



**MAY 2022**

## **President's Message**

NFWC Ladies;

What a great year we've had! We said goodbye to masks and quarantines and hello to more ways to enrich our lives... growing more in the garden, reading more books, playing more games and more ways to give back to our community through book drives, monetary donations and hands-on philanthropic activities.

We have a new slate of ladies that were installed at our April meeting and they will be using their skills (and building new ones) to put together a year of thoughtful and fun activities for the 2022-23 season.

We've revived a position in our roster... Hearts and Hands (it may have had a different name), that will be led by Mary Crain and Susan Pugliano. If you know of someone in our membership that needs a few words of cheer, sympathy or congratulations, please reach out to them. We will be adding a link to the website to make this an easy connection. Of course, if there is something confidential, they will keep it that way.

So enjoy your summer and the last Happy Hour at the Club on May 4th!

Take Care,

Darlynn Lydick

### **Annual Planning Meeting**

Board Members, Appointed Positions & Special Interest Group Leaders

Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m. at NFC

### **NEW!! 2022-2023 Officers**

**President:** Darlynn Lydick  
**VP Programs:** Barbara Lohff & Amy Selensky  
**VP Membership:** Jennifer Balevic  
**Secretary:** Kelly Higgins  
**Treasurer:** Patricia Redman  
**Field Trips:** Alison White & Ellen Popejoy  
**Hearts & Hands:** Mary Crain & Susan Pugliano  
**Hospitality:** Marion Rohleder, Sheila Jones & Rebekah Bostick  
**Home Tour:** Helen Pearce & Courtney Fast  
**Newsletter:** Diane Fishman  
**NFC Liaison:** Natalie Geczik  
**Parliamentarian:** Sheila Jones  
**Philanthropy:** Debbie Sohmer & Bridget Williams  
**Table Decorations:** Chris Grow  
**Thought for the Day:** Dunovan Thomas  
**Website:** Janice Schwartz

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **May**

4<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour Club @ 5:00  
6<sup>th</sup> Hooks & Needles @ 1:00  
18<sup>th</sup> Fun with Games Night @ 6:30  
24<sup>th</sup> Daytime Book Club  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual planning meeting @ 7:00

**Watch for Special Interest Group sign-ups in August and September**

## **Next Fun with Games Night:**

Wednesday, 5/18/2022, 6:30pm  
Location to be determined later.



## May in the Garden

### *This month in your garden:*

- **Prune** Pinch tips of coleus to prevent flowering and encourage bushier, fuller plants. Remove spent blooms on spring and summer annuals to promote new blooms.
- **Birds** - Spring migration continues into mid-May. Clean birdbaths often and keep feeders full, and clean them after rainstorms to prevent soggy spoiled seed. Even non-birders can keep fresh water and food out at this time (and also during fall migration) to help our feathered friends.
- **Feed** Fertilize flower beds and vegetable gardens with slow-release organic fertilizers
- **Weeds** - Be vigilant about pulling weeds early, make sure areas are mulched properly to prevent future weeds from germinating and help to retain moisture.
- **Pests** - Keep an eye out for pests as well as beneficial insects in your vegetable garden. Pick off pests by hand, check for slugs and snails early in the morning or in the evenings when they are active. (sprinkle crushed eggshells around base of plants to deter them).
- **Water** - Deep root watering on trees, lawns, and shrubs is best. It encourages roots to move down into the soil where they will be less susceptible to moisture changes. Avoid short periods of shallow watering, use a tree gator or soaker hose to aid in slow, deep watering.
- **Plant** - summer blooming perennials and annuals. Choose heat-tolerant plants like purslane and bougainvillea for hanging baskets in full sun
- **Plant** - okra, cucumbers, pumpkins, basil, garlic chives, peppers, long beans, eggplant, sweet potatoes, arugula, anise hyssop, garlic chives, ginger, lemon verbena, lemon grass, pineapple salvia, rosemary, and turmeric. Container veggie transplants from the nursery in larger pots are okay to plant during May
- **Lawn** - Continue to water between rain events, apply molasses or compost to ensure healthy soil for healthy turf roots.

## Hooks & Needles

This lively group of ladies is meeting on Friday, May 6th at 1pm. We will continue to gather over the summer and will try to stick to the first Friday afternoon of the month. Different members are hosting - so if you're interested in joining us, please contact Alison White for the location - 713/724-3451 or [alisonw1025@gmail.com](mailto:alisonw1025@gmail.com). Bring whatever hobby, craft or creation you're working on - we'd love for you to be a part of our group!

## Philanthropy Update May 2022

Well ladies that's a wrap! Thank you for your generosity and patience as we navigated this first year of Philanthropic endeavors. From coffee pods to organic fruit snacks, book drives, Venmo donations, PB and J sandwiches, and 'possums we touched quite a few lives. Thank you for your willingness to listen and learn as went on this journey. Let's plan on making next year even better. We plan on having a robust calendar of activities. Have an idea? Please reach out to Debbie at 832-434-3916 or Bridget at 281-920-4773. We would love input as to what interests you. Have a wonderful summer!

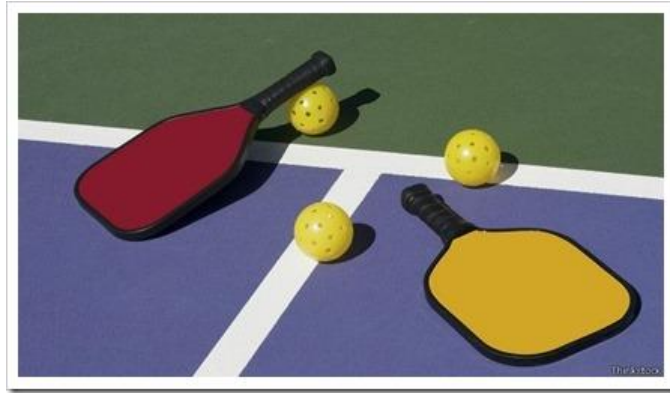
Debbie Sohmer and Bridget Williams

## Pickleball –

Women's Club now has a net to use on the sport court – pickleball court lines have been added to this spot. The net was awarded to the group at the last meeting.

Still working on storage solutions – stay -tuned.

Pierre and Keith are going to hold a clinic for beginners – contact Pierre at [pierreturmel1@gmail.com](mailto:pierreturmel1@gmail.com)



## Daytime Book Club

NFWC Daytime Book Club – Come join us! Email Frances Steffensen if interested! [frances.steff@comcast.net](mailto:frances.steff@comcast.net)

On 5/24/22, we will meet and discuss Trevor Noah's "Born a Crime". Next, if you are here in July, we will be reading "Fresh Water for Flowers" by Valerie Perrin. Our exciting August book is authored by Lianne Moriarty "Apples Never Fall". Reading is fun!

