



St. Andrews Woman's Club

April 2026 Newsletter **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

President – Maureen Taylor & Kristin Fields

I hope you all can attend the April meeting, as we have lots of exciting business to do. There are several items to vote on. The board has prepared the list of requests for donations to local charities that we will vote on. We will also be voting for the **Outstanding Club Woman of the Year and the Diane McCarty Spirit awards!!** The Headquarters committee is collecting donations to the 1511 Society. And, Elizabeth Taylor will share updates on the Three Rivers Greenway. I hope you all can attend this important meeting.

The May Banquet and Installation of Officers will be held on Monday, May 18 at Roxanne's Market, 2900 Dreher Shoals Road, Columbia 29212. The dinner will begin at 6:00 pm.

Congratulations to Kaye Jones, the 2026-2028 GFWC-SC President. We are honored to have a State President in our club. Thank you to all the members that helped with the installation celebration. You all did an excellent job!

Congratulations to the 2026-2027 Elected Officers:

Presidents – Becky Travis

1st Vice Presidents - Anne Marie Shepherd

2nd Vice Presidents- Phyllis Plyler

3rd Vice Presidents – Missy Klopfer and Beth Smith-Pollom

Treasurers- Kristin Fields

Secretary- Susan Dox

Advisors – Maureen Taylor

April quote: "Sweet April showers do bring May flowers."

Meeting schedule reminder.

☑ Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will begin at 6:45, with social and business meeting to follow.

☑ Location is Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow St, Irmo -follow the signs to the meeting room.

☑ Daryl Hendrix will greet you at the door.

1st Vice-Presidents: Anne Marie Sheppard & Becky Travis -

The May Banquet is scheduled for May 18th at Roxanne's, 2900 Dreher Shoals Road, Columbia. The cost is \$35.00. It will be \$36.00 paying with Venmo or PayPal. Social Hour is from 5:30 to 6:00 and the buffet meal will be served at 6:00. Please plan to pay at the April meeting. The new leadership team will be installed after the meal. Come celebrate the end of a busy year!

We encourage the CSP Chairmen to have good notes to pass the next Chairman. Please make decisions on how you plan to spend the remainder of your budgeted money before the end of the Club Year.

2nd Vice-Presidents: Marie DeLoach & Lynne Hauptner

No report.

3rd Vice-Presidents: Frances Hill & Susan Smith

WHO: All SAWC members, friends, neighbors and coworkers

WHAT: A fun day with friends!!

WHEN: Tuesday, April 21, from 10 until 6

WHERE: "Gifts Galore and So Much More" 170 Corley Mill Road

WHY: To finish off the club year with a fun fundraiser

Shop 'til you drop and help our club raise some \$\$ to support our selected charities. We will receive a percentage from ALL sales on that day. Please drop by and check out the great merchandise for graduations, Mother's Day, birthdays, and just for you!! Encourage your friends and neighbors to shop on that day, also!!

Secretary: Laura Nichols

Please remember to review the minutes and sign-in at the meeting.

Treasurer: Diane Bozard & Jo Norris

As of today's date the balances are as follows:

Checking: \$14441.23

Savings: \$ 3365.13

As we plan for the remainder of our club year to include the donations to our charities, please let me know if you need reimbursement for any expenses and provide me with those receipts. It would also be helpful if you anticipate any additional needs for reimbursement. We would like to maximize our donations as much as possible.

Thank you.

Advisor: Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

This month we will vote on the recipient for the **Dianne McCarty Spirit Award**. This award started in 1994 and guess who received it??Well deserved!!! This is awarded to the SUSTAINING MEMBER: active members who have 15 years of continuous service in a GFWC club who best exhibits the spirit of the club and will be presented at the May Banquet. Please be sure to vote at the APRIL meeting or email Susan Dox sdox0103@gmail.com your vote. ELIGIBLE - 32 - Monta Avera, Diane Bozard, Barbara Cross, Daryl Hendrix, Ann Keisler, Anne Marie Shepherd, Frances Hill, Ann Martin, Susan Smith, Kaye Hunke, Dianne McCarty, Marian St Clair, Linda Davis, Tonja Ivey, Jo Norris, Marie DeLoach, Jane Jeffcoat, Mary North, Susan Dox, Pam Johnson, Laurie O'Kelly, Jane Ashley Durham, Kaye Jones, Phyllis Plyler, Gail Elfert, Susan Swails, Beth Taylor, Becky Travis, Barbara Williams, Judy Keating, Nancy Schmidt, Carol Ann Williams.

