

St. Andrews Woman's Club
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January 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Officer Reports:

President - Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

Happy 2025 to everyone! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas season with family and friends. On Saturday, January 11th, GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting was held but a little different this year. Due to the bad weather, it was moved to a Zoom Meeting. We had a nice group representing our club. Laurie O'Kelly, Kaye Jones, Kaye Hunke, Tonja Ivey, Kristin Fields, Dianne McCarty, Marian St.Clair, Susan Dox and Debbie Bell were in attendance.

We are excited to announce that our club received a \$3,500 grant from SCFWC Progress Foundation to support Seven Oaks Elementary School promote literacy and positive behavior with books.

At the January General Meeting, we will elect the nominating committee. This committee will put together the list of members who will serve as officers for next club year. If you are contacted by this committee, please consider saying yes.

It might be helpful in reading the duties of that office you are considering in the yearbook and talking to the current officers in that position. They would be happy to answer any questions you might have. LEADS Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 8th. The application deadline is January 25th. It is a very informative workshop for anyone who has never been. We would like to have a few ladies who would consider representing our club and reporting back what they have learned and experienced. Please email Susan Dox if you are interested.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our January General Meeting on Monday, January 27th!

1st Vice President - Beth Smith-Pollom & Becky Travis

We would like to thank the CSP's and the officers for their timely submission of reports. Our work to document all the wonderful projects SAWC completed in 2024 has started. We will have questions, so we thank you in advance for your help!

2nd Vice President - Lynne Hauptner & Ann Martin

Just a reminder to invite friends and/or family members to visit one of our meetings. Once they meet us and see what great things we do, they will not be able to resist joining us! We were so happy to have Shari Johnson, one of our new members, to visit our recent Board meeting. I think she found it informative and entertaining!

Important: If you put anything about us on social media, please remember to include our membership email: sawcmembership@gmail.com

3rd Vice President Ways & Means - Frances Hill & Susan Smith

Our club's major fundraiser is right around the corner on Thursday, March 13, at Saluda Shoals River Center. We hope that you have this date circled on your calendar and plan to participate in some way. Tickets will be available at the January 27th meeting, so start promoting this fun evening among your family, friends and co-workers! This year's ticket price is \$30.

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) 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

Due to the club's efforts, we have sent the following donations since our last meeting:

Wreaths Across America \$357.00

Operation Smile \$825.00 (to be tripled with the match offered at that time)

Current balances are as follows:

Checking: \$5386.04

Savings: \$3,364.71

Thanks, and see you all soon.

Advisor - Laurie O'Kelly

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to our upcoming club activities. In February, the past presidents and new members will get together for dinner on Thursday, February 20, 6:00 at Zorba's.

Community Service Project Reports:

Arts and Culture - Rachel Richardson & Nancy Schmidt

Fun facts on Scotland and Blue Sky the artist: From Pam Johnson.

Scotland is a small but beautiful country that is part of the United Kingdom. It is famous for its fairytale castles, dramatic coastlines and breathtaking landscapes. It has over 790 islands, 130 inhabited, 660 uninhabited. Scotland has the most castles per square mile than any other country in the world. The national instrument of Scotland is the bagpipe. The Loch Ness monster, is a famous mythical creature said to live in Loch Ness. The whisky industry is a major contributor to Scotland's economy. The official animal of Scotland is the unicorn, the symbol of purity and power.

Scotland has the most red-headed people in the world, 13 per cent. The world's first color photograph was taken in Scotland in 1861. Alexander Graham Bell, a Scottish scientist, invented the first working telephone. The world's first live working television, fridge and flushing toilet were invented in Scotland.

And then there's the kilt! Today there are 3,500 specific tartan family plaids. Taking 20 – 25 hours to make, they are mostly handmade, and the tartan pattern must remain unbroken. They have 29 pleats, using about 8 yards of fabric. You're dying to know: 55% of kilt-wearing men wear dark underwear, 38% go commando, 7% wear shorts or tights. Most women polled by the government in Scotland think nothing should be worn underneath that glorious kilt.

Blue Sky

Warren Edward Johnson, born on September 18, 1938, attended Dreher High School in Columbia, where he designed the Dreher Blue Devil logo used by the school. After attending the University of South Carolina, serving in the National Guard, and studying at the Art Students League of New York, he returned to Columbia in 1966. In 1974 he changed his name to Blue Sky. Returning to USC for his graduate degree, the idea of ***Tunnelvision*** came to him in a dream. The Federal Land Bank granted him permission to use their wall. He has restored and fully repainted the mural five times.

