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GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club

November 2024

Message from the President
"All Pulling Together"

As I sit here, wondering what to write, what words of encouragement I might offer for the current situation, I realize that my theme for this year "All Pulling Together" has never been more appropriate. Since our last newsletter, so much has happened! As Floridians, we expect a certain amount of weather related events, but no one could have anticipated two major storms within days of each other! First Helene "came in like a wrecking ball", to borrow a line from a popular song and created a path of catastrophic flooding and destruction from Florida to North Carolina. Then it was followed closely by Milton with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour that cut across Florida with its own brand destruction.

The net result of these two storms is that our beautiful clubhouse suffered major flooding and unimaginable loss, and many of our members sustained similar losses of their homes and precious memories built over their lifetimes.

But you know what? In the midst of so much loss, at least there is a silver lining for our beloved clubhouse! Thanks to our dedicated members, we have a chance to rebuild and improve what we can offer to the community while maintaining the historic nature of our iconic building. When all is done, we will be back, shiny and new on the inside, and beautiful as ever on the outside, minus a few trees, unfortunately.

In addition to our hard working VP of Daily Operations, Cathy Allen, and the dedicated ladies she mentions in her article, I would also like to thank our Facilities Manager, Adam Hubbard, who has been onsite to clean and to oversee construction practically from the start, and then there's Nancy Howard our Customer Service Representative who has had the unenviable task of breaking the bad news to our October brides while reassuring the rest of our bookings that things will be even better, and also working to secure more bookings to make up for the losses we now face.

We still have our usual obligations as the Holiday Season approaches, so everyone roll up your sleeves and let's show our community what the ladies of the St. Petersburg Woman's Club can do!!

Barbara Sundholm, President

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2024
Hosted by Civic Engagement CSP
Call to Order at 1:00 pm



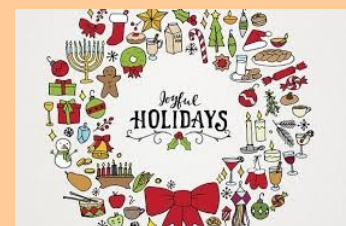
Stockings, backpacks & lists from Sallie House & Brookwood will be available for pick-up.

2024 Officers

President ~~ Barbara Sundholm
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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 224 members, which includes 42 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.

We need your **HELP!!!** Please consider filling out our **“Volunteer Commitment”** form – this is for **NEW** members as well as **EVERYONE** else in the club. Elections are coming up and I hope you will think about how you can help. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Our next general meeting will be on **Friday, November 8th at 1:00**. There will be a **“NEW MEMBER”** table set up at each general meeting. We will also have a **new/prospective member** meeting at **NOON**. (That is prior to the general meeting at 1:00.)

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 put you at a table where you will have lots of **FUN!**

Welcome New Members

Donna Jo Leake

Dayla Arabella

Emily Lischer





Civic Engagement CSP

Precella Wallace, Chairperson

We make and collect charitable donations

From "The Wednesday group".



Christmas stockings and wish lists will be passed out at the November 8th general meeting. There are 40 children at Sallie House currently. Please help us with this annual task by taking a stocking. We will collect them at the December 13th general meeting.

We also need shampoo and body wash for the kids. This past month we have delivered quilts, bone pillows, Twiddle muffs and dolls to both Hospice and Saint Anthony's.



Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson; Arlene Smith, Assistant

Club Calendar

Friday, November 1, 2024 - There will be no Friday Morning Board Games due to preparation of the Clubhouse for our big annual Fundraiser on Saturday, November 2nd.

Friday, November 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. - Bunco - This is a friendly dice game where you move from table to table and get to meet a lot of members. There are prizes for the highest and lowest scores, the most buncos and the most mini buncos. Just bring a snack to share and your own beverage. And, as always, just let me know if you plan to attend.

Friday, November 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out -

Let's get together the Friday before Thanksgiving instead of the Friday after when we would be too stuffed and full of stuffing to want to go out to eat. So we will be having Margaritas during Happy Hour at the Nueva Cantina, 1625 4th Street South, in St. Petersburg beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Liz Pacheco

727-481-4821

lizpacheco02031946@gmail.com



Ladies,

Thinking of you cards would be a good thing to send to Barbara Creamer as she recuperates from surgery and Josephine Spinelli, whose husband has broken ribs and punctured his lung.

