

St. Andrews Woman's Club

2025-2026



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

Contact: Kristin Fields, Co-president kristinf11@aol.com
Maureen Taylor, Co-president..... mtaylor55@sc.rr.com

Officer Reports:

Presidents: *Kristin Fields and Maureen Taylor*

Welcome to a new club year! We especially welcome our new members. We look forward to getting to know you.

The Board has been busy planning for the club year. The programs are going to be fantastic, so you will not want to miss a meeting.

A big thank you goes out to Tonja Ivey for printing our yearbook that will be available at the **September 22 general meeting**. A thank also goes out to the board for all your input, and a special thank you to Lynne for proofing the yearbook!

The summer social was a big success. Thank you to Marie DeLoach and Lynne Hauptner for coordinating it, and the board for providing the refreshments.

An important order of business at our September meeting is gathering ideas for the club's Progress Foundation grant. The application is due November 1. Please email us if you have a suggestion for a project/organization you would like to see our club support. We need this information by **Oct 1st**. This is listed on the GFWC-SC website application under GFWC-SC resources.

The purpose allowable for grants are:

A- promotion of libraries

B- family counseling

C- health education and child welfare

D- promotion of scout troops, parks, playground, teen recreation

E- education, prevention, and rehabilitation of juvenile drug abuse

F- assistance to the handicapped

G- education/scholarships

H- aid to cancer prevention and cures

I- aid to prevent child abuse and neglect

J- aid in the prevention of historic landmarks and buildings

K- aid to the mentally challenged

L- education in the field of International relations

M- veterans (military) affairs, aid and assistance - i.e. USO, canine assistance

N- support children with life threatening diseases

O- children abducted through human trafficking

P- elder abuse awareness and prevention

GFWC-SC Stocking Extravaganza (11/30-12/3) - Each club donates either cash or a stocking. If you have a suggestion for a theme, let us know.

There is a change to our meeting schedule. 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. You will be greeted at the door by our very own Daryl Hendrix. Plan to arrive a little early to pick up your yearbook and get a seat, so we can start on time. Remember our location is Union United Methodist Church, 7582

Woodrow St, Irmo, SC. Please note the code to open the door *4766# on the keypad (it is *IRMO#) Remember this code is for our membership and not to be shared to others for safety reasons. If you forget the code there is a doorbell you can ring if necessary.

We hope you will be inspired to Be Someone's Sunshine!

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

We would like to remind the CSP's and the Officers to complete a detailed report of your activities so you will remember the valuable events that St. Andrews Woman's Club conducts each year. This documentation will help you with your reporting and it is a wonderful memory-jogger.

We really appreciate your work with the varied speakers for our Club this year.

2nd Vice-Presidents: Marie DeLoach & Lynne Hauptner

Hi Everyone. Summer is at its end and Fall and the holidays are full speed ahead. Marie and I would like to thank the Board for making our Summer Social a great success. The food was amazing and the company even better. Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Sue Bass. She will be an amazing addition to our club.

Please feel free to invite friends, coworkers and relatives to any meeting. Let them see what a great group of women we are. Happy Fall!

3rd Vice-Presidents: Frances Hill & Susan Smith

Don't forget . . . mark your calendars for Thursday, December 4!! "A Christmas Carol - the Musical" will open at Town Theatre, and we want to fill every seat!! Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors! Tickets will be available at the October and November meetings or by contacting Frances and Susan.

Secretary: Laura Nichols

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) or shoot me a text (803-463-4446). Don't forget to sign in.

Treasurer: Diane Bozard & Jo Norris

The annual dues for the club are \$52, and according to the club by-laws, are due on or before the September general meeting. Please come prepared to pay your dues and you can pay using the following options:

1) Venmo by looking for St. Andrews Womans Club @StAndrewsWomansClub in the Businesses section

2) PayPal by looking for GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMENS CLUBS, ST ANDREWS WOMANS CLUB (or) sawcirmo@gmail.com (the name has to be exactly how we are listed with the IRS as a non-profit when the account was set up, and there are no apostrophes!

