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SPWC Happenings

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club



April 2024

Message from the President

"All Pulling Together"

It seems like March is just flying by so quickly! We had a fabulous tea for our March meeting hosted by our Membership committee. Our club always shines when decorated so beautifully, and I love seeing our pretty teacups that would never get noticed otherwise. All the lovely hats and flowers evoked the anticipation of Spring and Easter soon to arrive. That also means it's about time for one of my favorite group activities we do every year. We always have lots of fun stuffing about 500 Easter eggs full of candy and also making baskets for the kids at Sallie House, one of the local nonprofits we support. Sallie House is affiliated with the Salvation Army and provides a home for children who have had to be removed from dangerous domestic situations. I am so proud of how our club supports this organization both at Easter and Christmas, and we also supply them with personal hygiene products throughout the year, all spearheaded by our Civic Engagement and Community Outreach CSP. We will be gathering at our clubhouse at **1:00 on March 27**, jelly beans in hand, ready to stuff all those eggs for the kids! (There may be some personal consumption involved, too. Shhh, don't tell anybody!) Won't you join us?

Our **April 10th** meeting will be shining a spotlight on our local law enforcement, the St. Petersburg Police Department. We already maintain a relationship with them throughout the year, donating lots of little stuffed animals for them to keep in their cruisers to give to children who might have been involved in an accident or taken from a crime scene. Having a stuffed animal to hug can provide a measure of comfort for a distressed child. We look forward to having two officers (and maybe a third) as our guests for a **pot luck lunch** and to give us the latest scoop on happenings in St. Pete. We also have a special presentation planned for them. We want to show our appreciation for the SPPD and their courage to go out every day to keep our citizens safe!

This meeting is designated as 'President's choice', which means there is no specific CSP committee or other group assigned to assist with meeting setup, so I am asking for help for all aspects of the meeting from room setup to kitchen to clean up. I also look forward to seeing what wonderful dishes our members will bring for this special occasion. There will be more information circulated closer to meeting time, but if you are willing to lend a hand, please let me know! Your help will be very much appreciated!!

Barbara Sundholm, President

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 12, 2024

President's Choice

Call to Order at 12:00 pm

Potluck Lunch



2024 Officers

President ~~ Barbara Sundholm
Past President ~~ Cathy Allen
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2024 CSP Chairpersons

Arts & Culture ~ Mary Beattie
Civic Engagement ~ Precella Wallace
Education & Libraries ~ Mary Palumbo
Environment ~ Nancy Westphal
Health & Wellness ~ Joyce Sterling





Membership

Marianne Snyder, VP; Nanci Odom, Assistant
Committee Members: Roseanna Costa & Marilyn Lanctot
Mentor Program: Deborah Burke

We now have **199** members, which includes **14 new members**, since January 1st! Let's keep up this trend – maybe reach out to a friend that you think might enjoy our club.

Our March Membership Tea was an enjoyable event thanks to everyone who pitched in! There were 55 members in attendance as well as 7 guests. Our next general meeting will be on **Friday, April 12th at NOON**. We will be having a covered dish lunch so please feel free to bring a dish to share!

The **new / prospective member meetings** are held **every other month**. The next one will be held one hour prior to the **May** general meeting so I hope to see you at **NOON on May 10th**! You are welcome to **attend as many times as you wish** and have the opportunity to get to know some of the new members. Please consider bringing a friend to the new member meeting – maybe they will decide to join! There will also be a **"NEW MEMBER"** table set up at each general meeting.

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### Welcome New Members

Allora Novak

Cynthia Guillama

Mary Ellen McLain

### 2024 Additions to Directory

Eleni Shipe / 1030 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North / St. Pete, FL 33704

### Change of Information

Danielle Balistreri / 3110 Grand Avenue / Apt. 1401 / Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Rita Risco / 14831 Feather Cove Lane / Clearwater, FL 33762

Mary Braisted / cell phone: 727-657-0077



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# Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant



We are taking orders for club shirts! \$25 each – choose your size (Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 1X) and color (Aqua, Hot Pink, Purple or Black). Contact Cathy Allen at 863-602-4294. **Must be prepaid before the order is placed.**

## Correspondence



Great news ladies. I haven't heard from anyone. That means all is well; stay safe, well and happy.

Contact me at [Cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com) or text at 803-448-6700



PUBLIC RELATIONS

### A message from Josephine Spinelli, Publicity/Public Relations

"Stay up to date with our latest events and activities by following us on Facebook! Type in **GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club**, hit search and press follow."

