

# St. Andrews Woman's Club

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*Be the willing hand to help someone*

*February 2025 NEWSLETTER*

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

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## Officer Reports:

### President - Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

The month of February is moving fast with Bunco just around the corner! Please be sure to read all the emails for details from Frances Hill and Susan Smith. Our 3rd Vice Presidents/ Ways & Means have been working very hard to prepare for this major fundraising event!

Congratulations to Becky Travis and Beth Smith- Pollom for the many hours spent to prepare the reports for GFWC-SC! The final reports are due in March. Our Nominating Committee will present the new slate of officers at our February Meeting. A special thanks to the committee: Beth Taylor, Marie DeLoach, Jan Mitchell-Conner, Elizabeth Taylor and led by Chairman Kaye Hunke.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our February General Meeting on Monday, February 24th. Please remember to wear Red to celebrate American Heart Association Month plus your Go Red Pin. We would like to take a group picture of our club for the Irmo News.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Beth Smith-Pollom & Becky Travis

SAWC's first report has been submitted! Several other reports remain to be completed, and we continue to finish those tasks. Please know that we may have questions and appreciate your continued support.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Lynne Hauptner & Ann Martin

No Report.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means - Frances Hill & Susan Smith

Our Bunco FUNdraiser is almost here!! Please refer to the "blast" sent out earlier for details and jobs that are available. Members who have a job working at the event are asked to wear SAWC black aprons. Members who are playing Bunco and not working the event are asked to wear your SAWC name tags. [SAWC aprons will be available at the February meeting from Gail Elfert for \$10 (checks made to Gail NOT SAWC).] Information and directions for Bunco will be covered at the meeting. Questions?? Contact Susan or Frances

### Secretary - Laura Nichols

I'm new and need your help!! ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Hello ~ Please do your best to let me know if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Feel free to email ( [Lecnichols49@gmail.com](mailto:Lecnichols49@gmail.com) ) or shoot me a text (803-463-4446).

Don't forget to sign in. Since I don't know all the names and faces yet, please check in with me.

Thank you!

### Treasurer - Jo Norris & Sarah Ostergaard

The balances as of February 12, 2025 are below:

Checking: \$10,568.55

Savings: \$ 3,364.74

### Advisor - Laurie O'Kelly

The new member/past presidents' dinner will be Thursday, February 20, 6:00, at Zorba's on St. Andrews Rd. An email was sent on Friday, so please be sure to RSVP by Monday morning.

## Community Service Project Reports:

### Arts and Culture - Rachel Richardson & Nancy Schmidt

#### **Viva la France Submitted by Marla Castillo**

Most people recognize the contributions the French made to architecture in the iconic structures of the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty. However, architecture is just one area that French ingenuity influenced. The French were masters of hot-air balloon flight nearly 100 years before the Wright brothers took flight. In addition, the French were integral in the development of the parachute as early as the 800's. The modern parachute was also a French invention in 1797.

French ingenuity helped create life-saving inventions. Imagine a medical office visit without the ubiquitous use of the stethoscope. The first rudimentary stethoscope was a paper tube created by Rene Laennec. Although the first human to human blood transfusion didn't occur until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the first successful animal to human blood transfusion took place in 1667, by French physician, Jean-Baptiste Denis.

Some great inventions are accidental. French chemist, Edouard Benedictus, dropped a celluloid coated glass flask that did not shatter. He patented this new invention, realizing how it could reduce serious injuries in vehicle accidents. Today, laminated glass is used in car windshields everywhere.

One French invention changed the Entertainment industry: cinema. Louis Le Prince is considered the Father of Cinematography. He created a 1.66-second moving picture using a single lens motion camera and paper film. *Roundhay Garden Scene* is considered the oldest surviving film. Modern cinema is also a French invention. The Lumiere Brothers patented the Cinematographe in 1895 and showed several short films to France and then the world.

Another invention changed the way we communicate. French engineer Philippe Kahn is given credit for the first digital camera phone in 1997, using a digital camera, laptop, and cell phone. A modern phenomenon was born.

French ingenuity reaches too many areas to include in this short list. Please check out our very own Statue of Liberty in Columbia, SC. Picture is on the last page of the newsletter.

