

**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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***October 2023 NEWSLETTER***

***Officer Reports:***

***President - Laurie O'Kelly***

Happy Fall Y'all!

Our National Day of Service projects were a great success! At Kroger, we collected 1,465 pounds of food and \$125 in cash that was donated to Sharing God's Love. They were blown away with the amount of food that was delivered. Health and Wellness CSP collected 200 pounds of food that was donated to the Virginia Wingard Food Pantry and the Education CSP collected food for the food box at Union United Methodist Church. Thank you to all who participated to make a difference in our community.

We will vote on the recipient for Progress Foundation Grant. There are 3 candidates: Killingsworth Home for Women, Turning Pages Literacy, and Ezekiel Ministries. Please read about the 3 proposals and be prepared to vote at our meeting. See you October 23 at 7:00, Union United Methodist Church. We will meet in the Joy Classroom, near the Fellowship Hall where we met last month.

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

Thanks to Health and Wellness CSP for the informative FBI program on elder fraud that was presented at our September meeting. What a great way to kick off the club year!

Please remember that accurate records of your hours, money spent and donations will make our job of reporting much easier in January!

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

The Membership Committee met at Daryl's house for Orientation on October 1, 2023. All new members were present! We had a good time getting to know each other. We had fun introducing our new members into what it means to be a member of St Andrews Woman's Club. Our new members are excited about being in the club and are ready to go to work. A few of our new members helped with our first fund raiser, Sound of Music at the Town Theater! New members are Janet Prince, Linda Shealy Davis, Rachael Richardson, Patty Cavanaugh, and Vickie Williams.

We, (Jan, Daryl, Laurie, and I) are so delighted to have our new members. Please welcome our new members and help them have a great year. Name tags have been ordered and they are on their way. We should have them at the October meeting

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

Thanks to everyone for making this year's sponsorship of The Sound of Music at the Town Theatre the most successful since we started this fundraiser! Below are the final totals:

Ticket Sales		\$ 4,695.51
Wine and Water Sales	+	<u>\$ 305.55</u>
<b>Gross Income</b>		<b>\$ 5,001.06</b>
Wine/Cups Expense	-	\$ 76.60
Ticket Printing Expense	-	\$ 40.13
Carryover for next year's sponsorship	-	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 3,683.33</b>

Our next fundraiser is the Belk Charity Day Sale - November 3-5. Christmas is just around the corner; so what a great time to think about shopping! Tickets are \$5 each which will be deducted from your purchase. Get exclusive designer deals (extra 25%) and give back to your community. Shop early from October 16-November 2. Reserve your items now and pick them up November 3-5. We will have tickets for sale at our October 23rd General Meeting. Contact Susan Dox via email ([sdox0103@gmail.com](mailto:sdox0103@gmail.com)) or text (803-261-0563) if you would like tickets before.

## 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

As of Oct. 14, the current checking balance is \$8241.41, and the savings account balance is \$3363.04. All income and expenses for the Town Theatre play are included in these figures. The GFWC-SC portion of our club dues will be submitted along with the updated membership list before the end of the month.

Please let me know if your email or mailing address will change before the end of October.

## Advisor - Daryl Hendrix

No Report.

## *Community Service Project Reports:*

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

Arts and culture is looking forward to hosting our October meeting with a musical presentation from the Music Department at Irmo High School for the Arts and guest speaker, Milan Townsend, our 2023 TRI-DAC Scholarship recipient.

We are collecting the following items which will be donated to the Children's hospitals in the area.

small sketch books

3x5 & 4x4 canvases

colored pencils and sharpeners

coloring books (all ages)

crayons, colored markers

Thank you in advance. See you in October.

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

Wreaths Across America - Their Mission, "Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom."

This year's wreath laying event will be held on December 16th. At this point, WAA still needs sponsorship on over 7,000 wreaths to ensure there is a wreath on every veteran's grave.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath, you can do so for \$17.00. Please make your check or Venmo payment to SAWC and we will send the money in with a Club check. Please give your checks to Anne Marie Shepherd or Ann Keisler or let us know you Venmo'd at the general meeting.

In January we have a volunteer opportunity to assist with the cemetery clean-up. The date will be TBD, but will be in early January. If you would like to volunteer for this outing, I will need to provide them with a list of names no later than November 25.

Lastly if you are interested in laying wreaths on December 16th, there is no need to sign up. Anne Marie will be happy to get you the information you need to participate.

