

St. Andrews Woman's Club

2024-2025



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August 2024 NEWSLETTER

Officer Reports:

President - Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

Where has the summer gone? Many of our members have been traveling and spending time with family and friends. Your officers and chairmen have been busy over these past few months planning the upcoming club year.

Our Membership Social is coming up on Sunday, August 18th at GFWC- SC Headquarters, 3-5. Please don't forget to invite a neighbor or friend who would be interested in finding out more our club. Please email Ann Martin and Lynn Hauptner.

Thursday, September 5th is the date for our first fundraiser of this year.

Ways and Means will be selling tickets for the Town Theatre Production, "Anything Goes" at our August Social. Let's try to fill the theater that night to start out the year on a high note!

As your new Co- Presidents, we are excited to embark on this new club year with each of you! Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

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

We certainly appreciate all the hard work our CSP Chairmen have done! Most have met with their new committees, and ALL have decided on speakers for their months. Finding a convenient meeting date and time is a challenge in the summer.

We would like to remind the CSP's to record their meetings and events with pictures and by using our report form. It will make end-of-the -year reporting much easier for all of us!

2nd Vice President - Lynne Hauptner & Ann Martin

Our Summer Social is almost upon us to kick off the beginning of our year. It will take place Sunday 8/18 from 3-5pm at GFWC HQ at 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia. Watch your email for the invitation to come shortly and please RSVP no later than 8/12. Please invite friends to our social. Email us the names and addresses for the invitation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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

Lights! Camera! Action!

It's time for SAWCs first major fundraiser of the upcoming club year! Mark your calendars . . .

Thursday, September 5 * 7:30 PM * Town Theatre "Anything Goes"

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the Summer Social on August 18.

You may also text or call Frances Hill (803-730-4179), Susan Smith (803-446-6163) or Patty Cavanaugh (803-397-4911) to arrange for tickets. **Please** begin selling to friends and family for this entertaining evening!!

If you're not familiar with this musical by Cole Porter –

The story is about madcap antics aboard an [ocean liner](#) bound from New York to London. Billy Crocker is a stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt, who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. [Nightclub singer](#) Reno Sweeney and Public Enemy Number 13, "Moonface" Martin, aid Billy in his quest to win Hope.

Secretary - Laura Nichols

No report.

Treasurer - Jo Norris & Sarah Ostergaard

Hello, Ladies! The annual dues for the club are \$52, and according to the club by-laws, are payable "on or before the September general meeting. You can pay dues at the Summer Social and at the first meeting. You can pay using the following options:

1) Venmo by looking for St. Andrews Woman's 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

4) If desired, you can mail your dues to SAWC, P. O. Box 3076, Irmo, SC. 29063.

As of August 1, with the down payment made to Town Theater, our checking account balance is \$1972.90 and the savings account balance is \$3364.57.

On Wednesday, August 7, a committee appointed by the president and consisting of Barbara Cross, Daryl Hendrix and Kristin Fields will audit the club records and bank accounts for the 2023 - 2024 club year.

Advisor - Laurie O'Kelly

I'm looking forward to the new club year and seeing everyone at the Membership Social.

Community Service Project Reports:

Arts and Culture - Rachel Richardson & Nancy Schmidt

George Washington is in front of the state capitol on Gervais Street. Installed 1864, it is one of 6 bronze replicas cast in 1857. The walking cane was damaged by Sherman's troops.

August 9 is International Day of Indigenous people. In the US, it is celebrated the 2nd Monday of October with Columbus Day. It recognizes the continuity with their land and to maintain their language, culture and social system.

Our department met for the first time on August 6 for dinner at Nancy's home.

Civic Engagement & Outreach - Shelly Langston

Welcome back everyone! Hope you had a fun and relaxing vacation. Civic Engagement and Outreach members are looking forward to a productive and fun new year at SAWC. Our CSP met this summer and we are excited about our program. January will be our month to host the meeting and we are having Melissa Payne, Executive Director of PAALS (Palmetto Assisted Animal Learning Services) come

Speak about this organization. Yes, she will bring dogs! You won't want to miss this meeting. Melissa says, Floyd is doing great and he is a calm good boy. Remember we have a dog to name!

This year we will be coordinating with the USO, Wreaths Across America and a Service Project at Christmas for those in need. We also discussed taking a tour of our state capital.

This is an election year, so be sure to be registered to vote. Online Voter Registration deadline is 30 days before the election. Mail in Registration must be postmarked 30 days before the election. In person voter registration is 30 days before the election. You may check the website for more information: <https://scvotes.gov/voters/register-to-vote/>

Education & Libraries - Jane Ashley Durham & Maureen Taylor

Our Education CSP is looking forward to this 2024-2025 year. Our group met in June and mapped out some of our project: we donated \$50.00 to The Palmetto Project, a sister group of Families Helping Families, for bookbags for children in need; Leanne will continue our Book Club; and, for our October meeting, our CSP will be requesting supplies for Seven Oaks Elementary. (Be on the lookout for a list in the next newsletter.) We will continue to keep you updated on our other events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our August social

Environment - Gail Elfert

Our CSP members have made initial plans for the club year with new projects, reinstated projects, and continued projects all related to improving the environment. And we are even looking at a field trip in the spring!

One of the exciting projects we are undertaking is participating in the **NexTrex** Recycling Challenge which will result in our winning a new Trex bench if we can meet our goal of collecting 1000 lbs. of household plastic film and bags (NOT hard plastic). SO, designate a box or bag at home where you can collect the following items and bring them to meetings each month:

*produce bags; *dry cleaning bags, *bubble wrap, *bread bags, *grocery bags, *store bags, (clean) *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)

We will then compress them, weigh them, take pictures to send in for verification, and take them to participating recycling retailers. Don't throw away any clean, dry plastic bags and wrap (NO food residue) even if they are torn and tattered - recycle it through this project! And recruit your neighbors to join you in collecting these items.

We will still be collecting real corks (not synthetic "cork") at meetings also.

Good news! We have reclaimed our stretch of St. Andrews Rd. from the Clusters of Whitehall to I-26 for our quarterly Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup! Oh, the interesting things we find when picking up trash! You won't want to miss joining us for this project.

This is just part of what we have planned for the year, and you'll learn more next month, but we wanted to let you know about a few of the big things coming for the "willing hands" in SAWC.

Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Daryl Hendrix

We are so excited to start the new club year. We welcome Diane Bozard, Elizabeth Taylor, Frances Hill, Jo Norris, Katherine Keckeisen, Laura Nichols and Vickie Williams into Health & Wellness CSP,

We are hosting the first meeting in September with a great speaker. Peyton Oliphant (besides being Diane Bozard's granddaughter, is WITS Certified in Personal Training and Sport & Exercise Nutrition. She is manager and transformation coach at Anytime Fitness on N Lake Drive. Come prepared to ask your questions about nutrition and vitamin supplements for ladies like us.

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Leadership/WHRT - Kristin Fields

No report.

Fellowship - Jan Mitchell-Conner

August Birthdays:

Tonja Ivey, Diane Bozard, Monta Avera, Daryl Hendrix, Frances Hill, Kathy Hogan, Debbie Bell, Maria Castillo, Sarah Ostergaard, and Gail Elfert

Please let me know if any cards need to be sent or if there is any other fellowship news that needs to be shared.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.