Let's not forget our President Barbara Sundholm had a bad injury on her head. She came home from St. Anthony's to chair a board meeting the next day. Amazing!

Mary Palumbo had open heart surgery, she is doing well, but will have a long recuperation. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sad news: Mary Kay Heraty has passed away. Mary Kay moved near her son into assisted living several years ago.

Send news of our members please to Cfreeburg@tampabay.rr.com or 803-448- 6700.

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



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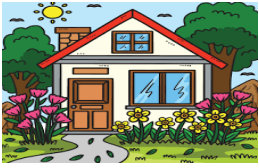

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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2024

Please consider picking up a stocking or backpack (or both) for the kids at Sallie House and Brookwood. Wish lists will be included to give these kids a happy holiday.



Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

Well hasn't October been a fun month? Helene and Milton did some major damage to many of your homes, cars and also our clubhouse.

We had 2' of seawater and sewage in the building after Helene. This caused a huge mess and the stench was horrendous. Thanks to many volunteers and a hired restoration/construction company (NexGen), we are getting things done.

We lost everything on the first floor, literally everything. All flooring, cabinets, appliances, our new lower stage and stairs leading to upper stage. We lost all our banquet tables, and brides' room furniture. As bad as this sounds, we have the opportunity to update a lot of our furnishings and flooring. Our kitchen will have a face lift, and when the building is done, we will all be even prouder to be a part of the St. Petersburg Woman's Club.

I want to offer a huge thank you to all the ladies who came out to help clear out all our cabinets...Carol Tillis (and hubby Dale), Joyce Taylor, Diane Dudley, Dianne Johansen, Susan Rosenbaum and Abby. So many I can't remember. Sorry!!

I hope you bought your ticket for the fundraiser being held on 11/2 ...it will be held in our unfinished building and you will love what is being done. All the funds will help us with our insurance deductible and miscellaneous expenses. We also set up a gofundme account, and you can donate that way. Visit the website: <https://gofund.me/43ba13a4>

Pray for our sisters struggling with damage from two hurricanes in 2 weeks. Help where you can and let us know how we can help you. We are "Better Together".

Put **10/30** on your calendar. It will be a major cleaning day for our Fundraiser and we will need all hands on deck. Bring your vacuum, rubber gloves, cleaning products, etc. Remember, we lost EVERYTHING! Thanks so much.

In service,
Cathy Allen

Amended Club Rules

The SPWC Board of Directors amended the Club Rules on September 20, 2024. These rules govern the operation of our club, and all members should be familiar with them. They are being republished because there were a couple of articles missing from last month's newsletter. The biggest changes are new prohibitions on solicitations by both members and guest speakers.

Please look over the new rules and if you have any questions or comments email them to Chairperson Judy Hunt, judy-hunt@outlook.com

SPWC Club Standing Rules Amended September 20, 2024

1) **Club Rules:**

These rules are established pursuant to Article VIII of the SPWC Bylaws; they govern Club operations. Any member violating a rule will receive two warnings from the President with the approval of the SPWC Board of Directors. If the rule violation continues, the SPWC Board of Directors may terminate the membership.

2) **Membership:**

- a. General membership dues are \$75.00 annually. Members may request a no-cost membership ID badge after attending three SPWC events. A member must pay \$15 for a replacement ID badge.
- b. Guests may attend up to three meetings and/or social activities prior to joining the Club.
- c. Other than on behalf of the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club, or as specifically authorized by the Club, no member may use either the clubhouse or the Club's membership list for:
 - * the sale or distribution of tickets,
 - * solicitations to participate in any event,
 - * the sale of goods or services, or,
 - * any other solicitations of any kind.

However, members may use the library bulletin board to advertise outside events.

- d. Notices required to be provided to members shall be set forth in the Club Newsletter.
- e. Members shall hold no more than two Board positions in any administration.
- f. A Life Member is a member who is at least 65 years of age and who has made a one-time payment of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to the Club in exchange for permanent membership. A Life Member is not required to pay annual dues, is eligible to hold any office, and has full voting privileges. A Life Membership is not transferable to or from another GFWC club.

