



Let Us Forget Not to Be Kind.

Kindness "ROCKS"!

St. Andrews Woman's Club

SAWC is a proud member organization of GFWC



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February 2020 Newsletter

Officers Reports:

President - Gail Elfert

February is the month to celebrate LOVE, which certainly includes KINDNESS, our club theme for this year. In addition to being Valentine's Day, **February 14 is Organ Donor Day** – so we say 'thank you' to those grieving families who have made the ultimate choice of kindness and love! **February 17 is Random Act of Kindness**, so do something kind, but also totally unexpected, for someone who just might follow your example and choose to pass it on. **February 18th is Drink Wine Day** and I'm sure no encouragement to celebrate this occasion is needed! **February 20th is Love your Pet Day** and I'll be sure to give my sweet cat Clem (*wonder where he got that name!*) an extra sweet hug as he is nearing his final days. Oh, how we love our sweet furry friends! February is also **Women's Heart Health Month**, so remember to be KIND to yourself and take good care of your real heart! Know the warning signs of a heart attack for women and don't ignore them.

We have several members who are dealing with some very difficult health issues and some others who have family members going through challenging health times. Let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers and always ready to help in more tangible ways when needed.

1st Vice President – Daryl Hendrix

Once again, thank you, for making reporting so easy this year. Our individual members kept up with their hours and donations and our CSP Chairmen combined all of those to do their annual reports to GFWC-SC. Our club is very active and the totals from reporting reflect that each year. This year we volunteered 911 hours to help our community and gave away \$12,390 to different charities and projects. This exceeded our totals from last year. Congratulations!!

As we are already well into 2020 and have continued projects from last year and started new ones, remember to keep up with those hour/money totals to make next years reporting as easy as this past years. I am so excited about the new things we are doing this spring. SAWC definitely exhibits the volunteer spirit.

2nd Vice President – Carol Ann Williams and Debbie Bell

No news from membership except the name tags will be here in time for the February meeting.

Thank you, Thank you for letting us know if you can't attend the meetings. We certainly appreciate it. Only 3 more meetings until the May Banquet.

3rd Vice President Ways and Means – Margery West, Judy Keating, Terri Boltin

With only four weeks until our fundraiser, please read for important information.

St. Patrick's Day Bunco night on March 12th from 6:30 to 9:00 at Saluda Shoals Center for a mere \$25.00. If you need more tickets please contact Judy. At our February 24th meeting, please have your ticket sale money for Judy and return any unsold tickets.

Tickets are available online on our website @ www.sawc-sc.org. Let your face book friends know.

Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in being a sponsor. Every bit helps.

We are still needing additional card tables. If you have one or more available please contact Judy 803-781-5799 (h) or 803-917-2798(c)

Staffing needs:

Two additional servers (non Bunco players)

50/50 Board monitor during Bunco

Anyone needing hours, help prepare refreshments prior to fundraiser, please contact Margery 803-463-4644.

Card Table set up - As of right now, we have a very short set up time and need to accomplish a lot - delivering card tables to Saluda Shoals, covering with paper, room set up. Please call Judy 803-781-5799 (h) or 803-917-2798(c) for details and to sign up.

We are so excited about our 4th Bunco and hope it will be our best ever. Having everyone in the club participate will make it happen. If you are unable to attend, make food ahead of time, find a card table or two AND most important: SELL THOSE TICKETS!

Secretary – Ann Martin

Please sign the roll. Thanks!

Treasurer – Katherine Keckeisen

The checking account balance on the January 31, 2020 bank statement was \$7,135.48. The savings account balance was \$3,907.28.

Shop at "[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)".

Happy Valentine's Day

Advisor – Kathy Hogan

Hope that everyone is enjoying the recent spring-like weather. And keeping up with the activities of the GFWC through email updates. Just in case you missed this important news I've summarized it below:

The United States House of Representatives recently voted to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment so that it can be added as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. Clubwomen across the nation used GFWC's Legislative Action Center to contact their members of Congress on this issue. This is a huge victory but the work is not yet complete. We must now urge the U.S. Senate to take the same action as the House. I urge you to contact the offices of Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott to support the Equal Rights Amendment.

