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# SPWC Happenings

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club



## Summer 2023

President's Message

### Better Together

It's almost summer and this is the last newsletter until September. I hope each of you have a wonderful summer and do lots of fun things.

I have homework for you.... WHAT? YOU SAY... Really, it just something I want you to consider. It is true that in all organizations 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Please think about becoming part of that 20%. We really need leaders in our club. We have wonderful women who do wonderful things daily, but it would be so helpful if you would consider being a part of our leadership team. This fall, our nominating committee will be looking for people to fill lots of positions. I KNOW we have leaders in our club. I also know we all have personal lives, some of us have jobs, but if you can, we would really appreciate your help. If you think you would like to fill one of our positions, please let anyone on our board know, so we can put you on our list for fall. Thank you in advance...I love you all.

Recently we attended the Spring Conference in Orlando. It was a wonderful experience and we had 5 ladies from our club attend. Thank you to Evelyn Nakelski, Barbara Sundholm, Deborah Burke and Joyce Taylor. It is such a wonderful weekend to get to know our sisters from other clubs and see what GFWC is all about. It was not only educational, it was fun! I invite all of you to attend the fall conference in Orlando on September 22-24 at the Rosen Hotel. If you are interested, let me know...we can carpool, share hotel rooms and generally get to know each other better. Here we are celebrating 100 years as part of GFWC!

See you **September 8 at noon** for our next meeting and covered dish lunch...don't forget to bring school supplies for North Shore Elementary.

Stay Safe

Cathy Allen, President

## OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 8, 2023

Hosted by Education CSP

Call to Order at 12:00 noon

Covered Dish Lunch

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### 2023 Officers

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### 2023 CSP Chairpersons

Arts & Culture ~ Mary Beattie

Civic Engagement ~ Carol Tillis

Education & Libraries ~ Nita Deason

Environment ~ Evelyn Nakelski

Health & Wellness ~ Joyce Sterling



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# Membership

Marianne Snyder, VP; Roseanna Costa, Assistant  
Marilyn Lanctot, Assistant  
Deborah Burke, Assistant

Our May meeting was well attended with 71 people – that included 63 members and 8 guests! Julie Hall's father, Allan, was our speaker. He told us all about his years as a Holocaust survivor and everyone was enraptured with his story. Allan promised to come back and speak with us again!

We now have 195 members, which includes 17 new members for this year. Our new member meeting was well attended with 3 new and 3 prospective members as well as Roseanna, Deborah and myself. If you would like to sign up to be a mentor or be assigned a mentor, please contact Deborah at [brkdbrh@yahoo.com](mailto:brkdbrh@yahoo.com)

Our general meetings resume in September. Please mark your calendar for **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm (NOTE time change)**. We'll have a covered dish lunch, so come hungry! Don't forget you are also **welcome to attend the new / prospective member meeting at 11:00**. You are welcome to attend as many times as you wish and have an opportunity to get to know some of the new members. There will also be a "NEW MEMBER" table set up at each general meeting.

*Please welcome our new member:*

Peggy West



Summer Bridge is Back!

Joan Jaicks

As always, we are looking for club members and guests to join us on Friday afternoon from 1-4pm at the clubhouse. We play twice a month, depending on the availability of the clubhouse. For more information, contact:

Elizabeth Hammer at 727-692-4402  
Joan Jaicks at 727-896-5097



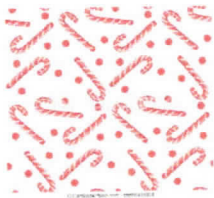


# Civic Engagement CSP

Carol Tillis, Chairperson

*We make and collect charitable donations*

We have dropped off the first load of "walker bags" with Hospice, such a pleasure making something new. We will also make some for St Anthony's.



We have begun cutting Christmas fabric! We will need to make 16 quilts and some bibs, bone pillows and neck pillows for Hospice. For Sallie House we need to make Christmas stockings. Thanks for your help with the cash for stocking fabric.

This year for Brookwood we are going to do gift bags instead of stockings.

We are still collecting shampoo and body wash for the kids. Thank You!



## Book Club News

Mary Braisted

The book club will be taking a break for the summer with the July and August meetings being canceled. We will be meeting on **June 13 at 10:30 am** at the Holocaust Museum and we will go to lunch afterward. Here are the books that we will be discussing that day: "Night" by Elie Wiesel; "In the Shadow of Majdanek" by Irene Skolnich; Never to be Forgotten" by Beatrice Muchman. Also, we will touch base on Allen Hall's book "Hiding in Plain Sight". He is a Holocaust survivor who gave a presentation at our May general meeting.