### Thought of the Month



"I enjoy the spring more than the autumn now. One does, I think, as one gets older."

Virginia Woolf





# Civic Engagement CSP

Precella Wallace, Chairperson

*We make and collect charitable donations*



A basket full of bears, prepared by Pat Franks, was recently delivered to Ronald McDonald House.

Hospice has reached out to the Civic Engagement group asking for dolls that their patients could hold. We will begin by sewing eight dolls for them. Thirty-nine bone pillows were delivered recently along with eight quilts. We continue to sew quilts and pillows and crochet twiddle muffs for Hospice, Balance Health Care, Albina Manor and St. Anthony's hospital.

Over 800 eggs were filled with jelly beans and 70 baskets were filled with candy and delivered to Sallie House, Ronald McDonald House and Brookwood. Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthwhile event for children and for helping prepare the baskets.

We always need poly-fil, buttons and thread and Sallie House continues to need large bottles of shampoo and conditioner.

Prepared by Mary Braisted

# Civic Engagement CSP

Thanks to all members who recently donated to our book drive. Over 45 books were collected in a wide range of subjects. They will be delivered to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital and to Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to Annette McComas for spearheading our first book drive for children.



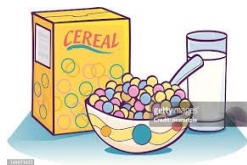
GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club Civic Engagement team have been busy Living the Volunteer Spirit. They recently finished making purple bone pillows for Hospice. Balanced Health Care and Woodlawn Oaks nursing homes requested lap quilts and twiddle muffs. We have already delivered some items to Balanced Health Care and we will deliver some to Woodlawn Oaks soon





## Education & Libraries CSP

Mary Palumbo, Chairperson; Barbara Creamer, Assistant



The Education/Libraries CSP will be collecting Cereal for Campbell Park Elementary School on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We need help delivering the cereal on May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a large car or SUV and can help out after the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mary Palumbo at 727-331-3528.

If you are interested in volunteering at schools or libraries, please contact April Faulk, 924-584-1730. She'd be happy to help you with the information you will need to help.



## Arts & Culture CSP

Mary Beattie, Chairperson; Mary Fletcher, Assistant

The Arts & Culture CSP demonstrates the enduring importance of the arts in our lives. It provides a platform for us to come together, share our insights and experiences, and contribute to the enrichment of our cultural heritage. Through our collective efforts, we are not just preserving the past; we are actively shaping the future of our community.

As women, we have played pivotal roles in the development of arts and culture throughout history. From the groundbreaking works of Frida Kahlo to the powerful poetry of Maya Angelou, women have left an indelible mark on the artistic landscape. Our Club is a testament to the fact that we continue to do so today. We are the storytellers, the visionaries, and the creators who breathe life into the canvas, the stage, and the written word.

We have six winners from the District Art Competition that will be competing in the State Competition and I'm sure they will do well. We thank them for their participation and dedication.

Art is everywhere...take time to enjoy it!

Mary Beattie, Chair  
Arts & Culture



Author Kelli Stuart discussed her book "The Master Craftsman" and answered questions from members. She also spoke regarding the Faberge Eggs and how she came to write about them. The meeting was very well attended and we may see Kelli again in the future.

Our book scheduled for **April 9<sup>th</sup>** is "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger. Books have not yet been chosen for May and June.

The book club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am at the club (subject to change) and goes to lunch afterward. If you would like to join, email Mary Braisted at [braisted636@gmail.com](mailto:braisted636@gmail.com)



### SPWC Special Tea Recipe

We celebrated International Woman's Month with an afternoon tea and several members asked for the recipe that original member Evelyn Wilty used to prepare. Though she is no longer with us, her tea lives on. Enjoy!

This recipe was prepared when we had a stove a pots!

- \* Place two big pots filled with water on the stove and bring to a boil. Once the water is boiling turn to low.
- \* Using regular tea, follow directions regarding how many tea bags to add.
- \* Let the tea steep approximately five minutes (until it looks dark enough). Remove the tea bags.
- \* To each pot, add 10 bags each of Celestial Tea, Apple Spice and Cinnamon Tea. Let steep and then remove the tea bags.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22, 2024



The **theme of Earth Day 2024** is "Planet vs. Plastics". This is about fighting the big problem of plastic all over the world. Earth Day organization wants to bring people from different places together. The goal is to make much less plastic, 60% less by 2040. We want a future without so much plastic. This is not just about having less trash, but it is also about keeping us and the environment healthy.



