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SPWC Happenings

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club



Summer 2024

Message from the President

"All Pulling Together"

Well, hurricane season is coming and Florida is on the "preheat" cycle, so I hope everyone has plans to stay safe and cool while we're on our summer hiatus! I'm finding it hard to believe that we already have 4 months and so many activities under our belts! I want to thank everyone for their efforts to get us this far!

Our members that meet on Tuesday evenings put together a fabulous event for the Children's Dream Fund that allowed children who have suffered life threatening illness and their siblings to make gifts and cards for their moms for Mother's Day. It was really special to see their enthusiasm and excitement over being able to do something for their moms and enjoy refreshments, while their moms (and some dads) relaxed over delicious treats. The Junioresettes were there to help with all the activities, too! Thanks to the generosity of our ladies, it was a huge success! I am so proud of all of you!!

Our cereal collection for a Title 1 school was also a great success. We were able to donate over 400 boxes of cereal for food insecure kids over the summer months. Huge props to the Junior Woman's Club for their contribution of 125 boxes of cereal from their members! I am so pleased that we are able to coordinate our efforts with the Juniors and the Junioresettes to accomplish even greater results than we could on our own. I look forward to future collaboration with such energetic and enthusiastic clubs!

Our donation collection continues in an effort to sponsor a bullet proof and stab resistant vest for one of the new canine members of our St. Pete Police department, so when you see that little collection box, drop a dollar or two in there to help. We're up to \$340, with an anticipated goal of \$985. I know all of you have such generous hearts, and we can achieve our goal in good time!

Even though we won't be meeting over the summer, I hope everyone will continue to participate in the social activities that will still be going on, and any other opportunities that may arise. Just because we're not having meetings doesn't mean we can't stay active in our community!! Members that use the clubhouse for any reason are reminded that the last person out the door is responsible for turning off the lights and making sure the doors are locked when you leave. It's our clubhouse, we have to keep it secure!!

Have a great summer!!

Barbara Sundholm, President

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 13, 2024

Hosted by Education CSP

Call to Order at 1:00 pm



Remember to bring school supplies—
See list inside

2024 Officers

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Education & Libraries ~ Mary Palumbo
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Health & Wellness ~ Joyce Sterling





Membership

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

We now have **211** members, which includes **27 new members** since January 1st! Let's welcome all the new ladies and get them involved in what we do!!!

Our May meeting was well attended by 50 members and 2 guests. Our guests were from Turtle Trackers and they presented valuable information about what they do to keep the turtles safe on St. Pete Beach!

We take a break from general meetings over the summer so our next general meeting will not be until **Friday, September 13th at 1:00 pm.** The next **new / prospective member meeting** will be held 1 hour prior to the **September** general meeting so I hope to see you at **NOON on September 13th!** 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.

Welcome New Members

Aysu Kollath

Jean Hiestand

Suzi Cooper

Becky Crosson



Abbe Ensminger

Corrections— Grace Harrison / phone #: 727-405-9667



Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

Daily Operations will continue to work over the summer. We will be painting and cleaning. If you would like to be a part of the fun, call me at 863-602-4294 and I will plug you into our fun activities!



Correspondence

Cheryl Freeburg



I'm so happy to announce this exciting news: our member Danielle Balistreri had a baby girl, Audrey Elizabeth on April 18th. Danielle, Joe and Audrey are doing well.

Oneita Tinsley recently experienced a fall and injured her upper arm in two places. She has a 4-6 week healing to deal with. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ladies, enjoy your summer, be safe, have fun and take care. Please remember to keep me up to date on our members.

Cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com or Cell number is 803-448-6700

Book Club News

Mary Braisted



Our monthly meetings are a big hit! We usually have 15 members in attendance, and everyone has a chance to speak and give their thoughts on the book that we are discussing. We try to choose books at least two months in advance in order for everyone to have time to get the book. Here is what we are reading next:

June 11th - "Absolution" by Alice McDermott

July & August - cancelled

September 10th - "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks

If you are looking for books to read, here are some that we are considering:

"The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate

"The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne

"The Winemakers Wife" by Kristin Harmel

"The Women" by Kristin Hannah

Contact braisted636@gmail.com if you would like to join our group.