Community Service Project Reports:

Art – Susan Dox

We are happy to celebrate Heart Health Month, so we encourage everyone to wear red! ART will be providing salads and chocolate desserts. Plates/ cups-Becky, Forks/napkins-Tonja, Salads-Jane, Carol Ann, Pam & Susan, Chocolate Dessert-Ann & Nina, Table Decorations-Phyllis. We are working on a rock project with Crossroads and they will be painting 165 rocks. WOW! Thank you Becky! Will have pictures and hidden locations revealed soon.

Future cultural events:

Koger – Shen Yun, Mar 4, 5

Columbia City Ballet – Cinderella, Mar 28

American in Paris – Mar 3 – April 1

Hostesses: reminder to leave room as you found it, which includes: removing everything from tables, taking out trash, pushing chairs under tables. Thank you!

Conservation – Susan Swails

The Conservation CSP is WILD about recycling! Here is news of the latest recycling event for residents of Richland and Lexington Counties:

WILD About Recycling

Free drop off at Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens

Greystone Entrance only

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Materials accepted:

- Electronics
- Goodwill Donations
- Paper to Shred
- Scrap Metals
- Tires
- Used Cooking Oil

Detailed information will be available at our February mtg.

Or, visit keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org. You may also call 733-1139

We are looking forward to hosting the April meeting at Leo's Landing in Saluda Shoals. Meanwhile, they need volunteers for the following events:

March 7 "Shucking on the Shoals" (8-2, 4-6 people - work in shifts)

April 4 "Bat Appreciation Day with Let's Go Batty" (1-3, 2-3 people)

May 2. "Fish Migration Day" (1-3, 2-3 people needed)

Information and sign-ups at February Meeting.

One final note: If you've driven to downtown Columbia after sunset this winter, you may have noticed a lighted walkway along the Saluda's edge parallel to I-126. And, maybe, like me, you are unaware of a wonderful addition to outdoor opportunities in the midlands. The Saluda Riverwalk, proposed in 1995, opened in January and looks beautiful. The project is part of the River Alliance, is 7.3 miles in & out, has historical markers and is dog friendly. Check out Saluda Riverwalk on line.

Reuse Reuse Recycle!

Education – Kaye Jones

Gail Elfert and I (and Tom!) took the book case and books to our Habitat for Humanity house Friday and the dedication ceremony will be Tuesday, February 18th. Thanks so much for Frances Hill and Beth Taylor agreeing to join me at this ceremony.

Our month is March - start thinking of our menu! We'll get together to finalize our plans.

Home Life - Kaye Hunke

We have had a quiet month in our CSP. We hope you are all wearing your red this month and your red dress pin distributed at our last meeting. February is Women's Heart Health Month and this is a reminder to take care of you so we can take care of others. Get your heart checked.

Please note the new heading on the newsletter. We have submitted a newsletter for judging and added all the information to meet the requirements.

Happy Valentine's Day

International Outreach – Nancy Schmidt

Words to ponder: Graceful, Understanding, Friendship. Julie Wilkie, a recent immigrant from Australia, will be our speaker. Our department is going to gather next week and go to dinner with Julie.

Public Issues - Missy Klopfer

Thanks for all the support --our January meeting was such fun: red, white and wonderful! Congrats to Gail who went home with the beautiful flower arrangement (what talent, Beth!) and the USO received \$60 worth of bottled water for the USO lounge. Remember to reach out to women veterans and ask them to register with the national memorial in Washington, D.C. So important to have these stories recorded for all time!

THANK YOU FROM LINDA FLOYD:

Ladies, I can't thank you enough for all the food, cards, gifts, phone calls, and especially your prayers over the last seven months. Your support has been tremendous.

I'm now looking at a new set of issues. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Love to each and every one of you. Much Love, Linda

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Important Dates to remember:

February 28 - Board Meeting: 6:15

General Meeting: 7:15

March 12 – Bunco – 6:30 – 9:00