

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club



THE CHATTERBOX



Reporting News and Events for Our Members

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Sun City Center, Florida

Sally Anne Says..

By
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President
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Hello Ladies,

Can you believe it's November already? This month has one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. It's when families and friends get together to celebrate what everyone is grateful for.

As a child I was just happy to go ice skating and eat pumpkin pie! Nowadays, I am thankful for my friends and family, and my fur baby "Max". What are you thankful for?

I am also so pleased that our club will be staying the same, an international club that accepts everyone, regardless of their address. Hurray!! No extra fees will be imposed on those living outside the CA boundaries who belong to our club!

Remember to stop and reflect what you may be thankful for during the hustle and bustle of our busy lives. Ladies, enjoy your Thanksgiving. To those of you who are traveling, safe travels. Until we meet again...

Sally Anne Barclay



Luncheon Reservation Policy

All members attending a regular meeting that includes lunch are required to make reservations in advance

- By email to suncitywomensclub@gmail.com,
- By telephone to the Hospitality Chairperson **Brenda Curvin**, 317-518-2991, or
- By signing up for a standing reservation with the Hospitality Chairperson.

The deadline for making an eating or noneating reservation is 11:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the Thursday general meeting.

No-Show Policy: Reservations are considered a binding agreement between the Club and the Caterer. A member who makes a reservation for herself and/or a guest and does not cancel by the deadline described above, will be required to reimburse the Club for the cost incurred.

Lunch is **\$14**.

Checks are the Preferred Method of Payment.
If You Must Pay by Cash,
Correct Change Please.

Please Note

All reservation requests will get a confirmation. If you do not get a response by the cutoff date.....you do not have a reservation. Please contact our Hospitality Chairperson.

NOVEMBER Entrées

- ◇ Carved Roast Turkey w/Dressing
- ◇ Cod





HOME LIFE PROJECT for NOVEMBER



We're collecting items for Athena House shelter for women veterans at our November meeting. The need is for gently used attire that the women can use when going on job interviews – clothing (all sizes) and accessories such as shoes, handbags, professional bags, scarfs, etc. It must be clean and in good condition, preferably with clothing on hangers.

Additionally, we are collecting toiletries for the ladies.. We have made 21 beautiful, stylish bags to put them in. Toiletries we'd like to include in the bags: shampoo, conditioner, hair products, creams, lotions, toothbrush and toothpaste; tampons and pads; all different kinds of make-up.



Your voluntary donations are always appreciated!

Spotlight on Homeless Women Veterans

Submitted by Mary Ellen Skinkle

The Department of Veterans Affairs says that women are the fastest growing segment of homeless veterans, at about 3,500 nationally. But that estimate is based on counts of veterans living on the street and in homeless shelters. Women are not as visible as their male counterparts, because these sleeping arrangements are not the preferred overnight alternatives for women veterans. They typically float between friend's couches, cheap motels, staying in abusive relationships, and living in their cars. More realistic estimates, including these choices, indicate a much larger population, which could be up to ten times that amount. It is a challenge to identify and help them.



Women's Vietnam Veteran Memorial in Washington DC
Photo by Lou Anne Rossdeutcher

Many of the homeless women vets have PTSD and MST (military sex trauma), and often, PTSD arising from MST. Many do not apply for VA benefits, because they feel betrayed, unwelcome or fear additional harassment from military-related organizations. Often, performance problems due to MST can lead to a less-than honorable discharge status, resulting in denial of veterans benefits. And, more often than their male counterparts, women vets can be single parents caring for children.

Athena House in Tampa is representative of one solution to help the women veteran homeless issue. Established ten years ago, it was the first housing program for female veterans in the nation. It provides 90 day transitional housing for up to sixteen women. Services include help for substance abuse, physical and mental conditions, employment placement assistance and support for permanent housing transition.

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NOVEMBER 21, 2019 PROGRAM

One of the GFWC's 7 Grand Initiatives is that "members do projects devoted to women in the military." Our Public Issues Committee has taken this Initiative on as their project and has chosen to bring our November program to you on this related topic.

Our speaker, Dani Pinter, serves as Legal Counsel for the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) and its Law Center. In this role, she drafts and consults on state legislation to help unravel the complex web of sexual exploitation. Dani also serves as a voice for human dignity in precedent-setting legal cases by authoring legal briefs and providing research and advice to attorneys and will launch litigation on behalf of victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Decreasing Sexual Assault in the Military

by Dani Pinter, Esq.

Sexual Assault will never end until people cease to be seen as commodities. Women will never be equal when they can be bought and sold. The Department of Defense needs to understand this in order to meaningfully address sexual assault. The sad truth is sexual assault in the military has spiked despite years of efforts by the DOD to improve their sexual assault prevention program and victim reporting procedures. Between 2016 and 2018, sexual assault rose 38% with the sexual assault rate for women increasing by 50%. Despite this alarming rise in assault, prosecutions plummeted by almost 60% in the same time frame.

