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SPWC Happenings



GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club

September 2024

Message from the President

"All Pulling Together"

Our summer break is over, kids are back in school, and it's September already! So hard to believe Fall is just around the corner! I trust you all had a good summer and managed to stay cool. My appreciation goes out to our Tuesday evening members who continued their quarterly commitment over the summer of providing a lasagna dinner to food insecure families in June. You ladies are so kind and generous in all your activities!! You also recruited volunteers from our club for the Tampa Bay Rays on the Runway Event to benefit the Children's Dream Fund. It was a very special evening of celebration, baseball and generosity from our community!

Our members may or may not be aware that we have experienced some challenges lately. Our beautiful Clubhouse is aging, and while she is still very beautiful on the outside, there are some inside issues that are going to require us to increase our efforts to raise funds. We are asking for assistance in applying for grants, getting matching funds or other resources that could help with obtaining the dollars we need to update our Clubhouse to the latest standards. Our goal is to get everything in perfect working order so we can maintain our top status as the best event venue in St. Petersburg to celebrate special occasions. Event bookings are already into 2026 and show no signs of slowing down, so we want our cherished Clubhouse to be in tiptop condition!!

With Fall on the way, there are some events you should mark on your calendars. **September 10th** at the St. Pete Airport is the arrival of the 51st Honor Flight for our beloved veterans. We gather at the airport to welcome them home from their day in Washington, DC visiting war memorials. It's a joyous, moving experience I highly recommend!

September 27-29 is the GFWC State Fall Board in Orlando, during which we observe a Day of Service. Our delegation will be delivering food items we collect from our club to add to the statewide collection. Last year we really distinguished ourselves, so let's do even better this year!!!

On **October 19th**, we will have our District 14 Annual Meeting in Clearwater which is a great opportunity to meet members from other clubs within our District and share a nice lunch. More details will be provided for all of these events as we get closer to the dates, but you should make plans to attend whenever you can.

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

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Membership

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

I hope everyone is doing well and that you are enjoying your summer. Hopefully you are dealing with the heat as best you can – whether that means getting away to a cooler climate or staying in the air conditioning!

We now have 219 members, which includes 27 new members for this year. **If you know anyone who you think might be interested in joining our club**, please feel free to let me know and I will be happy to contact them by phone and/or email. I send them our latest newsletter, magazine articles about our club, Tuesday Evening group information, book club news, a new member application and a link to our website.

Please think about how you can give back to the club! Our “**Volunteer Commitment**” form is sent to all new members. This form will also be available at each of our general meetings and the goal is to have **EVERYONE** in the club fill it out. I’m sure you will find something you would like to do! If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Our first general meeting after our summer break will be on **Friday, September 13th at 1:00**. Don’t forget you are also **welcome to attend the new / prospective member meeting at 12:00**. 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

DUES for 2025 are \$75. and will be due before the end of the year. Checks can be made out to SPWC (note dues on memo line) or you can pay by credit card through our website. However, **if you would like your name in the directory they must be PAID by DECEMBER 1st. Dues MUST be given to me personally, a member of the membership committee or placed in the membership mailbox in the library.** Please do not give them to anyone else, including Beth, our treasurer. I need to record the payment, fill out a form and then the checks go to Beth. This process ensures that you get the proper credit for your payment.

I’m hoping that some of our newer members will join us on **Saturday, November 2nd** for our **fund-raiser**. If you feel apprehensive about attending because you don’t know many people, just let me know and we will try to put you at a table where you will have lots of **FUN!**

Welcome New Members

Terri Russo

Kerry Ramsberger

Lisa Rice

Katie Klopfenstein

Tara Kipp

Marjorie Baish

Susan Rosenbaum

Amy Skasko

*Corrections— Jean Hiestand’s last name is now Mathurin
Fran Rizzo has moved away to Bonita Springs*





Education & Libraries CSP

Mary Palumbo, Chairperson; Barbara Creamer, Assistant

Welcome back! We be collecting school supplies for Woodlawn Elementary School at our September 13th meeting. They have requested some supplies for the classroom too. Thank you for helping make this project successful. The following is the list of items needed.

- Crayola crayons -16 count boxes
- Student scissors
- Large glue sticks
- Yellow Composition books
- Ticonderoga pencils

- Crayola markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- Thick highlighters
- Scotch Tape

For the classroom:

- Tissues
- Wipes
- Dry erasers
- Bottled water

- Ziploc bags of all sizes
- Packages of children 's underwear
- Refillable water bottles

The September meeting will have Sandra Holmes from Habitat for Humanity as our guest speaker.

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



Program News

Evelyn Nakelski , VP

The October Club Day Meeting will be hosted by VP of Program News, Evelyn Nakelski. It will be held on **October 8th at 1:00pm** and we will be collecting food items for the Kind Mouse.

The Kind Mouse is a nonprofit organization that assists in feeding children through partnerships with other agencies and delivering food directly to schools, ensuring kids have food on week-ends and breaks when they cannot access school cafeterias.