Please note that with options 1 and 2, there is a small service fee the club is charged to complete the transaction.

3) By check or cash

Thanks for paying promptly.

Checking balance \$2,522.88 and Savings balance \$3,363.94

Advisor: Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

If anyone missed the May Banquet, please check with us at our September Meeting for your gift.
We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting!
New Member Orientation will be coming soon!

Community Service Programs (CSP)

Arts & Culture: Patty Cavanaugh

The Arts & Culture CSP has held two dinner meetings at my home, 9/2 & 9/8/25.
We discussed our contributions to the upcoming year, to include our speaker and food for the October meeting.

We are excited to present our October speaker, Greg Gerrald of Classy Cruet, who will speak on Mediterranean Lifestyle.

In the monthly Newsletter, we will feature some history about our country, since 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America!

This month's entry is about Constitution Day, which began September 17, 1787.

Every September 17 is designated as Constitution Day and is Federally mandated to have educational programs on the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. This year's SC event is at the SC State House Chambers, (HR 4309}, Friday, September 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by the American Board of Trial Advocates. Our keynote speaker will be The Honorable J. Michelle Childs, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Area High School students, teachers and parents have been invited and students will have the honor of sitting in the Legislators' chairs. As Program Director, I am inviting all of you to attend. Public seating will be available in the House Chamber Balcony.

In addition, with the upcoming cool weather, our CSP would like to share soup recipes.
This month's recipe is a well-loved family recipe from Nancy Schmidt's Mother:

Corn Chowder:

8 oz. (like Hormel) salt pork, trim off hard skin & cut into small pieces, brown slowly until completely rendered, about 20-30 minutes
Saute diced onions in rendered pork, about 5 minutes. (Flavor of the soup is the salt in the pork).
In the same pot, add
2 cans undrained corn
2 cans petite diced tomatoes
1-2 cups water

Scant amount of sugar
Salt & pepper to taste
4 diced potatoes
1/2 cup milk or half & half
Add water if needed, but not too much
Cook til spuds are done, then simmer until serving. Enjoy!
Note: Does not freeze well because potatoes will become mushy.

Civic Engagement: Shelly Langston

Hey everyone, welcome back! I hope you all had an amazing summer and are pumped to dive back into serving our communities, catching up with club members, and making new friends. Don't forget to give a warm welcome to our new and potential members.

This September, our club is getting involved in the International Day of Service to end Sexual and Domestic Violence. One suggestion from GFWC was to have a proclamation from your state or local governments. The Governor has already issued a Proclamation for the state. Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP reached out to Daryl Hendrix and Ann Keisler, the co-chairs of Health & Wellness CSP, to collaborate on getting a Proclamation from the town of Irmo. Ann Keisler, Kaye Hunke, and I met with the Irmo Town Administrator, Jim Crosland, and Danielle McNaughton, the Communications and Special Project Manager. They were super helpful, and we even got the Proclamation ready for them. It's been accepted and will be presented to the club at the October town council meeting by Mayor Bill Danielson.

Mark your calendars: The Irmo Town Council meeting is on October 21st at 6:00 PM, located at 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo. Mayor Bill Danielson will read the Proclamation and present it to our club. We'd love for club members to come out and represent SAWC. We're hoping to see members from Health & Wellness CSP and Civic Engagement there, along with other club members.

Also, the USO is always in need of luggage for our servicemen and women heading home. They prefer items that can be classified as carry-on, but they will also accept larger luggage with wheels. Jo Norris will make sure the items get delivered to the USO.

Education & Libraries: Leanne Angel

Welcome to the start of our new year with SAWC. The Education and Libraries Committee will be collecting school supplies at our September meeting. Thank you for your donations at the fall reception! School supplies this year are needed as always for those who need a little help. More emphasis this year has been requested on kleenex, anti-bacterial supplies and wipes. These are usually supplied from the teacher's pocket. These will be delivered to Harbison West Elementary School.

