



MADEIRA WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As I write this, I am getting ready to go to the Great Lakes Conference as it is in Ohio this year. Other great lake member states are Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. We play hostess every five years.

Other happening news, our Fill the Cruiser event was a success, collecting almost 1600 pounds of food and almost \$300.00 in donations. Thank you to the ladies who came and helped hand out the shopping list, we did have some fun and had some sore feet too!

At Fall Conference, we learned about everything that happened around the state this year from our state president Esther Gartland. President Elect Barbara Savarin spoke on the importance of the year end reports and finally Junior President Linda Jones spoke about the happenings of all the junior clubs. Other local presidents gave us information on all upcoming events in their clubs too. A walk for St Jude and collection of \$95.00, Shelby Durbin, from ProKids explained how to be an advocate for these young children. She was able to get all the collections into her car.

After reading up on the bylaws, the budget only had to pass the Board of Directors, and I am glad to say it did pass. Philippa works extremely hard and is very efficient at being our treasurer and I cannot thank her enough for all her hard work at this time of year by getting all the reports to the state on time.

It was nice to see Jackie at our Potluck, helping at Fill the Cruiser and our meeting today. Sue made it to the Fall Conference. Beth made her first appearance at the meeting. Karen, you looked great. All our wounded walking is on the mend. Everyone of you, please do not

Clare

over do anything. No set backs are allowed!
I hope everyone enjoys their Halloween.

Clare

PROGRAMS – Mary Jo Morgan

GENERAL MEETING

DATE; Thursday, October 16.

TIME; 5:30 pm

LOCATION; Traditions Community Room
7650 Camargo Road

PROGRAM; Madeira City Manager, Michael Norton-Smith

HOSTESSES; Arlene Koon*, Faye Myers, Bev Cloran

Note; Bring your own beverage to drink.

November Board Meeting: Tuesday November 4th
1:00pm
Traditions

Three Rivers Club – Clare Heinsler

Oktoberfest with Three Rivers Woman's Club, November 15, is a fun event. There are basket raffles, a bake sale, door prizes, mystery purses and much more! The cost is 30.00 per person. If you would like me to write one check, please have your money to me at our General Meeting on October 16. The location is Aston Oaks Banquet Center 1Aston Way North Bend Ohio 45052. Doors open at 11:00 AM. If you want a chance at a purse, do not be late, they go fast!

Honor Flight Tristate – Jackie DeWitt

Please contact Jackie DeWitt (513-378-4392) by Friday, October 17th if you want reservations for this year's Honor Flight Tri-State Fundraiser. Thanks.



BIRTHDAYS



October

November

9 Pat Foote

3 Dee Hopping

10 Arlene Koon

15 Jackie DeWitt

23 Beverly Cloran

Driving in Madeira – Mary Jo Morgan

Our display for YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter Project, and Breast Cancer Awareness is located at the Depot. You can also find Breast Cancer signs at Traditions, the Miller House, Trailer Park and Ali's Bar. Thank you Clare, and Flo.

Correspondence – Cindy Bismayer

Sent a thank you to Kieran Welch (Marlene's granddaughter) to thank her for making the Treat Jar labels.

Sent a thank you to Felicia Raney of Women Helping Women for giving the presentation at our September meeting.

After the September District Meeting, sent an appreciation note to:

Luigi of Pastizza Pizza and Pasta for bringing such delicious food for our lunch.

Shelby Durbin of ProKids for presenting an informative program.

Book Club - *Philippa Feiertag*

The book for October is "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano. Book Club will meet on Monday October 20th at 1 pm in the Conference Room at Traditions. Please RSVP to Philippa by Friday October 17th.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE — *Pat Schoo*

So many of our club members have had serious injuries and required surgical procedures and some required rehabilitation. What a summer and now into fall season too. Starting with our President Clare in the past, and twice for Jackie DeWitt, Beth Simons, Joan Willike, Sue Adams, Pat Foote, Karen Morgan on Sept. 21st most recent surgery and Faye Myers a second cataract surgery today,

Oct. 7th. All have had to endure a lot of pain but know that the members have prayed for your healing for days, weeks and on into months. Please know we were thinking of you and wishing you a good recovery. We miss you not being with us at the various club meetings and gatherings. "Get Well" soon dear friends!

Birthday celebrations were many in September - Sue, Beth, Marlene, Joan and Shirley. She told me three friends from high school took her out to feast & party! An October 9th Birthday celebration best wishes for Pat Foote!

Christmas Luncheon *Marisa Moussa*

Price is \$34

12-18-25

Payment no later than November General Meeting

FUNDRAISING — *Gerri Schneider*

Ali's Fundraiser – We have 6 baskets being donated to be raffled on Friday, November 7th. Please signup to work at the event. I have raffle tickets available for those wanting to pre-sell tickets. Also, please be sure to tell friends and family to come to Ali's that day for lunch or dinner.

Light up Madeira – Plans are still being made for this event, Saturday, December 6th. Hours tentatively are 2pm to 5 pm. We will be making bird seed covered pine cones and again having a bake sale. Please consider contributing cookies, brownies, fudge or other small, handheld items. Signup sheets will be available at November meetings.

Council on Aging Virtual Workshop – COA is offering Chronic Disease Workshop starting 31 October. This workshop will be done from you home on your phone, computer or iPad. The monies earned for attending 4 of 6 classes will be donated to the Madeira Woman's Club.