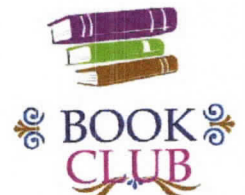
These are the books for our fall reading:

**September 12** – "The Tinkers" by Paul Harding

**October -10** – "The Library Book" – by Susan Orlean

**November 14** – Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

Wishing everyone a great summer!



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# Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

## Club Calendar

**First Friday Morning Board Games, Friday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.** - Another morning of board game fun. We will be playing Mexican Train, Rummikub and maybe Sequence or whatever game you may bring to play. We will be playing from 10:00 a.m. to noon and then go out to lunch. We will decide then where you would like to go. All are welcome to join us. We have a lot of fun! Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**Bunco, Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.** - Come join us for an exciting game of Bunco. It is a great way to meet and get to know more members. And, there are prizes. Just bring a snack to share and a beverage to drink. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**Ladies Night Out - Friday, June 30, 5:00 p.m.** - Tonight we will be dining at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1951 4th Street. North. I'm sure you are all familiar with this restaurant so there is no need to say any more except to please let me (I will be out of town most of June), or preferably Arlene Smith, my Social Assistant, 814-579-6043, know if you plan to attend.

Liz Pacheco, Social Director  
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## Donation Requests

### **ENVIRONMENT CSP (contact Evelyn Nakelski for a more complete list)**

- Canned Food and Treats in sealed containers
- Sheets, blankets and towels, cleaning supplies
- Collars, leashes, and dishes
- Chew toys and stuffed toys
- Pop tops from soda cans

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CSP (Carol Tillis)**

- Large Shampoo for Sallie House
- Soap /Body Wash for Sallie House ("Dove" needed for those with sensitive skin)
- Loose filling for pillows
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, combs
- Cotton quilting fabric, flannel fabric,

### **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES CSP (Nita Deason)**

- Box tops for Education (now done on line)
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Books for club library (Copyright 2010 -2022)
- Cereal for summer in May (large boxes)
- School supplies in September

### **EVENING GROUP—for the Mission (contact Cindy Stokes or Eve Overby for more information)**

- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Tampons/pads
- Disposable razors
- Soap and lotion
- New or gently used T-shirts (Large & X-Large); socks

## OPERATIONS

# Daily Operations

Linda Morgan, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

Hello, awesome members! It takes a village to keep our beautiful grounds beautiful. We have some aging plants that need replacing. This is especially true on the main brick walkway into the covered patio. If anyone is handy and strong enough to use a shovel, to dig holes for a few new plants, we need you! Anything our members can help with keeps us from having to hire help. More money in the coffers for community service!

Please call Diane 302-604-3495, or Linda 727-251-0494.



# Arts & Culture CSP

Mary Beattie, Chairperson; Assistant, Cheryl Martin

Thank you to all who participated in all our activities this past year. My first year as Chair of the Arts and Culture Community Service Program has been exciting and inspiring. It is an honor and privilege to serve on the Board. There is still much to learn and I aspire to add more members to the CSP in an effort to enhance and enrich all our members through art and culture.

The primary focus of this CSP has been the Arts Competition. It offers an outstanding opportunity for members to display their hands on creativity and compete in the District 14 Competition. We had multiple Blue Ribbon winners this year—all the entries were fantastic. The judges specifically suggested “we raise the bar” for next year’s competition.

There are many ways art and culture can improve our lives and I know many of you would be great additions to this CSP. The more ideas, creativity and collaboration we develop, the greater the experience. I have some ideas for additional projects for the CSP to undertake. In order to do this, I need more people to join me. If you would like to participate, know that it will be rewarding, collaborative and, most of all, fun! Our Tampa/St. Petersburg community is full of culture; let’s use our talents to embrace, educate and experience all cultural awareness can offer. For more information contact me at [mary.beattie@premiersir.com](mailto:mary.beattie@premiersir.com) or 727.340.8529.

“If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him.” – John F. Kennedy

Enjoy Your summer!



# Fundraising

Gail Brazzell, VP; Dianne Johansen, Assistant

Planning Meeting: **Thursday, June 1st at 10:00 am**. NOTE: Disregard the date on the attached flyer.

We will be outlining how members will help make our club mission possible at our major Annual Fundraiser. As you know, SPWC has been valuable for over 100 years in: Community Service, Civic Participation, Educational Programs, and the preservation of our Historical Clubhouse!

