

Wild Women on the Water meeting 8/3/2022

Patrice Messina called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 30 attendees.

Rebekah Susa gave a presentation about Whitewater Rafting Around the World. We learned about the best places in the world and in the US for float trips, as well as how whitewater is created and the 6 classes of rapids. She also spoke about the history of rafting, the 6 lessons she has learned, and the need for safety equipment. Wild Women then jumped into an imaginary raft and practiced commands! All agreed that it was a great presentation and that we should consider organizing a raft trip for members.

Members then introduced themselves.

Kathy Sill reported that the organization is operating in the black, with \$4800 in the account. She reminds everyone that you MUST BE A PAID MEMBER to attend the December Holiday Party.

Linda Lankenau reported on upcoming meetings and speakers:

- September-Florida Bay Forever
- October – Old and New WWOW – please submit photos.
- November- Elections
- December – Party!

Diane Xiomek presented the membership report. There are 46 paid members plus 4 honorary member, with two returning members, one new member and two new members at the meeting.

Sunshine report by Judy O'Hara Vetrick: Happy Birthday was sung to the three Birthday girls. A Get Well card was sent to Eileen Sylvester.

There was a presentation by Ilia Chapman and Barbara Long about the R/T Miami cruise 10/28-10/31 on Freedom of the Seas (Royal Caribbean). Contact Barbara at 714-270-0948 for further information. A block of cabins is being held.

Pat Rosendahl reported on the Holiday Party to be held at Whale Harbor on Saturday, 12/3. There will be dancing, a DJ and access to the buffet. Pat would like to put together a slide show of WWOW photos, to be shown on the TV at the event. She can scan them if they are not digitized. The deadline for submission is 11/1.

Ann Baxter brought a cake to celebrate her Birthday! She advised of a Coastal Cleanup of Horseshoe Key on Saturday, 8/13. Meet at the Green Turtle Hammock Preserve between 8-9 AM. There is a need for kayaks and small, shallow draft boats to remove monofilament that is injuring wildlife. Bring something to cut monofilament in the trees. This is being held in coordination with FWC/Coastal Cleanup. A signup sheet was passed around.

Linda Lankenau would like to book a snorkel/scuba trip for September, on the condition that it be canceled if waves exceed 1.5' or wind exceeds 10 MPH.

There is a trunk sale at Burton Memorial Methodist Church on Saturday 8/27. The cost for a table is \$20.

There is a Full Moon Party at Island Grill on 8/13 at 8 PM. Contact [KeysIslandGrill.com](http://KeysIslandGrill.com) for tickets.

Susanna May reminded everyone that they should be mindful while parking so we can get the maximum number of cars in the Made to Order lot.

Pat Witchel won the 50/50 and donated the \$33 to WWOW. Next meeting 9/6