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St. Andrews Woman's Club

September 2019 Newsletter

Officers Reports:

President - Gail Elfert

What a fun time we had at the Membership Social at Total Wine on Sept. 9! Thanks to Carol Ann Williams and Debbie Bell for planning such an enjoyable kick-off to the new club year and to board members who provided the delicious food. We were delighted to welcome 4 guests, and one even joined and paid her dues at the Social – Welcome back to the club, Cyndi Bryant. And we are looking forward to meeting more guests our first meeting of the year on Sept. 23!

This is important for all members AND for our guest speakers to know – **a light meal will be served at each monthly general meeting BEFORE the program is presented.** The business meeting will now follow the program or speaker. This should help our members who are coming from work.

One bit of news to share with those who were not able to attend the Membership Social – Katherine Keckeisen has been appointed as the Treasurer for the 2019-2020 club year replacing Linda Martin who has developed some health issues over the summer which necessitated giving up some of the "duties" she had added to her life recently. Thank you to Katherine for so willingly accepting the position, and our prayers and best wishes go to both Linda Floyd and Linda Martin who had to relinquish the position.

Please remember that if you have not already paid your \$52 annual dues (what a bargain!) you need to do so at the September meeting! Remember to bring your white yearbook binder so you can put in the new pages.

They will come in handy during the program!! 😊 And remember to bring guests who might be interested in joining or learning more about us.

One last item ... SAWC is responsible for decorating the tables at the breakfast board meeting during the GFWC Southern Region Conference in North Charleston on Oct. 18 and we are using a variety of teapots for the 5 tables and need at least 15 to 18. So, if you have a colorful, pretty, or unusual teapot you wouldn't mind loaning us, you can bring it to the meeting on the 23rd or let me know that you will get it to us before the

conference. 🍵 See you soon!

1st Vice President – Daryl Hendrix

As we begin another great year together in SAWC, don't forget about the new PROJECT/PROGRAM/ACTIVITY report form. If CSP chairs and members fill out this form as we complete each activity, reporting will be even easier this year. Also, it is a terrific way to keep up with our new bylaw changes for member participation. Remember: no point sheets this year. We voted on these new requirements---now it's up to EACH member to follow our new guidelines! It is going to be another outstanding year for the St. Andrews Woman's Club.

2nd Vice President – Carol Ann Williams and Debbie Bell

Thanks to all who attended our Wine Tasting on September 9th. We had a full house and it was a great way to start our new year. We had 27 members and 4 guests for a total of 31.

Thank you to Gail Elfert, Kathy Hogan, Ann Martin and Susan Swails for supplying the delicious food. We are looking forward to a great new year and can't wait to introduce our prospective new members.

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

We are excited that the club year has begun with such a great Membership Social. It is time to be thinking about [Town Theatre performance of Into the Woods](#) that we are sponsoring on [Thursday October 24th](#). Please be thinking of friends and family you can invite. The cost is \$20. We will have tickets at the September meeting, but can also meet up with you. Just give us a call. *Terri (803-603-6221): Judy (803-781-5799(h) or 803-917-2798(c): Margery (803-463-4644)*

Into the Woods is a modern twist on Grimm's fairy tales in a musical format. It intertwines the plots of exploring consequences of the characters wishes. What happens if Little Red Riding Hood met Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk met Rapunzel? It should be a fun play and you know what they say: "be careful what you wish for".

Thanks to member's expansive generosity in support of the [August Belk Charity Sale](#), our treasury grew by \$945.00 (plus future check from Belk for ticket sales)

Just a few details of note:

24 out of 52 members participated by working and/or buying tickets.

Our members bought 97 tickets for \$485.00..... more than half the total sales

Our members worked a total of 59 hours.

Thanks again to our hard working and dedicated members for making this event successful.

Secretary –Ann Martin

Looking forward to a great year! Please be sure to sign the roll at each meeting. Thanks!

Treasurer – Katherine Keckeisen

For those members who have not already paid due for the 2019-2020 club year, remember our bylaws state that **dues (\$52) are payable on or before the September General meeting**. You can bring them to the meeting or mail them to: **Katherine Keckeisen, 1 Lyme Bay, Columbia SC 29212**. Please mail them if you know you will not be able to attend the September meeting. New yearbook pages will be given out at the meeting to all members who have paid dues. New members will receive a binder and yearbook pages.

The checking account balance on the August 31 bank statement was \$2,470.44, and the savings account balance was \$3906.46.

The Treasurer's books for the 2018-2019 club year were reviewed on August 1 by Laurie O'Kelly and Kristin Fields who confirmed the beginning and ending balances to the bank statements and determined that all transactions were accurate and properly documented. This review meets the audit requirements in the Bylaws.

