

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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Jan 2024 NEWSLETTER

Officer Reports:

President - Laurie O'Kelly

Happy New Year! I hope all had a nice holiday season with family and friends. I attended the GFWC-SC Winter Board meeting on January 13 along with Kaye Jones, Kristin Fields, Janet Prince, Lynne Hauptner, Tonja Ivey, and Kaye Hunke. I'm very excited to announce our club received a \$5,000 grant from the SCFWC Progress Foundation to support Killingsworth Home with women's underwear, personal hygiene products, and bus passes for the women to go to work, job interviews, and training. We can truly make an impact with this grant. Please be sure to read the Fellowship report. Several members need our thoughts and prayers.

At the January meeting, we will elect the nominating committee, who will be tasked with putting together the list of members who will serve as our officers next club year. Please consider saying yes if you are contacted. Being part of the Executive Committee is a great way to develop friendships and become more involved in club work.

SAWC nominated Kaye Jones for GFWC-SC First Vice President and Kaye Hunke for GFWC-SC Secretary. Look for their bios in the March Clubwoman Magazine. I am so proud of these ladies and know they will serve as excellent officers at the state level. The installation of officers will be Saturday, April 20 downtown Columbia, so save the date.

And finally, I am happy to report Kaye Hunke will attend the LEADS workshop on February 16 and represent SAWC.

I look forward to seeing everyone on January 22 at Union UMC. Stay healthy!

1st Vice President - Frances Hill & Susan Smith

We look forward to receiving the CSP reports by Monday, January 15. CSP Chairs, please send your report to both of us. It is always very gratifying to read the reports and to be reminded of the impact that SAWC has had in the St. Andrews area and beyond during the past year.

2nd Vice President - Jan Mitchell-Conner & Shelly Langston

Happy New Year everyone!!

Just a reminder to our new members. Please continue working on your Orientation requirements. If you are having problems completing requirements, please reach out to me, Jan Mitchell-Conner or your mentor. We will be happy to help you. Our Bunco Fund raiser will be happening in March. The club's requirements for new members are to attend a minimum of one "Ways and Means" committee meeting, work 4 hours and \$25 contribution. Helping with Bunco will meet many of these requirements. Remember club members are here to help you and to answer your questions. Have a great year!

3rd Vice President Ways & Means - Debbie Bell, Diane Bozard & Susan Dox

Happy 2024! Now BUNCO is getting close!!

Our Theme is ST. PATRICK'S
Silent Auction, 50/ 50 Board, Bars, Food, Bunco
New this year...WINE WALL!

We will be selling tickets at our General Meeting on Monday, January 22nd.
The tickets will be \$25.00 each.

There will be a signup sheet at our January meeting, so be thinking of where you would like to help. We will also be collecting New Items that you might like to donate for a part of a basket in our auction.

Please mark your calendar for our first Bunco Meeting. It will be held on Thursday, January 25th, 6:00 at Tonella's (private room) In Ballentine.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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 current balance of the SAWC checking account is \$5081.46 which is the net after the new general liability policy premium has been paid and the Civic Engagement CSP has donated all their budgeted funds. The savings account balance at Wells Fargo is \$3364.31.

Advisor - Daryl Hendrix

January is the month Laurie appoints the Revisions Committee. SAWC reviews and makes recommendations for changes to our bylaws in the even years. Take a few minutes to reread the bylaws. They are in our white notebook and on our website sawc-sc.org under "members". As Advisor I serve as chairman of Revisions. Please email any suggestions you have for revisions to me at daryl636@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Each year in February we have a past president/new member dinner. This year we will celebrate leap year with our dinner at Zorba's at **6 pm on Thursday, February 29**. Please mark on your calendars.

Also, the date has been set for the past presidents' weekend getaway. It will be held at Gail's at the beach, **February 9-12**.

Community Service Project Reports:

Arts and Culture - Lynne Hauptner & Marie DeLoach

Happy New Year everyone! Marie and I are asking each of our CSP members to bring several signed Valentines to our January meeting for distribution to the Brian Center in the St Andrews area.

Currently, the Center has 95 residents so it would be great if every clubwoman would bring a Valentine or two for these seniors. (Dollar tree has cards 2for \$1) We will have a box to collect them in. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Spring is just around the corner so take lots of pictures for the Photography contest at convention. Remember: The SC State Museum is \$1 admission on the first Sunday of every month and the Planetarium and 4D movie theatre is \$5.

The Columbia Art Museum is free on the First Thursday of every month.

Ladies, each CSP is asked to provide a basket for the silent auction at our fundraiser (Bunco party) in March. I thought an adult arts basket with coloring books, word search, crosswords, colored pencils, fine tip markers, sketch pads, paints, crafts, Anything artsy.

