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St. Andrews Woman's Club



January 2020 Newsletter

Officers Reports:

President - Gail Elfert

Welcome to 2020! Seems like just yesterday we were all worried about computers everywhere crashing when the year 2000 rolled around! I hope those of you who have been sick are on the mend and the rest of us can escape the flu and other respiratory problems that have plagued many of our members and families.

By the time some of you read this we will already have passed the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** on Jan. 20, but if not, PLEASE contact Missy Klopfer or Kaye Hunke to sign-up for one of the great service projects they have lined up for us to take part in. We will all be blessed by serving others.

We had nine members of SAWC at Winter Board on January 4, so of course we received the Marian St. Clair Attendance Award! "Thank you" to all who represented our club. One of the highlights of the meeting was receiving the whole \$2500 Progress Foundation Grant for which

we applied, so now Home Life CSP can continue leading us in the fully-funded *Sistercare* project.

Remember the information given out at the November meeting about contacting your state Representative urging the passing of S194, which would increase the fines for Solicitation? It worked! On January 15 fourteen GFWC-SC members from around the state met at the State Capitol for GFWC-SC Legislative Day to talk with their Representatives, attend the opening session of the new year, and "make our wishes known." I met with Rep. Chip Huggins and Rep. Nathan Ballentine who both said they had mounds of cards and letters awaiting them when they returned after the holiday break. And today, January 16, Rep. Ballentine sent me an email letting me know the House passed S194 this morning! This will by no means "fix" the sex trafficking problem in our state, but at least it is a step in the right direction.

If you have not already signed in to the NEWLY designed **SAWC-SC.org** website and created your own password, do it right now!! Just click on the little square with the 3 lines in the upper right-hand corner and log in. After this month, you will need to do that you get your newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone on January 27 for the first meeting in 2020!

1st Vice President – Daryl Hendrix

Many, many thanks to Tonja, who not only provided her office, but also provided her computer knowledge and skills to make reporting a "fun Sunday afternoon". Thanks to Gail, Judy, Kaye H who were able to come in person, and to Kaye J, Carol Ann, Margery, Missy and Susan Swails who sent their reports over ahead of time. When I read through the yearly reports, I am truly amazed at all the projects we do, all the money we give away to needy causes and all the volunteer hours you ladies give to our community. Having been in SAWC many years, you would think I would observe us getting in a "rut", but no---we are coming up with new and better ideas each year to serve our community--- and our friendships continue to grow. I am so proud to be a member of SAWC.

2nd Vice President – Carol Ann Williams and Debbie Bell

Happy New Year! Remember if you are unable to attend a meeting send an email to dbell815@gmail.com or carolannwilliams2@gmail.com. New members need to attend all General Meetings (note: supply excuse if unable to attend); attend one Board of Directors meeting; and participate in a minimum of one CSP meeting. All members are required to work at least 4 hours on Club Fundraisers

Please let us know if you need a name tag. We have several that need them besides new members. The name tags will be ordered after the January meeting.

Looking forward to an exciting new year.

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

Our Bunco Fundraiser is looming on the horizon – March 12, 2020 6:30 to 9:00 - and we have begun planning and requesting time and effort from our generous members. The theme is St Patrick's Day, green and gold. If you have any table decorations you would be willing to lend for the night, please sign up.

With so many talented members, please let us know if there is a specific task you would like to do. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting; for members having a card table available for Bunco Night, for table decorations, for soliciting Sponsors, and for soliciting donations. Please see Margery if you have any questions.

Tickets will be \$25 each – please note: club members purchasing a ticket for personal use will be expected to play bunco. Members wishing to purchase a ticket without playing bunco, please see Judy Keating. Tonja will have a credit card option available at the event and for on line purchases.

Secretary – Ann Martin

Please sign the roll. Thanks!

Treasurer – Katherine Keckeisen

The checking account balance on the December 31, 2019 bank statement was \$5,803.69. The savings account balance was \$3,907.11.

