

**2023-2024**

**GFWC Girl Friends Who Care**



**St. Andrews Woman's Club**

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) since 1963

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**August 2023 NEWSLETTER**

*Officer Reports:*

*President - Laurie O'Kelly*

Happy Summer! I hope you all have enjoyed summer and are staying cool in this heat. Your officers and chairmen have been busy over the summer planning the upcoming club year. Our Membership Social is this Sunday, August 20 at the GFWC-SC Headquarters, 3-5. Please be sure to rsvp to Shelly or Jan, and if you haven't, please come anyway.

Ways and Means are busy coordinating our first fundraiser of the year, Sound of Music, on September 7. A few volunteers are still needed the night of the show, so please consider signing up. Call Diane Bozard to volunteer and wear your apron and name tag if you are volunteering.

The yearbook will soon go to print! Many thanks to Kaye Hunke, Jo Norris, Barbara Cross, and Gail Elfert for reading and proofing the yearbook. The membership pages have been updated on the SAWC website under the members only area. Please look at your info and let me know ASAP, no later than August 21, if anything needs to be changed.

I'm looking forward to another great club year and seeing everyone at the Membership Social and Sound of Music! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Frances Hill & Susan Smith

No Report

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Jan Mitchell-Conner & Shelly Langston

Our Summer Social is this **Sunday, August, 20th**, from **3pm to 5pm** at the **GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street Columbia!** Jan and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the Social. Bring a guest and come have some fun seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

**If you are bringing food, please be at the House at 2:30pm.**

If you haven't sent an RSVP to attend, please come anyway. We want to see you.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means - Debbie Bell, Diane Bozard & Susan Dox

Our first fundraiser is the musical SOUND OF MUSIC at Town Theatre on September 7, 2023. Open seating tickets are \$20 each. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with wine (\$5) and water (\$1) for sale prior to and during intermission. Drinks are permitted in the theatre this year! Performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

Use the flier provided via email to help sell tickets to all your friends, neighbors, church members, bridge/bunco/book club members, exercise buddies, and even complete strangers about our fundraiser. (Susan sold tickets to a complete stranger at Panera!)

**Let's sell all 300 tickets and fill the theatre!!!**

You may pay for outstanding tickets and pick up additional tickets at the August 20th social. To ensure that you enjoy the social to its fullest, we will have a SOUND OF MUSIC table where you may leave an envelope with your payment and/or request for tickets, along with your name. We will fill your order while you socialize.

Tickets may also be purchased through Venmo and PayPal. Gail worked very hard to ensure that PayPal was set-up. Let's use it! These tickets may be picked up at WILL CALL. Tickets will also be for sale the night of the play, but let's sell out the theatre prior to!

**VENMO: St. Andrews Woman's Club@standrewswomansclub**

**PAYPAL: [sawcirmo@gmail.com](mailto:sawcirmo@gmail.com)**

For delivery of tickets and/or questions, please contact Diane at 803-361-3732 ([dtbozard@gmail.com](mailto:dtbozard@gmail.com)) or Susan at 803-261-0563 ([sdox0103@gmail.com](mailto:sdox0103@gmail.com)).

Please share the SOUND OF MUSIC post from the SAWC Facebook page on your personal FB. We have advertised on our webpage, FaceBook, and InstaGram. Feel free to advertise any and everywhere!

Please use the link below to volunteer at the SOUND OF MUSIC. (If it doesn't automatically open, Copy, Paste, insert link into your URL on your webpage. I had to use Firefox, my Microsoft edge wouldn't work. Google Chrome should work). The form will limit the response to one for each checkbox. Please don't choose multiple slots. Make certain you click **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the form so that we will be automatically updated.

<https://rb.gy/jkb80>

**Volunteers, please wear your SAWC apron & name tag and arrive at the theatre at 6:00 p.m.**

### *Secretary - Beth Smith-Pollom*

Hello! Please do your best to let me know if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Feel free to send an email (elizabeth2371@att.net) or shoot me a text (317-710-6147). Also don't forget to sign in. I don't know all the names and faces yet, so please check in with me. Thank you!

