



GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club



THE CHATTERBOX

Reporting News and Events for Our Members



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Sun City Center, FL

From our President



Hello Ladies,

When thinking about March, I remember the days when we got to fly kites - the spring flowers popping out of the ground - the grass turning a beautiful green and looking for 4-leaf clovers. It would soon be spring and St. Patrick's Day. This month we have many fun activities for you to get involved in:

March 5 Book Club.

March 6 Environment Club.

March 7 Birthday Lunch.

March 9 Fun Fest from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Royal Room. Bring your friends by to play games and learn more about GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc.

March 14 Board Meeting.

March 15 Feed the Fireman.

March 21 General meeting (see below).

March 22 Fund Raiser - Lemon Squeezy Chari-Tea Party.

March 27 City Wide Soles 4 Souls Shoe Collection.

March 28 Arts and Culture meeting

Our service project this month is "Celebrate Birthdays for Foster Children." Bring items for Birthday Parties, books, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, puzzles, toy cars, plates, cups party favors to put on a Birthday Party for pre-school to pre-teens.

Come hear James Paddock, writer of suspense and mystery at the March 21st General Meeting. During the General meeting, we will vote on the 2024-2026 slate of officers:

President: Linda Raymond Vice President: Caroline D'Antonio

Treasurer: Marilyn Wright Membership: Carina Faneuf

Programs: Joy Frisch Publicity: Patsie Ginley

Hospitality: Lucille Flat Recording Secretary: Linda Floyd

Correspondence: Regina McCain

Director-at-Large: Virginia Kimball

Members can nominate additional people for offices during the General Meeting.

See you soon. Virginia Kimball, President



MARCH 21st MEETING COMMUNITY HALL

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

OUR PROGRAM

Program: James Paddock, writer of suspense and mystery, will present a program on the many sources of story ideas in Sun City Center

Optional Attire: Green for St Patrick's

Lunch Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Salmon with Dill Sauce, and Chicken Florentine with vegetable and assorted desserts.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

"Celebrate Birthdays" for Foster Children, collecting children's books, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kid's puzzles and toy cars.

Upcoming Programs

April 20, 2024: "Let's get Physical" Fitness for Fun with Ichell Davis

Attire: Active Wear/workout fashion

Health & Wellness: Hope Fund-children's exercise items such as jump ropes

May 16, 2024: Installations of the 2024 to 2026 Sun City Center's Woman's Club Board

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
- contact Hospitality Chairperson **Kathy Schwartz** via email

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 March 18 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.

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

President:	Virginia Kimball
Director-at-Large	Angie Maze
Vice President:	Linda Raymond
Treasurer	Deanna St John
Programs:	Karen Sochon
Publicity:	Patsie Ginley
Hospitality:	Kathy Schwartz
Recording Secretary:	Linda Floyd
Corresponding Secretary:	Aine Paik
Membership Directory	Daisy Vega
Parliamentarian	Marg Hartig-Specht

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Arts and Culture:	Virginia Kimball
Communications:	Carina Faneuf
Conservation:	Regina McCain
Education:	Carla Milles & Caroline D'Antonio
Fundraising:	Shawna Wainright
Health & Wellness:	
	Shawna Wainright
Civic Outreach:	Marge Hartig-Specht
Meals on Wheels (2):	Karen Oglesby & Fran Fallon

Checks are the Preferred Method of Payment. If you must pay with Cash, please have exact payment. **Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Amer Express accepted with a 3% convenience fee.**



March Birthday Lunch

Thursday, March 7th
12:00 pm

The Vineyards Trattoria &
Pizzeria
250 Apollo Beach Blvd.

<https://www.thevineyardstrattoria.com/apollo-beach-menu>

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!

Environment Committee Service

ENVIRONMENT Community Service

Did you know/info sharing:

Alligators mating season starts April 1st!! Keep a watch out, be safe!

Focus on ideas for recognizing Earth Day, April 20th.

Create A Pledge board or mural - start an environmental mission statement (ex. I will turn off the lights when I leave the room).

Take action; create and share with new neighbors about plastic bags collection at the local drop off (Publix, Winn Dixie, etc.) Eliminate use of plastic bags.

Reduce Junk mail (recycling or contact DMA, directmail.com) National do not mail list.

Watch a live stream event on April 19th at 1pm ET. Hosted by the Earth Day Network and Alliance for climate education.

ACE (Action on the climate emergency). [Acespace.org/2023/03/20](https://acespace.org/2023/03/20) (watch the video) our climate is our future.





Environment Committee

Environment collection for March

One of the items that we are collecting for the Environment Community Service Program this Year is Soles 4 Souls, a program that the previous Conservation Committee has supported.

Soles 4 Souls turns unwanted shoes into opportunity by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to use-providing relief, creating jobs, and empowering people to break the cycle of Poverty. Soles 4 Souls protects the environment by putting used goods to good use, instead of Wasting away in a landfill.