PAST PRESIDENTS and NEW MEMBERS Get excited to know each other better over dinner! APRIL 23 - THURSDAY - 6PM Tonellas 1349 Dutch Fork Rd Irmo Back private room

PAST PRESIDENTS FUN DAY! May 1 - FRIDAY - Matinee Play (time available soon) and Dinner
Nickelodeon- 1607 Main Street Columbia 29201 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA followed by DINNER - Terra
100 State St Columbia 29169

Community Service Programs (CSP)

Arts & Culture: Patty Cavanaugh

Looking forward to another year of giving and friendship. Our CSP donation will be given to Rock Steady.

Civic Engagement: Shelly Langston

Our puppy, Hunk, was named PAALS Pup of the Week April 3rd! He has already started learning cues. He's so smart and can already do multiple cues with ease! A great name for a smart dog!



Be sure and support our Fund Raiser at Gifts Galore and So Much More” 170 Corley Mill Road on Tuesday, April 21st from 10:00 am to 6:00p.m.

Education & Libraries: Leanne Angel

Thank you all for assisting the club in keeping the Little Library filled. We are coming up on summer and this is one of our busiest times for readers. Some families during summer visit the Little Library daily in the summer. With this in mind, we will be collecting books for all ages at our next meeting. Great time to clean out! I will be collecting the books in the parking lot before the general meeting! Happy cleaning!

Book group reading for the next few months are as follows:

May 14 The Stolen Life of Collette Marceau by Kristin Harmel

June 11 Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown

July 9 The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Feel free to join us at anytime to find out what happens at book group! We meet at 1:00 pm at the Irmo Library on St. Andrews Road. Thank you for all your support this year!

Environment: Gail Elfert

Environment CSP is going to be getting “down and dirty” soon with our **spring clean-up at the Irmo Library garden on Saturday, May 9, at 9:30**, and then the next **Saturday, May 16, at 9:00 for our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up**. All members are invited to join us.

On Thursday, April 30 we will deliver the **TREX bench** earned through theTrex Community Challenge we started Oct. 1, 2025, and completed with help from the 3 young men at Stephen’s House which is an Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Home in Coldstream. **Plastic film will still be collected at the April meeting so we can win additional items!**

Nine club members are scheduled to go to Georgetown County on May 11-12 for two Environment tours.

Environment CSP is responsible for the April program. Our own club member Elizabeth Taylor and her co-worker Mark Smyers will present an update on the progress of the Three Rivers Greenway and possible updates on the St. Andrews Corridor project and the Saluda Shoals Park.

Below is the list of items from which you can choose an item(s) to bring to the April meeting for Carolina Wildlife.

Carolina Wildlife Wish List:

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| Canned salmon | Purina dog Chow (green bag) |
| Blue Buffalo Wilderness Cat Food (purple bag) | Shelled/unshelled pecans, walnuts, or almonds |
| Meal worms & super worms from Pet Smart | Unflavored Pedialyte or equivalent |
| Unscented laundry detergent | Laundry bleach |
| Dawn dish soap | Lotion-free facial tissues |
| Paper towels | Towels, blankets, fleece (any condition) |
| 33 gal. size trash bags | Scotch tape and/or duct tape |
| Mop and/or broom | \$ donation if you prefer |

Health & Wellness: Daryl Hendrix & Ann Keisler

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. In recognition of that H&W placed pinwheels at Leo's Landing in Saluda Shoals. (This project was the president's emphasis when Kristin was GFWC-SC president.) Thanks to Barbara Cross and Jo Norris who spearheaded this effort. Look for the pinwheels when you visit the park.

111. That's the number of 16 oz peanut butter jars that were delivered to Virginia Wingard Food Bank last month. Thank you. Also, thanks to Beth Smith-Pollom for the boxes of food that were collected at her workplace and were delivered there. Frances Hill served as chairman of this drive.

May is the month that Seven Oaks Elementary School holds its Staff Appreciation Week. This year's theme is the nineties. Barbara Cross has ordered and will be delivering all this candy that was so popular in that decade. Think pop rocks, gushers, air heads, and fruit by the foot! They will love it.

We want to thank the members of H&W for a great year. All members participated and took turns heading up our different projects. H&W voted to spend their budgeted funds on Heifer and Shot at Life (both GFWC affiliates).

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Fellowship: *Jan Mitchell-Conner*

April Birthday: Marian St. Clair

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:

4/27/26 General Meeting 6:30 pm

5/4/26 May Joint Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Lizard's Thicket, Irmo

5/6/26 Newsletter articles to Laurie O'Kelly

5/18/26 May Banquet Celebration; Installation of Officers, 6:00 pm, Roxanne's Market