Advisor – Kathy Hogan

Hope everyone had a wonderful (and healthy) holiday season. As we celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment, you might like to know what the city of Columbia is doing to recognize women. A digital map of the city that tells the story of what women have contributed and linked to a specific site is under development. You can see it at “She Did” <https://www.columbiacityofwomen.com/#/> New additions for 2020 will be announced on International Woman's Day on March 8. I nominated Eunice Templeton Ford Stackhouse, the GFWC-SC member who donated the mansion to our state organization, for recognition in 2021. You can read about Eunice at <http://www.scencyclopedia.org/sce/entries/stackhouse-eunice-temple-ford/> In honoring Eunice the city would be recognizing the work of all South Carolina clubwomen. If you would also like to nominate Eunice go to the “She Did” site and hit the button “Get Involved” in the upper right hand corner. The more nominations Eunice gets the more likely that she might be chosen.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

Community Service Project Reports:

Art – Susan Dox

Remember when I asked for kindness stories....How nice when you are sick and a friend drops off soup at your doorstep, Your wallet is stolen and you are stopped for speeding and the officer gives you a warning, you adopt a rescue dog for a better life, when you forget the rules on liquids in your carryon luggage and when you return 1 week later, the attendant saved them & returned to you, When your grandchild tells you about a boy whose home burned down and he asked his mom if he could give him all his recent birthday gifts.....kindness.....pass them on...

Ok ladies are you ready for more cultural events?

Koger Center – Wicked, Jan 22 - Feb 28

Koger Center - USC Symphony Orchestra Feb 11

Valentine's Day – February 14

Koger Center – The Great Gatsby, Feb 28, 29

Township – Diana Ross, Feb 26, 7:30pm

Township – Dancing with the Stars, Feb 28, 8pm

Columbia Metro Convention Center, Home & Landscape Expo, Feb 28

Segra Park – Clemson vs South Carolina baseball, Feb 29, 3pm

We are working on two projects that you will hear about next month. Some of us have been traveling, others sick, please join me in praying for Pam Johnson's hip surgery on Feb 26, Nina Brunet's brother in ICU, Sympathy to Tonya for the loss of her dog, others winding down from the wonderful holidays .

Arts will be doing the refreshments in February for International. It is Heart Health Month, so we will be serving salads and a little heart healthy chocolate dessert.

Conservation – Susan Swails

Are you ready for the big chill? ...the big chill of winter, that is! Here are a few energy saving tips from Choose Energy you may not have thought about or tried:

1. Switch your ceiling fan's blade rotation

2. Upgrade your wood-burning fireplace
3. Let the sunshine in
4. Weather-proof your windows
5. Get selective with space heaters
6. Rock your winter wardrobe
7. Avoid using your exhaust fans
8. Swap out old bulbs with LEDs
9. Invest in a smarter thermostat
10. Do away with drafts

For more information, visit chooseenergy.com.

Education – Kaye Jones

Hello ladies - I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! Our Habitat for Humanity family has not gotten in their house yet due to some construction delays. We have a bookcase, some books and a few other things for them and we still have most of the \$200 grant left to spend thanks to Gail's very economical shopping spree. We've decided to add a lamp to go along with the other books we will be getting. Hopefully we'll be able to deliver that very soon.

March is our month and we need to decide on a meal – please give it some thought and we'll decide what we want to do for that night. Our speaker will be low country author C. Hope Clark and she will have books available to purchase.

Home Life - Kaye Hunke

Happy New Year! I hope you are off to a healthy New Year. I hope you enjoyed our speaker Liz Anderson and Foster from PAALS at our November meeting. We are looking forward to working with everyone on January 20 for our day of service. I am really looking forward to the reports from that day.

February is Wear Red for Heart Health and we will be passing out red dress pins to all our members at the January meeting.

We delivered the Christmas gifts to Families Helping Families and the purses to Sister Care in December. We have been very busy and have more planned for the remainder of the year. We received our request from Progress Foundation and are looking forward to spending the rest of the money and matching the funds with our labor and donated purses.

January will be the last month of collecting purses. We will continue to collect shampoos, tooth brushes and toiletries to fill the purses. Your generosity for this project has been overwhelming and we appreciate all who have donated to this wonder cause.

International Outreach – Nancy Schmidt

International Outreach. Words to Ponder: Tolerance; Curiosity; Listening. Happy New Year y'all. Mark your calendar for the February meeting. Our speaker will be telling you about her Barbie.

Public Issues - Missy Klopfer

The SAWC Public Issues members wish you a happy 2020 and look forward to seeing you for an **ALL AMERICAN** meeting, Monday, January 27th. Be sure to come in your favorite patriotic best so we can snap a picture of all of us together! Our theme will focus on Women in the military and hear from a local military veteran. Shelly Langston and learn about her work with the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Important Dates to remember:

January 20 – Day of Service

January 27 - Board Meeting: 6:15

General Meeting: 7:15

February 14 – St. Valentine's Day

March 12 – Bunco – 6:30 – 9:00