

# The WAVE

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Newsletter  
of the University  
Women of Flagler



## January 2023 Meeting News

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- DATE:** Saturday, January 14, 2023
- TIME:** Meeting will begin at 9:30AM; doors open at 9:15AM
- PLACE:** Hilton Garden Inn  
55 Town Center Boulevard, Palm Coast, Florida
- SPEAKERS:** Suzy Gamblain  
Executive Director, Flagler Volunteer Services
- PROGRAM:** "From Fun to Essential: Volunteering Opportunities in Flagler"
- COST:** \$17.00 (\$18.00, if using "Square" via the UWF website)
- RSVP:** By Monday, January 9, 2023  
to Pat Rhodes at [Prhodes15@hotmail.com](mailto:Prhodes15@hotmail.com)

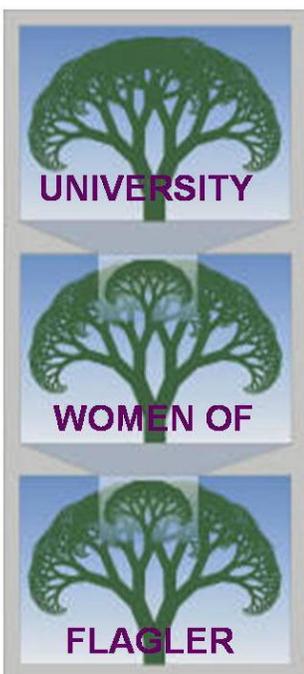
### REGISTRATION:

Please make a reservation for the meeting via email to [prhodes15@hotmail.com](mailto:prhodes15@hotmail.com).

Make your check payable to "UWF" for **\$17.00** and mail to:

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

**An Important Note: The Hilton'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 Pat by **January 9th**, so your reservation payment can be donated to the UWF Scholarship Fund.



*From the President*  
*Josephine “Jo” Dervan*



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that it is January 2023 already. I hope that each of you had a happy holiday season whether you celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

The new year usually brings an interest in making resolutions to change our lives. Organizing spaces, changing lifestyles and new healthy activities usually top the list. However, our January speaker, Suzy Gamblain, the Executive director of Flagler Volunteer Services, will have ideas about how you can find new opportunities to help others in our county in the new year and in years to come.

Edda Steinmeier and her committee are busy organizing our first Parisian Luncheon to be held on February 3rd from 11:30am to 2:30pm. It will take place at the Flagler Beach Woman's Club. Guests will be served a choice of 3 entrees (one vegetarian).

Since we are celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday this month, I thought I would end with one of his quotes:

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Happy New Year to everyone,*

*Jo*



## Smile.Amazon.com for our Scholarship Fund

UWF would like to invite you to help us via your Amazon purchases online. From now on, after you register, when you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), **half a percent (0.5%)** of all your purchases will be going to the UWF Scholarship fund.

All you have to do is go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), enter **University Women of Flagler** in the rectangular white box and confirm that's the organization you want to donate to. You only have to do this once. Then every time you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), it will remember you and you will see Supporting University Women of Flagler in the upper left corner to remind you that a portion of your purchases will be rebated to UWF. Also, it will remember if you are a Prime customer. Nothing else on your account will change, but Amazon will be donating to UWF on your behalf! Thank YOU!

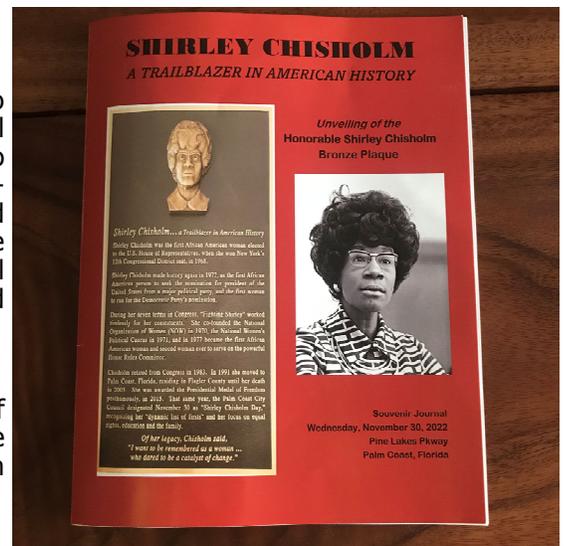
## Calendar of Upcoming Activities, Events and Fundraisers