What are your plans for summer? How about joining us for a Bridge game? We meet on two Fridays each month, from 12:30-3:30 pm, depending on availability at the clubhouse. Check our Woman's Club website for exact dates. For more information, please call Elizabeth Hammer (727-692-4402) or Joan Jaicks (727-896-5097).



Evening News

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Tyler Kornatowski & Jennifer Brackney, Co-Chairs

Our May meeting was well attended, with 12 members and two guests. Welcome, Gina and Kerry!



Carol from the Sunshine Center attended to present a very special award. The 2024 Senior Hall of Fame Award Ceremony is the City's premier recognition event highlighting St. Petersburg's senior volunteers who dedicate their time, talent, and resources to the enrichment of the community. This year, **Cindy Stokes** was one of 42 seniors nominated. Congratulations, Cindy!

We celebrated a very successful Mother's Day event. On May 5th, sixteen enthusiastic St. Petersburg Woman's Club Tuesday evening members, all dressed in pink, partnered with the Children's Dream Foundation and teamed up with the Juniorettes. Twenty-five "Dream" children, their mothers, and siblings spent time together at the Clubhouse for two hours of stress-free fun. Sweet treats were a great favorite for all. Great job, everyone! A BIG thank you to Mary Fletcher for the beautiful photos, article, and four-paged, printed booklet about the Mother's Day event. Well done, Mary!

Please remember the June Mission Dinner is scheduled for **June 29 and 30th**. We still have several open slots for lasagna and garlic bread cooks. This provides a delicious hot meal for those who join us at the Mission. We discussed potential volunteer opportunities, including Ronald McDonald House, Fluff Rescue, and Goodwill Belle of the Ball. Jennifer agreed to contact Fluff Rescue to learn more about how we can support their efforts to help the puppies and kittens. Of course, we can't forget about our K-9 friends. Barbara reminded us of the donation jar to raise funds to purchase K-9 vests. Cindy mentioned that she assisted the young girls in choosing a beautiful dress for their special occasion at the Belle of the Ball.

Mary Fletcher distributed her new publication, **Aviation News**. It is an interesting newsletter highlighting special events, including the induction of two new members into the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame. You can find a copy of this newsletter plus more information about the Florida Aviation Historical Society at www.Floridaaahs.org. Happy Landings!

As a reminder, we do not host SPWC Evening Group meetings during June, July, and August. However, the club still plans lots of fun activities. Check out the website for more information. As we wrap up our May meeting, we all agreed that we look forward to scheduling a social or two during the summer. A couple of ideas were presented, including Baba's and Lolita's. Stay tuned!

The next St. Petersburg Women's Club Evening Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Questions? Don't hesitate to get in touch with Tyler tylerkpta@comcast.net or Jennifer brackney1997@yahoo.com.



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Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

Club Calendar

Friday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. - Friday morning board games - Do you like board games? If so, join us. Our favorite game to play is Mexican Train. Do you have a favorite game to play? We start playing at 10:00 a.m. and we play until noon and then we go to lunch. Just let me know if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Friday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. - Bunco - this is a very sociable dice game and a good way to meet new people and have fun. And, there are prizes. Just bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Again, just let me know if you plan to attend.

Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out - this month we will be dining at the Thai Wok Restaurant, 11270 4th Street North, Suite 214. It's been quite some time since the last time we were there. You could check out their menu online if you like. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Arlene Smith

Assistant Social Director

614-579-6043 / smith.arlene28@yahoo.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



Civic Engagement CSP

Precella Wallace, Chairperson

We make and collect charitable donations

This summer we will make quilts at the Club for facilities this fall. Some items can also be made at home.

Have a wonderful Summer! See you in September.

Precella Wallace, Chairman



Left: Nancy Corey delivered crocheted bags that were filled with hygiene products to the Free Clinic. The bags were made by Carolyn DeFreitas.

Right: Claudia Griffin holding stuffed animal dolls that she made that will be delivered to Hospice and Ronald McDonald House.



Fundraising

Joyce Taylor, VP; Gail Brazzell & Jennie Jamison, Assistants

Keep our fundraiser in your Summer thoughts. Remember if you see a Bogo for wine at \$20 or higher – purchase it to donate for our Mystery Wine Bags - They can be dropped off at the Club and placed in the Library. Ask your favorite restaurants, nail salons, boutiques and businesses if they would donate a gift card, gift basket or gift certificate. Sponsors are still needed to help us meet our fundraising goals.

