

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club



THE CHATTERBOX



Reporting News and Events for Our Members

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Sun City Center, Florida

From our President



Hello Ladies,

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2024? Did you make a New Year's Resolution? You know the same ones as last year and broke, like eat less and exercise more and save money.

In 2024 the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club will be very busy. We will have great programs, many service projects and host the GFWC District 8 Arts and Crafts Competition. We will have spring and fall fundraisers, getting new members to join us to help the community, and election of new Board Members, Directors, and Chairs.

Invite a new neighbor or friend to visit one of our activities, such as a General Meeting and Lunch, Bunco, Birthday Lunch, Arts and Culture, Environmental, Book Club Banned Books, Be a Mentor, Reader or Tutor in Wimauma helping K thru 5th graders. Volunteer for driving for Meals on Wheels, or Civic Engagement by feeding our local Firemen for a day. Service Projects for January-Security Patrol, February-District 8, March-Foster Kids Birthday's, April-Hope Fund, May- C.A.R.E. Cat and Dog Food and Treats.

Happy New Year and Peace on Earth.

Till we meet again,

Virginia Kimball, President

Arts & Craft Competition 2024

Please don't forget to have your Arts & Crafts at the community Hall by 9 am for Judging at our January 18th Meeting.(NO late entries) Photo Entries must be 8 X 10 with a Mat. We will have a form to fill out, if you win a Blue Ribbon, you and your item will go to the GFWC District 8 Arts & Craft Competition, Saturday February 17, 2024, in Sun City Center.

Suggested entry may be Stained Glass, Original Artwork, Button crafts, Shell Crafts, pencil drawings, photography, Wine Bottle repurposed Flower Arranging, glasswork, needlecrafts Ceramics, Paper crafts Origami Christmas ornaments Crochet/Knit Be creative!!





January 18th MEETING COMMUNITY HALL

Doors Open 11:00 am for Sign-In and Social

OUR PROGRAM

January 18, 2024: Betsy Moriarty, who is an FBI Operational support Technician assigned to the Counterintelligence Squad of the Tampa FBI field office, She will give us some insight into how the FBI works and will briefly talk about cyber security.

Optional Attire: Blue or Blue and Diamonds

Lunch Menu: Fried Chicken, Potato Crusted Cod and Meat Lasagna

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Sun City Center Security Patrol collecting cash or checks for the All-Volunteer Security Patrol that keeps our community safe.

Upcoming Programs

No February Meeting, as we are hosting the GFWC District 8 Arts & Crafts Competition Saturday, February 17, 2024. Lunch cost is \$28.00 to be paid by February 5, 2024, to Deanna St John.

GFWC SUN CITY CENTER WOMAN'S CLUB, INC. OFFICERS

President: Virginia Kimball
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Corresponding Secretary: Aine Paik
Membership Directory: Daisy Vega
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Education: Elaine Tatem
Fundraising: Shawna Wainright
Health & Wellness: Shawna Wainright
Civic Outreach: Marge Hartig-Specht
Meals on Wheels: Karen Olgesby

Luncheon Reservation Policy

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

- By email suncitywomansclub@gmail.com, or
- By phone or text to the Hospitality Chairperson **Kathy Schwartz**

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

Lunch Cost: \$18

Please note: All reservation requests will get a confirmation. If you do not get a response by the cutoff date, Monday January 15th at 11 am... you do **not** have a reservation. Please contact our Hospitality Chairperson for any questions.

No-Show Policy: Please Note Policy Change Lunch

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 within 31 days or no further meal reservations will be accepted until payment is received.

Checks are the Preferred Method of Payment. If you must pay with Cash, please have exact payment.



January BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday,
January 4th
11:30am

Replays Family
Sports Bar/Grill
SCC Plaza

Call Susie Gill,
954-483-9866, or
Nancy Mercer-813-
634-8767



Each person
pays on her own.

It doesn't
need to be
your
birthday for
you to
attend.

Join us
for the fun!