Please remember, that we keep up the Little Library at the Town of Irmo park. Any book donations you wish to make will be taken any time throughout the year at our regular meetings. We have requested that each CSP take a month this year to keep the library filled. A signup sheet will be at provided at the meeting.

We continue to meet each month for our book group. A list of our next few reads will be handed out at the September meeting. We meet at 1:00 pm the second Thursday of each month at the Irmo Library. All are welcome!

Looking forward to a great year!

Environment: Gail Elfert

I hope you have all been saving your plastic film during the summer months to give us a big head start on our new yearlong **Trex Challenge** which begins on Oct. 1. This year we will keep another 1000 pounds of plastic film out of the landfills and rivers and in the process win/earn a new Trex bench for a home in the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry in Irmo.

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), *any plastic film with either a 2 or 4 inside the recycle triangle. Your fingers can stretch it!!

* 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 or candy wrappers. If it tears instead of stretches - it isn't plastic film.

We will also collect these items every month:

- REAL corks, not synthetic "corks"
- pull tabs from drink cans or vegetable/fruit cans
- dead batteries (AAA, AA, D, 9 volt) (no car batteries!)

Health & Wellness: Daryl Hendrix & Ann Keisler

The theme of the GFWC International Day of Service for 2025 focuses on raising public awareness and providing resources to combat domestic and sexual violence. GFWC has designated Saturday, Sept 27 for this focus.

H&W is leading this service project in our club although all club members are asked to participate. The entire week of Sept 21-27 will be a week of service to recognize this vital issue in our community.

Our speaker at the general meeting on Sept 22 will be Lisa Kejr who represents Lighthouse For Life. You will remember that SAWC made a large contribution to this cause from Bunco funds in the Spring. One of the centers this organization sponsors is the HARBOR on St Andrews Road. This is a day center/resource center for those who have been/or are victims of trafficking.

That week members of H&W are preparing 3 different lunches for attendees at the center and have prepared a lunch for a retreat. H&W is donating a FREEDOM BAG (a book bag full of supplies that a person might need if they wish to change their lives).

We are asking that each club member participate by donating items for a second Freedom Bag. A list of the items will be available at the meeting or if you prefer, a donation of \$10 to \$15 will be accepted and H&W will purchase the items for another bag.

There are also volunteer opportunities available if you wish. We will have flyers available at the meeting for individuals who would like to support this cause. Thanks in advance for your support of this GFWC focus.

On another H&W topic, the Walk to End Alzheimer's is again being held at Segra Park in downtown Columbia on Saturday, October 4. Registration is available on line.

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Leadership/WHRC: *Beth Smith-Pollom* - No report

Fellowship: *Jan Mitchell-Conner*

I hope you all have had a great summer. It seemed to go by so fast!

May Birthdays: Terri Boltin, Becky Travis, Ann Martin, Nancy Schmidt

June Birthdays: Jo Norris, Judy Keating, Jan Mitchell-Conner, Missy Klopfer

July Birthdays: Pam Johnson, Jane Ashley Durham

August Birthdays: Tonja Ivey, Diane Bozard, Monta Avera, Daryl Hendrix, Frances Hill, Kathy Hogan, Debbie Bell, Marla Castillo, Sarah Ostergaard, Gail Elfert, Angela Floyd

September Birthdays: Vickie Williams, Linda Davis, Susan Smith, Marie DeLoach, Beth Taylor, Shelly Langston

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting!

Publicity: *AnnMartin* - No report

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:

9/22/25	General Meeting 6:30 pm
9/27/25	GFWC International Day of Service
10/1/25	Progress Foundation requests due
10/13/25	Board Meeting 7pm (Zoom)
10/15/25	Newsletter articles due to Laurie O'Kelly
10/16-19/25	GFWC Southern Region Conference – Huntsville, AL
10/27/25	General Meeting 6:30 pm