



May 2024 Newsletter



Well April is a wrap! It was awesome to see so many of you at *Bunco in the Park(ing) Lot* last month; the weather was perfect for 110 women to roll dice, eat, drink and be merry on a Monday evening at Hampton Lake!

Now that the pollen is gone, everything around Hampton Lake is greening up as well as heating up... literally, there's no time left! Bathing suit season is upon us and some of us may need to tone up a bit!

We're very excited about the last *General Membership Meeting* of our term on Tuesday, May 7th. May is Women's Wellness Month and we'll be hosting several guest speakers who will be highlighting some really interesting wellness techniques like sound therapy, changing habits, nutrition and exercise. Yes, we've heard it before, but we do need to keep hearing it!

We'll also be welcoming the new HLWG Executive Board members on May 7th whose term begins on July 1st. They are anxious to get started, and would love to meet you and hear from you as they begin to plan next year's activities, events and groups. We've had a "sneak peak" at some of the exciting things they want to bring to HLWG next year and we're so excited for them and for the organization!

- **Tracy Moran** - President
- **Amy Gagliardi** - President Elect
- **Stacey Nagler** - Treasurer
- **LeeAnn Baran** - Social Events Director
- **Molly Breazeale** - Educational Events Director

- **Janice Maleski** - Interest Group Director
- **Lori Hufford** - Membership Director
- **Marie Camenares** - Communications Director
- Interim Secretary to be appointed in May. Elected Secretary, **Sue Sigler**, will be leaving Hampton Lake next month.

Don't forget - the Charitable Giving Committee will be collecting for [Operation Patriot FOB](#) at the General Membership Meeting, so be sure to review [the wish list here](#).

Speaking of the Charitable Giving Committee, we'll be saying goodbye to **Geri, Brenda** and **Sally** who have led Charitable Giving for the last two years! Under their leadership, HLWG has supported a variety of low country non-profit agencies. We are grateful for their tireless efforts and are confident that the torch is in great hands going forward!

We can't wait to see you on May 7th!

In Friendship,

Eileen Faas & Mary Warner
2023-2024 HLWG Co-Presidents

Did You Know?

Did You Know...

April-October is known as "Kitten Season"? That's when there's an abundance of adorable little kittens for adoption. I attended a HLWG Craft Group not too long ago where a fellow member convinced me I needed to adopt a kitten to keep my other lonely, bored cat company. Through my research and my vet's suggestion, I adopted and fell in love with a kitten from Hilton Head Humane Association.



The [Hilton Head Humane](#) (HHH) is a non-profit dedicated to providing a safe environment for abandoned cats and dogs of the Lowcountry. It's funded entirely by membership dues, private donations, and bequests where "all money received comes directly to the shelter where it is used for the benefit of the animals." Over

the past year, more than 10,000 abandoned, injured, abused animals and feral cats have been cared for by HHH. They spay/neuter and release feral cats and provide food, shelter, medical care for domesticated cats and dogs until they are adopted. Do you wish you could have a pet, but don't have the time... then you might like to volunteer to walk dogs, help clean cages and kennels or bottle feed kittens. If you're interested in their volunteer opportunities, please email kennelsupervisor@hhhumane.org for more information. They're also in need of donations: towels, old blankets, Pedigree dog and puppy food, dog and cat carriers, dog and cat beds, Friskies canned PATE cat food, 4ft leashes, non-pull mesh harness, office, and cleaning supplies and more. Therefore, if you've been spring cleaning and have items to donate, they are located in Okatie and on Hilton Head Island. For more information about pet adoption, volunteer opportunities or donating go to www.hhhumane.org.

Did You Know...

Having trouble logging into the Wild Apricot app on your mobile device? If you haven't logged into HLWG.org on your personal computer or tablet device to set-up your account with login information and personal password then the Wild Apricot Member Phone App won't work on your cell phone. Therefore, you need to create your own account on your personal computer or tablet, then use the same login information and personal password on the phone app to login. When you go to HLWG.org on your personal computer, look at the top right-hand corner, and click "Forgot Password". The system will walk you through the steps to set-up your account. Sooo...the next time you're with friends and want to use the Wild Apricot Member Phone App to sign up for an upcoming HLWG event, please, remember you must set up a HLWG.org account on your personal computer first.