## Fundraising

Joyce Taylor, VP; Gail Brazzell & Pat Wiand, Assistants

IMPORTANT: Enclosed in this Newsletter is a sponsor form for you to use to obtain your Sponsor for our Fundraiser Event on November 2nd, 2024. Also, is a copy of the Event Flyer. If further information is needed please contact me at [joycetaylor4909@gmail.com](mailto:joycetaylor4909@gmail.com). Remember it is very important that we get our sponsors before many of you leave for the summer.

The next Fundraiser Committee Meeting is on **Monday, April 22nd at 11:15 am.**





# St. Petersburg Woman's Club 2024 Fundraiser



## A Night of Jazz in St. Pete

Saturday, November 2, 2024  
6-9 pm  
40 Snell Isle Blvd NE  
St Pete, FL 33704  
SPWC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit.



### Fundraiser mission:

- Maintain our beautiful historic clubhouse
- Support charitable works in the community that include projects with Hospice, Sallie House, schools, the military, and hospitals
- Serving St. Pete since 1913

Join us for heavy Hors d'oeuvres & desserts, Jazz band for entertainment and dancing, silent auction, and wine/beer bar

**Individual tickets \$75**

**Sponsorship ticket levels of \$500, \$1000, \$2500**

[www.stpetersburgwomansclub.org](http://www.stpetersburgwomansclub.org)



**\$2500**  
Trombone level  
sponsorship

- Tickets for 8 guests
- Listed on website/program
- Recognition on signs in the event area
- MC will recognize you as a trombone level sponsor
- 10 50/50 tickets per guest



**\$1000**  
Saxophone level  
sponsorship

- Tickets for 4 guests
- Listed on website/program
- Recognition on signs in the event area
- MC will recognize you as a saxophone level sponsor
- 10 50/50 tickets per guest



**\$500**  
Guitar level  
sponsorship

- Tickets for 2 guests
- Listed on website/program
- Recognition on signs in the event area
- MC will recognize you as a guitar level sponsor
- 10 50/50 tickets per guest



# Sponsorship Form

St. Petersburg Woman's Club

## Sponsor Information




Full Name :

Address :

Phone Number :

e-mail (optional) :

## Type Of Sponsorship

|                          |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>\$2500</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Trombone level Sponsor</b>  |
|                          |                                                                                     | Tickets for 8 guests for Nov 2, 2024 "A Night of Jazz in St. Pete"<br>Listed on website/ program<br>Recognition on signs in the event area<br>MC will recognize you as a trombone level sponsor<br>10 50/50 tickets per guest  |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>\$1000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Saxophone level Sponsor</b> |
|                          |                                                                                     | Tickets for 4 guests for Nov 2, 2024 "A Night of Jazz in St. Pete"<br>Listed on website/ program<br>Recognition on signs in the event area<br>MC will recognize you as a saxophone level sponsor<br>10 50/50 tickets per guest |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <b>\$500</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Guitar level Sponsor</b>    |
|                          |                                                                                     | Tickets for 2 guests for Nov 2, 2024 "A Night of Jazz in St. Pete"<br>Listed on website/ program<br>Recognition on signs in the event area<br>MC will recognize you as a guitar level sponsor<br>10 50/50 tickets per guest    |                                |

Please submit this form to:  
St. Petersburg Woman's Club  
Fundraising  
40 Snell Isle Boulevard NE  
St. Petersburg, FL. 33703

If you have any questions,  
please contact:  
Joyce Taylor, VP Fundraising  
(727) 510-6678 or  
joycetaylor4909@gmail.com

*St. Petersburg Woman's Club is a 501c3 club serving our community for over 100 years.*





# Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

## Club Calendar

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.** - First Friday Board Games - Join us for a morning of board games like Mexican Train and Rummikub. We play until noon and then we go to lunch. This month we can go to The Hangar. Please let me know if you plan to attend

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.** - Tonight Harvey's on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we will be going there to help them celebrate. This will be a Ladies Night Out. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a fun evening of Bunco. Bunco is a very sociable dice game and our group is growing fast. Prices are given to those with the most buncos, the most mini buncos, the highest score and the lowest score. Just bring a snack to share and your own beverage.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I could have the proper number of tables and chairs.

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** - We will be carpooling to the Tampa Bay Downs for a day at the horse races. We can carpool and meet at the clubhouse at 11:15 a.m. It opens at noon and races begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. We usually sit on the second floor by the finish line and stay until approximately 4:00 p.m. On our way back to St Petersburg, we will regroup at 5:00 p.m. at Three Birds for dinner. (Check on line - sometimes there is a Groupon available for this event which saves on admission and a program. Sometimes admissions are free but otherwise they are nominal. Programs cost approximately \$3 and can be shared.) If you would like to attend this event, please let me know. If you don't want to attend this event, but would like to meet us for dinner at **Three Birds at 5:00 p.m.**, please also let me know. It's a lot of fun.