3) **Meetings**

- a. Unless otherwise set by the Board of Directors, General Meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month, September through May. General Meetings shall begin at 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted in the club newsletter.
- b. Unless otherwise set by the Board of Directors, Board Meetings shall be held on the third Friday of each month, August through May. Board Meetings shall begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise set by the President with notice to the Directors.
- c. Unless specifically authorized, the following are strictly prohibited at Club meetings:
 - * the sale or distribution of tickets
 - * soliciting members to participate in any non-Club event,
 - * the sale of any goods or services, or,
 - * any other solicitations of any kind.
- d. Guest speakers may not solicit or accept donations from any SPWC member at a SPWC meeting. Members wishing to immediately donate money to a guest speaker's 501(c)(3) organization may deliver funds or a check to any SPWC officer and request that SPWC in turn donate those funds to the 501(c)(3) organization.

4) **Social Activities**

- a. All members are encouraged to participate in Club social activities.
- b. The Social Director shall determine the cost, if any, for non-members to participate in games. The amount shall be published in the newsletter and/or posted at the event.

5) **Volunteerism**

- a. All members are encouraged to actively participate in Club volunteer activities.
- b. The Vice President of Membership shall require all new members to complete a "Volunteer Commitment Form" seeking information concerning the member's skills and preferences for serving the Club as volunteers.
- c. At the Club's September General Meeting, the Vice President of Membership shall distribute the Volunteer Commitment Forms to the membership and ask members to complete them that day.
- d. At the September Board Meeting, the Vice President of Membership shall provide the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee with a report concerning member's skills, preferences, and willingness to serve the Club as volunteers.
- e. The Board may either appoint a director or form a committee to carry out any specific duty on behalf of the Club, including but not limited to:
 - Historian
 - Social Director
 - GFWC Reporting
 - Parliamentarian
 - Document and Record Organization and Preservation
 - Book Club
 - Library

6) **Booking of Clubhouse by Members:**

- a. The Board of Directors may authorize a 35% booking fee reduction for any member, or a member's mother, father, child, or grandchild, to book the clubhouse for a personal family event. To apply for this discount, a member must submit to the Booking Treasurer a written request that demonstrates that she has been a dues-paying member of at least two year's duration and:
- * has served on the Club's Board of Directors, or
 - * has served as an assistant to a Club Director, or
 - * has served as a Chairperson of a Club Committee, or
 - * has actively supported or participated in Club programs and projects designed to raise funds, or
 - * has actively supported or participated in Club projects designed to serve the St. Petersburg community.

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club Finance Committee shall determine eligibility for the discount, submit its recommendation to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled board meeting, and advise the requester of the Board's decision.

The family of a member in good standing may use the clubhouse, if available, for the member's or the member's spouse's celebration of life. No fee will be charged. Family must set up/take down and clean afterwards unless hiring the onsite Event Manager to do so.

7) **Spending:**

Leaders with authority to spend club funds must seek approval by the SPWC Board of Directors to exceed their annual budget. The Vice President of Programs shall inform each CSP Chairperson regarding their individual budgets and the need for them to document expenses.

8) **Maintenance of Clubhouse**

- a) Members using Club property shall ensure that the property is clean and returned to the proper storage location after use.
- b) Club property shall not be taken from the Clubhouse except with the permission of the VP of Daily Operations, the Assistant to the VP of Daily Operations, or the President.
- c) The piano shall not be moved from the stage without permission from the VP of Daily Operations or the President. The GFWC Bicentennial Heirloom Plates and the pictures of the Club Presidents shall not be removed from their places on the walls and the balcony.



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).



Fundraising

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

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 2nd — due to the damage to our beautiful historic clubhouse - WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS.

If you can volunteer to help - contact me at 727-510-6678; if you can donate to the silent auction - call Joyce Sterling or Gail Brazzell and they will pick up items. If you can donate wine - please contact me or Evelyn Nakelski to pick up. Call Marianne Snyder to make reservations.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER AFTER NOVEMBER 2nd — thank you to all who helped make our Night of Jazz in St. Pete a success. A financial report will be in the December Newsletter.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL - I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL THE SPWC SISTERS.