By engaging volunteers of all ages and partnering with schools and agencies, they provide a critical lifeline for children who would otherwise go hungry. Preventing children from not going hungry is not just today's problem, but the future as well. Through their outreach programs such as Mice-In-Training, Mice Interns, and MOUSEVision where kids of all ages learn the importance of a nonprofit and will assist with carrying out the mission of The Kind Mouse.

Through fundraising and events, they can raise awareness and acquire more funds to feed more children. The Kind Mouse has annual food drives throughout the year including the Back-to-School Food Drive from August 19, to September 6, 2024, the Holiday Food Drive from November 25 to December 1, 2024, and our Easter Food Drive in Spring 2025.

The holidays will be here before you know it and The Kind Mouse are the beneficiaries of an event called the Festival of Trees Event that will be taking place on November 23, 2024, where there will be something for the whole family. One of our biggest annual events, Mice and Dice will be held on March 29, 2025, and it will be a casino night that no one will want to miss out on.

This couldn't be possible without donors, sponsors, and volunteers to help us raise awareness and bring in funds. The Kind Mouse was able to feed over 1 million tummies and wants to continue to feed as many children as possible. See the flyer in this newsletter for a list of the most needed items



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Friday, September 13, 2024



Remember to bring school supplies

For the October 8th 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



Spaghetti and Meat Balls



Beefaroni



Ravioli



Pasta & Meat Snack Packs



Beane Weenees



Vienna Sausage



Spaghetlios



Juice Boxes



Hospitality Size Cereals



Peanut Butter Cups



Fruit Cups



Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers



Slim Jims



Apple Sauce Cups



Jello and Pudding



Granola Bars

Thank You!

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

www.TheKindMouse.org

Tax ID: 45-2455492



Fundraising

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

As you know, SPWC has been valuable for over 110 years in Community Service, Civic Participation, Educational Programs, and the preservation of our beautiful Historical Clubhouse. To accomplish these goals we need all members to contribute to the November Fundraiser.

Mark your calendars for our Fundraiser "A Night of Jazz" in St. Pete on **Saturday evening, November 2, 2024**. Invite your family and friends, volunteer and collect Gift Certificates/Gift Cards, donate bottles of wine and turn in your gift baskets for the Silent Auction. Bring all - to the October 11th General Meeting. If you have questions please contact the following:

Joyce Sterling or Gail Brazzell for Silent Auction Baskets or items for baskets.

Marianne Snyder or Maile Arp - Reservations (Let us know if you are a new member and we can seat you together with other new members)

Evelyn Nakelski - Mystery Wine Bags

Carol Tillis and Arlene Smith - Kitchen and Caterer

Diane Dudley - Gift Cards

Reminder: Make reservations thru our website - www.stpetersburgwomansclub.org

Please use the Donation Form listing the donation and \$ value, which is included in this newsletter.

Thanks for making our SPWC Mission possible!



Civic Engagement CSP

Precella Wallace, Chairperson

We make and collect charitable donations

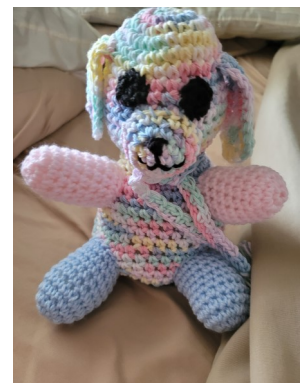
This summer we made quilts at the Club for facilities this fall. Some items were also be made at home. Hope you had a wonderful Summer! See you at the September meeting.

Precella Wallace, Chairman



Left: The welcome bags were made by Carolyn DeFreitas to be delivered to Sallie House.

Right: Stuffed puppies that Carolyn makes will be delivered to Hospice and Ronald McDonald House.





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



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).



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: _____

(Please fill in as name or company name should appear for recognition.)

Contact Name: _____

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!



Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

Summer has been a busy time for Daily Operations. We have been working feverishly to get our new air conditioning system up and working to full capacity. It has been an interesting task. We discovered through a few trial and error attempts that our electrical panel feeding the AC needs updating. In order to keep our event clients happy while we correct this, we rented a portable AC and used it to cool our ballroom.

In addition to that, our recent storm did some tree damage which we are working on cleaning up. I also want to give a big thank you to Diane Dudley, Maile Arp, Nancy Howard, Linda Morgan and of course our unofficial member, Bob Timberlake, for all the help they offered during Adam's much needed vacation to Croatia. Everyone pitched in and it made our jobs so much easier. They also are responsible for some painting, door knob installation etc. We have the best volunteers in St Pete.

We are also working on getting some grants to help financially with keeping our aging building in tiptop shape. A lot of work has already been done, but our list of projects grows daily! If you have any contacts with large corporations that could possibly help us in the effort, please contact me with their information.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped this summer.

Book Club News

Mary Braisted



The Book Club took the summer off and is now gearing back up to meet on September 10th to discuss "**Horse**" by Geraldine Brooks.