Event	Dates	UWF Contact
UWF General Meeting	Saturday, January 14th 9:30am at Hilton Garden Inn, PC	Jo Dervan
Bookminders	Monday, January 9th at 1pm Via Zoom	Jane Mealy
Seeking Insights for Solutions (SIS) Discussion Group	Thursday, January 12th At 12noon on Zoom	Trish Le Net
Lunch Bunch	Friday, January 20th at noon at Betty Steflik Park in Flagler Beach	Edda Steinmeier
SIS Book Club	Tuesday, January 24th At 12 noon on ZOOM	Ginny Mulligan
"A Parisian Affair" Luncheon with a French Flair	Friday, February 3rd, 2023 11:30-2:30pm at Flagler Woman's Club	Edda Steinmeier

## Shirley Chisholm Trail dedicated in Palm Coast

The Honorable Shirley Chisholm was a trailblazer who advocated tirelessly throughout her life for racial and gender rights, equal pay, fair treatment, and access to education for all. She made history as the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress, where she served seven terms, and to seek the nomination for President of the United States in 1972. She retired to Palm Coast in 1991 until her death in 2005. In 2015, she was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

On November 30, 2022, the Democratic Women's Club of Flagler County held a ceremony to unveil the commemorative plaque at the newly named Shirley Chisholm Trail located on Pine Lakes Parkway.



# A Parisian Affair

*A Luncheon with a French Flair*

## A UWF Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday February 3, 2023 from 11.30 AM to 2.30 PM at the  
Flagler Woman's Club

1524 S Central Ave, Flagler Beach

Join us for a special three course meal featuring your choice of

Beef Bourguignon or Coq au Vin or Ratatouille

including appetizer, dessert, coffee, or tea

- Enjoy a photo op
- Share/Share and baskets for auction
- Win with your table in our competition games

### Tickets:

**\$30 per Person/tables of 4, 6 or 8**

Call or email:

Donna Daly-Boggs 904-302-1414 or [djaymesd@gmail.com](mailto:djaymesd@gmail.com)

Sheila Platt 386-445-4370 or [sasha0608@aol.com](mailto:sasha0608@aol.com)

Your participation benefits the University Women of  
Flagler's Scholarship Fund for young women graduates of  
Flagler County Schools (a 501.c.3)



## Programs for 2022-2023

Susie Moya and Trish LeNet, Vice Presidents for Programs

Date	Speaker	Topic
January 14, 2023	Suzy Gamblain Executive Director Flagler Volunteer Services	"Honoring those New Year's Resolutions! From Fun to Essential—Volunteering Opportunities in Flagler County"
February 11, 2023	Mary Jennings, UWF member and graduate of Cheyney University, the first HBCU.	Black History Month: HBCU's Perspectives on their origins, significance and current state
March 18, 2023	Karen Bowling Director, UNF Med Nexus Global and Academic Partnerships and and Director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation	"Multi-million Dollar, Innovative, Multi-Discipline Medical Nexus Now Underway in Palm Coast"
April 15, 2023	Lieutenant General Mark Hertling	"The Life and Times of a Retired Senior, Highly Decorated Military Commander Now Living in Flagler Beach"
May 13, 2023 Luncheon	Honoring our new Scholarship Recipients	Introduction of new recipients and updates from former scholarship recipients

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## Wreaths Across America Day—December 17th

It was an honor to attend Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

The wreaths arrived at the cemetery in large tractor trailer trucks, accompanied by motorcycle escorts. They were then placed respectfully in rows throughout the cemetery waiting for loved ones and volunteers to place them on graves at the appointed times. It was a privilege for us to share, from a distance, the quiet poignant moments of loved ones placing wreaths on the graves of loved ones. It was a day of honor, respect, and much love.