Joyce Taylor, VP

Book Club News

Mary Braisted



It has been a very rough time for all of us and I hope that things are starting to get back to normal for everyone. With some downtime from the storm, and with no power or internet, reading was one way to keep busy (along with doing puzzles and crosswords). The books on our reading list are:

November 12th - 10:30 am - "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

December 10th - 11:30 am - "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhan

January 14th - 11:00 am - "The Winemaker's Wife" by Kristen Harmel

Please note the change in times of our meetings.

If all goes well with the construction at the club, our November meeting and our Christmas luncheon in December will be held there. Our meeting at Pistil House was canceled and is now rescheduled for January 14. If anyone wants to join our book club, please email me at braisted636@gmail.com

Photo Gallery

Due to back-to-back Hurricanes, our beautiful Clubhouse suffered serious damage, and the October meeting was canceled. The November meeting will be hosted by the Civic Engagement CSP with the distribution of stockings and backpacks (along with wish lists) for the kids at Sallie House and Brookwood.

GFWC District 14 held their fall workshop at Banquet Masters in Clearwater. Our club was represented by seven members. Left to right: Cheryl Freeburg, Joyce Taylor, Annette McComas, Shannon Bailey, Carolyn DeFreitas, Cathy Allen and President Barbara Sundholm.

After a fabulous lunch by Banquet Masters, we all helped make bookmarks



Shannon Bailey—Junior Director of District 14 with Debbie Struk from North Pinellas



Photo Gallery

Our Wednesday group ladies have been busy as well. Along with those working from home making puppies and welcome bags, bone pillows, quilts and dolls were recently delivered to Hospice. They were very appreciative of all items.



Annette McComas



Barbara Sora



Club Calendar

Friday, November 8: Club Day Meeting at 1PM. Hosted by Civic Engagement 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
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Mondays: 2-4 pm

Due to the damage of the clubhouse, Mahjong has been cancelled until further notice

2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

The next Evening Group will meet on **November 12**. Contact Tyler Kornatowski or Jennifer Brackney for confirmation & location

Fridays at 7 pm

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



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| Nov 05—Joyce Sterling | Dec 05—Amy Giskin | Jan 01—Sarah Osterholt |
| Nov 11—Annette McComas | Dec 06—Julie Hall | Jan 08—Annette Baesel |
| Nov 13—Laura Daoud | Dec 06—Tara Kipp | Jan 09—Audrey Baria |
| Nov 13—Brenda Tate | Dec 06—Celia Ryan | Jan 09—Colette Florido |
| Nov 14—Dawn Reid | Dec 07—Lisa Zamanillo | Jan 10—Lisa Rice |
| Nov 16—Jeanne Nissenbaum | Dec 08—Maria Rossi | Jan 12—Pat Hayes |
| Nov 17—Jean Hiestand | Dec 10—Joanne Raquet | Jan 13—Helen Bennett |
| Nov 21—Sondra Ames | Dec 11—Marjorie Joiner | Jan 13—Monica Taylor |
| Nov 21—Holly Tutun | Dec 12—Suzanne Chesser | Jan 14—Diane Dudley |
| Nov 23—Elizabeth Hammer | Dec 14—Katharine Magrann | Jan 15—Barbara Kirk |
| Nov 24—Norma Allen | Dec 14—Carole Pope | Jan 16—Mary Palumbo |
| Nov 24—Eileen Spony | Dec 18—Dorothy Shuman | Jan 21—Margit Smith |
| Nov 25—Tyler Kornatowski | Dec 18—Patricia Wiand | Jan 31—Nancy Westphal |
| Nov 28—Martha Stein | Dec 19—Judy Lee | |
| Nov 29—Carol Westervelt | Dec 24—Carol Howard | |
| Nov 29—Jill Whelpley | Dec 25—Carol Tillis | |
| Nov 30—Barbara Montanari | Dec 29—Louise Choate | |
| Dec 01—Mary Beattie | Dec 29—Petra Urban | |
| Dec 03—Cindy Stokes | Dec 30—Teresa Hartley | |
| Dec 05—Antoinette Corey | Dec 31—Deborah Burke | |

Happy Birthday!