Tickets to the event are now available online at www.stpeterburgwomensclub.org. From the Home Page scroll down to Events, then under the Calendar you'll see "November Fundraiser" with a drop down menu to pay.

If you prefer to pay by check, reservations and payment can be made by contacting Marianne Snyder at 215-805-9277, or Maile Arp at 864-517-2334.

I want to thank all the members helping us with our club mission to continue our Community Service projects and preservation of our Historic Clubhouse.

Our next Fundraiser Meeting at the Club is **Mon, August 19th at 11:15 am.**

Have a FUN SUMMER!



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:

- Preserve 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

Gift card/gift basket donations



- Cards/baskets for a specific amount or service/product are welcome.
- Donors have their business name listed in the fundraiser program.
- Cards/baskets are auctioned, raffled or may be part of a gift card tree.
- Proceeds fund **charitable works**/preservation of our historic clubhouse.
- St. Petersburg is a community where we support each other so expect to see women's club members patronize your businesses.
- Any size donation is helpful.

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





St. Petersburg Woman's Club

SPWC Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, November 2, 2024

2024 DONATION FORM Silent Auction

Item or Service donated: _____

Description: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Fair Market Value of Item or Service: _____

Donor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____
(Please fill in as name or company name should appear for recognition.)

Address: _____

☐ Email: _____

Contact: Joyce Sterling at sky-gypsy@hotmail.com (425-802-1700) or
Gail Brazzell at rodorgail@aol.com (727-542-1833)

*Please submit your DONATION FORM before 10/21
by email to sky-gypsy@hotmail.com
or mail to:*

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

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

Thank you for your donation!



Education & Libraries CSP

Mary Palumbo, Chairperson; Barbara Creamer, Assistant

A Special thank you to everyone who brought cereal for our "Cereal for Summer" campaign. The Junior Women's Club brought in 125 boxes. Many thanks for their support! We delivered 320 boxes of cereal to Woodlawn Elementary on May 10th. Principal Graham was there to greet us with her staff and helped us unload seven car loads of cereal. She and her crew thanked us several times and were thrilled to get our help. Thank you to everyone who drove and help load. I was amazed how fast we were loaded thanks to all the ones who helped. It is wonderful to know that so many of you quickly volunteered to help. Many hands make for a lighter load.

The Education / Library CSP will meet at Mary Palumbo's house on August 9th at 10:00 am to finalize the plans for the Club Day meeting on **September 13th**. The address is 1161 Seville Lane NE, 33704. Please call, text, or email me if you have any questions.

The September meeting be hosting Habit for Humanity with Sandra Holmes as our guest speaker. Look forward to seeing you all there!

We will be collecting school at the September meeting please see list below.

Crayola Crayons - 16 count boxes

Student Scissors

Large Glue Sticks

2-pocket Plastic Folders

2-Pocket folders with Prongs

Single Subject Spiral Composition Books

Sewn-in Pages Composition Books

Crayola Markers

Crayola Colored Pencils

Ticonderoga Pencils

Thick Highlighters

Magnetic Letters

Scotch Tape

Dry Erase Markers

Principal Graham indicated that they have a need for packs of underwear for girls and boys. All sizes are needed for children that have accidents at school.

If you are interested in volunteering for the fall school year, please contact April Fraulo at 914-584-1730.

REMINDER

This is the last issue before the summer hiatus. Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer. See you in September!

Your Editor, Carolyn

For the October 11th Club Day meeting, the SPWC will be sponsoring the "Kind Mouse" feeding program which provides weekend food for our chronically hungry youths. The most needed items listed below are snack sized individual servings that a 1st grader can open on their own. Keep your eyes opened through the summer for your local grocery store's "Buy One, Get One" deals.

MOST NEEDED!

**Snack Size Individual Servings
A 1st Grader 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	 Tuna	 Spaghetti and Meat Balls
 Beefaroni	 Ravioli	 Pasta & Meat Snack Packs	 Beanee Weenees	 Vienna Sausage	
 Spaghettios	 Juice Boxes	 Hospitality Size Cereals	 Peanut Butter Cups		
 Apple Sauce Cups	 Fruit Cups	 Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers	 Slim Jims		
 Jello and Pudding		 Granola Bars			

Thank You!