### *Education & Libraries - Leann Angel*

Thank you to all our CSP members for their donations of food to the Blessing Box at Union United Methodist Church. We collected 130 pounds of food! Great Job!

Book Group will meet at the Irmo Library on November 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The selection this month is 'Remarkably Bright Creatures' by Shelby Van Pelt. All members are welcome!

Please sign the sheet we will be passing around at the meeting if you donated school supplies or money. Info is needed for our annual reports!

### *Environment - Sarah Ostergaard*

Hello all! Our gardening dates are still TBD for the Irmo Branch Library and Leeza's Care Connection but stay tuned through the newsletter and/or during the monthly meeting for proposed dates when we can lend a hand! Jane Hiller (Library garden) is waiting on the county to remove some limbs on nearby trees to open up sunlight for the garden, then we could be useful spreading mulch and prepping the garden for the winter season. Leeza's Care Connection is waiting on installation of a new sign, so we would do any planting after that takes place.

Please remember to recycle! You can recycle paper and some electronics at Staples. Best Buy also has a large list of electronics it accepts for recycling. Check out their website! Bring those wine corks to the SAWC meetings and we'll drop them off for you, too! Lowe's stores generally offer a recycling center, usually near the entrance, that accepts plastic bags, CFL bulbs, rechargeable batteries, and cellphones. Lowe's also accepts plastic planter pots and cases in the garden center for recycling.

For Lexington County, you can learn about solid waste and recycling drop off information online here: <https://www.lex-co.sc.gov/dept-swm>. For Richland County: <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Solid-Waste-Recycling>.

Curious to learn more about agriculture in our state? Find me (Sarah) at the October meeting to browse and take some materials from the SC Dept. of Agriculture. I have 15 copies each of an SC Farm Fun booklet, an overview map of agri-tourist sites across the state, an agri-tourism passport, and a season harvest finder. Fun!

# LEXINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY HHW DROP-OFF

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

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Opportunities \*FALL 2023 Q4



**Friday • October 20th • 9AM- 3PM**

**Saturday • October 21st • 9AM- 3PM**

@Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington

\*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

**Friday • November 17th • 9AM- 3PM**

**Saturday • November 18th • 9AM- 3PM**

@Ecoflo Inc. Collection Center •1741 Calks Ferry Road• Lexington

\*UP TO 5 ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AT THIS LOCATION

**Friday • December 1st • 9AM- 3PM**

**Saturday • December 2nd • 9AM- 3PM**

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## 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*

Hope all of you enjoyed our September program educating us on the many scams that are out there and learning how to avoid falling victim to them.

Thank you for your generous donations to our food drive. We delivered close to 200 pounds of food to Virginia Wingard's Food Pantry and to Harvest Hope. Both organizations were very appreciative of our contribution.

November's meeting will be our annual fundraiser for Operation Smile. You'll be hearing more on that effort from Gail.

This month is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Breast cancer accounts for about 30% of all new cancer cases in women each year in the United States. Here is a look at the latest U.S. breast cancer statistics. About 13% (about 1 in 8) of U.S. women are going to develop invasive breast cancer in the course of their life. In 2023, an estimated 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in U.S. women, along with 55,720 new cases of DCIS (**Ductal carcinoma in situ**). In 2023, an estimated 2,800 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 833. There are currently more than 4 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among U.S. women. Remember to continue those mammograms and monthly self-exams! This information is provided by [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org).

We plan to start our 30 minute walking prior to the meeting this month. No special gear, just comfortable walking shoes. We will be using the track inside Union so weather will not be an issue! Gail will meet us at the side door, where we enter for meetings, at 6:30 and walk us to the area we will be using. See you then!

**"If ever you start to feel you must hold things in, let them be life-giving things that remind you of who you are and who you are meant to be."**

## *Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:*

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

Congratulations SAWC members! The club year is off to great start. The first fundraiser was a big success and the September meeting was very informative. Keep up the good club work!

### *Fellowship - Jane Jeffcoat & Carol Ann Williams*

Hey hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful weather. Please let us know of any Fellowship needs?



### Special Addition: Progress Foundation

Please review the following 3 requests for the Progress Foundation and be prepared to vote at the meeting in October as to which charity you would like to see receive the money. Thanks, Laurie.

**1\*** I would like to nominate **Turning Pages** for the recipient of the Progress Foundation this year.

I would like to request \$3000.00. The money would be used for learning material for the learners.

Turning Pages is a 501c3 and has been around since 1968. They provide Adult Based Education for adults reading at a 9th grade level or lower. It is a 24 week program and you meet with the tutor for one hour a week. The learner is reassessed after the 24 weeks.