Mark your calendars: Saturday evening, **November 4, 2023**. We will continue making this Mission possible.



SPWC  
*Fundraising Meeting*  
Monday, April 17 @ 12:30 pm

**Plan Announce Date: 11/4/23 (11/3 is set-up)**

**International Dining Around the World \*  
4 Countries (Food / Drink)  
4 Chairman (provided by SPWC Members  
and/or Businesses)**

\*Gives SPWC/ GFWC/ FFWC PR for our supporters!

**SPIFFS (St Pete International Folk Festival)  
confirmed ENTERTAINMENT!**

**Charge for Evening**  
Options: 1 Country \$ or Dine Around \$ or ?

**Silent Auction  
Donations and Baskets  
by any Businesses or Individual**



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# Evening News

Cindy Stokes & Eve Overby , Co-Chairpersons

Hello Ladies!

What a fun night we had last Tuesday! Lots of good conversation, lots of ideas shared and lots and lots of cereal for families of North Shore Elementary students facing food insecurities during the summer.

Kudos to all the ladies that helped prepare the food for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Praise the Lord Mission Dinner. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meal of the year will be scheduled for early October.

Leslie Singer shared her experience packing food at The Kind Mouse and mentioned that they really can use all the help they can get – especially as they are gearing up for the Summer. Several members of the Club plan to work in the pantry on May 20<sup>th</sup> and will get an update on what other activities we can assist with throughout the year. Many thanks to Evelyn Nakelski who has agreed to coordinate our activities on Saturday.

Jennifer Brackney showed us pictures of the new Belle of the Ball Boutique at the Goodwill location on Gandy. The Boutique had a soft opening and will be actively promoted in the coming months. Young ladies who visit the boutique will be encouraged to participate in additional programs, services, and mentoring opportunities being designed by Goodwill staff. The Boutique will be available year-round for young ladies attending dances, proms and Holiday parties. Dress donations are welcomed throughout the year.

At our September meeting we will be collecting school supplies for the students at North Shore Elementary in support of a community service project sponsored by the Education and Libraries CSP. There was a lot of discussion about the need to support Title 1 schools in our area – both the students AND the teachers! A prospective member, Sherri Moran, mentioned that she had a connection with the Vice Principal at New Heights Elementary. Audrey suggested we conduct a two-prong initiative – one to support students at North Shore and one to promote teachers at New Heights. Sherri will contact the school and get a list of the items most requested by teachers for the coming year.

Although we will not be meeting during the summer months, many of us will continue to volunteer at charities we support as a group. These charities are Praise the Lord Mission, The Kind Mouse, The Children's Dream Fund, Goodwill/Belle of the Ball, St Vincent de Paul Cares, and Silver Santas. We will also pursue activities at Ready for Life, The St Pete Free Clinic and an animal shelter. Volunteer opportunities will be shared throughout the summer via email and activities/hours should be reported to Cindy.

Our Book Club, organized and coordinated by Eleni Shipe, will continue to meet throughout the summer. Our May meeting will be tonight at The Vinoy to discuss An Immense World by Ed Yong. Let Eleni know if you would like to be included in her email updates at [shipe@comcast.net](mailto:shipe@comcast.net).

Have a wonderful summer! See you in September...Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, to be precise!

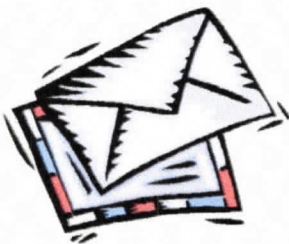


## VP Programs— Barbara Sundholm

As we prepare to take our summer break, I think we can all agree that we are off to a great start to our year with really good programs and great community service! Our CSP leaders are doing a wonderful job so far, with our Arts & Crafts competition hosted by the Arts & Culture CSP in January, a wonderful presentation about acupuncture hosted by our Health & Wellness CSP in February, along with co-hosting a very successful District meeting/Arts & Crafts competition. March's meeting was a tea hosted by our fundraising committee which gave us the chance to use all our beautiful teacups and wear fancy hats!! At that meeting, we were fortunate to have a District 14 board member to speak about the Power of One. Our April meeting featured one of our own members who spoke about Alzheimer's and the new fields of research being conducted to find a cure for this devastating disease. The May meeting was one we won't soon forget as we welcomed a Holocaust survivor to share his family's harrowing experiences of escaping Nazi persecution. In addition to our monthly meetings, we also accomplished great things for our community!

