



St. Andrews Woman's Club

2025-2026



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

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Officer Reports:

Presidents: *Kristin Fields and Maureen Taylor*

Happy Fall Y'all! "Pumpkin spice makes everything nice!"

The board reviewed the Progress Foundation grant requests received. From the review, it was determined that the following two organizations qualify for the grant.

1. LRADC, Tri-District Arts Consortium, \$2,850 (\$475/student)
2. PAALS, \$3,500

Club members will be asked to vote by ballot to determine which organization will be submitted. Please read the descriptions at the end of the newsletter, so you can come prepared to cast your vote at the October meeting. The application is due November 1. The club will be notified at the GFWC-SC Winter Board meeting in January 2026 of the grant results.

The GFWC-SC Headquarters fundraiser, Stocking Extravaganza auction, is coming soon. A volunteer is needed to organize the club's "stocking". If you are interested, please let us know. Club members are asked to make a donation of \$1-\$2 at the October meeting to help fund the stocking. Thank you for supporting this valuable cause.

Meeting schedule reminder.

- We will gather at the church at **6:30** with a Welcome, the guest speaker will begin at 6:45, socializing and business meeting to follow.
- Location is Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow St, Irmo - large meeting room.
- Daryl Hendrix will greet you at the door.

Be Someone's Sunshine!

1st Vice-Presidents: *Anne Marie Sheppard & Becky Travis* - No report

2nd Vice-Presidents: *Marie DeLoach & Lynne Hauptner*

Marie and I are looking forward to our October meeting. In order to enhance our membership, please ask a friend to attend and see all the great things we do and support. If you need a nametag or magnet replacement, please let us know.

Susan Swails, Linda Davis and Monta Avera are on Home Membership for this year. Make sure that out of sight is not out of mind. Send a card or note to remind them we miss them.

Dianne McCarty will be moving to Chapin shortly, Her new address for the yearbook is 305 Explorer Drive, Chapin SC 29036. Please make the correction.

Happy Fall.

3rd Vice-Presidents: Frances Hill & Susan Smith

Our first fundraiser of the club year is fast approaching! Our club will sponsor the dress rehearsal of Town Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol, The Musical" on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 pm. Cost of a ticket is \$25. The secret to a successful event is the sale of lots of tickets and that's where we are depending on you, our members! We will have tickets available for pick up at the October meeting. Hopefully you have already been promoting the fundraiser and you will come to the meeting with money in hand for sold tickets! Please contact Frances Hill via text or email with any questions.

Secretary: Laura Nichols

September General Meeting minutes are attached to the email.

Treasurer: Diane Bozard & Jo Norris

Thank you all for promptly paying your SAWC dues and as a result, our dues to GFWC-SC have been paid.

All of the financial documents required for the SC Secretary of State have been submitted and accepted.

The existing balances are bellow:

Checking Account: \$3461.22

Savings Account \$3364.97

Please remember to submit your request for reimbursement with the appropriate documentation.

Advisor: Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

We look forward to meeting our new members and planning orientation soon! 😊

Community Service Programs (CSP)

Arts & Culture: Patty Cavanaugh

The Arts and Culture CSP is looking forward to hosting the October general meeting and having Greg Gerrald, owner of The Classy Cruet, speak on Mediterranean Lifestyle.

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans' Day? Memorial Day honors service members who have died in their military service, while Veterans Day honors all who have served in the US armed services, both living and deceased. Memorial Day is observed the last Monday in May and Veterans Day is observed November 11.

Our recipe for this month is Potato Chowder:

8 cups diced potatoes

3 cans (14 1/2 oz) chicken broth;

1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted;

1/3 cup chopped onion;

1/4 tsp pepper;

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, cubed;

1/2 lb sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled, optional;

Minced chives, optional

Place first 5 ingredients in a slow cooker, cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours or until potatoes are tender. Add cream cheese, stir until blended. Garnish with bacon and chives if desired. 12 servings

Civic Engagement: Shelly Langston

Happy Halloween SAWC. Welcome to our new member **Sue Bass**.

There are many save the dates for the month of November and December. Please add these to your calendar.

In October and November, we will be collecting money for Wreaths Across America. The cost of a wreath is \$17.00, or you may donate any amount you like. For every two wreaths we purchase, Wreaths Across America will donate an extra wreath to Fort Jackson. The sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. You can use cash or check to donate.

November 4th - Election Day - be sure to Vote in your city or county election.

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 15th - PAALS Fundraiser-Diamonds, Dogs & Denim UN-Gala at South Carolina State Museum from 7 -11 pm. Can't go: Register for their Silent Auction on-line. You have to register with a credit card to bid.

December 7th - Graduation Day for PAALS at the SC State Museum, at 3:30 pm, upstairs in the Vista Room. No cost for this event.

December 13th - Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Fort Jackson at 12:00 pm. After the ceremony we will place wreaths on graves. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting for those who would like to attend as a group.

Education & Libraries: Leanne Angel

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the school supplies you donated at the September meeting. They were delivered and were so appreciated by the staff!