Advisor – Kathy Hogan

I was so glad to see so many members and to meet our guests at the Wine-tasting Social on September 9th and I regret that I will not be at our regular September meeting... I'm looking forward to my role as Advisor... but John and I will be cruising the Baltic Sea on our way to St. Petersburg, Russia. I'm also sorry to miss a great chance to celebrate women and our American political traditions right here in Columbia. On Thursday September 26th Historic Columbia and the Richland County Library will host a lecture by Elaine Weiss the author of *The Woman's Hour*. This is the book that inspired Judy Keating to begin the Women's History Moment at our monthly meetings. Dr. Weiss's book will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture. This event is being held at the Richland County library on Assembly Street from 6:30-8:30. I have heard Dr. Weiss interviewed by the Constitutional Center and found her very engaging. I hope that some of you can take advantage of this chance to learn more about women's fight for the vote and the ratification of the 19th amendment. The celebration of the amendment's 100th anniversary on August 26, 2020 is a GFWC initiative. See this HC link for information <https://www.historiccolumbia.org/events/2019/2019-09/history-center-annual-lecture-political-history> Looking forward to seeing you in October.

Community Service Project Reports:

Art – Susan Dox

COMING SOON

Conservation – Susan Swails

The Conservation CSP is looking forward to the new club year! We met in July and decided to make Children and the Environment our focus for 2019-2020 because educating children about the environment at a young age helps form positive patterns that stick with them for life. Lots of our time, resources and energy will go into the Inclusive Playground at Saluda Shoals and the garden at the Irmo Library. There will be opportunities

for club members to be involved during the year. We helped with the Grand Opening of the playground in August and plan to be a part of events in October and December. Please plan to join us!

Education - Kaye Jones

I hope everyone had a great summer!

I'm back with Dr. Seuss and the END is in SIGHT!!!! As a reminder, we are collecting Dr. Seuss books for one of the GFWC Grand Initiatives under the 2018-2020 administration – the goal set for clubs across the United States to collect a total of 1,000 Dr. Seuss books over a two year period. Half of the books collected would be distributed by the club in their community and the other half would go to GFWC Headquarters and be distributed in the Washington, DC area. Well...an update was given at the International convention in June at Austin, TX and halfway thru the administration, over 50,000 had been donated SO FAR! Wow! Remember I told you last year that Dr. Seuss books were trending on best seller lists for the first time in many years? That's why!

So...a new national Grand Initiative goal has been set – it's now 55,000 by June 2020 and this is where we come in. We will be wrapping up our Dr. Seuss book collection at the end of October and we will send in half in November and distribute our half locally in November and December. **We have collected 67 Dr. Seuss books and our CSP has set a goal of 100 books so if you would please bring a Dr. Seuss book or two to the September or October meeting so that we can meet our club goal – we only need 33!** Let's hit our goal!!!!

Will you bring books
Or will you forget?
You've been great so far,
We've collected a lot!
More, more, more is all I can say
More books, more books will make my day!



Other news...The Education CSP is also 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 starts on her house September 12th and they should be in late November/early December. We will present this when the house is completed.

We have more planned this year including a great speaker so more to come!

Home Life - Kaye Hunke

I hope you had a great summer!

We have a lot planned this year. We will start early by collecting money for Families Helping Families at our September, October and November meetings.

October is breast cancer awareness month and we will hand out pink ribbons at our September meeting so you can wear during the month of October.

Our ongoing project is Purses with a purpose for Sister Care. Domestic Violence is a signature program with GFWC. Please bring any **used purse(s) that you would like to donate for this project.** If everyone brings in two purses, we will have enough to deliver purses at Christmas and Mother's Day. Also collect those shampoo, conditioner and lotions at the hotel when you travel. Also Kathy Hogan has left over infinity scarves that she is donating to the project as well.

International Outreach – Nancy Schmidt

Curious, inspiring and caring. As we start a new club year, we are looking forward to renewed friendships and excited for the new friendships to be made. October: food donations for world food day. November: annual raffle of food and gifts. Money raised goes to Operation Smile.

Public Issues - Missy Klopfer

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SAWC and The Christmas Stocking Extravaganza

This year our club will work together to create a stocking to donate to the Extravaganza. Our creation will be "Christmas In The Big Easy" and will be made with a fancy, beaded Mardi Gras colored stocking donated by Missy Klopfer. One of our members with a New Orleans connection, Barbara Williams, has already been gathering items for the stocking, which is sure to be THE stocking of this year's Extravaganza! How can you be a part of the effort? Donate an item you think should go in a NOLA stocking or make a cash donation in any amount. Either is welcomed!

What other ways can you help with the Extravaganza?

Become a sponsor and receive tickets plus a tax donation!

Purchase a ticket and attend. Sell tickets to friends and bring them!

Important Dates:

Sept. 23, 6:15 pm Board Meeting

Sept. 23, 7:15 pm General Meeting

Oct. 5, 10 – noon - GFWC-SC Midlands District meeting - Woman's Club of Cayce, 701 "O" Avenue, Cayce SC

Oct. 17-20 - GFWC Southern Region Conference, North Charleston

Oct. 24, 8:00 pm Town Theatre Play, Into the Woods