Thank you to all the members of UWF who participated in making this day so touching for so many people. Robin and I are grateful we participated and welcome others to join us as they are able.

Respectfully, Susan J Wildman and Robin Hall



## *UWF January Meeting: Saturday, January 14th* *Suzy Gamblain, Flagler Volunteer Services*

Topic: "From Fun to Essential: Volunteering Opportunities in Flagler"

### **From the Flagler Volunteer Services website:**

*"Vol-un-teer: Someone who gives of their time and energy, brainpower, talent, and spirit (i.e. the very best of themselves) to help make a difference in the world.*

Flagler Volunteer Services is the local expert on volunteering in Flagler County since 1989. We have gained our knowledge by working directly with local non-profits, government agencies, health care proprietors and the various volunteer programs conducted by them throughout the county. We have worked hand in hand with volunteers of all ages from teenagers looking for *community service hours for scholarships and resumes*, to *baby boomers planning their post-retirement life activities*, to *seniors looking for a stronger sense of purpose in their lives*. We are the agency you can turn to.

Our motto is to "meet the community's needs through volunteer services". We are here on a day to day basis, for local events, special projects, and in times of crisis to provide volunteer assistance wherever we are most needed. We hope YOU will become part of our team!"

Susie Moya and Trist LeNet, your UWF co-Vice Presidents for Programs

## *A Parisian Affair: Luncheon with a French Flair on* *Friday, February 3rd*

**AH PARIS! February 3rd in the city of love, at lunch with friends! What could be better?  
(For more details, see the flyer on page 4)**

**"A Parisian Affair"** A day out to enjoy the flair of Paris right in your own backyard! Enjoy great homemade food to tantalize your tastebuds, games to stimulate your intellect and an atmosphere that inspires you to make new friends and meet with old ones.

The deadline is fast approaching for getting tickets for our February 3rd fundraiser. Please call Sheila Platt at 386-445-4370 and Donna Daly Boggs at 904-302-1414— they are waiting for your call!

Don't forget to give them your choice of main course. You can pay by check or use Square. Your last chance to buy a ticket will be at the January Breakfast Meeting.

Want to help make this event a success? You can also volunteer to help cook, bake, set up or clean up, and serve or plate our meals!

For more information email or call me!

Edda Steinmeier

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## *Minutes from December 10, 2022 General Meeting*

### **UWF General Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn**

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

#### **PAST PRESIDENT JAEGER:**

Called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

Led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in which we remembered our military, our first responders, our families, friends and all who need a lifting of their spirits during this holiday season.

#### **INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE:**

Rhenda Brodnax shared a seasonal reading on "The 12 days of Christmas"

#### **LUNCHEON PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:**

Program Committee Co-Chair Susie Moya introduced the Flagler Youth Orchestra Quartet directed by Cheryl Tristam. Members enjoyed over thirty minutes of beautiful renditions of Holiday and other classical pieces performed by these four extremely talented students.

Program Committee Chair Trish LeNet briefed members regarding the Table Trivia game that we would play during lunch. Each table was provided with 40 Holiday trivia questions to be answered in 20 minutes. Table two won the game with a score of 26. It was a fun game and everyone agreed that they learned some interesting Christmas facts.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Keener: The Minutes of the November 12, 2022 General Meeting are printed in the December Wave. A Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The Motion carried.

Treasurer, Linda Jaeger: A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report (Operating and Scholarship accounts) as printed in the December Wave. The Motion carried.

Membership, Robin Hall and Nancy Hazo: Robin reported we currently have 85 members. She announced one new member, Mary Kiernan-Tighe, and did the December Birthdays Name Call. Nancy reminded members to contact her if they wanted to order a UWF name badge.

