



Grandeza GirlFriends Interest Groups

A&E Fan Club

Leader: Mercedes Aza

The A&E Fan Club's objective is to do a monthly outing to enjoy local arts & entertainment performances, that we can later discuss over drinks, lunch or dinner. The performances can be movies, theater plays, music concerts, dance shows or similar, and can vary depending on the group's preferences.

(Oct-Mar)



Book Clubs: All full. Please let me know if you would like to start a new group.

Breast Cancer Support Group

Leader: Cindy Fitzpatrick

As you may know, a diagnosis of breast cancer can be overwhelming. There are so many treatment options, unfamiliar medical terminology, and questions. We're looking for survivors willing to share their experience and help inspire newly diagnosed girlfriends. This group would also be available to help them navigate through their journey and provide support and encouragement. Any information shared or discussed will be confidential and not shared outside this group.

(Year Round)

Beginning Bridge

Leader: Laurie Nowlan

We are a group of beginners learning to play bridge. Laurie teaches the group and we learn by playing. Anyone is welcome, no experience necessary. Monday 1-3

(Nov-May)

Bunco

Leader: Wendy Cohen

Get together with girlfriends once a month to play this fun and easy dice game. No skill needed! Group meets once a month on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, depending on club availability. Leader will send out email approximately 1 week in advance. Reply quickly as space is limited.

(Year Round)



Canasta

Leader: Vicki Baker

This group will play Canasta and have a good time! Group meets on Wednesday's from 10 AM - Noon at the clubhouse. We will rotate if there are uneven number of players. Please bring 2 decks of cards and trays if you have them.

(Jan-Apr)

Caring Hearts and Helping Hands

Leader: Mary Melhorn

Support group for Grandeza GirlFriends who are going through a stressful time by providing friendly support through notes, small gifts, pet walking, etc. Coordinator will let you know of group needs. Please contact this group if you want to help or know of someone in need of assistance, meals or just cheering up (we offer help to everyone in Grandeza, not just GirlFriends.)

(Year Round)

Craft Group

Leader: Sue Koser & Cindy Fitzpatrick

Once or twice a month this group will participate in various craft projects to enhance and enjoy our artistic talents. Ideas include glass etching, jewelry making, cork baskets, glass painting and tile and rock painting. There will be a charge for materials & services, and occasionally the group will bring in outside leaders with new skills. Group generally meets on Monday or Wednesday mornings. (Oct-Apr)

Drawing/Painting

Leader: Carol Ann Levi

Learn the essentials needed to enable your artistic creations to grow. Start with basic drawing then progress to painting. Monthly sessions are \$60 for four lessons. Classes are Limited to 12 People. Time and Dates are to be Determined. (Dec-May)

Dream Team

Leader: Barbara Parsons

Dream Teams Are About People Helping People. Each group can only be 5 to 6 people (but we can have as many groups as we want). We meet for approximately 5-6 weeks, once a week. Each person comes to the dream team with something that they want to have happen that they haven't been successful doing on their own (ie, help with marketing, planning a trip, become more organized). These are just samples, but it can be any question at all. The power of the dream teams is that we all have knowledge and wisdom to share with others and sometimes we don't even know it. (Jan-Apr)

Conversational French

Leader: Lidia Adler

Would you like to practice your French skills, improve, or get ready for travel to a French speaking country? Join Lidia for Conversational French. All levels are welcome (Dec-Apr)

Hand & Foot

Leader: Peggy Dempsey

Come Join us for a fun morning playing Hand & Foot. Monday 10:00 – 12:30 at the Clubhouse. No Experience Necessary. (Oct-Jun)

Partner Hand & Foot

Leader: Janet Doll

Join us for a fun evening playing Hand & Foot. You must sign up with a partner (another GirlFriend, or a Spouse). We will play once a month in the evening, with a break for dinner. (Oct-Jun)

Happy Hour

Co-Leaders: Nancy Rajtik & Michelle Francesconi

Join GirlFriends for casual conversation at the Hub Bar. First Tuesday of the month @ 5 PM. (Year Round)

Hats for Charity

Co-Leaders: Cookie Daley & Shirley Cook

Make hats for hospitals or other charities using looms, crochet or knitting. The group meets near the main entrance to the clubhouse at 10:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. (Nov-May)

Knit Wits!

Do you knit or crochet? Then this is the group for you

Leader: Christine Bouser

(Jan-Apr)

Mah Jongg

Co-Leaders: Margaret Fillipo and Patricia Stentz

This is a group of beginners, intermediate and experienced players. All levels are welcome. We have teachers willing to introduce the game to new players, players that know the basics and are working on adding skill to the game, and players that are experienced and join us because they like the comradery.

Monday evenings 5:30-7:30 PM

(Jan-Apr)

Meal Train

Leader: Sue Koser

This group will be notified via email when a neighbor in Grandezza is in need of meals. (The neighbor does not have to be a member of Girlfriend's Club). The group will use MealTrain.com to stay organized. GirlFriends can sign up for selected days as their schedule allows. Meals do not need to be homemade, they can be takeout, Grandezza Express, Uber Eats, roasted chicken, etc. Members will then deliver the meal to the neighbor in need on the day they designate at a mutually convenient time.

(Year Round)

New Horizons of SW Fla: Super Kids Club (gr K-5)

Mon thru Thurs 3-5 pm (may choose 1-4 days)

Leader: Linda Lekan

Students are bused from Lee County schools to the Estero Methodist Church at the corner of Broadway and 41. There are about 60 students who attend for help with their homework, they have to be recommended for the program. As a volunteer, you do not need to have an education degree. Special sessions are provided to help with the "new" ways that some subjects are taught such as math. The ultimate goal is to have a tutor for each child...the more volunteers the better. (Aug-May)

Quilting



If you are interested sign up!

We will meet on Thursdays at the club from 1-4. Participants can come for part of the time or the entire 3 hours. Any level of sewing ability is welcome, as we will all learn and help each other as we go. The group is also looking for cotton fabric, so clean out your closets!

Leader: Shirley Cook

(Nov-Apr)

Rummikub

Leader: Lee Nicosia

Would you like to enjoy a game with friends? Join Lee for Rummikub. It is a board game with tiles similar to Gin Rummy, played with 2, 3 or 4 players. No previous experience necessary.

Times and dates to be determined by the group.

(Year Round)

St. Mathews House Volunteer Opportunities

Leader: Lynn Yon

Volunteer with your friends for a few hours a month at St. Mathew's House facilities. We might help out in the food pantry, soup kitchen or at their large Naples Thrift Shop which hosts a Café serving Starbucks Coffee. You are not committing for every month by signing up - we will coordinate on a monthly basis. We will carpool for this event.

(Mid Nov – Mid May)

Tricycle

Leader: Vicki Baker

Since I'm not an agile two-wheel bike rider, I bought a Trike. If you are interested in tricycling together just within the neighborhood, once a week, possibly some mornings between 9:30-10:30 am, or later in the afternoon between 4-5 pm. Time to be decided.

(Jan-Apr)

Walking Group

Leader: Michelle Francesconi

The Group is currently walking on Monday's at 8 AM, meeting at the lower level entrance to the clubhouse, but the time and days can change depending on the preference of the group.

(Jan-Apr)



**If you would like to sign-up for any of these groups, please email
Linda Chow at: widewaters@aol.com**

We're looking for more of our GirlFriends to share their unique talents as a leader one of our Interest Groups. If you have an interest group idea or would like to be a leader, please contact Linda Chow.

Pleasant reminder: To participate you must be a paid member of the Grandezza GirlFriends

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