



St. Andrews Woman's Club

February Newsletter **2025-2026**



**Member of the General Federation
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Officer Reports:

Presidents: Kristin Fields and Maureen Taylor

It was so good to “see” many of you on our rescheduled January meeting via zoom. We appreciate your patience while we navigated new plans due to the weather.

Many thanks to Becky Travis and Anne Marie Shephard for your time and energy submitting the club reports to GFWC-SC!

In honor of **Heart Health Month wear red or your Go Red for Women pin** to the meeting! We’d like to take a group photo for the Irmo newspaper.

The February meeting agenda will include several special reports. One will be from the Nominating Committee at which time the slate of officers for the next club year will be announced. Members of the Nominating committee are Terri Bolton, Marie DeLoach, Gail Elfert, Daryl Hendrix and Becky Travis. The second special report will be from the Revisions Committee. Please plan on bringing a paper or electronic copy of the proposed by-laws changes to the meeting. Members of the Revisions Committee are: Lynne Hauptner, Shelly Langston, Jo Norris, Daryl Hendrix, Susan Dox and Debbie Bell.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the members of both of these committees. We appreciate the time given to this important club business!

February quote: “Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.” Kahlil Gibran

Meeting schedule reminder:

- Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Our very own Marian St Clair will be our speaker with social and business meeting to follow.
- Location is Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow St, Irmo -Choir room – follow the signs.
- Please come early, parking is limited. Carpool if you can.
- Daryl Hendrix will greet you at the door.

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

We would like to thank the CSP Chairmen and the Club Officers who submitted their reports. This helped us complete the Club Reporting prior to the deadline. This is a large task because we are a very active Club! We are not finished with Reports! We are preparing the other reports to be submitted in March. If you are interested in submitting Creative Writing or Photography, then please be aware of the submission deadline. Contact us with any questions.

2nd Vice-Presidents: Marie DeLoach & Lynne Hauptner

We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

3rd Vice-Presidents: Frances Hill & Susan Smith

Bunco is ONE MONTH AWAY!

We have tickets! We need you to sell them!! We will deliver to you or bring them to the meeting – just let us know how many you need!! OR tickets can be purchased online through Venmo. **PLEASE TELL PURCHASERS TO ENTER \$31 FOR TICKETS PURCHASED ON VENMO!**

If you have money for tickets sold, please turn that in to Susan or Jo as soon as possible. Unsold tickets need to be returned by March 1.

There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for jobs at the bunco event. These include ticket takers/will call (4), kitchen help (5), servers (8) and members willing to play *if needed* (4). We will need all club members present to help with take-down and cleanup. We are also still in need of about 5 more card tables.

Secretary: Laura Nichols

Minutes are attached.

Treasurer: Diane Bozard & Jo Norris

The current balances are as follows:

Checking: \$8674.34

Savings: \$3365.08

Advisor: Susan Dox & Debbie Bell

Everyone should have received an email from the Bylaws Revisions Committee with the new proposed Bylaws. **Please print and review the document.** We will be voting at the General Meeting on Monday, February 23rd.

Community Service Programs (CSP)

Arts & Culture: Patty Cavanaugh

Our leader, Patty Cavanaugh, as you have probably heard by now took a major fall last week. She is using a walker and waiting to hear how to proceed so will be out of commission for a while. Please keep her in your prayers.

This is your reminder to bring your Bunco basket items to the February meeting. Our theme is Coffee, Tea and Comfort. You were given suggestions by e-mail. Please use your imagination! If you have an issue with getting your items to the meeting, please contact me and we will make arrangements to get together!

Leann Angel for Patty Cavanaugh

Civic Engagement: Shelly Langston

Happy Valentines Day! Hope you all had a good Valentine's Day and are looking forward to our Bunco Fund Raiser. Get your tickets now!

Civic Engagement and Outreach is still collecting names for a dog we will be naming. Please send me your names for a male dog and provide an explanation why you choose that name. It will help when I present the names for voting at our February meeting. Email me at shellypopstar@hotmail.com or call or text me at 803-422-1948.

On going need for the USO is luggage donations:

Preferably carry-on-sized items with zipper closures, such as small suitcases or backpacks. Please bring any donated items to our February meeting. Jo Norris will ensure that all contributions are delivered to the USO. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. If you donate an item please let me know, so I can record your donation.

Civic Engagement and Outreach will be providing the refreshments for the February meeting. Thank you team for all the challenges we had to go through in January because of the weather. You are the best!