Why is the DOD failing to address this very serious problem within its ranks? I suggest that their efforts have been ineffective because the DOD is not addressing the culture of objectification and commodification of women through pornography use and sexually-oriented business patronage by servicemen. More training and better policies are a good thing, but they are a band-aid when it comes to addressing sexual exploitation. The Department of Defense cannot allow an atmosphere where servicemen may treat women as sex objects in some contexts and then expect them to be respectful and unified with their sisters in arms. The DOD needs to make pornography use unacceptable and sexual-oriented businesses off-limits to all service members.

Pornography desensitizes viewers and conditions them to see others as objects. Those who view pornography often are more likely to believe rape myths, such as "women enjoy rape", are less likely to intervene if they witness sexual assault, and have a higher likelihood of committing sexual harassment and sexual assault. A 2010 analysis of the 50 most popular pornographic videos found that 88% of scenes contained physical violence, and 95% of women's responses were either neutral or expressions of pleasure. Porn is conditioning viewers to believe that sexual violence is sexy and that women enjoy it. It fuels the demand for prostitution and trafficking.

It is no secret that porn use is rampant in the military and that strip clubs and sexually oriented businesses flock to military bases. The small town of Fayetteville, NC has Ft. Bragg, the Army's largest military base, and is ranked 3rd for most strip clubs per capita. To see a clear example of the military porn culture in action look no further than the Marines United scandal from 2017. This involved a private, invite-only Facebook group for male Marines and veterans. The Marines used social media to solicit and share hundreds of naked photographs of female service members and veterans. The result was an onslaught of obscene comments by members of the Facebook group including encouragements of rape. These military men were making and sharing pornography of their own fellow female service members, exploiting them, deriding them, and even encouraging their sexual assault and rape.

It is no wonder that servicemen who are steeped in a culture of pornography and sex-buying treat women as objects and commodities; then treat their fellow women in arms in this same dehumanizing way. NCOSE has been pressuring and requesting that the DOD make strip clubs off-limits to all military personnel worldwide, to include pornography harms in sexual assault/harassment training and to do random sweeps of all military computers to ensure pornography is not being used. Check out NCOSE's [Pentagon Watch](#) page for more details. To truly change the culture in the military, the DOD must eradicate sexual exploitation by military personnel in all of its forms, including pornography use and strip club attendance.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Nathan Lesley Densmore

Ann Funicello Ann Fenimore

Marlene McGrath-Otis Sharon Alvarez

Shielia Breighner Sallye Hodge

Diane Owens Shirley McCluskey

Happy
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Hoffman Patt Sulzberger

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BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Diane Lawrence

Our Banned Books Book Club met Tuesday, October 15, at the home of Peggy Person. Besides delicious treats, we had a lively discussion before and during our book presentations.

The following books were discussed in October:

Look Again by Lisa Scottolini

Queen Bee by Dorothy Benton Frank

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Summer of 69 by Elin Hilderbrand

Under Currents by Nora Roberts

The Brain Fog Fix by Dr. Mike Dow

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 1pm. All are welcome to join our group. Note that you may pick any book of your choice to read!

The next meeting will be held at the home of Carol Burns on **November 19**. Contact Carol at 813-938-3718. We hope you can join us!

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Submitted by Linda Menier

The birthday lunch will be on Tuesday, **November 26** at 11:30, at **The Olive Garden in Brandon on Route 60**.

As always, everyone is welcome, it's a great way to meet other members. It doesn't have to be your birthday. Each person orders off the menu and pays for their own meal. Please let me know if you plan to attend by November 18.

PLEASE RSVP and send an email to me at: lindamenier@gmail.com or call 239-91-2220 as I need to make reservations. We will meet in the parking lot just south of the Security Patrol on N. Pebble Beach Blvd. at **10:30am**.

We'll be celebrating the November and December birthdays together as our usual December date falls on Christmas Eve this year.

Can't wait to see all of you!

The Conservation Committee Needs.....

Submitted by Patsie Ginley, Chairperson

The Conservation Committee collects recyclables at every monthly meeting. Our newest collection has been for **Soles4Souls**. We have collected over 200 pairs of shoes so far.

We are looking for new and gently worn shoes (please secure with string or heavy rubber band). Men's and children's shoes are needed, too.



In addition, the following items are always appreciated: greeting card fronts, buttons (the larger the better—for crafts), Box Tops for Education, can tabs, elementary-age appropriate new or gently used books for the Little Free Library in Wimauma, and coupons (clipped and separated into "food" and "non-food") baggies. Please note: **no** store coupons, vitamins, or medicine coupons can be used overseas.

Currently, we are no longer collecting magazines, corks, or stamps. In addition, plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery stores, and Publix has a container for Styrofoam.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Submitted by Virginia Kimball, Co-Chair

On October 16, a Meet & Greet Coffee was held by Virginia Kimball and Susan Royal for Meals on Wheels volunteers. Eighteen ladies and 1 gentleman attended.