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

www.TheKindMouse.org

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Photo Gallery

The SPWC Evening Group and the Junioresettes hosted a Mother's Day event at the clubhouse for families from the Children's Dream Fund, a local non-profit supporting children with life-threatening illnesses in West Central Florida. 25 families and 50 children attended. While the mothers enjoyed refreshments, the "Dream Children" and their siblings made pink paper flowers, Pandora style bracelets, gift-bags and Mother's day cards with family Polaroid photos.



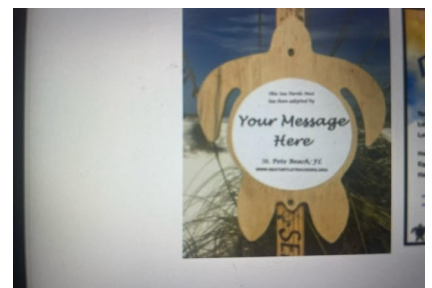
The May Club Day meeting was hosted by Nancy Westphal, Environmental CSP Chairperson. Nancy introduced Melinda McKenna and Paula Tunisa from Sea Turtle Trackers. They gave an enthusiastic presentation about their mission to protect the sea turtles on St. Pete Beach



Left to right: Melinda McKenna, Paula Tunisa, Katherine Ruetz and Nancy Westphal



Visit them online at www.seaturtletrackers.org to learn how to adopt a nest



Club Calendar

Friday, September 13: Club Day Meeting at 1PM. Hosted by Education CSP

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 Fri at 10 am: Games followed by lunch

Every second Tues 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 Summer 2024



Mondays: 2-4 pm

Come play Mahjongg—no experience needed



2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

The next Evening Group will meet on **Sept 10**. Contact Tyler Kornatowski or Jennifer Brackney for more information

Fridays at 7 pm

The next Bunco will be on **June 21**. Contact Liz Pacheco if you plan to attend.



Jun 16—Virginia Fox

Jun 18—Mary Fletcher

Jun 18—Janet Wehrle

Jun 22—Ruta Petraitis

Jun 24—Lisa Bradley

Jun 24—Mary Ellen McLain

Jun 25—Maile Arp

Jun 28—Kelley Ann McCarthy

Jun 28—Bonnie Strickland

Jun 29—Lois McMullin

Jul 01—Mary Bruels

Jul 01—Tera Gharritty

Jul 01—Joanne Wolf

Jul 01—Judy Zamanillo

Jul 02—Jennifer Brackney

Jul 02—Lisa Reimer

Jul 02—Dyreesa Sweeney

Jul 03—Terry Hoft

Jul 07—Shannon Bailey

Jul 07—Oneita Tinsley

Jul 11—Ilse Kearney

Jul 11—Dorothy Keville

Jul 11—Joanne Walker

Jul 12—Joan Jaicks

Jul 13—Eve Overby

Jul 16—Judy Carrier

Jul 16—Manjula Kemp

Jul 19—Lisa Moore

Jul 21—Jill Abrams

Jul 22—Sibyl Freeburg

Jul 23—Becky Lettelleir

Jul 24—Mary Jane Dann

Jul 27—Marcia Barasia

Jul 28—Melanie Thoenes

Aug 01—Judy Hunt

Aug 02—Jennah Synnestvedt

Aug 03—Sue Cooper

Aug 03—Nancy Cory

Aug 03—Maureen Fitzsimmons

Aug 05—Michelle Gershon

Aug 06—Dianne Johansen

Aug 06—Marilyn Lancot

Aug 11—Karin Tugendhat

Aug 13—Precella Wallace

Aug 16—Jennifer Masterton

Aug 17—Laura Sharpe Brock

Aug 17—Kati Forsythe

Aug 20—Vonnice Bennett

Aug 21—Jackie Manning

Aug 21—Rita Risco

Aug 24—Margaret Matson

Aug 24—Katherine Ruetz

Aug 26—Carolyn Zella

Aug 31—Cathy Mitchell

Aug 31—Trudie Urish

Happy Birthday!