#### **LUNCH SERVED and the TRIVIA GAME BEGAN**

Corresponding Secretary, Sheila Platt: Nothing new to report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Sunshine, Debbie Drumm: Nothing new to report

Website and Wave, Karen Flaherty: Nothing new to report

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## *Minutes from December 10th*

### *General Meeting (continued)*

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

Wreaths Across America, Susan Wildman (not present): Wreaths to be laid at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on December 17. UWF members and friends sponsored 296 wreaths. Our scholarship fund will receive \$1,480 from WAA in February.

Chez Jacqueline, Jane Mealy: UWF profited \$385.00 at the December 9<sup>th</sup> fashion show. Next year the event will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Holiday Cash Raffle, DJIA – Linda Jaeger: The Raffle is now in its matching phase. So far there have been two winners: Robin Hall and Bob Jaeger. The matching continues through January 13.

A Parisian Affair, Edda Steinmeier: February 3 at the Flagler Beach Woman's Club. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased on line. Volunteers are needed for this dinner event. See the Wave for more detailed information.

#### **INTEREST GROUPS:**

Bookminders, Jane Mealy: Zoom discussion December 12 on "Believing: Our Thirty-Year Journey to End Gender Violence" by Anita Hill. Discussion leader: Robin Hall

Lunch Bunch, Edda Steinmeier: Meeting December 16th at Betty Steflik Park at noon

SIS (Discussion Group), Trish Le Net: Next Zoom meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Festival of Trees, Kay Forest: UWF Library Christmas Tree is at the PC Library until the end of December

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Susie Moya announced there will be some changes in speakers for the upcoming monthly meetings. See The Wave for details.

Thank you to Sue Moeser and Suzanne Timko for handling the registration today.

The next UWF meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 . Doors open at 9:15 am. Registration will be due to Pat Rhodes by January 9.

50 -50 –Luzibu Nsakala

A Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Motion carried and Past President Jaeger adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Co-recording Secretary Mary Lou Keener

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# *Pictures from December 10, 2022 General Meeting*



A Group picture for the Palm Coast Yearbook, two views of the Flagler Youth Orchestra, ladies with festive hats, and the Trivia winners at Table 2!

## **Please welcome our new UWF Member Mary Kiernan-Tighe !**

I was born and raised on Long Island, NY. I have my Master's Degree in Social work, and have a variety of experience with my work. Some of my work experience has been the following. I have worked in a hospital, a rehab for addictions, outpatient mental health, and for the last 15 years, I have had a private practice. I am very grateful for my career, as I love being a social worker. Helping others has always been a calling for me. My husband and I recently celebrated 30 years of marriage. We moved to Palm Coast in January of 2019, after my husband retired. My enjoyment in life is being with people I love. I also love being in, or near water, yoga, meditation and walking. I also enjoy traveling, movies, books and live theater. I consider myself a lifelong learner and try to keep an open mind. I care about our planet and the humans and animals on it. I have a deep connection with nature.



## *Membership Report:*

*Robin Hall and Nancy Hazo, Membership Co-Vice Presidents*

### **Membership Report for 2023 January WAVE**

Happy 2023! "Behind you all your memories, before you all your dreams, around you all who love you, within you all you need"- Unknown

During this past month, we welcomed new member Mary Kiernan-Tighe. She participated in our December Lunch Bunch gathering at the Betty Steflik Park and we enjoyed getting to know her. To learn more about her, she is featured in this month's WAVE (article on page 9). Please give her a warm greeting when you see her. We are now 85 members strong!

If you would like to order a UWF name badge, please contact Nancy Hazo at [n.r.hazo@cfl.rr.com](mailto:n.r.hazo@cfl.rr.com). The cost is \$10.00 and Nancy will accept cash or a check payable to Acme Trophies and Awards.

If you know anyone interested in joining UWF, please invite her to accompany you to a general meeting.

