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# SPWC Happenings



GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club

## March 2024

Message from the President

"All Pulling Together"

We're off to a great start for 2024! Already we've had our yearly Arts & Crafts competition, and we've sent 16 blue ribbon winning entries to the District Meeting taking place here, in our own house. I think that says a lot about the talent we have here in our club! We have such a wealth of special abilities and talents within our membership, just waiting to be shared with each other and our community as a whole.

We recently completed our Volunteer Hours report to the Florida Federation and I think you all would be very impressed at just what we were able to accomplish in the past year. Why do we spend the time compiling such a lengthy report? We are a volunteer organization and it's important that we are able to show to our club, GFWC Florida, and to the national Federation what a difference we, as a whole, can make! The amount of time we spend, the donations we make and the funds we raise directly impact our local economy and when you multiply that by the number of Woman's Clubs across the globe, our impact is astronomical!!! That kind of influence gives us respect and a voice in advocating for issues that benefit the environment and quality of life here in Florida. Since its establishment in the early 1900's, the Federation's influence has been instrumental in many important areas such as conservation, sanitation, education and woman's rights.

If you haven't obtained a login for the GFWC Florida website I urge you to do so for several reasons. It's so easy – go to [www.GFWCFlorida.org](http://www.GFWCFlorida.org), click on **Member login** and type in the email address we have on file for you, after which you will be given access to the website. From there you can discover a wealth of club related material, and you can also subscribe to the GFWC News and Notes newsletter. Their newsletter is a great resource for statewide goings on and recognition for us and all our sister clubwomen. Having your own subscription (it's free, by the way) gives you the inside track on the events in which we can participate. We also score Honor points with the Federation for having a large percentage of our membership subscribing to the newsletter.

I believe the best is yet to come for us, both as individuals and as a club. Our evening group is doing wonderful things and the new leadership of Tyler Kornatowski and Jennifer Brackney will keep the momentum going that was begun by past leaders Cindy Stokes and Eve Overby. We can't thank Cindy and Eve enough for their service over the past few years. You have done a wonderful job and we appreciate your efforts! Our daytime group has many great projects planned as well. We have so many opportunities to shine. The impact of the GFWC cannot be underestimated, so be proud to be a member of the St. Pete Woman's Club!

Barbara Sundholm, President

## OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 8, 2024  
**Hosted by Membership VP**  
Call to Order at 1:00 pm



### 2024 Officers

President ~~ Barbara Sundholm  
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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 **195** members, which includes **11 new members** since January 1<sup>st</sup>! Let's keep up this trend – maybe reach out to a friend that you think might enjoy our club. Our February general meeting was attended by 50 members and 4 guests.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** is “**International Women’s Day**” and we will celebrate by having a “tea” at our usual meeting time of **1:00 pm**. We’ll have time to chat and get to know each other a little better and then we’ll be treated to a special program – our **Community Service Program Chairwomen** will be telling us about their group and all that they accomplish during the year. It will be an opportunity for you to ask questions about each group and decide how you would like to volunteer this year. **VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT** forms that were in the February newsletter will be on the tables for you to fill out. If you have not filled one out within the past 6 months, please consider completing another one. **WE NEED YOUR HELP – EVERYONE** should be able to find something they can volunteer for – you have so many choices!

The **new / prospective member meeting** will be held 1 hour prior to the **March** general meeting so I hope to see you at **NOON!** 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 tea and the new member meeting – maybe they will decide to join! There will also be a “**NEW MEMBER**” table set up at each general meeting.

And of course, there will be **refreshments!** Please consider helping by bringing “utensil free” small sandwiches and desserts. We’ll be using our beautiful tea cups and the club will provide both hot and cold tea as well as water. Lots of the ladies like to dress up and wear fancy hats and fascinators so please feel free to do that if you’d like!

## *Welcome New Members*

Kelley Ann McCarthy

Bonnie Strickland

Jannah Synnestvedt

## *2024 Additions to Directory*

Audrey Baria

Deneen McQueen

Lisa Moore



# Health & Wellness CSP

Joyce Sterling, Chairperson; Jennie Jamison, Assistant



## Qigong lessons continue at the club

**March dates:** Mondays 3/4, 3/18, 3/25

**Time:** 10-11 am

**Cost:** \$5 a lesson, please bring exact change

**Wear:** Loose clothing, sneakers with thin soles if possible



Qigong uses easy gentle movements, breath techniques, and focused intention to increase health. People of all fitness levels can practice Qigong and the movements can be done sitting or standing.



# Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

We need your help!

We will be replacing some dead grass in our beautiful landscaping so future weddings have a lovely venue. We need your help in trying not to walk on it for a few days. Also, it would be helpful if you would try to park on the street and parking area, not the grass, for a while. I realize we have a shortage of parking, but we are trying to bring the grass back to life!! If all parking is taken when you arrive for an activity, I certainly understand the necessity of parking on the lawn. Thank you for your help.

## Correspondence



Our long time member, Joan Jaicks is now at home recuperating from a fall. Please let her know we are thinking of her. Cards and calls are always welcome.

Please keep me informed on all our friends that may need a friendly hello. Email address is [cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com). Mobile number is 803-448-6700

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



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."