Since 2006 Soles 4 Souls and partners Bomba socks, Macy's, Foot Locker, and Zappos have Kept more than 46 million pairs of shoes from going to the landfill. The micro-enterprise Business model sells used shoes to impoverished people, mostly women, in over 50 countries. These women have gone from barely making it to buying land, building houses, and feeding Their families. They can improve the dynamics of their family and community, and it isn't charity. Support this Program by bringing gently used shoes-men, women, and children's, to the next Woman's Club Meeting.

<https://soles4souls.org/give-shoes/#impact>

March 27th St Andrews Presbyterian Church 9 am to 11 am ---Community Shoe Collection event for

Soles 4 Souls Campaign. We are asking for Volunteers to help with receiving and packing shoes collected. Please sign up at our general meeting or contact Regina McCain at email address: rmcc9407@gmail.com or call 813-419-4742 (clearly state your name).





Environment Community Service Program (ECSP) collection for the tree fund in recognition of Arbor Day-April 26, 2024, earned us \$105.00. Your donation is very much appreciated!! We need just an additional collection of \$165.00 more!! Would you help out with a generous donation, (at the March general meeting) to match our goal to contribute total of \$270.00

Why? you may ask. Our Environment Committee, on behalf of SCCWC hopefully, can then offer the SCCCA Beautification Committee a check towards a 14ft native red maple tree that would be installed, and properly maintained at the dog park.

Many, many thanks for your offerings which is always appreciated !!!

Regina McCain, ECSP Committee Chair

March 6th Wednesday Committee meeting begins at 9:30am, Palm Room at North Campus.

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We are collecting this month:

Boxes are needed for the community shoe collection!! Please bring sturdy box(es) that can hold 15-20 pairs of shoes, additionally, the Box Without Handles are a must have and greatly appreciated!

Clean egg cartons - One dozen size only—allows the Food Pantry to feed more families, (SCC Security Patrol donates them to the food pantry),

Clean aluminum pop tabs from soda cans and other canned goods (for a children Hospital),

Clean plastic bottle caps and lids to repurpose for benches. www.plasticunique.com

Your recycling efforts are always appreciated!!

Please bring all recycled items and shoes to our meetings(not to Security Patrol) or contact Regina.

Meals on Wheels

A big thank you to the volunteers from Beth Israel who delivered 631 meals in January, 382 in Kings Point and 249 in Sun City Center. Daughters of the American Revolution delivered Meals on Wheels for February and volunteers from the Duplicate Bridge Club will be delivering meals in March.

Karen Oglesby



Sun City Center has two winners going to state!!

GFWC District 8 February Arts & Crafts 2024



Congratulations to Donna McMillan & Brenda Swank for their Blue Ribbons. Ladies Congratulations & Good Luck at the State Meeting in April!!



Upcoming Birthday Lunch Outings

April 4, 2024

Asian Yummy House
10679 Big Bend Rd, Riverview
Phone: [\(813\) 671-6666](tel:(813)671-6666)
Menu: asianyummyhousefl.com

May 2, 2024

Latitudes
131 Harbor Village Ln
Apollo Beach
Phone: [\(813\) 645-9700](tel:(813)645-9700)
Menu: latitudesapollo.com

Come join the fun!

March Birthday Ladies

Sue Bernicke
Pam Cummings
Norma Ebner
Valesca Lopez
Regina McCain
Aine Paik
Elaine Tatem



March Women
**Empathic
Honest
Generous
Shy around
strangers
Day dreamer**



March 10, 2024

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following list of nominees for our 2024-2026 Board of Directors. This slate has been approved by our current Board.

- President: **Linda Raymond**
- Vice President: **Caroline D'Antonio**
- Treasurer: **Marilyn Wright**
- Membership Director: **Carina Faneuf**
- Program Director: **Joy Frisch**
- Publicity Director: **Patsie Ginley**
- Hospitality Director: **Lucille Flatt**
- Recording Secretary: **Linda Floyd**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Regina McCain**
- Director-at-Large: **Virginia Kimball**

Per our bylaws: *The election shall take place at the General meeting in March. Nominations may be made from the floor, providing nominees have agreed to serve, if elected.*



Lemon Squeezy Chari-TEA & Variety Show Fundraiser on March 22

Friday, March 22, 2:00 to 4:00 join the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc. for a **Lemon Squeezy Chari-TEA and Variety Show** fundraiser at the SCC Community Hall. Doors open at 1:00. The fun afternoon includes tantalizing tea sandwiches, delectable desserts, and hot and cold beverages. Feel free to bring your own tea cup. The desserts are being sponsored by Cypress Creek Assisted Living, Freedom Plaza, Inspired Living Memory Care and by volunteers. The \$30 ticket also includes a silent auction, a Variety Show with local entertainment being provided by the **Silver Moon Men's Quartet, Hula Honey's and Orange Blossoms Ukes and singers**. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Fun Fest in the Atrium Royal Room on Saturday, March 9, at the SCC Atrium on Thursday, March 14, 10 to noon and Friday, March 15, noon to 2:00. Checks are preferred but cash is accepted. **For more info contact Shawna, Fundraising Chair, at 302-740-4098 or SCCWomansclubfund@gmail.com.**