Directions to set up and update your profile. [Click here.](#)

Directions to download the mobile app. [Click here.](#)

Mary Warner

HLWG Co-President

Advisor Update

HLWG would like to thank **Catharine Cotogno** for volunteering to serve as member at large on the Bylaws review committee. HLWG appreciates her insight and time serving on this committee.

[Beth Scavone](#)

HLWG Advisor

Charitable Giving

Israelmore Ayivor once said: “*Giving does not only precede receiving; it is the reason for it. It is in giving that we receive.*”

We look forward to *Operation Patriots FOB* Collection at the *General Meeting* on May 7th.

The following items are suggested:

- Ground Coffee
- Coffee/tea/cocoa pods
- Weather stable snacks- bars, nuts, cookie, crackers etc
- Powdered coffee creamer



- Plastic utensils (especially forks)
- Napkins
- Coffee cups
- Ziploc bags qt/gal
- Foil/plastic wrap/Press n Seal
- Towels: Paper and Cloth
- Toilet Paper
- Cleaning supplies - Clorox wipes, dish soap, sponges, bathroom cleaner
- Garbage Bags (Tall kitchen and large commercial contractor (thick))
- Band-Aids/First aid kits
- Water (bottles and gallons) and Gatorade

Thank you for your donations during our drives! You all make *Hampton Lake* a great place to live!!

Chairpersons: [Brenda Fahey](#), [Sally Rumer](#) and [Geri Carroll](#)
Charitable Giving Committee

Social Activity Director's Update

What a spectacular day we had on Monday, April 8th for *Solar Bunco in the Park(ing) Lot*. Bunco has always been a popular HLWG event, but this year it was extra special because it happened to be scheduled for Eclipse Day! Many were able to visualize the solar eclipse using special glasses prior to arriving at Bunco. The solar eclipse theme continued at Bunco with star and moon shaped cheeses, SunChips, Starburst candy, Moon X wine, Moon pies and other themed appetizers and refreshments. Over 100 ladies played Bunco and had a wonderful evening while North America experienced the first solar eclipse in over a decade. [Click here to view photo gallery](#).

It's hard to believe that **Tuesday, May 7th** will be the fourth and final *General Membership Meeting* of this term. This *General Meeting* recognizes the departing Board Members and all the members who've volunteered their time and talents this year in service to HLWG. The new Executive Board members will be introduced and welcomed as they begin their new term on July 1st. May is National Women's Health Awareness Month so we have a program planned that will help you learn ways to make your health a top priority. We often take so much for granted that we ignore our own health. You'll hear from four local, dynamic and energetic professionals who will help you on your journey towards physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. Guest speakers will include Hampton Lake residents, **Beth Donovan** from [Sol Balance](#), **Rhonda St. Thomas Rogers** from [Blue Diamond Holistic Coaching](#) and **Kevin Felton** and **Ace Suren** from Hampton Lake Fitness Center. [Sippin Cow](#) will supply appetizers with a healthy spin, a member charge bar will be open and many great prizes will be raffled off to attendees. We hope you'll gather some friends and spend an evening at the *Women's Wellness Evening*, taking steps toward your personal wellness journey. No cost to attend, but registration is required. The event announcement was emailed on April 15th or you can [register here](#).

Tuesday June 4th is the date planned for our *Beach/Luau Party*. Last year the event was rained out so hopefully this year the weather will be better. The event is scheduled to be held at the Lakeside Amenity Center Beach area, near the Tower Bar. Bring your own beverage, snack, chair and sunscreen. Plan to spend some time with friends before vacations begin. HLWG will provide music, games, raffle prizes and so much more. Watch for the registration announcement.

[Debbie Chouinard](#)

Social Activities Director

Membership Director's Update

Membership is going strong and still growing. Last month brought us five new members and one renewal, we appreciate you sharing your enthusiasm for HLWG. Word of mouth is the best advertisement we could ask for! Our membership stands at 516 ladies strong!