# Civic Engagement CSP

Precella Wallace, Chairperson

*We make and collect charitable donations*

We recently finished making purple bone pillows for Hospice. That is the color they requested and they supplied us with the material and poly-fil for the pillows. The pillows will be delivered soon, along with quilts. We will also be making small dolls for them.



Left to right: Sondra Ames, Annette McComas, Nancy Cory, Mary Braisted, & Poe Yoachim

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. Hospice and the nursing homes continue to keep us busy.

On **March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** we will be assembling Easter baskets and filling eggs for Sallie House, Ronald McDonald House and Brookwood. Please bring jelly beans for the eggs and candy for the baskets. This is always a fun event. We hope to see you there.

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

## SOS!!

We are in need of assistance with grant applications! Anyone with experience or knowledge of the grant application process, please contact Barbara Sundholm, [barbsun54@gmail.com](mailto:barbsun54@gmail.com). There are lots of \$\$ out there to be had, and given the big expenses associated with maintaining our historic clubhouse, we would like to be able to take advantage!



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# Education & Libraries CSP

Mary Palumbo, Chairperson



The Education/ Library CSP would like to remind everyone to be collecting Cereal for Summer for Campbell Park Elementary for May delivery.

We will continue to volunteer at schools and participate in other educational opportunities. We are planning to add other projects and opportunities to serve children and adults in our community.

Check out the library off the foyer. Enjoy the books available and donate new books to the library. We are going to start collecting children books, new and slightly used for grammar schools and other programs. Thank you for all your help.



## HELP!!

We need assistance with Insurance Questionnaires and Applications!

- As everyone knows, prices have skyrocketed. Anyone with experience or knowledge of the Insurance application process, please contact Liz Coerver, [lizsea333@gmail.com](mailto:lizea333@gmail.com).
- We would really appreciate any help.



# Arts & Culture CSP

Mary Beattie, Chairperson; Mary Fletcher, Assistant

The Arts & Culture CSP is looking forward to the Sunken Gardens Tour on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is due no later than March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call or text Mary Beattie at 727-340-8529 to register. You may also email me at [mary.beattie@premiersir.com](mailto:mary.beattie@premiersir.com). Please indicate how many people and whether or not you will be having lunch after the tour.

I want to thank my committee members, Mary Fletcher, Cheryl Martin, Manjula Kemp and Li Watts for their continued hard work.

Happy March!

Mary Beattie, Chair

\*\*\***MARK MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 10:30 AM**\*\*\*



You are all invited to hear Kelli Stuart, author of the book, the “The Master Craftsman”, speak to the book club on **Monday, March 11th at 10:30 am** at the club. “The Master Craftsman” is a story about one of the greatest secrets in Russian history, the Faberge Egg. We are very excited to have an author speaking and discussing the book. We hope you can attend.

Our book scheduled for **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** is “The River We Remember” by William Kent Krueger.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Book Club’s Book Drive. We received many books and they are being delivered to All Children’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald House.

Keep using the Club’s library. Books come and go all the time and you might find one that you will enjoy reading.



# Fundraising

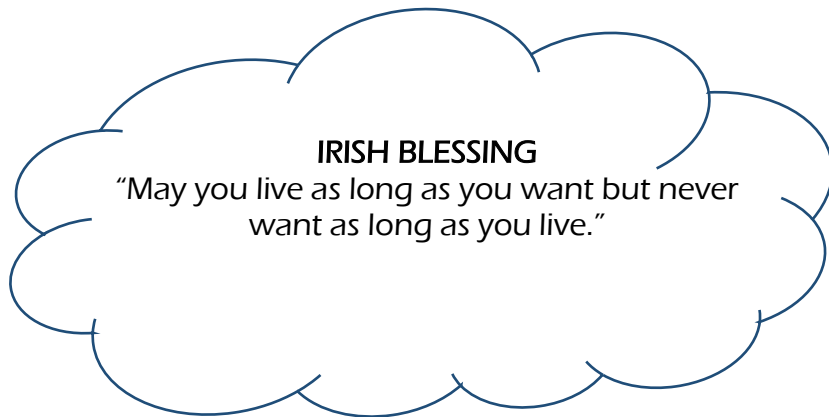
Joyce Taylor, VP; Patricia Wiand & Gail Brazzell , Assistants

**BRICKS BRICKS BRICKS REMEMBER TO ORDER A BRICK!**

I hope all members have seen the new 2024 Fundraiser Flyer “A Night of Jazz in St. Pete”. This year, it is essential for all members to help with obtaining sponsors due to the tremendous increases in all the ongoing expenses to preserve our beautiful building. PLEASE help to make the event a success.

The next fundraising committee meeting is **March 25th at 11:15 am** after Qigong. All are welcome!

## Thought of the Month



**IRISH BLESSING**

“May you live as long as you want but never want as long as you live.”



St. Petersburg  
Woman's Club  
presents



# A Night of Jazz in St. Pete

Saturday, November 2, 2024  
6-9 pm  
40 Snell Isle Blvd NE  
St Pete, FL 33704  
Serving St. Pete since 1913



### Fundraiser proceeds:

- Maintain our beautiful historic clubhouse.
- Support charitable works in the community that include projects with Hospice, Sallie House, schools, the military, museums, and hospitals. SPWC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit.