GFWC District 8 2024 Arts and Crafts Meeting & Competition

Ladies we will NOT have a regular February General Meeting but instead we are hosting the District 8 Art and Crafts Competition along with the GFWC Pasco Juniors Woman's Club. District 8 has 30 clubs in central Florida, and it is an honor to hold this function here in Sun City Center. If you have never attended a District 8 meeting here is your chance.

Date Saturday February 17, 2024
Time Registration 9:00 A.M.
Lunch cost is \$26.00 + \$2.00 registration.

Make checks for \$28.00 payable to GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc.
mail to our treasurer
Deanna St. John
PO Box 5434 Sun City Center 33571-5434
by February 5, 2024



Our Theme - Hats off to a Healthy Heart

It would be great if you could wear red and wear a red hat for this occasion.

Registration for the Arts and Crafts Competition is 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.
Forms needed: Certification Form and a Release form found on gfwcflorida.org.
All first-place winners from our January Competition will be entered. There is a
\$2.00 fee per entry. Send a check to GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club and
mail to PO 5434 by January 25th.

Any questions - contact Sharon Morse, District 8 Arts and Culture Chairman

Phone: 813-416-4048 email: red2moose@yahoo.com

May we have many winners.

Virginia Kimball, President





Environment Committee Projects

Arbor Day 2024 Recognition

Arbor Day is January 19th, 2024 in the state of Florida, otherwise it's observed during the spring on the fourth Friday, of April for the United States. We are asking for participation to donate toward native tree planting for Sun City Center Community Association Beautification Committee. Your contributions will help to fund this important endeavor, keeping our environment and surroundings beautiful!! Please bring cash or check donation to the January 18th Meeting. Thank you in advance for giving!! Regina McCain, Chair.



Save the date, Monday, February 5, 2024 and Join us for a Tour of the Apollo Beach (TECO) Manatee Viewing Center. Free Admission. Sign up sheet will be available at the January 18th Meeting. We will offer carpool, so plan to meet up at 10 am at the Northside parking lot next to the Security Patrol building, facing the street. Wear comfortable walking shoes. We are to arrive at 10:30am for the tour. Next, will follow-up with more fun and lunch at a select favorite restaurant(see sign-up sheet available at the meeting) Feel free to ask any questions, please email Regina: rmcc9407@gmail.com





Environment Committee Projects

ECSP collection January 2024

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose

Clean egg cartons (for the Security Patrol donations to the food pantry)

Clean aluminum pop-up tabs from canned item (for the children hospital)

Clean plastic bottle caps and lids (repurpose to benches) www.plasticsrunique.com

Gently used clean shoes (men, women, and children size needed) banded or tied pair...
Project of an

Ongoing program, now for the last four years (conservation committee – Soles4Souls campaign) We also need shipping boxes to ship out shoes. The boxes need to be big enough to hold 15-20 pairs of shoes.

Committee Meetings

January 3, 2024 Palm Room at North Campus at 9:30 am

February 8-Monday Field Trip to Manatee Viewing Center

March 6, 2024 Palm Room at North Campus at 9:30 am

Regina M

Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

The Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee continues to collect used Eyeglasses/ Sunglasses as well as used Hearing Aids. These are donated to the Lions Club for their International Missions where they are then repurposed and given to underprivileged individuals who so desperately need them.

We will be accepting donations at our next general meeting, or you can call me at 561-309-7202 and I can arrange to pick them up at your home. Donations can also be dropped off at my home, 627 Chipper Drive. (I will have a basket by my front door.)

Marge Hartig-Specht



November Volunteer of the Month

Patsie Ginley

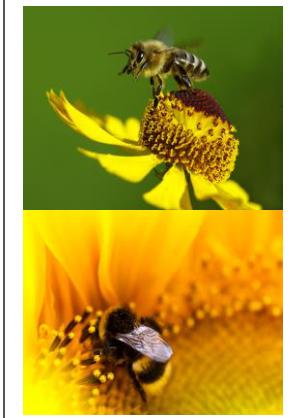
As an active Woman's Club member Patsie Ginley collects can tops for the Shriner's, collects egg cartons for the Security Patrol helps with crafts for seniors through the Arts and Culture committee.

She is also our Publicity Director and shares stories and photos of our club with the Observer and other local newspapers.