Our March Health & Wellness Project

"Celebrate Birthdays" was incorporated in 2019 as a charity non-profit organization and has helped to celebrate the special day of almost 2,000 foster children who otherwise may not have heard the words "Happy Birthday!"

At our next general meeting luncheon bring a play item, book or fun activity for a girl or boy ages 1 to 18. Or even plan a theme with decorations for a party. Accepting cash or checks too. Meet a representative to learn how to become a volunteer and bring joy to forgotten children. Check out their website: www.celebratebirthdays.org



Leap Year Music Bingo

Fun Time with Johnny Ginn from The Original Bandingo
Music Bingo at the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's
Club Leap Year Music Bingo Social! We Sang! We
Danced! We Had A Great Time! We Will Do It Again!





St. Patrick's Day Trivia Questions and Answers

1-Why is St Patrick celebrated on March 17?

A: It is the day St Patrick died in 461 AD, who is the patron Saint of Ireland.

2-Where and when was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade?

A: St. Augustine, Florida in 1601. The area was then a Spanish colony, but had an Irish Vicar

4-Where and when was the first St. Paddy's Day celebration in the British American colonies?

A: Boston in 1737. It was a dinner held by the Charitable Irish Society, the oldest Irish society in America, which still holds a dinner on March 17 today.

4-Where and when was the first St. Patrick Day parade in Ireland?

A: 1903 in the Irish town of Waterford, followed by Dublin in 1931.

5-According to Irish lore, what animal did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?

A: Snakes. Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record.

6-What are the odds of finding a 4-leaf clover?

A: Google states 1 in 10,000.

7-What is the highest number of leaves ever recorded on a single clover stem?

A: 56, according to the Guiness Book of World Records and was discovered by Shigeo Obara of Japan.

Palm Sunday, St Patrick's Day and the Date of Easter

In 1940, an unusual coincidence took place when Palm Sunday (which is one week prior to Easter Sunday) occurred on the same day as St Patrick's day. In Ireland, which has St Patrick as its patron saint, people were able to wear both the shamrock and the palm on the same day.

St Patrick's Day falls on March 17 but Easter Sunday, and hence Palm Sunday, moves according to the rules that determine Easter.

Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the full moon occurring on, or after, the March equinox (taken as March 21). So for Palm Sunday and St Patrick's Day to be on the same day, March 17 must fall on a Sunday (on average 1 in 7 years) AND there must be a full moon on either March 21, 22, or 23. The interval between successive full moons is approximately 29.5 days and so the chance of a full moon on any of these three dates is 3 in 29.5. This makes the combined chance of both Palm Sunday and St Patrick's Day coinciding as approximately 1 in 69 years (a probability of 0.015 per year).

This is only a statistical (ie, average) estimate. So are we actually due for a repeat of this coincidence shortly? The answer is no because the next such occurrence is in the year 2391 - almost three hundred years from now. Beyond that there is another coincidence in the year 2475, making only two such occasions in 500 years, very much less frequent than the average expected.



March 2024

March 5 Book Club
March 6 Environment Committee Meeting Regina McCain
March 7 **Birthday Lunch-Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer**
March 8 International Women's Day
March 09 **Fun Fest Sun City Center**
March 11 **Fundraising Meeting**
March 12 Daylight Saving Day-Spring Forward
March 12 Girl Scout Day
March 15 **Feed the Fireman (Community Outreach)**
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 19 St. Joseph Day
March 20 First Day of Spring
March 21 **Woman's Club Luncheon Meeting**
March 22 **Lemon Squeezy Chari-Tea Party Fundraiser**
March 24 Palm Sunday
March 27 **City Wide Shoe Collection Environment Committee**
March 27 **Bunco Virginia Kimball**
March 28 **Arts & Culture Virginia Kimball**
March 29 Good Friday
March 31 Easter

April 2024

April 1 April Fool's Day
April 4 **Birthday Lunch Asian Yummy House**
April 5 **Environment Committee Meeting Regina McCain**
April 7 National No Housework Day
April 10 **Fundraising Meeting Shawna Wainright**
April 15 Tax Day
April 18 **Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting**
April 22 **Earth Day**
April 22 **Passover begins.**
April 24 **Bunco Virginia Kimball**
April 26 **National Arbor Day**
April 27 **Arts & Culture Virginia Kimball**