Now that pine pollen season is finished and the weather is Lowcountry beautiful, step out and join us at the Beer Garden Meetups! Feel free to invite anyone who does not know what we are about, these casual meetups are a smaller, more intimate way to meet new people! This month's meetups are May 9th and 23rd. We meet on May 9th from 4-6 PM and on the 23rd from 6-8 PM. Hope to see you there!

[Lori Hufford](#)

Membership Director

Who's New

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to HLWG:

Debra Mack and her husband moved to Fish Dancer Court last year. She has lived in a few places, upstate NY, Baton Rouge and California. Her interests include the arts, swimming, yoga, pilates and playing games. She is retired after a career that included stenography and real estate.

Victoria Wren and her husband Alex live on Sweet Pond, after moving here from Easton, CT. She is the Manager at Serena and Lily at the outlets. She likes outdoor activities, such as running, boating and biking.

Kristy Gonzalez and her two teenage sons live on Anchor Bend. This busy lady sells real estate and chauffeur's boys around! No wonder her interests include reading, yoga and hanging with friends! She has lived mainly in the south, Florida and Georgia before settling here.

Jean Workman and Gerry live on Flatwater. Not new to Hampton Lake, but new to us, she previously lived in West Virginia. She likes to travel and her career was running a family business.

Celeste Moss and Ken are on Fording Court, although still part-time. They still live full-time in New York where they raised their family and she was the administrator of her husband's business. Cooking, reading and exercise are some of her interests, but she would like to start photography as well.

Check out our Interest Group Pages!!

9 Hole Golf	Family History Group
Cardmaking & Scrapbooking	Garden Group
Daytime Book Group	Just Scrapbooking Group
Daytime Craft Group	Lunch Bunch Group
Daytime Mahjong	Needlework Group
Dining Out Group	Performing Arts Group
Evening Book Group	Samba
Evening Craft Group	Welcome to My Kitchen

Interest Group Spotlights

Mixing Things Up for Women who are Working

A number of our members are working women who find it challenging to attend our groups and events due to their work and homelife schedules. We heard you and on April 24th, HLWG hosted a *Working Women's Mixer* to understand the wants and needs of these members and non-members.

Twenty women attended the Mixer and shared their professional backgrounds, made connections and talked about the activities and times that would be attractive to them.

The next Working Women's Mixer will take place **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM in Fish Tales**. For more information, [click here](#).

See photos below from our first Working Women's Mixer!



Evening Book Group

Normal People was received so differently by our members that we had one of my favorite discussions. Also, thank you Lori for the opener, I am sure that

many of us are now adding to our "to watch" or "to read" list to rediscover a story that was a part of our past.

The next book is *The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy. Our next meeting will be at 7 PM at Fish Tales on **Tuesday, May 28th** since Monday is Memorial Day.

Chairperson: [Pamela Nelson](#)

9 Hole Golf

HLWG ladies golf enjoyed an outing on April 10th at Crosswinds Golf Course in Savannah. Lowest score on each hole was counted toward the team total with a score of 47 winning by **Jan Bristow, Cathy Bayer, Linda Poe & Shelly Anderson!**

Our next outing is April 24th at Rose Hill Plantation.

Co-Chairpersons: [Claire Flynn](#), [Janet Viskovich](#), [Anne Karwath](#), [Judy Fischer](#), and [Linda Cunningham](#)

Cardmaking & Scrapbooking

Hello My Crafty Friends,

May finds us hopefully enjoying the warmer weather as we await summer's activities. Our Cardmaking/Scrapbooking Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in FishTales..as some of our group proposed....we will start our meeting at 9:30 AM....but I will be in FT at 9:00 AM, should any of you arrive early. Bring your projects to work on, photos to organize or cards to assemble and enjoy some fun times with our group of enjoyable ladies. At the meeting we will also discuss our summer schedule as summer plans may interfere with our regular second Tuesdays.

For those interested in making cards, I have three designs this month. All are easy to put together and can be used for different occasions. Pictures of all three are attached below.

