of $20 to our scholarship fund is all that is needed for the entire year. Do join us for a relaxing few hours on the third Friday of every month! For questions please contact: Edda Steinmeier at 386-237-7313 or at eddausi2@aol.com.

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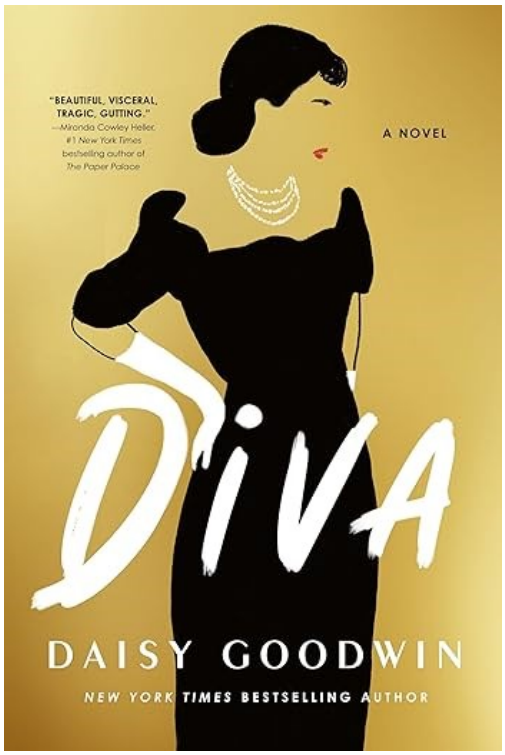
October Book Selection

October's Book Selection: Diva

By Daisy Goodwin



***New York Times* bestselling author Daisy Goodwin returns with a story of the scandalous love affair between the most celebrated opera singer of all time and one of the richest men in the world.**

In the glittering and ruthlessly competitive world of opera, Maria Callas was known simply as la divina: the divine one. With her glorious voice, instinctive flair for the dramatic and striking beauty, she was the toast of the grandest opera houses in the world. But her fame was hard won: raised in Nazi-occupied Greece by a mother who mercilessly exploited her golden voice, she learned early in life to protect herself from those who would use her for their own ends.

When she met the fabulously rich Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, for the first time in her life, she believed she'd found someone who saw the woman within the legendary soprano. She fell desperately in love. He introduced her to a life of unbelievable luxury, showering her with jewels and sojourns in the most fashionable international watering holes with celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

And then suddenly, it was over. The international press announced that Aristotle Onassis would marry the most famous woman in the world, former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, leaving Maria to pick up the pieces.

In this remarkable novel, *Diva,* Daisy Goodwin brings to life a woman whose extraordinary talent, unremitting drive and natural chic made her a legend. But it was only in confronting the heartbreak of losing the man she loved that Maria Callas found her true voice and went on to triumph.

UWF Snapshot of 2024-2025 Year

https://www.uwflagler.org

As of 9/26/24 - University Women of Flagler is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization run by women and supporting women. UWF awards annual **scholarships to Flagler County young women** who will continue their education at four-year colleges or universities and to a **Flagler County woman attending Daytona State College**. UWF also supports **"Take Stock in Children", "The Dolly Parton Imagination Library"** and **grants to assist non-traditional students** achieve their educational goals.

General Meetings (Sept-May) Grand Haven Golf Club. Please check your directory & WAVE for dates, program speakers and signup deadlines. Contact - Pat Rhodes, 35 Riverview Bend S, #1815, Palm Coast, FL 32137.
Lunch: 11:30am ($25.00 by check, $26.00 by credit card online)

Fundraisers are opportunities for members to self-select how to best support scholarships

Day	Event	Cost
9 Saturday Meetings	50/50 Share and Share at lunch program/business meetings	$ 5.00
November 15 9:30am - 2:30pm	Day of Games – Palm Coast Community Center (Includes breakfast breads, lasagna lunch, dessert)	$35.00
Now – December 3	Wreaths Across America (Checks by 11/16 - Can contribute online until December 3)	$17.00
January 31 5:30pm-8:30pm	"A Taste for Wine and Murder" A murder mystery dinner - Flagler Beach Woman's Club (Includes three course dinner)	$50.00
TBA 5:00pm – 8:00pm	Jersey Mike's	
TBA 5:00pm – 8:00pm	Food Truck Tuesday	
March 28 9:30am - 2:30pm	Day of Games – Palm Coast Community Center (Includes breakfast breads, lasagna lunch, dessert)	$35.00

Special Interest Groups are opportunities for members to self-select for personal and social development. ("Bookminders" is $10.00 for the year, "Lunch Bunch" is $20 for the year, "Adventure Girls" is based on cost of each event.)

Day	Interest Groups	Contact (info in directory)
2nd Monday of Month 1:00 pm (1st Monday Nov.)	Bookminders (Zoom)	Jane Mealy
3rd Friday of Month Noon	Lunch Bunch – monthly location in WAVE calendar (Bay Drive Park, Bing's Landing, or Betty Steflik Park)	Edda Steinmeier
TBA/Event	Adventure Girls (formerly Gourmet Gals) Upcoming activities listed in the WAVE calendar.	Holly Flynn

New Member Luncheon – Please mark your calendar!
The New Member Luncheon will be held in conjunction with Lunch Bunch on March 21, 2025 at the Betty Steflik Park.

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2024-2025 Officers

Co-Presidents	Trish LeNet, Robin Hall
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Programs Vice President	Janice Nickol
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Scholarship Vice Presidents	Pat Malak, Dale Curran
Recording Secretaries	Jo Dervan, Susan Moeser
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila Platt
Treasurer	Linda Jaeger
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Rhodes

The University Women of Flagler (UWF) was founded in June 2006. The purpose of UWF is to unite graduates of regionally accredited educational institutions in order to promote equity, education, intellectual growth, individual worth, and development of opportunities for women and girls in the Flagler County area. UWF promotes positive societal change in the community; participates in the development and promotion of policies and programs through study, action, and public policy advocacy in areas related to its purpose, including community, cultural interests, and the maintenance of high standards in education; and maintains a fund for the purpose of rendering assistance, giving support, and providing funds for litigation to Flagler County area women whose civil liberties are threatened, infringed, or violated.

The WAVE is the official newsletter of the University Women of Flagler.

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