Liz Pacheco, Social Director  
727-481-4821  
[lizpacheco20082446@gmail.com](mailto:lizpacheco20082446@gmail.com)

## Donation Requests

### **ENVIRONMENT CSP (contact Nancy Westphal 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 (Precella Wallace)**

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 (Mary Palumbo)**

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 (contact Cindy Stokes)**

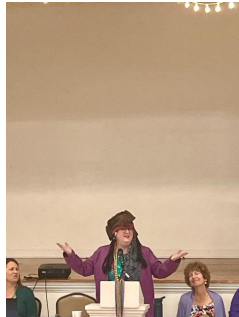
Toothpaste & toothbrushes  
Tampons/pads  
Disposable razors  
Soap and lotion  
New or gently used T-shirts (Large & X-Large); socks

# Photo Gallery

On February 21, we hosted the District 14 Arts & Crafts Festival with a Mardi Gras theme. Five members of our club took 1st Place prizes as well as several, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention.



Members of the District 14 Board of Directors



Fran Kain—District 14 Art Director



L—R: Lisa Klatt (District 14 Director), Shannon Bailey (District 14 Junior Director), Sherry Orr (Current District Director)



1st Place winners from all of District 14



Barbara Sundholm—Painted Miniature



Manjula Kemp—Mixed Media



Carolyn DeFreitas—Knitted & Crocheted Blanket



Jill Whelpley—Knitted Blanket



Cheryl Martin—Quilted Blanket



# Photo Gallery



Evelyn Nakelski (Photography) & Josephine Spinelli (Photography & Public relations)



Cathy Allen & Carolyn DeFreitas display their Mardi Gras Spirit



1st Place winners Carolyn DeFreitas, Barbara Sundholm & Cheryl Martin

March's Club Day Meeting was a celebration of International Woman's Day. The meeting featured an afternoon "tea" and was led by Membership VP Marianne Snyder. Each CSP Chairperson spoke about what their committees do to serve the public.



Roseanna Costa & President Barbara Sundholm



L to R: Marianne Snyder (VP Membership); Precella Wallace (Civic Engagement); Cheryl Martin (Arts); Barbara Sundholm (President); Joyce Sterling (Health & Wellness); Mary Palumbo (Education & Libraries)



New member Cynthia Guillama & VP Membership Marianne Snyder





## Club Calendar

**Friday, April 12:** Club Day Meeting at NOON.  
Potluck Lunch

**Every Monday at 2 pm:** Mahjongg.

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

**Twice a month on Friday at 1:00:** Bridge

**Every first Friday at 10 am:** Games followed by  
lunch

**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

St. Petersburg Woman's Club  
40 Snell Isle Boulevard NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

## CLUB NEWSLETTER April 2024



### Mondays: 2-4 pm

Come play Mahjongg—  
no experience needed



### 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

The next Evening  
Group will meet on  
**April 9**. Contact Tyler  
Kornatowski or Jennifer  
Brackney for more  
information

### Fridays at 7 pm

The next Bunco will be  
on **April 19th**. Contact  
Liz Pacheco if you plan  
to attend.



Apr 01—Nita Deason

Apr 01—Barbara Virelli

Apr 06—Cheryl Bozorgmanesh

Apr 08—Christine Agee

Apr 08—Lupi Coffin

Apr 11—Ellen Hays

Apr 11—Joy Worley

Apr 13—Jeannie Chapman

Apr 16—Roseanna Costa

Apr 21—April Fraulo

Apr 23—Robin Wood

Apr 25—Winnie Pfister

Apr 26—Judy Cunniff

Apr 27—Joan Heelan

May 02—Pam Bergeron

May 02—Susan Fraser

May 07—Donna Guillaume

May 11—Linda Morgan

May 14—Rosemarie Valeriano

May 15—Mary Braisted

May 18—Barbara Creamer

May 21—Elaine Schmid

May 22—Donna Dugan

May 31—Cathy Allen

June 16—Virginia Fox

June 18—Mary Fletcher

June 22—Ruta Petraitis

June 24—Lisa Bradley

June 24—Mary Ellen McLain

June 25—Maile Arp

June 28—Kelley Ann McCarthy

June 28—Bonnie Strickland

June 29—Lois McMullin

*Happy Birthday!*