While we take our summer break, I would like for everyone to consider how they might step up and volunteer to help with our CSP's or organize an activity, or even take on a leadership role. We use the hashtag **#LivingTheVolunteerSpirit**, and yet it seems to be very difficult to assemble committees or volunteers to assist with our meetings or get suggestions for projects we could do to increase our visibility within the community. Volunteerism isn't a spectator sport and we have so many members with such a wealth of experience, we need to tap into that, so let's pitch in and help share the load!!

### Correspondence



Thinking of you and prayers are needed to help Judy Zamanillo recover." Cards can be sent to her home address.

Ladies, Have a safe, healthy, happy summer break. Please continue to keep me posted on our members that I can send cards to.

Cell number is 803-448-6700 or email [cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com)



# Photo Gallery



Out and about with GFWC

To the left: Marianne Snyder, Carolyn DeFreitas, Barbara Sundholm and Cathy Allen at a District 14 workshop

To the right: Evelyn Nakelski, Barbara Sundholm, Cathy Allen, Deborah Burke and Joyce Taylor at the GFWC State Convention



Roseanna and Marianne (upper row) with newest members

# Photo Gallery

At our May meeting we were introduced to Allan Hall (Holocaust survivor and father of member Julie Hall). He shared memories of his life and had the audience enthralled.



L—R: Julie's mom, Julie Hall, Allan Hall and Barbara Sundholm. The club made a donation to the Holocaust Museum in Mr. Hall's name.



As in past years, we also made a collection of cereal for North Shore Elementary School for food-insecure children. Thanks to all who donated for your generosity.



The evening group also contributed to the cereal collection as well as a collection for "The Kind Mouse"

## Club Calendar

**Friday, May 12:** Club Day Meeting at 1PM. Hosted by VP of Programs, Barbara Sundholm

Every Monday at 2 pm: Mahjongg.

Every Wednesday at 1 pm: Hands on projects with Civic Engagement

Twice a month on Fridays at 1:00: Bridge

Every first Friday at 10 am: Games followed by lunch on the town

Every second Tuesday at 7 pm: Evening group

Every third Friday at 7 pm: Bunco

Last Friday of the month: Ladies Night Out

Dates are subject to change if needs arise.  
Contact Social Director Liz Pacheco for more info.

## GFWC

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## CLUB NEWSLETTER Summer 2023



### Mondays: 2-4 pm

Come play Mahjongg—no experience needed



### 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

The next Evening Group will meet on **Sept 12**. Contact Cindy Stokes or Eve Overby for more information

### Fridays at 7 pm

The next Bunco will be on **June 16**. Contact Liz Pacheco if you plan to attend



June 06—Kim Norris

June 16—Virginia Fox

June 18—Mary Fletcher

June 22 0 Ruta Petraitis

June 24—Lisa Bradley

June 29—Lois McMullin

July 01—Joanne Wolf

July 01—Judy Zamanillo

July 02—Jennifer Brackney

July 02—Lisa Reimer

July 02—Dyreesee Sweeney

July 03—Terry Hoft

July 07—Shannon Bailey

July 07—Oneita Tinsley

July 11—Ilse Kearney

July 11—Dorothy Keville

July 11—Joanne Walker

July 12—Joan Jaicks

July 13—Eve Overby

July 16—Judy Carrier

July 16—Manjula Kemp

July 17—Jann Lueck

July 19—Lisa Moore

July 20—Anne Bolin

July 22—Sibyl Freeburg

July 24—Mary Jane Dann

July 27—Marcia Barasia

July 28—Melanie Thoenes

Aug 01—Judy Hunt

Aug 03—Sue Cooper

Aug 03—Nancy Cory

Aug 03—Maureen Fitzsimmons

Aug 05—Michelle Gershon

Aug 06—Dianne Johansen

Aug 06—Marilyn Lanctot

Aug 11—Karen Tugendhat

Aug 13—Precella Wallace

Aug 16—Jennifer Masterton

Aug 17—Laura Brock

Aug 17—Kati Forsythe

Aug 20—Vonnie Bennett

Aug 21—Jackie Manning

Aug 21—Rita Risco

Aug 21—Rebecca Schultz

Aug 24—Margaret Matson

Aug 26—Carolyn Zella

Aug 30—Kassy Brewer

Aug 31—Cathy Mitchell

Aug 31—Trudie Urish



*Happy Birthday!*