



Let Us Forget Not to Be Kind.
Kindness "ROCKS"!

St. Andrews Woman's Club

October 2019 Newsletter

Officers Reports:

President - Gail Elfert

Our September "kick-off" for the new club year was packed with information, business, visiting, eating and meeting prospective new members! We voted on which charities will receive donations from the proceeds of our Ways and Means projects this year, and we'll hear the results soon. BUT in order for there to be money to donate WE ALL MUST BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WAYS AND MEANS PROJECTS. I know our 3rd Vice-Presidents are counting on everyone who is not "*in the hospital or out of the country*" to be at the Town Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 24!

At the October meeting we will decide what project we will apply for a **Progress Foundation Grant** to support. If you have any suggestions email them to me before the meeting so they can be discussed at Board meeting prior to the general meeting.

Try to remember to **bring your yearbook** with you to the meeting on the 28th because there will be some information to add. I promise not to send you on another scavenger hunt for obscure facts like I did in September!

1st Vice President – Daryl Hendrix

I am just thrilled with all the projects our CSP's are doing this fall. We have members who are motivated to volunteer their time and money to improve our community.

I want to give a special "shout out" to Kaye Jones and the members of the Education CSP. When they met in June they decided to provide a bookcase and books that were age appropriate for a Habitat for Humanity family. They applied for a GFWC grant through Proctor and Gamble to cover this expense. Kaye just announced that they got the grant for \$200. Congratulations to Education!!!

2nd Vice President – Carol Ann Williams and Debbie Bell

We are finally getting some Fall weather. We have 4 new members. Below is the new member information: The new member Orientation is schedule for Monday, November 4th at 6:30 pm at 210 Bithynia Circle, Irmo, SC 29063.

A list of all members will be distributed at our October meeting. See you there!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

1. Teresa Bridgers
7 Avonwood Court
Irmo, SC 29063
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teresa@palmettomentor.org
Birthday: June 21

2. Cynthia (Cyndi) Bryant
612 Rapids Road
Columbia, SC. 29212
803-608-9428
bryantcynthia492@gmail.com
Birthday: March 18

3. Vicky Hadley
400 Leamington Way
Irmo, SC 29063
803-407-5237 (h)
803-445-9268 (c)
vhadley1@gmail.com
Birthday: May 31

4. Kathy Lynn Hunt
203 Stonemedede Drive
Irmo, SC 29063
803-260-9537
hunkat16@yahoo.com
Birthday: February 5

3rd Vice President Ways and Means – Margery West, Judy Keating, Terri Bolton

ATTENTION: There are only a few days left before our Town Theatre dress rehearsal performance of "Into the Woods" on Thursday, October 24th. Tickets sales have been steady but we still have more to sell. As you know, this is a fundraiser for our club and it is important that you participate. Tickets are only \$20 each. Please call Judy Keating 781-5788 or 917-2798 or Margery West 463-4644.

AND SO MUCH MORE:

Belk Charity Sale November 9th

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at our October meeting.

Please **contact Judy 781-5788** if you are available to work at Belk the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, Nov 6-8th.

In order to receive a split of the day's proceeds from Belk, we still need volunteers to work two 4 hour shifts (or four - 2 hr shifts) at Belk the day of the sale. Please let me know so I can schedule your selection with Belk. Margery, text or call, 803-463-4644 (c)

Thank you so much for all your efforts during this extremely busy starting club year. We can finally grab a breath after the Belk Charity Sale until the gearing up for Bunko Night begins.

CHARITY SELECTIONS FOR COMING YEAR

1. Sharing God's Love
2. PAALS – Palmetto Animal Assisted Living Services
3. TIE: Saluda Shoals Park Universally Inclusive Playground and Virginia Wingard UMC's Food Pantry

Secretary –Ann Martin

Please sign the roll. Thanks!

Treasurer – Katherine Keckeisen

We have 52 paid members for our 2019-20 year. I will have the new yearbook pages/new books at our October 28th meeting to give out to all members that have paid dues.

The checking account balance on the September 30, 2019 bank statement was \$2,470.44. The savings account balance was \$3,906.62.

Advisor – Kathy Hogan

Community Service Project Reports:

Art – Susan Dox

Did you know that learning music increases student's math scores? Music is an art as well as theater, painting, pottery and even making jewelry. Albert Einstein said 'Creativity is contagious pass it on'.

We will meet on Oct 21, Monday, 6PM, at Private Property in Lexington for our second meeting.

Ann K, Carol Ann, Nina & I will be handing out programs for the production of 'INTO THE WOODS' at the Town Theatre on Oct 24. We need to arrive at 7:15pm as the doors open at 7:30pm.

We are excited to present our Oct 28 Art program with the local professional artist, James Busby. Hope you will leave with a different appreciation for drawing and get excited! International will provide the refreshments for the evening as we will provide for them in February.