Please submit any changes to your contact information (name, address, telephone number, or email) to Donna Daly Boggs at [djaymesd@gmail.com](mailto:djaymesd@gmail.com).

Robin Hall and Nancy Hazo  
Co-Vice Presidents – Membership

Recognizing and celebrating our members' birthdays in January!

#### **JANUARY (10 members)**

Rosemary Zattiero 1/3  
Yvette Jackson 1/4  
Susan Moya 1/4  
Eve Sckolnik 1/5  
Mary Kiernan-Tighe 1/10  
Marva Jones 1/11  
Patricia Cotton 1/13  
Linda Jaeger 1/15  
Pat Smith 1/19  
Laura Szczechowicz 1/30



**January is the month to celebrate the magic of a new year. Happy Birthday!!**

**Monthly Operating Account Cash Flow**  
**July 2022 - June 2023**

	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	<b>November Actual</b>	<b>December Preliminary</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>		\$18,083.28	\$18,014.54	
Amazon (Smile)	\$100.00	\$17.12	\$0.00	\$37.80
Correction Operating Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Day of Games Square Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.50
DJIA Square Income	\$0.00	\$67.37	\$0.00	\$279.79
Donation Button Contributions (Square)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.35
Membership Dues 2022-2023	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$1,151.14
Membership Dues 2023-2024			\$50.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Operating Income	\$0.00	\$139.70	\$0.00	\$144.70
Monthly Meeting	\$6,400.00	\$701.08	\$475.58	\$4,368.79
Monthly Share & Share	\$500.00	\$95.00	\$70.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,020.27</b>	<b>\$645.58</b>	<b>\$6,934.07</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Audit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Assistance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Correction Operating Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Directory	\$392.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$392.00
Day of Games Square Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.50
DJIA Square Transfer	\$0.00	\$135.04	\$0.00	\$279.79
Donation Button Contributions Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.35
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	\$175.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Insurance	\$631.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$630.93
Membership Committee	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	\$1,432.00	\$139.70	\$0.00	\$144.70
Monthly Meeting Expense	\$6,400.00	\$649.00	\$801.54	\$2,748.04
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$70.27	\$0.00	\$70.27
Presidents Expense & Meeting	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Committee	\$220.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	\$193.50
Publicity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Scholarship Accruals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunshine Fund	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,089.01</b>	<b>\$926.54</b>	<b>\$5,216.08</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$18,014.54</b>	<b>\$17,733.58</b>	

**Monthly Scholarship Account Cash Flow  
July 2022 — June 2023**

<b>SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>	<b>November Actual</b>	<b>December Preliminary</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		\$36,269.18	\$35,413.37	
Belk Charity Days	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Book Minders	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	\$215.00
Chez Jacqueline	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00
Contributions from Individuals	\$0.00	\$59.00	\$75.00	\$382.00
Correction Scholarship Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Day of Games	\$4,000.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$5,920.50
DJIA Raffle Income	\$1,800.00	\$445.04	\$0.00	\$1,019.79
Donation Button Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.35
Donation From Local Companies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food Truck	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gourmet Gals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Honors - Scholarship	\$175.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Lunch Bunch	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Memorials - Scholarship	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Scholarship Income	\$1,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Traditional Student Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Seeking Insights for Solutions*	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$580.00
Valentine's Day Parisian Lunch	\$3,000.00	\$630.00	\$30.00	\$660.00
Wreaths Across America	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,490.00</b>	<b>\$1,284.04</b>	<b>\$760.00</b>	<b>\$9,514.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Correction Scholarship Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Day Of Games Expense	\$800.00	\$139.70	\$0.00	\$739.70
DJIA Raffle - Expense	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Early Learning Coalition/Dolly Parton	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gourmet Gals Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Scholarship Expense	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$0.15
Non-Traditional Student Grant- Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies-Scholarship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scholarship Committee	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scholarship Award 2023	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Seeking Insights for Solutions-Expense*	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.05
Take Stock In Children FC Ed Foundation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Valentine's Day Parisian Lunch - Expense	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Total Expense	<b>\$14,490.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,185.90</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$35,413.37</b>	<b>\$36,173.37</b>	
<b>TOTAL UWF ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>\$53,427.91</b>	<b>\$53,906.95</b>	