Within the Environmental/Conservation team Patsie helped organize and collect over 450 pairs of shoes by hosting a Community Shoe collection on March 8, 2023. When this event was over, she and Mary Starrett. Loaded their vehicles with 22 very heavy boxes of shoes, which equated to 600 pounds, and drove them to the UPS for delivery to 3rd World Countries for people to start up a business and the very ones were that was recycled/collected.

Patsie is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Audubon Club, and a member of the AAUW-American Association of University Women that help raise money for scholarship. Patsie enjoys meeting people and every Monday she is a volunteer driver for the Samaritan's Service and is also a member of the South Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce.

What would we do without Patsie! I give Patsie a Bee Necklace because she is a very busy flying from place to place.



January Birthday Ladies

Vivian Boyd
Patsie Ginley
Helene Gould
Marge Hartig-Specht
Ellen Mc Govern
Jeanne Naish
Rosalie Rochford
Polly Schafer
Cindy Shick
Cindy Walters





Health & Wellness

Let's support our local SCC Security Patrol this New Year in January. This non-profit organization has protected our communities for 42 years and operates with 600 volunteer drivers, dispatchers, and captains.. They drive 100,000 miles a year to keep our residents' homes and businesses safe. The mission of the SCC Security Patrol is "to deter crime in Sun City Center." Its motto is "See and be seen." The Patrol is 100 percent funded by donations from the community and supporters. Monetary donations will be accepted at the luncheon.



Ladies Field Trip



Angel Tea
Room &
Heavenly Gift
Shop
Dade City

Join us on Thursday, January 25th for an afternoon of Tea and Tantalizing Treats **Noon to 2:00pm.**

Traditional Afternoon Tea - \$16 up to \$23.95 plus tax and tip

Individual payments can be made the day of the event.

We can meet in SCC Community Hall and carpool together at 10:30am.

Please RSVP to Carol Kock by January 6th so that a large group reservation can be made.

Email: clkock1@gmail.com

Thank you!



December Volunteer of the Month

Karen Sochon



Karen Sochon serves as our Program Director and has done an awesome job this year and last year finding interesting and fun programs and speakers for our General meetings. Before taking on this job Karen served as the Recording Secretary for 10 years. She joined the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club in 2007 and volunteers where we need her. She has driven for many years for the Meals on Wheels. Is active in her church and the community. She mentors at the Ruskin Elementary school. I give to Karen an Angel for she has earned her wings by showing kindness and love to everyone.

Sun City Center Woman's Club

Angels Tree

What a great group of ladies we have! Our angel tree donations – gifts and cash – totaled \$2999.78. Thank you everyone for your generosity.



January Volunteer of the Month

Daisy Vega

Daisy Vega has served as the Membership Directory for 2 years. She has worked hard and spent many hours getting new members to join the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club. Daisy has organized the Membership List to include not only names, addresses, emails, phone numbers, CA Badge numbers, what activities they want to do, Birthdays and if they are snowbirds and not here year-round which helps all the committee heads.

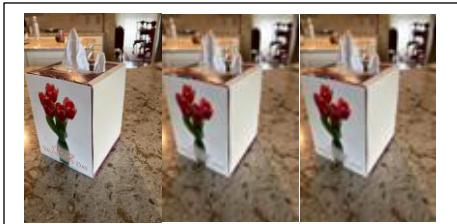
She belongs to 2 Woman's Clubs and started and runs her own Foundation—daisy.vega@freedomwalkfoundation.org where she helps many people with MS. She always steps up to help others in her community. Daisy recently started a Membership committee and has organized quarterly club events like an ice cream social and game day, and bingo with music.

I would like to give Daisy this Turtles necklace because she reminds me of the baby turtles called diamondback terrapins. They travel in straight lines and stay in groups till they are big enough to go in the ocean and can swim to a new home, never losing their way.

Remember a turtle moves slow and steady and never leaves the path and will win the race in the end.