We are continuing to work on a creative writing contest with the District 5 High Schools using the theme, 'BE KIND'. Stay tuned....

Art will be venturing out to the Columbia Art Museum to see the Van Gough exhibit of 12 original paintings and drawings as it is open through Jan 12. Tickets are \$15 to non-members.

Hope you are enjoying the beginning of Fall with all the football games, the State Fair running through Oct 20, Boo at the Zoo Oct 18-Oct 30, Dracula Ballet at Koger Oct 25,26, and Christmas open houses at many shops the first week of November,

Conservation – Susan Swails

The Conservation CSP will work with LMIWC and the Dutch Fork ROTC in the garden at the Irmo Library on Saturday, Oct. 26, to help spread mulch, pull weeds and improve the space. If you're looking for a pleasant place out of doors to relax for a bit, consider visiting this little oasis behind the library on St Andrews Road. We look forward to seeing everyone at the play on Thursday! As always, Conservation reminds you to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"!

Education – Kaye Jones

Great News! We have received word that we have been awarded the literacy grant of \$200 I mentioned last month. With this grant, we will be working with Habit for Humanity – we are donating a bookcase and books to Chelsea and her 3 children (ages 3-17) to go in their new home. The build started on her house September 12th and they should be in late November/early December. We will present this when the house is completed.

And more Great News...we are *SO CLOSE* to our goal of collecting 100 Dr. Seuss books! If you bought some for this GFWC Grand Initiative and haven't gotten them to me yet, please bring them to the October meeting as this will be the last month. We will be sending half of the books collected to Headquarters in Washington, DC and the other half will be distributed in the Midlands.

My thanks are a-bounding
My thanks are a lot
You've made my job easy
And sweetened our pot!
Our goal is ONE HUNDRED
Dr Seuss books we will share
I'm touched by your willingness
To show others we care!!!!



Thank you again to everyone for pitching in on this – I really appreciate your help in hitting our goal and I promise...no more attempts at writing like Dr. Seuss!

Home Life - Kaye Hunke

I hope everyone remembered to wear their pink ribbons the month of October. We are scheduled to work the Families Helping Families phone banks on Tuesday, November 26 from 4 – 7:30 pm. We have 5 people signed up so far and could use at least one more volunteer. We will be collecting money to adopt a small family/senior at the October and November meetings.

January 20, 2020 is a Day of Service. We will be checking local charities to see who has a project we can help with. We will see if we can work with other CSPs

We are still collecting gently used purses for our Sister Care project. We hope to have 40 by December so we can deliver to Sister Care before Christmas.

International Outreach – Nancy Schmidt

COMPASSION, PATIENCE, GIVING : Words to Ponder In recognition of World Food Day, we will be collecting food for Virginia Wingard food pantry this month. Items requested: cereal, corn muffin mix, 1# rice, mac & cheese, can vegetables (corn, gr. beans), can fruit, baked beans, can soup, spaghetti sauce & pasta, cookies, peanut butter and jelly. There is a great need for PEANUT BUTTER ladies. NOVEMBER: We will again do our fall raffle. We hope to have a lot of goodies for your Thanksgiving.

Public Issues - Missy Klopfer

The Public Issues CSP has a challenging and fun year planned. Please SAVE THE DATE, for The Martin Luther King Day of Service, Monday, January 20, 2020. SAWC members will have the opportunity to donate time and talents to several worthy community efforts on that day. Working during the day, but would like to support our goal to donate 1,000 hours this day? Not to worry! You, too, will have a chance to participate in a "micro-volunteering experience."

In step with the focus of GFWC nationally, we will be looking at ways to support Women in the Military this year, with a special emphasis on disabled or homeless veterans. Our intent is to delve into the issues and challenges in our community (and our nation) during our January meeting, so stay tuned!

Another date to keep on your calendar is Saturday, December 14. Join others as we work together to place wreaths on graves at Ft. Jackson cemetery at noon on this day. Will share more information on this as it comes available.

Happy Fall, y'all.

SAWC and The Christmas Stocking Extravaganza

Everyone is invited to attend the 8th annual Christmas Stocking Extravaganza on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 6-8 at the Mansion on Laurel Street. Ann Martin has tickets. \$15 each

Please consider making a small donation to SAWC's stocking, "Christmas in The Big Easy", being created by Barbara, Susan & Susan. We'll have the empty stocking at our meeting.

Thanks for your support of our Headquarters! SSm, BW, SSw

Important Dates to remember:

October 24 - Into the Woods – 8 pm Town Theater

October 28 - Board Meeting: 6:15

General Meeting: 7:15

November 5 – Local elections

November 9 – Belk Charity Sale

November 11 – Veterans Day