## *Chez Jacqueline Fundraiser—December 9th*

***Pictures of our lovely models...fun, fancy, and festive!***



Our models in the group picture above include (left to right): Trish LeNet, Event Chairperson Jane Mealy, Holly Flynn, Robin Hall, Janice Nickol, and Linda Jaeger. Thanks to all who modeled and to those who attended. Next year's event will be on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023! Put it on your calendar now!

## BOOKMINDERS SCHEDULE FOR 2022-2023

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	HOSTESS / DISCUSSION LEADER
January 9, 2023	The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his white mother	James McBride	Ronaele Bowman
February 13	The Personal Librarian	Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray	Jo Dervan
March 13	The Lincoln Highway	Amor Towles	Pat Smith
April 10	Black Cake	Charmaine Wilkerson	Mary Lou Keener
May 8	The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family	Annette Gordon-Reed	Susan Waller
June 12	The Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois	Honoree Fanonne Jeffers	Marty Hedrick
July 10	The Swamp Peddlers: How Lot Sellers, Land Scammers, and Retirees Built Modern Florida...	Jason Vuic	Marie Engblom
August 14	Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	Holly Flynn



**Bookminders Group Chair: Jane Mealy**

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

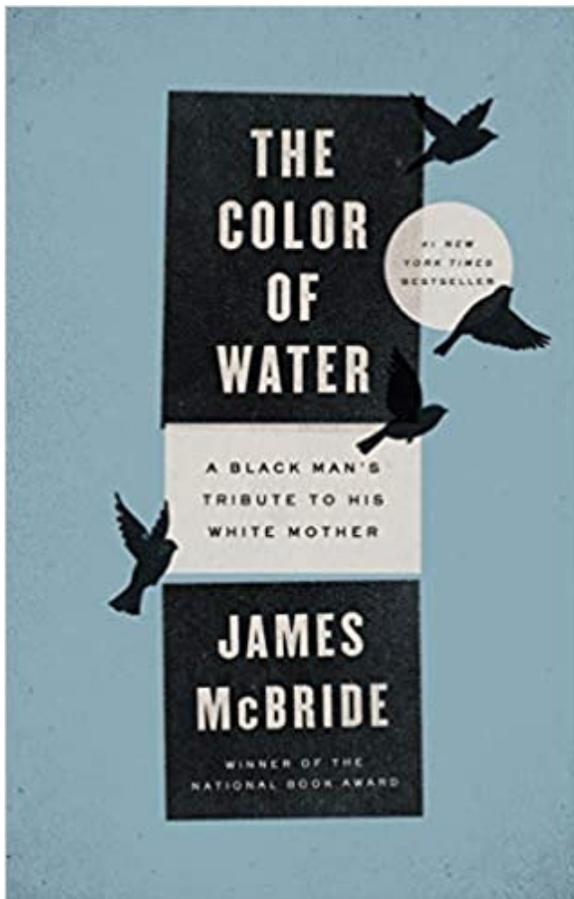
## January Book Selection

### The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his white mother

By James McBride

**From the bestselling author of *Deacon King Kong* and the National Book Award-winning *The Good Lord Bird*: The modern classic that spent more than two years on The New York Times bestseller list and that Oprah.com calls one of the best memoirs of a generation.**

Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared "light-skinned" woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, and son, explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage, in a poignant and powerful debut, *The Color Of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*.