I have been an active tutor with the program this year.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Kaye Hunke

**2\*** The Arts and Culture would like to recommend **Killingsworth** in the amount of \$5000 for a Progress Foundation grant. These funds would be used to adopt several residents by paying their monthly rent of \$541. Currently they are housing 17 residents.

Killingsworth is a unique community residence in downtown Columbia, SC for women who are emerging from crisis situations.

Within the eight bedroom home, women recovering from alcohol and/or drug abuse, incarceration, mental and emotional problems, violence and assault, or family crisis situations can find shelter and support. The residential program includes room, board, guidance and support for a nominal fee. Financial and vocational assistance to the residents is often available from partner agencies in the community.

Each resident is required to be involved in some organized productive activity during her stay. For most residents that means employment. Training or educational programs which lead to employment are equally acceptable. This requirement is basic to each woman's steps toward self-sufficiency and return to community life.

Women are referred to Killingsworth from human service agencies across the state, from the Department of Corrections, from treatment centers, as well as from churches and self-referrals. For admittance, the referral agency or counselor contacts a staff person for an application package. A personal interview is scheduled prior to acceptance for admission.

Killingsworth is a ministry of the United Methodist Women who provide some financial support as well as resourcing and training for the staff and the Board of Directors. United Methodist Church members across South Carolina contribute volunteer services and fundraising support as well. Financial support also comes from individuals, other church groups, community-based organizations, grants, and fees paid by our residents.

The residents of Killingsworth are a community of women from all walks of life, from varying kinds of families, with differing educational backgrounds and different life experiences. Their diversity gives them strength.

Killingsworth is a 501c3 nonprofit ministry of the United Methodist Women. Our Federal ID # is 57-0659510.

3\* I would be interested in the club supporting the **After School Program at Ezekiel Ministries**, a 501c3 nonprofit ministry, with a request of \$5000 from Progress Foundation.

Ezekiel Ministries was birthed in 2009 after a group of men and women served in a downtown community so forgotten that it was often called "The Gates of Hell". After forming tight-knit relationships with some of the kids in that neighborhood, they knew they couldn't stop there. There was so much potential in these kids, yet no one was taking the time to invest in them. This is where Ezekiel was born.

Children can participate in our programs through community-based mentoring, after-school programs (Richland and Lexington County Schools) or through a pre-apprenticeship. Each program is designed to partner with parents and local church members to help children beat the odds.

### **After School Program**

Our After-school and summer programs are meant to be affordable. We invest daily in the spiritual, academic and social development of children through a fun and active curriculum, helping children find their spiritual footing and gain the tools they need to succeed. For a small weekly fee, parents are encouraged to take ownership in our programs by being as active as possible. If you're a parent who's been struggling to find trusted community support, we'd love to help you find a safe place for your child to grow into a healthy adult.



Ezekiel Ministries knows how to help. For 10 years Ezekiel Ministries has been developing and implementing programs that meet kids and families where they are and sticks with them long-term. Our After-School Program serve dozens of children daily through well-crafted curriculum that includes:

- Tutoring
- Healthy snacks
- Small class sizes
- Energy expending
- Bible lessons and relationships for the whole family

We do our best to develop the WHOLE child through partnership with the WHOLE family.

Ezekiel Ministries  
1414 Lady Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: 803.281.0333  
[www.ezeministries.org](http://www.ezeministries.org)

Thank you,  
Barbara Cross

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 23:	General Meeting – Union United Methodist Church	7:00pm
October 27-29	GFWC-Southern Region Conference Biloxi, Mississippi	
October 31	Happy Halloween	
November 10	Newsletter info due to Beth Taylor	

### *Important Reminder!*

Remember our new meeting location is at **Union United Methodist Church**, 7582 Woodrow St., Irmo SC - directly across the street and railroad from the Irmo location of *Lizard's Thicket*. There are parking places between the street and the church and additional parking places in front of and behind the Law Office Building next door to the church in addition to many spaces at back of the church campus. The entrance to the JOY Classroom where we will meet in October is on the ground floor at the back of the sanctuary building -- look for a SAWC sign to mark the door.

\*\*Please note that there is a **CODE** to open the door - **\*4766#** - and if you look at the keypad on your phone you will see that it is (**\*IRMO#**)! Please keep this information within our membership and do not share it with others for safety reasons. If you forget, there is a doorbell you can ring *if* necessary