Remember, if you have books you would like to donate, please bring them to the monthly meeting. We always need children's books! This past week, the little library was completely

empty. We soon solved that problem! If you have signed up for a particular month and need books, let myself or Judy Keating know!

Our Book Group continues to enjoy our great book selections. Everyone is always welcome to attend! We meet the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Irmo Library! This month's selection is *The Amalfi Curse* by Sara Penner.

Thank you ladies for all your good works!

Environment: Gail Elfert

The collection of 1000 lbs. of plastic "film" for the 2nd **Trex Challenge** has begun! You brought the bags you collected during the summer last month, and we have been depositing all that plastic film since the October 1 start date of the new challenge. We are doing so well we might be finished earlier than last year!

As a reminder of what kinds of (clean and dry) **plastic film** you can collect, they are: *produce bags; *dry cleaning bags, *bubble wrap, *bread bags, *grocery bags, *store bags, *Ziploc and other resealable bags, *cereal box liners, *case overwrap (ex.- around cases of bottled water, paper towels, TP, etc.), *stretch plastic film (ex.- around furniture or pallets), plastic mailer envelopes (ex.- Amazon mailers) and bubble wrap.

** It is NOT "crisp or crinkly" cellophane which cannot be recycled. Examples are clear gift bags to hold cookies or the wrap around bunches of flowers in the store.*

*If the package has a recycle **triangle symbol**, do **NOT** keep it if it has a **5 or higher #** or if it has a **diagonal line** through the symbol which means it cannot be recycled. **NO** chip bags, frozen food bags, pet food bags, meat packaging, vinyl shower curtains or plastic tablecloths.*

Our next Keep the Midlands Beautiful trash pickup date will be **Nov. 15**. Any club member is welcome to join in the hunt for the most interesting and the most disgusting trash found along our section of St. Andrews Road!

Drop by the garden behind the Irmo Library and relax in beautiful space our members helped clean up for the Fall. This is a joint project with our fellow club members in the Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club, and it is a hidden treasure.

We will still be collecting real corks, aluminum pull tabs, and dead batteries each month.

Don't forget the **PEAK** hours for electricity usage changes on **November 1**. Adjusting the usage time for your clothes dryer, water heater, oven, dish washer, and heating system can make a BIG difference in your power bill.

Health & Wellness: Daryl Hendrix & Ann Keisler

Once again, thank you for your overwhelming response to the GFWC International Day of Service Project. One Freedom Bag was compiled and given to Lisa from Lighthouse for Life, the Harbor at the September meeting and you contributed enough so that members of H&W are putting together another Freedom Bag to be donated in October. What a great way to support those who have been trafficked for sexual purposes!

In another emphasis for H&W, Katherine is volunteering in the "caregiver" area. She is our contact for "Leeza's Care Connection". If you would like to volunteer in that area, please contact Katherine for information. She reports that Mary Ann Lane, who is in a great little band performed and was a big hit with the patients!

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Fellowship: Jan Mitchell-Conner

From Susan Smith - I came home from hospital on Friday. My daughter is here with me, thankful for that. Everyday is a little better. I appreciate all the cards, texts, and emails!

From Carol Ann Williams - I am doing great. I don't have a boot just a brace. I'm walking but must be careful. I have a hairline fracture of my ankle and twisted my knee. Wore a knee brace for about a week and brace on my ankle. Knee is still sore but I'm walking, just not fast.

Marla Castillo spent a few days in the hospital with pancreatitis and went home Monday.

October Birthdays: Patty Cavanaugh, Mary Ann Lane, Maureen Taylor, Laura Nichols, and Libby Overcash

Publicity: Ann Martin

Please email articles and pictures for the Irmo News to annsmartin@bellsouth.net

Social Media: Sarah Ostergaard

Please send photos and descriptions for social media posts. Email sarahostergaard@gmail.com or text 618-645-5179

Important Dates to Remember:

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| 10/27/25 | General Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 11/1/2025 | Progress Foundation Form due & Club Dues |
| 11/10/25 | Board Meeting 7pm (Zoom) |
| 11/14/25 | Newsletter articles due to Laurie O'Kelly |
| 11/24/25 | General Meeting 6:30 pm - Operation Smile Fundraiser |

PROGRESS FOUNDATION REQUESTS

(1) TriDAC Arts Program

TriDAC Arts Program is a high-quality, three-week summer program that provides students with in-depth, hands-on instruction from professional artists and educators. The program culminates in a showcase in each art area. You can also learn more about the program at tridac.org. This year's program is June 8-26.

The cost for the program is \$475 per student, which covers instruction, materials, guest artists, field experiences, lunch, and transportation. We believe that every student, regardless of financial

standing, should have the opportunity to attend. To ensure this, we are seeking donations to fund scholarships for students in need.

We are grateful for your group's support in the past and would appreciate being considered again.

(2) PAALS

I would like to request PAALS as a candidate for the Progress Foundation. It falls within the guidelines of assisting the handicapped and canine assistance for veterans.

I would like to request \$3,500 to help cover the cost of training and medical bills for one animal.