

Mount Holyoke Club of Southwest Florida

2023-2024 CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 5:30 pm: Lecture by Dr. Justus Doenecke, Professor Emeritus, New College on “Churchill, the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and the Fear of Bolshevism.” By invitation of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the International Churchill Society at the Sarasota Yacht Club.

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 11:30 am: The Wellesley Club of Sarasota hosted the Smith and Mount Holyoke clubs at Sarasota Yacht Club, featuring Rollins College Associate Professor Leslie Kemp Poole, author of *Saving Florida: Women’s Fight for the Environment in Florida* and *The Wilder Heart of Florida*. She shared the stories of “**The Three Majories**” who were instrumental in preserving the wilder parts of Florida. One of the Marjories was Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Wellesley class of 1912.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 2:00 pm: By invitation of New College of Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the International Churchill Society, our club was invited to “A Churchill 150 Forum: Churchill, FDR, and the Waging of World War II.” Book discussion at College Hall, New College.

Friday, February 2, 2024, 5-7:30 pm: Free authors’ talk with Fabio Dal Boni and Victoria Reynolds, piano music, cheese and wine at **AlexArt International Art Gallery**, 25 N. Pineapple Ave, downtown Sarasota. Ms. Reynolds is the author of *Transcending Fear: Rise Above Fear and Fall in Love with Life*. Mr. Dal Boni authored *An Extra Life: 8 Minutes in Heaven with My Father*.

Monday, March 25, 2024, 10:30 am: Visit to the **Sarasota Cuban Ballet School**, a unique arts organization specializing in the Cuban training method known for athleticism, passion and grace. The visit will begin with coffee and pastries at 10:30 am followed by a tour and observation of a company rehearsal of upcoming performances. Optional lunch afterwards at Madfish Grill, paid individually. There is no charge for the event at the Ballet School, but the school will make a request for donations for operations and scholarships.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 10:30 am: Presentation by **Mary Davis Wallace, Public Art Manager, City of Sarasota**. Join us at City Hall for the free presentation and an optional lunch at nearby 1592 “Wood Fired Kitchen & Cocktails” following the presentation. *The City of Sarasota is exhibiting a capsule collection of original works by the Florida Highwaymen in City Hall. Mary Davis will provide a quick tour of the works and their history after her main presentation.*