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



**Evening NEWS**

# Evening News

Tyler Kornatowski & Jennifer Brackney, Co-Chairs

Our January meeting got washed away in the storms, but we made up for it with a huge turnout at our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Over 20 members attended, including three new members: Welcome Jennah, Kelly, and Danielle, and one potential new member, Sangita. Cindy and Eve were celebrated with kind words, flowers and diamond-encrusted MVP rings for their enormous contributions as co-chairs of the SPWC Evening Group. The torch has now been passed to Tyler and Jennifer who have big shoes to fill!

Jennifer, Cindy, Pam, Eve and Tyler received Honor Pins for 5 years of GFWC FL service. Guest speakers Alissa and Emily shared the mission of the Childrens' Dream Fund and gave details on our February Group Volunteer Project: the Dreammaker Luncheon. We'll be teaming up with SPWC Juniores to create a Mother's Day Event at the Clubhouse for 25 Childrens' Dream Fund families...more details coming soon!

The Kind Mouse Food Drive will accept donations (see photo attached) at our Clubhouse beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be picked up on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our next Praise the Lord Mission Dinner to feed hungry and homeless in our community is scheduled for **March 30-31**. Our **March 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be at the Hangar Restaurant, with dinner @6pm and meeting @7pm—RSVP by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Want to join us for an upcoming Evening Group Meeting, Volunteer Project or Event or just have a question? Please contact Jennifer [brackney1997@yahoo.com](mailto:brackney1997@yahoo.com) or Tyler [tylerkpta@comcast.net](mailto:tylerkpta@comcast.net).





# MOST NEEDED!

*Snack Size Individual Servings  
1st Graders Can Open on Their Own*



## The Kind Mouse Mouse Nibbles Weekend Feeding Program

Providing Weekend Food To Our  
Chronically Hungry Youth



Vanilla Milk



Chocolate Milk



Tuna Snack Packs



Tuna



Spaghetti and Meat Balls



Beefaroni



Ravioli



Pasta & Meat Snack Packs



Beans Weenies



Vienna Sausage



SpaghettiOs



Juice Boxes



Hospitality Size Cereals



Peanut Butter Cups



Apple Sauce Cups



Fruit Cups



Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers



Granola Bars

**Thank You!**



Jello and Pudding

**It Takes A Large Litter To Run THIS Mouse!**

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

Tax ID: 45-2455492



# Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

## Club Calendar

**Friday, March 1st, 10:00 a.m.** - First Friday Board Games - Join us today for a Friday fun day of board games i.e. Rummikub, Mexican Train, or maybe even some cards. We play from 10:00 a.m. until noon and then we go to lunch. How does the Hangar sound for lunch?

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**Friday, March 15, 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.

**Sunday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.** - St. Patrick's Day - Ladies Night Out, Jack's London Grill, 1050 62nd Avenue North in St Petersburg. **Note that this takes the place of the regular Friday Ladies Night Out which falls on Good Friday.**

Today we will be celebrating the wearing of the green and eating corned beef and cabbage. Of course if you don't like corned beef and cabbage, you could order whatever you want off the menu. They have the best desserts in St Petersburg. There will be a prize for the member who goes all out for this event.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I could give the restaurant the number of attendees to expect.

Liz Pacheco

Social Director

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## 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

February's Club Day Meeting was hosted by the Health & Wellness CSP, led by Joyce Sterling. Speaker was Kim Saberi, Supervisor of the Memory Disorders Center at St. Anthony's Hospital, which provides support, education, and resources.



Kim Saberi



Many ladies enjoyed the camaraderie, food and fun



Civic Engagement CSP Chair, Precella Wallace, demonstrated a "Twiddle Muff" used for sensory purposes



Lots of yummy goodies were donated by our members to celebrate Valentine's Day



Marianne welcomed new members (L-R) Annette Baesel, Danielle Balistreri, Rose Ferraro, and Kelley Ann McCarthy



## Club Calendar

***Friday, March 8:*** Club Day Meeting at 1PM.  
Hosted by VP of Membership

**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 March 2024



### Mondays: 2-4 pm

Come play Mahjongg—  
no experience needed



### 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

The next Evening  
Group will meet on  
**March 12**. Contact Tyler  
Kornatowski or Jennifer  
Brackney for more  
information

### Fridays at 7 pm

The next Bunco will be  
on **March 15**.  
Contact Liz Pacheco if  
you plan to attend



Mar 01—Barbara Sundholm

Mar 03—Eileen Held

Mar 04—Audra Ames

Mar 07—Carolyn DeFreitas

Mar 10—Diane Bowman

Mar 12—Barbara Sotos

Mar 14—Poe Yoachim

Mar 15—Joanne Cheek

Mar 17—Pat Franks

Mar 17—Linda Grasso

Mar 21—Barbara Aylesworth

Mar 21—Candace Miller

Mar 23—Cheryl Martin

Mar 24—Peggy Lucey

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



*Happy Birthday!*