### *Treasurer - Gail Elfert*

The Membership Social is Sunday, and your treasurer will be there set up to accept your \$52 club dues for the 2023-24 year. You can pay with check, cash, Venmo or PayPal.

Money from the sale of tickets to **The Sound of Music** is beginning to come in, but the bank balances do not reflect all of the income yet. As of Monday, August 14th Board meeting, the checking account balance is \$3126.64, and the savings account balance is \$3362.20. The annual review of the checking account will be completed by the end of August.

### *Advisor - Daryl Hendrix*

No report.

## *Community Service Project Reports:*

### *Arts and Culture - Lynne Hauptner & Marie DeLoach*

We hope everyone had a spectacular summer and is ready for a much cooler fall.

Arts will be hosting our October meeting with a musical theme provided by IRMO HS Arts program. We will also have a guest speaker, Milan Townsend from Dutch Fork Middle School. She is our Tri-DAC Consortium Scholarship recipient and attended the summer program. We will be collecting small sketch books, 3x5 & 4x4 canvases, coloring books, colored pencils, sharpeners which will be donated to the Children's hospitals in the area.

- **Free Sundays Presented by Richland County** | Sunday, Aug. 20 | 1-4 p.m. | Hampton-Preston Mansion & Gardens, 1615 Blanding St., Columbia | Free | On the third Sunday of the month, residents of Richland and Lexington counties are invited to tour one of Historic Columbia's house museums for free.

## *Civic Engagement & Outreach - Anne Marie Shepherd & Ann Keisler*

Our CSP members are looking forward to another successful club year! Those of us that were able met on July 10 this summer.

This fall we will be adopting two special needs adults for Families Helping Families and providing holiday gifts for them. We also will be coordinating with Wreaths Across America to take sponsorships for gravesite wreaths provided to military members laid to rest in the national cemetery. We hope to also have an opportunity with the USO for some hands on work to assist them in their mission.

Our speaker for January will be Captain Matt Deas, with the West Columbia Police Departments Criminal Investigation Division and Vice Chairman of Crimestoppers of the Midlands. A big thanks to our own Crimestoppers Board member, Kaye Jones, for facilitating this!

## *Education & Libraries - Leann Angel*

Welcome back ladies to another new year! The Education and Libraries CSP will once again collect school supplies. They may be brought to the social on Sunday, August 20. These supplies will be divided among the Irmo Elementary and Harbison West students. The items needed are composition books, pencils, notebook paper, 1 inch binders, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, plastic bags - sandwich size, quart size, gallon size, erasers, scissors, colored pencils and crayons. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Once again, we will continue our Book Club. We hope you will feel free to join us at any time. Our selection for September is "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain. We meet at the Irmo Library in one of the conference rooms on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm. We always have wonderful discussions!

Our Little Library is going strong! We filled it numerous times with children's books. If you happen to go by, please report any problems. The doors have been left open and the glass needed some repair over the summer. The library is clearly being used!

## *Environment - Sarah Ostergaard*

The Environment CSP will focus this year on sustainable practices to continue to be good stewards of our environment. Choices we (and others) make affect us locally and also globally: a classic example of the tragedy of the commons. Together we can learn more and create new habits!

This year the Environment CSP will be recycling corks, and other items. We will send updates through this newsletter and announcements at the meetings.

A few things to know:

- Lexington County has decided to move away from large events. Instead, the County offers regular drop-off opportunities for residents to bring their items. Attached is a drop-off schedule for hazardous waste materials.

- Lexington County Collection and Recycling Centers; open Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 7:00am-7:00pm and Sun from 3:00pm- 7:00am. For a list of accepted materials, visit our Collection and Recycling Centers' website by clicking <https://lex-co.sc.gov>
- You can read the most recent Lexington County Newsletter [here](#).

We will include other counties' information as requested!



**LEXINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY HHW DROP-OFF**

**NO BUSINESS MATERIALS ACCEPTED  
PROOF OF COUNTY RESIDENCE  
REQUIRED**

*Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Opportunities \* Summer 2023 Q3*



**Friday • JULY 14th • 9AM- 3PM**  
**Saturday • JULY 15th • 9AM- 3PM**  
 @Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington  
 \*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

**Friday • AUGUST 11th • 9AM- 3PM**  
**Saturday • AUGUST 12th • 9AM- 3PM**  
 @Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington  
 \*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

**Friday • SEPTEMBER 8th • 9AM- 3PM**  
**Saturday • SEPTEMBER 9th • 9AM- 3PM**  
 @Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington  
 \*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION



**Accepted Materials Include:**

- Acids
- Brake fluid
- Bug spray
- Carburetor cleaner
- Degreasers
- E-cigarettes
- Fertilizer w/ weed killer
- Fire extinguishers
- Furniture stripper
- Glue with solvents
- Insect killer
- Lighter fluid
- Lithium Ion Batteries
- Mercury including thermometers, thermostats and debris
- Mothballs
- Paint, liquid (limit 8 gal)
- Paint related materials (ex. thinner)
- Pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides
- Polish with solvents
- Pool chemicals
- Roach and ant poison
- Rodent bait
- Spot remover
- Spray paint
- Stain, varnish and lacquer
- Turpentine
- Weed killer
- Wood preservatives



\*Contact Us: 803-785-3325  
 Email: [recycling@lex-co.com](mailto:recycling@lex-co.com)



*Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Jo Norris*

The Health and Wellness CSP will be sponsoring the program at the September meeting. There will be a presentation by the FBI entitled Elder Fraud Awareness Initiative which focuses on financial fraud. This is an important topic for everyone, regardless of their age, as there are millions of scams and it is often difficult to determine what is valid and what is not. We encourage you to bring your friends and/or significant others to hear this presentation. We will be starting at 6:30 to allow extra time for the presentation as well time for questions.

We will also be collecting food items for both the Virginia Wingard Food Bank as well as Harvest Hope. Please see the list below for specific items that are currently needed at Virginia Wingard. However, both food banks welcome any donations of non-perishable food items. We are coordinating our food collection efforts to coincide with the GFWC-SC Day of Service on September 30 which highlights food insecurities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

List for Virginia Wingard Food Bank:

Canned vegetables (green beans, peas, corn, etc.)  
Canned fruit  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Pasta  
Pasta sauce (prefer cans or plastic - no glass)  
Macaroni and cheese  
Canned meat  
Cereal

Hope to see you at the social on Sunday and at the September meeting. Looking forward to cooler weather.

Mental Health Quote for the Month:

You yourself as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection.  
"The Buddha"

## *Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:*

### *Leadership/WHRT - Kristin Fields:*

It is the time of year our leaders plan for club meeting speakers and projects. As a leader we sometimes try to do it all. I encourage you to share the tasks ahead so you will all enjoy your volunteer activities. The following are a few tips to help in delegating.

1. Choose tasks wisely: It is best to delegate reoccurring tasks and tasks to members with the best contacts or skills.
2. Pick the right person: Consider club members experience and remember new members are eager to help.
3. Perfect the handoff: Clearly explain the details and expectations, then let the member take the task.
4. Keep in touch-to an extent: Don't just dump the task and run, send a few simply follow ups, as needed.
5. Acknowledge the help: Say thank you either in the newsletter or at a meeting.

(This was adopted from Maudlin & Jenkins, Nov 15, 2018 article: 5 Delegation Best Practices for Nonprofit Leaders.)



## *Special Addition*

St Andrews Woman's Club will be participating in GFWC's National Day of Service on September 30<sup>th</sup>. That National Day of Service is a day in which all of GFWC comes together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address the need, and raise public awareness about its importance. This year's issue is food insecurity. Our project will be to conduct a Food Drive to benefit Sharing God's Love. We will provide shopping list from Sharing God's Love to shoppers as they enter the grocery store and collect the items they purchase. Two locations are being considered – Publix on N. Lake OR Food Lion on St. Andrews Rd. We will work in one hour shifts beginning at 10:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be at the Summer Social and the September meeting. Let's do our part to help with the tremendous need in our community!

## *IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:*

Summer Social: 8-20-23

Fundraiser: Sound of Music: 9-7-23

Board Meeting: 9-11-23

Newsletter information due to Beth: 9-15-23

General Meeting: 9-25-23

National Day of Service: 9-30-23