Arts and Culture Team

**We will be collecting square Tissue Boxes at the January Meeting.
The Arts and Culture team will be visiting retirement facilities to
decorate the boxes with residents just in time for Valentine's Day.**





Our December Meeting Snippets

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to our **Firehouse Feast** with the Gift Basket raffle.(see the winners below) We surpassed our goal. Your generosity is so much appreciated. We are planning a committee meeting sometime in early January where we will decide on what meals we will be making, and a delivery date to our Firefighters at Firehouse Station 28.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our efforts, and for showing our gratitude and appreciation to our first responders.

Marge Hartig-Specht, Chair
Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee



Banquet Masters puts on a great lunch. The Santa Gnomes were at each seat from the Arts and Culture Team.



Angel Gifts for children in Wimauma.



Meals on Wheels

A big thank you for all the volunteers who delivered meals in December for Meals on Wheels. Thanks to your support, we delivered 261 meals in Sun City Center and 418 meals in Kings Point, for a total of 679 meals delivered during the month. Although the number of meals needed this month in Sun City Center was lower than expected, that need can change at any time. Thank you all for your dedication, compassion, and flexibility. A special thanks to Fran Fallon who coordinated the daily contacts for meal delivery in Kings Point.



Meals on Wheels Chairman, Karen Oglesby

Several people have asked who can receive Meals on Wheels and how to access the service. Anyone who lives within the CA or in Kings Point can receive meals. This can be short term (such as recovery after a hospital stay) or long term. Several people have meals delivered 7 days a week, others want meals only a few days per week. You do not need to be housebound to receive meals. To set up meal delivery, call Samaritan Services at 813-634-9283. The cost is \$7.50 per meal. Samaritan Services coordinates the daily list for who receives meals and handles the sign up and billing, the hospital provides the meals, and a different local club, church, or service organization provides the volunteer drivers each month. Woman's Club coordinates the program with the various monthly groups and delivers meals during the month of December. In 2023 we celebrated 50 years of delivering Meals on Wheels in Sun City Center. If you have any questions or know of someone who could benefit from Meals on Wheels, please feel free to contact me at 413-522-0190. Karen Oglesby



Hope Fund



Carla Miles, founder and immediate past-president of the Hope Fund, a nonprofit after-school program that spurred David Ramirez, a former student his interest in art as a child and through scholarships, helped him to financially pursue it. David started college at HCC Ybor and transferred to USF, where is studying animation. The Hope Fund is an after-school program at the Wimauma Civic Center whose students are the child of at least one migrant worker. Carla Miles is co-chair for the Education and Libraries Community Service program, so if interested in volunteering with the Hope Fund please contact her or Elaine Tatum.

You can read the full article in The Observer News, December 21, 2023 or online at <https://www.observernews.net/2023/12/21/former-hope-fund-youth-returns-to-encourage-others-in-program/>

**Who got framed at our December meeting?
Check out at our website for more framed ladies:**

<https://sccwomansclub.org/photographs-2/general-meetings/>





Banded Book Club

Looking for an evening book club to join call Carla Miles 813-590-8448 or Caroline D'Antonio 631-418-4956 to sign up.

They meet at 7:00p.m. in members' homes. Everyone reads their own book and gives a short review.

On January 9th it will be held at Diane Lawrence 403 Grand Chateaux Way, S.C.C. Note this is not the regular week they will be meeting the first Tuesday of each month this year.

Give Diane a call so she knows how many are coming.
813-944-8989 or email her
dmL2rjL@yahoo.com.

January 2023

January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	Birthday Lunch-Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer
January 4	Conservation-Regina McCain
January 6	Epiphany
January 8	Fundraising meeting Shawna Wainright 11am
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
January 18	Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
January 18	SCC Woman's Club Art Competition 9 am to 9:30 am
January 24	Bunco
January 25	Tu Bishvat/TuB'Shevat
January 27	Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day

February 2023

February 1	First Day of Black History Month
February 1	First Day of American Heart Month
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 6	Rosa Parks Day (NY)
February 7	Birthday Lunch-Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer
February 9	Conservation Meeting-Regina McCain
February 11	Super Bowl
February 14	Valentine's Day & Ash Wednesday
February 15	Susan B Anthony Day
February 17	Sun City Center Woman's District 8 Arts & Crafts Competition
February 20	President's Day
February 21	Bunco
February 22	Arts & Culture Virginia Kimball