Another of his sculpture art in Columbia was the renowned 40 foot high ***Busted Plug Plaza*** (2001), located on Taylor Street, in the Ag First Farm Credit Bank parking lot, the same parking lot as the acclaimed ***Tunnelvision***. It was moved to storage in 2014. ***Neverbust*** (2000) was installed one Sunday night, without permission but instantly loved, linking two buildings at 1500 Main Street, because "one building looked like it was leaning a bit."

I have included some pictures that are on the last page of the newsletter.

Civic Engagement & Outreach - Shelly Langston

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to a great year of service in 2025.

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP is hosting the January meeting. Melissa Payne, the Executive Director of PAALS, Palmetto Animal Assistance Life Services, is coming to speak about PAALS and the training the service dogs go through. You don't want to miss this meeting! There will be at least one dog or two at the meeting. Maybe even our dog, Floyd? For your information Sandy, our latest dog we named, is a golden color dog.

Civic Engagement and Outreach members, please remember to bring your items for the January meeting. Keep a list of what you have spent and the time to shop for my report.

Club members and members of Civic Engagement and Outreach will have spent time working at PAALS on January 20th for Martin Luther King Day of Service. Thank you all for volunteering to serve.

Education & Libraries - Jane Ashley Durham & Maureen Taylor

The Education CSP wants to thank everyone that helped with our luncheon for the staff at Seven Oaks Elementary School. The entire staff was so appreciative of all our hard work. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting and kicking off a great 2025.

Environment - Gail Elfert

WOW! You haven't even had a chance to bring your plastic film to a meeting in the new year yet, and we have already deposited 463 pounds on our way to our goal of 1000 pounds – which we had doubts about reaching by next October! Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club is getting into the swing now, too, so it is a "sure thing" that our clubs can accomplish our goal before summer gets here. Don't forget to bring all that you have collected since our November meeting when you come to the January meeting on the 27th. I'm sure you can fill my vehicle to the top like you did in September.

Are you looking for a fun outdoor activity with your friends that isn't too strenuous, is good for the environment, and can be very entertaining? Join our CSP on **Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9:00** for our first litter pickup of 2025 at the Clusters of Whitehall shopping center on St. Andrews Rd. Please park near Ollie's so we don't take up all the parking spaces at the hair salon. Wear warm clothes, comfortable shoes, and gloves. Kaye Hunke will have our orange vests and bags and those handy grabbers to pick up the trash. AND, you might win either the prize for the YUCKIEST item found or the WEIRDEST item found.

Real **corks** are still being collected, and we have a source for **pull tabs** (from soda or vegetable cans) if you have been collecting those, too.

Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Daryl Hendrix

It has come to our attention that the middle school and high school need to restock their feminine hygiene products. Period poverty is a crisis for the underserved girls in our community. Last year the club was very generous with their donations to the schools. H&W CSP has decided to have another

collection for these products at our January meeting. If you would like to contribute to help these girls, **please bring some feminine products (or cash donation) to the January meeting.** Thank you.

We will be handing out “red dress pins” in January to wear during the month of February to recognize National Heart Month. If you do not have one from last year, please see Barbara during the meeting. Remember to wear RED during February and to the February general meeting.

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Leadership/WHRT - Kristin Fields

January is the month we begin planning our club administration for the next year. Taking a leadership role is a great way to expand your personal skills and growth. If you have interest in serving the club, please let the nominating committee members know.

Fellowship - Jan Mitchell-Conner

January birthdays: Susan Dox, Kimberlie Julin, Kaye Hunke, Barbara Williams, Mary North

Social Media - Sarah Ostergaard & Missy Klopfer

**Stay Connected with SAWC on Social Media! **



We're excited to keep our club members connected and in the loop through social media! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest updates, event announcements, and photos of our moments together. And don't just follow—make sure to ****like and share**** our posts to help spread the word about our amazing club!

Facebook: @st.andrews.womans.club

Instagram: @saint.andrews.womans.club

Social media is a fantastic way to showcase our accomplishments, highlight member achievements, and keep everyone engaged and excited. It helps us reach new audiences and bring positive attention to our club. Plus, sharing our good news fosters a strong sense of community and pride!



****Got photos to share?**** Send them our way! We'd love to feature your snapshots of club events, activities, and memorable moments on our pages. Email photos to sarahostergaard@gmail.com or text them to 617-645-5179. Thanks!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1-20-25	Martin Luther King Day of Service	
1-25-25	Deadline for Leads application	
1-27-25	General Meeting	6:30 Union United Methodist Church
2-8-25	Leads Workshop	
2-10-25	Feb Board Meeting	



Photos of Blue Sky's Artwork