### Civic Engagement & Outreach - Shelly Langston

Happy Valentines Day! Hope everyone had a wonderful day with your love ones!

Thanks to our club members for being such a supportive audience for our speaker, Melissa Payne, from PAALS last month. It was great getting to meet, Melissa, Edith and of course Savannah, one of the service dogs we help support.

We are looking forward to a fantastic BUNCO fundraiser next month. Come ready to work, meet new people, and spend money on our silent auction items. Civic Engagement and Out Reach hope you will be interested in bidding on our two baskets. Get ready for some fun!

Don't forget to wear red and /red dress pin to the February meeting!

## Education & Libraries - Jane Ashley Durham & Maureen Taylor

The Education CSP is looking forward to meeting on Monday, February 17, at 6:00 at Zorba's. We will be planning the rest of the year, come with an appetite and some ideas!

## Environment - Gail Elfert

For at least a day or two, the trash has disappeared from our adopted section of St. Andrews Road! Thanks go to Kaye Hunke, Mary North, Barbara Williams and Gail for picking up six bags of trash on Saturday, Feb. 8, in our efforts to show our "Palmetto Pride."

Remember to bring the **plastic film** you have been collecting to the meeting! Why don't you invite your neighbors to save their plastic and bring it to you to increase our collection amount?! We have surpassed 600 lbs., so we are getting much closer to our goal. We will also collect your corks (*not the synthetic type*) your used alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D & 9-volt), and your aluminum pop-top pull-tabs.

Our CSP had another meeting on Feb. 17th to make sure our plans for the 2nd half of the year are set and to give everyone a chance to go through our plastic contributions, pull out items that don't qualify as plastic film, compress and bag the "good stuff", and weigh the bags to get them ready for donation (and to clean out Gail's garage in time to refill it after our February meeting.)

All the openings for the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center tours in February and March were taken as soon as they were posted on-line, so now I am checking each day so I can book a tour in April and maybe one in May. I'll keep you posted.

## Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Daryl Hendrix

Thank all of you for all you do to brighten the days of so many people. Our Period Project supplies were delivered to the staff at both Irmo HS and Irmo MS to many smiles and appreciation. Then right before Valentine's Day our committee contributed candies, stuffed gift bags and attached the notes of thanks we wrote for the staff at Seven Oaks ES, over 100 bags!! We want them to know how very much we appreciate them!

If you were at our January meeting you were reminded to be wearing your Red Dress pins this month to heighten awareness of heart disease in women. Heart attack and other cardiovascular diseases are America's No. 1 killer. "As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely to experience other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and back or jaw pain. Learn the signs, but remember if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter!!"

Inspired by the true stories of real women impacted by heart disease, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and Emmy-nominated actress Elizabeth Banks created the short film, "Just a Little Heart Attack," to educate women about the realities of heart disease and encourage them to put their health first. The short film, directed by and starring Ms. Banks,

chronicles one woman's experience ignoring her symptoms and putting herself last. Go Red For Women hopes the film, "Just a Little Heart Attack," will engage and inspire women to put their health first and take care of their heart. You will have to Google "Just a Little Heart Attack" to find this video but it's important! Check it out and send it to all the women in your life, no matter their age!!

### *Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:*

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

No report

#### *Fellowship - Jan Mitchell-Conner*

February birthdays: Beth Smith-Pollom, Susan Swails, Lynne Hauptner, Katherine Keckeisen, Linda Shealy Davis, Julie Kisby, and Laurie O'Kelly

I also want to send belated birthday wishes to Kay Chrysostom and Shari Johnson. I inadvertently left them off the January birthday list in last month's newsletter.

### *IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:*

February 20th	Past Presidents & New Members Dinner - 6:00 Zorba's
February 24th	General Meeting 6:30 - Union United Methodist Church
**March 3rd.	Board Meeting 6:00- 7:45 -Ballentine Library Meeting Room
**March 7th	Newsletter to Beth Taylor
March 13th.	BUNCO
March 24th.	General Meeting 6:30- Union United Methodist Church

**\*\* these dates have been moved up due to Bunco. You will receive your March newsletter early as well.**

Keep scrolling to see a picture of Columbia's, very own Statue of Liberty. Thank you Marla for this bit of information.



**The Statue of Liberty in Columbia, SC**