- Card #1 is the **High Heel Greeting** card and is made especially for women. It has a fun glitter shoe along with some foil paper as an accent. See the photo below.
- Card #2 is the **Sailboat** card. Designed so it can be used for the males in the family. Again, an easy to assemble card with some fun papers.
- Card #3 is the **Ladybug Curvy** card; a cute and fun card. It fits in a 5x7" envelope and pops out slightly when removed. It looks complicated but is very simple to make and it too is made with some special papers.

The Card Kits contain all the elements needed as well as directions and an envelope. I am asking for \$5.00 for each kit for materials. I bring extra adhesive so you do not need to buy anything else.

If you would like any of the Card Kits, please email me ASAP, with which ones and how many you would like.

Hope to see you soon, on May 14th.

Chairpersons: [Chris Trezza](#) & [Andy Abbott](#)





Dining Out

The Dining Out Group visited *The Farm* on April 9th. Eleven members attended and we had a great time!

This month we'll be visiting one of Bluffton's newest restaurants, [Joelle](#), on May 16th at 5:30 PM. Please contact [Carole Pritchard](#) for more information.

We want to thank **Jennifer Parker** for her leadership of the Dining Out group over the past few years. Jennifer is moving away from Hampton Lake and we'll all miss her!

Chairperson: [Carole Pritchard](#)



Performing Arts

On March 27, 2024, 16 members and HL friends rocked out to Black Jacket Symphony's **JOURNEY** where the band performed the entire JOURNEY's "Escape" classic rock album plus a full set of Journey's greatest hits. The lead singer did an incredible rendition with his outstanding voice and is local to SC!!! Some of us also enjoyed a delicious dinner at Jane Bistro & Bar beforehand.

On April 16, 2024, five HLWG members and spouses appreciated the songs and stories of Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn as performed by their grandchildren, Tre **Twitty** and Tayla **Lynn**. Many country fans showed up to clap their hands, stomp their feet or sway to songs such as "Slow Hand" and "Coal Miner's Daughter". They even ended with Bruce Springsteen's song "I'm on Fire".

To date, twenty-nine members and guests are scheduled to attend *Beautiful* on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM at [the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina](#). This show is almost sold out with seats available only in the Balcony or side Loge areas. We also have seats reserved for the Sunday matinee show on May 19th

at 2 PM. Tickets are \$56 if we get 10 members to attend. Currently, only two members are interested in going.

For instructions on attending a show, please go to the [Performing Arts Group page](#) on the Hampton Lake Women's Group website.

Chairperson: [Geri Kern](#)

May Birthdays



<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>Date</u>
Roseann	DiCarmine	5	2
Sonja	Winkler	5	3
Deb	Davis	5	4
Nancy	Heflin	5	4
Terri	Moore	5	5
Randi	Samuels	5	7
Christine	Walsh	5	7
Janice	Senigla	5	8
Tracy	Turner	5	8
Jean	Lewis	5	9
Jeanne	Adams	5	10
Denise	Florczak	5	10
Sandy	Grant	5	10
Sharon	Nathaniel	5	10
Kathryn	Byrd	5	11
Jackie	Davis	5	11
Gail	Low	5	11
Susan	Moran	5	11
Lori	Hocking	5	12
Debbie	Kiser	5	12
Micky	Kibbe	5	15
Maureen	Slater	5	15

Lori	Wajszczuk	5	15
Debbie	Biggs	5	16
Ann	Bridge	5	16
Lori	Ogilbee	5	17
Peggy	Marone	5	18
Laura	Marshall	5	18
Laurel	Simon	5	18
Diane	Hoyt	5	19
Marianne	Lee	5	20
Shelley	Anderson	5	21
Janice	Hussey	5	21
Jean	Workman	5	22
Mary	Beckwith	5	23
Heather	Meyer	5	23
Pat	Michalcewicz	5	23
Roxana	Daykin	5	25
Kathy	Baskoff	5	26
Betty	McVey	5	26
Deborah	Teasley	5	26
Sherrill	Hardegree	5	28
Virginia	Heacox	5	28
Jennifer	Kukulich	5	28
Cindy	Ryan	5	28
Kaye	Tolbert	5	30
Heidi	Wollschlager	5	30

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