Bingocize Exercise only Workshop – Due to the government shutdown, COA has not received its funding for fiscal year 2025-2026. Hopefully, the workshop will begin January 2026. I am waiting on confirmation of the class.

Social — *Gerri Schneider*

Tea Party - We are planning on going to BonBonerie on October 25th at 11:30 am for a Tea Party. There will be 3 Tier tray of savory crumpets and desserts. The cost for the event is \$38.34 per person which includes the gratuity and taxes. There is a limit of 12 attendees. We have a list of 12 attendees, so if you are not going, please let me know as soon as possible.

GFWC/MADEIRA WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

September 18, 2025

Traditions Community Room

4:30 PM – Mary Jo introduced Felicia from Women Helping Women who presented the program – Prevention Is Power and the “Fill Your Bucket” emphasis.

24 Hour Hotline to Women Helping Women is 513-381-5610 .

Opening : Mary Jo Morgan.

Potluck Dinner Followed.

Meeting called to order by President Clare Heinsler at 6:30 PM.

Attendees: Claire Heinsler, Gerri Schneider, Arlene Koon, Mary Jo Morgan, Karen Morgan, Flo Marantos, Faye Myers, Bev Cloran, Pat Schoo, Marissa Moussa, Marlene Irvin, Joan Willike, Cindy Bismayer, Jackie DeWitt, Pat Fry, Jeanne Thie, and Norma Simon.

Guests: Donna and Nicole from Women Helping Women, and Ingrid Daoud.

Announcements: Any updates to Newsletter called for at this time.

Sign Up sheet available for Joseph House Dinner on October 8.

Sign up sheet for fill the cruiser event on September 27.

Donation Money for Betty Morgan: \$ 500.00 donated to go to Fire Department Fund in Betty's name.

Madeira Council: Gerri reported there will be a Behind the Scenes Tour of the Reds facility with transportation for \$ 10.00. Stop for self pay lunch.

November 12 – Senior Citizens Day at High School with play “Romeo and Juliet”.

December 3 – Rumpke Recycle Tour leaving at 9 am. \$ 10.00 charge. Stop for self pay lunch.

LaComedia: Joan can get side table for December 10 or 11. Cost is \$ 80.00. Show is “Scrooge”. Let Joan know if you plan on attending.

Great Lake Conference: October 9 -12. District is responsible for greeting bags. Request for donation to defray cost. Pat Fry moved we contribute \$ 100.00 to help with costs. Jackie seconded. Motion passed.

Clare announced district dues will increase to \$ 30.00 next year from \$ 27.00.

Jars for Middle School Teachers: Mary Jo announced we will be filling candy jars at this meeting. Gerri and Flo will deliver them on October 17th

Thanks: Clare thanked all who brought food for the Potluck and Mary Jo for the speaker arrangement.

Marlene Irvin

Dr. Deepa Halaharvi: A Beacon of Hope

Dr. Deepa Halaharvi is a renowned breast cancer surgeon based in Columbus, Ohio, whose journey from patient to healer is both inspiring and unique. Her story is a testament to resilience, empathy, and the power of personal experience in shaping professional practice.

Dr. Halaharvi began her medical career with a focus on breast surgery, driven by a passion to help women navigate the challenges of breast cancer. However, her life took an unexpected turn in March 2015 when she was diagnosed with stage 1, hormone receptor-positive (HR+), HER2-negative (HR-) breast cancer. This diagnosis came just eight months after she started her practice as a breast surgeon.

Facing her own battle with cancer, Dr. Halaharvi underwent treatment while continuing to care for her patients. Her personal experience with the disease profoundly impacted her approach to patient care. She understood firsthand the fear, uncertainty, and emotional turmoil that her patients experienced. This empathy allowed her to connect with them on a deeper level, offering not just medical expertise but also emotional support and understanding.

Dr. Halaharvi's journey has been marked by her dedication to raising awareness about breast cancer and advocating for early detection. She emphasizes the importance of regular screenings and mammograms, sharing her story to inspire others to take proactive steps in their health care. Her work extends beyond the operating room as she engages in community outreach and education, aiming to empower women with knowledge and resources.

In recognition of her contributions, Dr. Halaharvi has been honored as an NBC4 Remarkable Woman, highlighting her dual role as a survivor and a healer. Her story continues to inspire, demonstrating that even in the face of adversity, one can find strength and purpose.

Dr. Halaharvi's journey from a breast cancer patient to a compassionate surgeon underscores the profound impact of personal experience in the medical field. Her dedication to her patients and her advocacy for breast cancer awareness make her a true beacon of hope in the fight against this disease.

Clare Heinsler

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 14th 11:00pm -Lunch Bunch Blue Ash Chili

Oct. 16th 5:30 pm – General Meeting
McDonald Commons Community Room

Oct. 20th 1 pm – Book Club
McDonald Commons Community Room

Oct. 23th 1 pm – Rummikub
Traditions Community Room

Oct. 25th 11:30 am BonBonnerie Tea Party

Oct. 26th 3 pm - Costume Parade and Play Date
Sellman Park

Oct. 29th 12:45-3 pm - Tram Tour
Spring Grove Cemetery

Oct 31st COA Chronic Disease Workshop

Nov. 4th 1 pm – Board Meeting
Traditions Community Room

Nov.6th 1 pm – Wizard
Traditions Community Room

Nov. 7th Ali's Fundraiser

Nov 15th Octoberfest Three Rivers Woman Club