The following was in the Irmo News on February 5

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Pictured is service dog Sandy, her trainer Dani, and some SAWC member volunteers.

Women's Club volunteers at PAALS

St. Andrews Woman's Club (SAWC) members volunteered at PAALS (Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services) as part of a statewide Day of Service. Club members spent the morning cleaning the facility and organizing materials and equipment used for training the dogs for service. Volunteers learned more about the organization first-hand with a tour of the facility and a demonstration by a trainer and service dog. PAALS trains and places service dogs with children and adults with disabilities including PTSD, autism and mobility/neurological conditions and also provides facility dogs for therapeutic settings. Last year the club named a trained service dog. If you are interested in learning more about the St. Andrews Woman's Club, please email sawcmembership@gmail.com.

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Education & Libraries: *Leanne Angel*

Thank you ladies for being prepared for bingo with the seniors but unfortunately we had to reschedule due to bad weather. Our new date is Tuesday, March 3, 202 at 10:30 Seven Oaks Park in the senior room. Please remember to bring your bingo donations. If you can be present to help that day, please let me know!

Please remember to get your Bunco basket donations to the February meeting. If you cannot, please let me know and we will make arrangements to get together.

A big Thank You to those who have helped fill the Little Library. It looks great!

Our committee has the speaker for the March meeting. Please meet me for a few minutes directly after the meeting so that we may discuss refreshments!

Book Club next month will meet on March 19 due to Bunco! The book we selected is "A Girl Named Samson" by Amy Harmon.

Environment: *Gail Elfert*

On Saturday, February 21, everyone is invited to help our CSP pick up trash along our adopted section of St. Andrews Road! Just let Kaye Hunke know you are coming and meet us at 9:00 a.m. in front of Ollie's, and we will join together to show our "Palmetto Pride" and beautify our environment. We are usually finished in about an hour.

Remember to bring the plastic film you have been collecting since December to the meeting! Look for the 2 trunks that will be open in the parking lot for you to stuff! We will also collect your corks (*not the synthetic type*) your used alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D & 9-volt), and your aluminum pop-top pull-tabs inside, near the door to our meeting room (which will be the choir room this month - signs will direct you)

IF you collect aluminum cans for recycling, you can always drop them off in the bin in the lowest level of the back parking area on the church campus. This benefits the Scout Troop.

I am organizing another field trip to the *Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center* near Georgetown for those who were unable to participate last year or who want to go again. There are two available dates for this excursion:

- Wednesday, April 22: This date coincides with the Earth Day Walk.

- Wednesday, May 6: This date will feature the Introductory Field Walk, which is the same tour our group enjoyed last year.

The plan is to depart from Columbia on Tuesday, spend the night at my home in North Litchfield, and participate in the tour at the center on Wednesday morning. After the morning tour, we may have the opportunity to take part in another educational and environmental activity on Wednesday afternoon, choosing between Hobcaw Barony or Brookgreen Gardens. The cost for this additional tour ranges from \$20 to \$23.

Please note that there is no charge for the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center tour or for lodging. If you are interested in attending, let me know which date or dates would work best for you so I can book our tour while there are openings available.

Health & Wellness: Daryl Hendrix & Ann Keisler

Please bring the **period products** that you purchased in January to our February general meeting. Laurie and Vickie are chairing this project. We thank you for your generosity.

February is American Heart Month. **Wear red to our February meeting with your red dress pin.** Barbara and Jo will have extra red dress pins if you have never received one.

We continue to support The Harbor by providing meals for their meetings. As you will remember The Harbor is a day center/resource center for those who have been trafficked. Special thanks to Katherine, Jo and Vickie for this month's meals. If you are not in H&W and would like to help with meals, just let Daryl know.

Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:

Fellowship: Jan Mitchell-Conner

February Birthdays: Beth Smith-Pollom, Susan Swails, Lynne Hauptner, Katherine Keckeisen, Linda Davis Shealy, Julie Kisby, and Laurie O'Kelly

A donation was made to The Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville in memory of Marla Castillo

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Important Dates to Remember:

2/16/26 LEADS Application due

2/21/26 GFWC-SC LEADS

2/23/26 General Meeting 6:30 pm

3/09/26 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm in-person, location TBD

3/16/26 Newsletter articles to Laurie O'Kelly

3/23/26 General Meeting 6:30 pm