Let me know your thoughts at the meeting and I need someone to coordinate this as I will be out of the country most of March. Thanks for your continued support.

Civic Engagement & Outreach - Anne Marie Shepherd & Ann Keisler

Welcome to 2024! We look forward to hosting our speaker at the January meeting, Captain Matt Deas with the West Columbia Police Department and Vice Chair of Crimestoppers of the Midlands. He will be sharing information with us about Crimestoppers. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting?

Education & Libraries - Leann Angel

Happy New Year Ladies! Cheers to 2024! It is going to be a busy spring with plenty of activity for all of us.

Our CSP will be doing our day of service again this year with the seniors! On Tuesday, February 6, 2024 we will be sponsoring Bingo with the 7 Oaks Seniors. Our entertaining Gail will be our caller once again! The seniors are looking forward to our being there again this year. Those participating should be there by 10:00 a.m. and play begins at 10:30. Remember, we provide the prizes so clean out those unwanted gifts!

Our delightful book group continues again on February 8, 2024, 1:00 p.m. in the Mungo Room at the Irmo Library. This month's read is "Don't Forget to Write" by Sarah Goodwin Confino. Please feel free to join us!

The Little Library continues to do well. Little and big minds have kept us busy keeping the box full. Glad we have such a great community of readers!

Our speaker for March will be discussing homelessness in District Five. We would like to contribute pertinent items to the cause and have found there is a need for gas cards for the adults, socks and underwear which could be bought with a Walmart gift card. We are concentrating our efforts to the high school age children. Please keep this in mind when you are out and about! We will be collecting any donations at the March meeting.

Environment - Sarah Ostergaard

1. I'm looking for our members to share their favorite household conservation / recycling / reusing / environmentally conscious habits! Please email your tips and tricks to sarahostergaard@gmail.com. I'll share them at our next meeting and newsletter. Thank you!

2. Check out the upcoming Lexington County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) dates for the start of 2024!

Go to <https://lex-co.sc.gov/dept-swm> and click RECYCLING or E-mail recycling@lex-co.com to be placed on our e-mailing list for more upcoming events.

(Sarah added a flyer that I am attaching to the end of this newsletter. Please check it out.) Beth

Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Jo Norris

Thank all of you for your contributions and supporting our very successful fundraiser for Operation Smile. We raised \$935 which will fund 14 + cleft palate repairs, thanks to a 4 for one match! Thanks also to Elizabeth and Gail for their help in organizing this event. It was our most successful to date!

In February we will be collecting products for the Period Project. This organization provides menstrual hygiene products for those in need. You'll hear more about this at our meeting but we wanted to give you a heads up in case you see a great sale or have a coupon you might want to use to purchase something to contribute next month. Maybe you have a women's group that might want to contribute at your next lunch together. Be imaginative and spread the word about this unique need in our community.

American Heart Month is the whole month of February. We will be passing out Red Ribbon pins for you to wear at our meeting and next month we will share more information on heart disease.

Mental Health Quote of the Month:

"I have come to believe that caring for myself is not self-indulgent. Caring for myself is an act of survival." — Audre Lorde

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Leadership/WHRT - Kristin Fields:

January is the time of year to make new year's resolutions. Let one of your resolutions be to take on a leadership role with our club or organization. This is a great way to meet new club members and get to know others better. So, when the nominations committee, CSP chair or club president calls, resolve to say yes! You will be very surprised at how well you can lead!

Fellowship - Jane Jeffcoat & Carol Ann Williams

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Happy Birthday 🎂 December, Kaye Jones, Anne Marie Shepherd, Ann Keisler, Barbara Cross, Karen Fields

January-Susan Dox, Kimberlie Julian, Kaye Hunke, Barbara Williams, Mary North

Please keep all of these in your thoughts and prayers, cards and texts appreciated.

Carol Ann Williams- Having radiation every day for 6 weeks and chemo once a week on her tongue. Beth Taylor's husband Rex, had cancer on his tonsils and base of tongue, and they got it all but having problems with swallowing.

Susan Swails, spent a few days in the hospital, had a bone marrow biopsy, will meet with doctors for results!

Tonya Ivey's father-in-law passed away.

Jan Mitchell-Conner mother passed away over Christmas.

Terri Boltin is doing much better, still has back brace on.

Please let Jane Jeffcoat know of any fellowship needs!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1-15-24	Martin Luther King Day of service	
1-22-24	General Meeting Union United Methodist Church	7pm
1-15-24	prize given to the first person that comes to me saying you read the newsletter!	

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Opportunities *Winter 2024 Q1*

**LEXINGTON COUNTY
RESIDENTS ONLY**

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



-Friday • February 2nd • 9AM- 3PM

-Saturday • February 3rd • 9AM- 3PM

**@Republic Services (formally Ecoflo) Collection Center
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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