

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of November 6, 2024

President Terri Brown called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Josiah Kessie of Innovative Restorations led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the October 2, 2024, General Meeting had no additions or corrections and were approved as submitted.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Sandy McAvoy

- The Treasurer's Report for October 2024 is on our website.

MEMBERSHIP - Patti Dunlap, Chair

- Our membership total today is 302 members. Today we sold six magnetic badges for \$60, and 16 temporary name tags for \$4.
- Ms. Dunlap introduced new members and former members who have rejoined: Jane Bryan, Valerie Hoover, Joennen Kettler, Stasia LeFrancois, Jennifer Sanderson, Susan Torrey, and Joan Teister.
- Ms. Dunlap introduced guests Jeannie Bifulco, Karen Bray, Chris Eggret, Gretchen Harvell, Debbie Hauser, Terri Lamb, Marcie Loffredo, Reene Petro, Mary Powers, Sharon Repenski, Deborah Rhea, Marty Riemer, Shirley Seibert, Molly Sovik, Joan Teister, and Susan Webb.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS –Laurie Inda, Chair

Sponsors joining us today include

Gold Sponsors:

- Ronnie Brock & Chris Klaver representing Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical
- Pam Hall & I are representing Zurich Homes
- Olivia Deerman from Servpro of Cumberland, Morgan and White Counties

Silver Sponsors:

- Josiah Kessie with Innovative Restorations
- Shana Speck with Speck Family Electric is a silver sponsor and a MTM exclusive sponsor
- Jeff Selk & Jan Deibel with Selk Solutions LLC

Bronze Sponsors:

- Karen Bailey with Atlas Real Estate, who are also a fashion show sponsor
- Joshua Tofum from Axum Pest Management
- Rachel Birdwell and Chase Chapman with Buckeye Medical Equipment
- Louise Goodman with Caring Transitions
- Candice Newby with Crossville Heating and Cooling
- BJ Brown with Crye-Leike Brown Realty, who are also a fashion show sponsor
- Trena Waldo representing Cumberland Medical Center
- Liz Radford from Fairfield Homes and Glade Realty
- Ryan Ulrich with Graver Roofing and Gutters
- Mark Witt with Witt Financial Group, also a fashion show sponsor

Event Sponsors:

- Connie Barany with Edward Jones Investments is an exclusive MTM sponsor
- Christine Gage & Janet Morningstar with MAYS the Downsizers are exclusive Baubles, Baked Goods, & Baklava sponsor
- Becca West is with Emerald Moments Travel, an exclusive New Member Tea sponsor
- Matt Libby with Matt Libby Insurance is a Spring Marketplace sponsor

Our sponsors who were not able to join us today include:

- Dr. Dirk Davidson of TN Plateau Oncology
- Budget Blinds
- Fairfield Glade Farm Breau
- Grace Givers Home Care
- John Bright Insurance Services
- Ron Cronwell of Cronwell Insurance/Unite Healthcare
- Lori Gigowski, Juice Plus affiliate
- Weichert Realtor/The Webb Agency, and
- Crain Burns & Associates

SERVICES – Evelyn Birmingham, Chair

- Ms. Birmingham introduced Denise Melton and Erica Finley of House of Hope.
- Cumberland Children’s Center, better known as the “House of Hope,” is a short-term care facility providing care and services for drug-endangered, abused, and at-risk children of Cumberland County and other nearby Tennessee counties. At our October meeting ladies selected gift tags from the Angel Tree, and at this meeting brought the purchased socks and underwear as well as cash donations. Hiller also brought a large tote of socks and underwear.
- In addition to the gifts \$1,331 in cash was collected.

MISTLETOE MARKETPLACE – Cheryl Aller, Co-Chair

- The preliminary total raised by Mistletoe Marketplace was \$7,288, a little over \$600 more than last year.
- Ms. Aller thanked Mary Ann Urban, Deni Donovan, our sponsors, the Ladies Club Board, the Communications Committee for their help with flyers, advertising and radio ad, Linda Landers and her bake sale staff and bakers, and all of our members and others who donated their time, their money, or shopped to help make the event a huge success. Because of everyone's efforts Ladies Club has a generous amount of money to donate toward scholarships and charitable Cumberland County organizations.

TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards, Chair

- The photos from our Italian adventure trip have been posted to the Italy album on the Facebook page of the Ladies Club. This is a closed group, so you must be a Facebook member to actually see these photos.
- Our Chihuly at Biltmore trip that was scheduled for November 12 was canceled by Biltmore due to storm damage. Ms. Edwards will be speaking with them to see if the trip can be rescheduled.
- Packets for our Country Christmas trip will be prepared in the next week or so and Ms. Edwards will send email to let travelers know when they can come to pick them up. The December meeting is the day before the trip, so you will probably want to pick up your packet before then.
- Our Blue Suede Tunes trip at the Knoxville Symphony with an upscale dinner at Calhoun's on the River currently has 26 signed up, and we need 30.
- Our Iceland Land of Fire and Ice trip scheduled for June 16th through the 25th. Currently has 10 people signed up, and we need 21 so please think about doing it. It will be a busy itinerary and you need to be fit enough to walk 3 to 5 miles a day and to climb a few stairs.
- Our four-day Kentucky Bourbon Trail and Shaker Village trip is May 16th through the 19th. It currently has 22 signed up, and we need 30 for this to go. We will visit four different bourbon distilleries and staying at the Kentucky Shaker Village. There are no elevators so travelers need to be able to climb stairs. Staff will carry luggage up and down stairs.

CLOSING REMARKS:

- At our December holiday meeting we will have a cash bar. There will be entertainment before, during, and after lunch. Feel free to dress in your favorite fun or fancy holiday attire. Programs committee is planning games, and we will have bows for sale.
- Ms. Brown set up a event on Facebook, November 13 from 10:30 to 12:30 in library room A, to make bows.

- Christine Garbo is our leader for Spring Marketplace. For crafting ideas she is looking for donations of glass vases. Bring them to the December or January meeting. If you want to join the crafting activities there will be invitations later. We will be using leftover items to sell at our booth at the Spring Marketplace.
- Forms were placed at tables with forms to indicate any holiday tunes you would like our December performers to play for us.
- Ms. Brown also introduced Valerie Hoover, new co-chair of the Reservations committee with Mary Hood, and Colleen Lamberty, our new Ways and Means chair.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am. Motion by Judy Daniels, second by Louise Goodman, motion carried.

INVOCATION

- Invocation was provided by Terri Brown.

LUNCH

- Thank you to the staff of Grade A Catering, from Cookeville, who served our lunch.

DRAWINGS

- \$50 Cracker Barrel gift card.
- \$50 gift card to a variety of restaurants donated by BJ Brown of Crye-Leike.
- Free Ladies Club lunch gift cards donated by Louise Goodman of Caring Transitions.
- Two \$25 Fairfield Glade gift carts donated by Silk Solutions.
- Two tickets to Cumberland County Playhouse for any show through December 14.

PROGRAM

- Our program this month was Common Grounds – More Alike Than Different, presented by Sarah Bakker. In 2022, the NewLife Outreach, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) was founded. In 2024 Sarah Bakker opened Common Grounds coffee shop to provide meaningful employment to people with physical and intellectual disabilities. They provide opportunities for people who would otherwise not be able to work because of their limitations and challenges in life. Having a job can provide a chance to acquire new skills, allow a person to be a part of the community around them, and help individuals grow their self-esteem.
- Common Grounds coffee shop is located at 152 West First Street in Crossville. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/commongroundstn/>