Our program consisted of a brief history of the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club to explain how this led to starting up Meals on Wheels in Sun City Center:

Back in 1962, a tea was given by the Activities Director of Del Webb's Sun City Center Development. Twenty-two women attended and were asked if they would help take a survey of all residents to find out what people needed and wanted to see in Sun City Center. From that meeting, a Woman's Club was formed and, because of the Woman's Club, the development of a meal delivery service for seniors-in-need followed.

The first couple to receive a meal was Mr. and Mrs. Rocksby on 4/12/1973. Mr. Rocksby had been in the hospital for cancer surgery, where he had to stay 8 weeks. Mrs. Rocksby wore a body brace from the time she woke up till bedtime. Her husband arranged for her to go to a nursing home close to the hospital. After 6 weeks Mr. Rocksby was moved to the same nursing home but not to the same room. Their neighbor bought him a survey form to see what Sun City Center could do to help. Mr. Rocksby said: "Just wait one minute and I'll fill it out right now if my wife and I can go home together." Mr. Rocksby made a decision to get a neighbor to make them the first day's dinner – he wanted Meals on Wheels to start the next day.

Because of the SCC Woman's Club involvement in the Meals on Wheels program, we were willed a significant amount of money which we invested with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. We use the interest of approximately \$6,000 per year for grants to pay it forward to other organizations in our community and surrounding area.



At our October meeting, Virginia Kimball and Susan Royal were signing up volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in December.

Are you volunteering with us? Contact Virginia or Susan to see how you can help.

NOVEMBER ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

Submitted By Karen Wilkinson, Chairperson

THIS MONTH ONLY -

Because of Thanksgiving, Craft Day will be

TUESDAY, November 26,

Community Hall, Room 3 from 9-12 noon.



We will be working on Holiday Cards for Meals on Wheels and Candy Cane Reindeers.



We are also making Holiday Table Favors, Holiday Centerpieces, as well as Heart Pillows and No-Sew Blankets.

Thank You to all for your help and support. It is appreciated more than you know!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Marilyn Frey
Jean Beauvais
Michelle Brooks
Barb Danielson
Deb Hartman
Elaine Tatem
Gail Tyrrell

Some MEALS ON WHEELS Fun Facts:

Number of volunteers in 1973 was 4. Now 100 people volunteer every month, including those from the Woman's Club, Samaritan Services and South Bay Hospital.

Cost of a meal in 1973 was \$1.50. Now: \$6.50.

Our population in 1973 was 3,500. Now: 19,258.



“Ooh La La”

Club Member Jeanne Naish is Acting Again



Our Jeanne is going to be a French maid in the Pelican Players' fall production “Boeing, Boeing” at the Kings Point Veterans Theater.

The play is a French farce and very funny. (Jeanne has a few French words to say so she had to call on her French neighbors for help!)

The evening performances are Nov. 14, 15, and 16 at 7 pm. There's also two matinees: Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1:30pm, and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1:30pm.

Tickets are \$15, available at the Kings Point box office.



Membership Chairperson Linda Raymond (bravely) tries to recruit two October guests into our Woman's Club.

At Our October 12th Fundraiser - *Lethal Luau*

Thanks to all—Chairperson Barb Brtva, Volunteers, Attendees—who supported our efforts to raise funds for our charitable giving.



Please join us for Mahjong on Friday, November 8 from 9 - 11am at the Security Patrol Building. Everyone is welcome!





A PERSONAL NOTE FROM LONG-TIME CLUB MEMBER, NAN DORSEY

Our Newsletter is great reading. I am always happy to see how we grow. Little do we know where things take us. The Birthday Lunch was initiated when Membership decided we needed to add to our monthly Happy Birthday ...and it would be a nice smaller group for new members to get acquainted. Success!

Then Bunco - started also by Membership as again we wanted new members and women, to meet in small groups.

Having fun and fundraising. Success again!

Service to community should be fun, and SCC Woman's Club certainly does that!

Nan

We're Still Collecting Eyeglasses

For our International Outreach project, we're collecting used pairs of prescription eyeglasses to donate to the underprivileged in other countries.



Please bring your used eyeglasses to any of our general meetings.

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Each year we ask members of our community to support the work of our Woman's Club with their generous contributions. Please support this year's sponsors and tell them "Thank You" when you use their services



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- Nov. 1 Palm Rm- Anne Rankin's Crochet Lesson
- Nov. 8 Mahjong
- Nov. 14 Board Meeting
- Nov. 19 Book Club
- Nov. 21 General Meeting
- Nov. 26 Birthday Lunch
- Nov. 26 Arts & Crafts
- Nov. 27 Bunco



**MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.
MAY YOUR POTATOES 'N GRAVY HAVE NARY A LUMP,
MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS,
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER
STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS.**
Happy Thanksgiving