We will meet at the club at 10:30 am and go to lunch afterward. Our book for October is "**The Winemaker's Wife**" by Kristen Harmel. We have not yet chosen a book for November or December.

Correspondence

Cheryl Freeburg



Welcome back ladies!! A few of our members are recovering from various health issues. Thinking of you cards are always appreciated.

Be thinking of Judy Hunt, Barbara Montanari, and Linda Traviesa.

A sympathy card was sent to long time member Mary Walton. Mary's husband Bob, passed away recently. Please send any news of our members to me.

Cheryl Freeburg. Mobile # 803-448-6700 or email to cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com



Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

Club Calendar

Friday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. - First Friday Board Games - Come join us and play our favorite board games. We play Mexican Train and Rummikub. Don't worry if you don't know how to play; we will teach you, and they are easy to learn. Plus they are a lot of fun. We play until noon, and then we go out to lunch. Just please let me know if you plan to attend.

Friday, September 20, 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. Don't worry if you don't know how to play, it is easy to learn. Just bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Again, just let me know if you plan to attend.

Friday, September 27th, 1:00 p.m. Lunch at the Olive Garden - I've been asked, "why don't we ever go to the Olive Garden?" Well the answer is the Olive Garden is very crowded on Friday nights and some of our members don't like driving at night. So I decided that instead of a Friday night out dinner, we would do a Friday luncheon and see how that goes. Most everyone seems to love Olive Garden's breadsticks and salad. And, they have at least three luncheon specials with good prices. As always, please let me know if you plan to attend so I could inform the restaurant how many of us to expect.

Liz Pacheco

Social Director

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Publicity and Public Relations is seeking assistance with taking pictures at general meetings, special events, etc. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Spinelli, 917-224-7745.

Thought of the month



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
- Nelson Mandela

Photo Gallery

SPWC Members have been busy this summer! Several members attended the GFWC Spring workshop in Bradenton on June 1st. The topic—**“The Power of Us”**—was well received and the group had lots of fun. There was a delightful buffet lunch hosted by the Bradenton Woman’s Club.



L-R: ?, Cathy Allen, Shannon Bailey, Barbara Sundholm, ?, Joyce Taylor, Audra Ames, Carolyn DeFreitas



Barbara Spode, Barbara Sundholm, Marie Chouinard, Joyce Taylor, Carolyn DeFreitas & Cathy Allen



President Barbara Sundholm shares what the SWPC has been doing



District 14 Junior Director Shannon Bailey & District Director Lisa Klatt



Our Fundraising Committee has been busy as well. On June 18, Joyce Taylor and Arlene Smith visited Coldwell Realty. While there, they received a check for \$1,000 by Ms. Pat Lins to sponsor the November Fundraiser event.



Jill Whelpley, Liz Pacheco, Sara Galiger, Mary Palumbo, Pat Hayes, and Gail Brazzell. The six were on a 28 Day Holland America Cruise to the Baltic area.

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

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40 Snell Isle Boulevard NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

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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 **Sept 20**. Contact Liz Pacheco if you plan to attend.



Sept 03—Suzanne Bareham

Sept 04—Liz Coerver

Sept 10—Cindy White

Sept 11—Nanci Odom

Sept 11—Natalia Richie

Sept 13—Ruth Ross

Sept 15—Rose Ferraro

Sept 17—Kitty Safford

Sept 18—Deborah Factor

Sept 20—Jennie Jamison

Sept 25—Danielle Balistreri

Sept 25—Cheryl Freeburg

Sept 27—Barbara Sora

Sept 28—Lind Traviesa

Sept 30—Andrea Barlow

Oct 01—Jane Holloway

Oct 01—Nancy Ruane

Oct 02—Janice Brinkley

Oct 02—Lucille Clark

Oct 02—Claudia Griffin

Oct 02—Beth Timberlake

Oct 03—Bhumi Upadhyay

Oct 05—Joanie Rubenstein

Oct 06—Sue Ellen Burgess

Oct 06—Susan Klein

Oct 07—Li Watts

Oct 08—Josephine Spinelli

Oct 08—Mary Walton

Oct 09—Lynda Jollay

Oct 11—Joyce Taylor

Oct 21—Pam Breen

Oct 25—Grace Harrison

Oct 26—Evelyn Nakelski

Oct 29—Kerry Ramsberger

Oct 31—Mary Spinelli

Nov 05—Joyce Sterling

Nov 11—Annette McComas

Nov 13—Laura Daoud

Nov 13—Brenda Tate

Nov 14—Dawn Reid

Nov 16—Jeanne Nissenbaum

Nov 17—Jean Hiestand

Nov 21—Sondra Ames

Nov 21—Holly Tutun

Nov 23—Elizabeth Hammer

Nov 24—Norma Allen

Nov 24—Eileen Spony

Nov 25—Tyler Kornatowski

Nov 28—Martha Stein

Nov 29—Carol Westervelt

Nov 29—Jill Whelpley

Nov 30—Barbara Montanari

Happy Birthday!