



Ladies Let's Go Fishing Betty Bauman Executive Director

Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation (LLGF) is a national 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit Organization that encourages women and families to fish and promotes conservation and responsible angling. LLGF hosts educational programs throughout Florida including seminars and events with fishing in South Florida, the Keys, Gulf Coast, Central Florida and St. Augustine. Betty has been an active member of Florida Association of Nonprofits since 2015. Her favorite quote is "There's no crying in fishing!"

In our membership spotlight interview with Betty, we learned more about LLGF and how she has benefited from membership.

Can you tell us one or two unique thing(s) about your nonprofit?

We may be the only nonprofit in the U.S. whose mission is to bring women into outdoor sports, mainly fishing, through educational programs with conservation at top of mind. We offer on-water fishing experiences so women can learn more on the water. Events, most of which span an entire weekend, are held in various regions of Florida. Anyone can attend. For more info, just visit our website www.ladiesletsgofishing.com

How is your nonprofit operating now post-pandemic?

We didn't have much of a hiccup during the pandemic. We were still able to hold our events and set the ladies up on charter boats to go fishing. During the pandemic we enabled virtual meetings to encourage the interest in fishing and developed online auctions and raffles to raise funds. We're still going strong!

Are there any lessons-learned that you can share that will benefit other members?

The managing technology part of the Sunshine Certificate was extremely helpful as I do most of my IT. Also, the finance portion revealed how to check financial records done by others to prevent post manipulation. Also, what is ok for expenditures and ideas for grants.

What's a current project you have going on right now? Why is it meaningful to you and your mission?

We're working on more fishing events that can be delegated to others. For instance, the Guy Harvey Outpost events operated by their staff save much of the upfront planning time and still accomplishes the mission, reaching out to other fishing areas in Florida.

How have you benefited from being a member?

The Florida Association of Nonprofits and especially Marina Pavlov was a great help in setting up our nonprofit. Marina saved me days of determining the NTEE code. The Sunshine Certificate in Nonprofit Management course was a lifesaver to know the proper way to manage and operate a nonprofit.

Is there any other favorite experience or good memory with Florida Nonprofits you would like to share with other members?

The Sunshine Certificate course was the best memory and most helpful to our future. I liked the conversations with the other students as we learned from each other's questions. In closing, I think all nonprofits should join the Florida Association of Nonprofits!