The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white, James McBride grew up in "orchestrated chaos" with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn. "Mommy," a fiercely protective woman with "dark eyes full of pep and fire," herded her brood to Manhattan's free cultural events, sent them off on buses to the best (and mainly Jewish) schools, demanded good grades, and commanded respect. As a young man, McBride saw his mother as a source of embarrassment, worry, and confusion—and reached thirty before he began to discover the truth about her early life and long-buried pain.

In *The Color of Water*, McBride retraces his mother's footsteps and, through her searing and spirited voice, recreates her remarkable story. The daughter of a failed itinerant Orthodox rabbi, she was born Rachel Shilsky (actually Ruchel Dwara Zylska) in Poland on April 1, 1921. Fleeing pogroms, her family emigrated to America and ultimately settled in Suffolk, Virginia, a small town where anti-Semitism and racial tensions ran high. With candor and immediacy, Ruth describes her parents' loveless marriage; her fragile, handicapped mother; her cruel, sexually-abusive father; and the rest of the family and life she abandoned.

At seventeen, after fleeing Virginia and settling in New York City, Ruth married a black minister and founded the all-black New Brown Memorial Baptist Church in her Red Hook living room. "God is the color of water," Ruth McBride taught her children, firmly convinced that life's blessings and life's values transcend race. Twice widowed, and continually confronting overwhelming adversity and racism, Ruth's determination, drive and discipline saw her dozen children through college—and most through graduate school. At age 65, she herself received a degree in social work from Temple University.

Interspersed throughout his mother's compelling narrative, McBride shares candid recollections of his own experiences as a mixed-race child of poverty, his flirtations with drugs and violence, and his eventual self-realization and professional success. *The Color of Water touches readers of all colors as a vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son.*

## *All UWF Members are invited to join us at the January Lunch Bunch!*

Start the New Year right by joining us at Lunch Bunch on **Friday, January 20, 2023 at Betty Steflick Memorial Preserve** at noon!

The park is located directly under the Route 100 bridge in Flagler Beach. Lunch Bunch is open to all members of UWF and is a perfect way to meet and make new friends!

There are plenty of picnic tables, but you can bring your own chair as well. Don't forget to BYOB and lunch!

Hope to see many of you there!

Edda Steinmeier  
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## *UWF COVID GUIDELINES*

The UWF Board is excited that our members will be able to meet face-to-face for our next meeting on January 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn at 9:30 AM. However, since we are still dealing with COVID conditions in Flagler County, we want to ensure that those who attend the meeting feel comfortable.

Hilton Garden Inn has assured us that they are adhering to CDC Guidelines at all functions.

We request that all meeting participants:

- wear masks if you feel more comfortable doing that
- maintain social distancing
- use the provided hand sanitizer.

We ask that you reconsider attendance at this meeting if you have been ill or have been in contact with anyone who has experienced COVID in the past two weeks.

These guidelines will be followed at all future meetings and events as the situation at the time dictates.

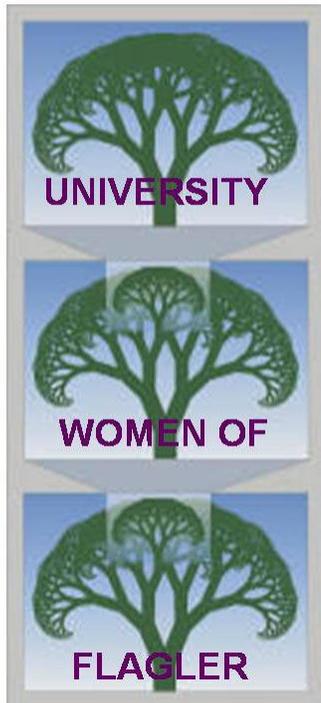
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## *SEEKING INSIGHTS FOR SOLUTIONS*

Happy New Year!

**SIS meeting:** Thursday, January 12 at noon on ZOOM. Contact Trish if you would like to attend.

**SIS Book Club:** Tuesday, January 24 at noon on Zoom. Contact Ginny Mulligan or Linda Hagman if you would like to attend. All are welcome!



## 2022-2023 Officers

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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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