

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



Dear Members

April ushers in the Spring season with warmer weather and longer days . It's a month known for April 1st ; April Fools Day ; a day known for pranks, Earth Day April 22 nd and Arbor Day April 28th.

In March we once again collected over 600 pairs of shoes for the Community Shoe Collection Event Soles 4 Souls . Carina Faneuf and her membership committee had a Poker Run for Fun Fest . It was lots of fun for all who participated, with prize baskets and lots of information about the Sun City Center Woman's Club.

A BIG Thank You to all on her committee for their time and talent.

At our March meeting the Moffitt Center speaker talked about their new facility and the many forms of cancer .

Karen Hernandez and Duke, her Valor Dog, the Volunteer Coordinator from Valor Service Dogs sent us a thank you note expressing how welcome Karen and her service dog felt among all the ladies at our luncheon. She also really wanted to thank all of you for the generous donations to Valor Dogs.

Many thanks to Shawna and her committee for a fabulous Spring Fling Fashion Show. The desserts and music were fun along with fashions and accessories from The Teal Turtle Boutique located in Apollo Beach and Parirsh. Shawna's special guest was Miss Florida 2024, Casana Fink who spoke about her pageant platform, the importance of being an organ donor and how it saves lives.

This month we are looking forward to hearing about Girls of the World. And we will have an accessory exchange.

For Health and Wellness we will be collecting school supplies , journals, craft paper, glue, beads and paper towels.

Please note once again we are hosting a District 8 meeting with the Ruskin Club on May 24th, 2025, in the Florida room. We will need your help with the meeting setting up, breakfast, 50/50, raffles etc. I also hope many of you will attend this District meeting since it is right here.

For all of you ladies who are "snowbirds" I wish you safe travels and look forward to your return next Fall.

Yours Truly,
Caroline D'Antonio



April 17th MEETING COMMUNITY HALL

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

OUR PROGRAM

April 17: Girls of the World founder Lea Manningham.

Optional Attire: purple

Activity: Accessory Exchange - Bring in costume jewelry, accessories, hats, belts, and purses you no longer want in exchange for something you'll love.

Lunch Menu: Carved Sugar Glazed Ham, Chicken Florentine, Butter Crumb Baked Cod. Vegetables, Salad, and delicious desserts.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

School Supplies, journals, craft paper, glue, beads and paper towels for the Girls of the World.

Upcoming Programs

May 15, 2025 :Interfaith Social Action Council & Nearly New Shop

Attire: Red, White & Blue

Health & Wellness: Food Pantry-breakfast bars, mac & cheese, pastas, shelf stable, etc.

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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 **Lucille Flatt 973-288-4136**

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: \$20

Please note: All reservation requests will get a confirmation. If you do not get a response by the cutoff date, Monday April 15 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 or Credit Card(3% fee) If you must pay with Cash, please have exact payment.



April Programs Joy Frisch

Our speaker, Founder Lea Manningham, will be sharing with us how her program works to mentor young ladies with skills to thrive in the world they are growing into. She will be bringing a recipient of the program to discuss how Girls of the World has changed her life for the better. After lunch, we will exchange accessories. Please bring up to 3 accessories- jewelry, bags, hats, belts, scarves or whatever that is still nice but you might be tired of. What you bring will be someone else's treasure, and you might just find your treasure as well. This has always been a fun exchange. You get to pick the amount that you bring, but no more than 3!

**Thursday, April
4th
11:30am**

**Asian Yummy House
10679 Big Bend Rd
Riverview
Asiannyummyhousefl.com**

The Monthly Birthday Lunch



Thursday, May 1

Plaza Mexico

**724 Cypress Village Blvd,
Sun City Center
(813) 922-6437**

Thursday, June 5th

**White Oak Cottage
10530 County Rd 39, Lithia,
FL 33547
(813) 650-0054**

**Please contact Susie
Gill at 954-483-9866
or Nancy Mercer at
813-634-8767 to
make or cancel
your reservation, so
we can provide the
restaurant with the
accurate number of
guests.**

**Each person pays
on her own.**

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

**Join us
for the fun
and
laughter!
Bring a
friend or
two. The
more the
merrier.**



ENVIRONMENT Community Service Environment interest sharing for April.

Did you know that our beautiful butterfly population is declining? It is due to habitat loss, insecticides and climate changes that harm them. Butterflies provide inspiration to people in arts, literature and poetry. And they are most important for the ecosystem function. For one thing they aid in plant reproduction when pollen grains get attached to their bodies during nectar feeding. Butterflies play an important role in the life cycle of plants through pollination.

There are ways we can help save them. Our butterflies love wildflowers. Planting native wildflowers can benefit butterflies. Native plants provide food and shelter for butterflies. You can simply let a strip of grass grow and plant a couple of feet of wildflowers in the backyard. Next, use fewer pesticides and herbicides which harm them. Florida has close to 200 species which we should help protect.





Environment Collection for April 2025

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)

Thank you for your recycling efforts. Much appreciated!!!



March 27, 2024

Soles 4 Souls shoe drive at the Presbyterian Church.

We collected about 600 pairs. Thank you to Leanna Maurer, Mary Starrett, Valesca, Lopez, Virigina Kimball, Susan Royal, Caroline D'Antonio, Patsie Ginley and Gary Kimball.





Spring Fling Fashion Show

Miss Florida Celebrates with the SCC Woman's Club

On March 29th, the GFWC SCC Woman's Club was honored to have Casana Fink, the current Miss Florida, make an appearance and speak to the attendees about her passion to advocate for organ donor awareness. She founded the non-profit 'Give to Live - Donate Life' after her father was a liver transplant recipient years ago.

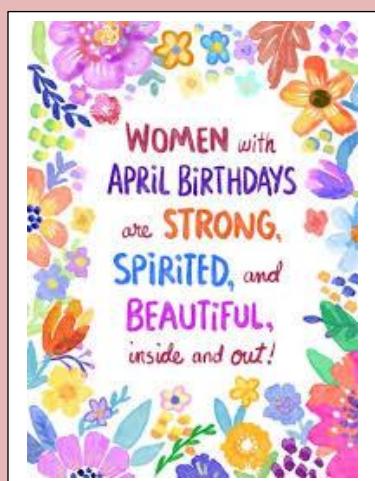
Besides her speaking, the audience enjoyed watching some SCC Woman's Club members model in a fashion show presenting garments from The Teal Turtle Boutique in Apollo Beach accompanied by delightful music performed by Cyndi Burger. Through ticket sales, silent auction, and raffles, the Woman's Club raised almost \$4,000 which will be donated to numerous non-profit organizations throughout Sun City Center.



Models: Leslie Aiken, Marsha Lucidi, Carina Faneuf, and Joy Frisch with Miss Florida, Casana Fink.

April Birthday Lady

Donna McMillan





Virginia Kimball Director at Large

Bunco

Remember our Bunco game on Wednesday April 23rd at 9:30 a.m in the Sandpiper Room of the CA Atrium.

All are welcome, and you don't have to be a GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club member so bring a friend with you.

The cost is \$5.00 which is used for our prizes. The more people who come the more fun we have. If you can throw 3 dice and match the numbers you can learn this game in 5 minutes.

Snacks are always welcome if you would like to bring something.

Arts and Culture

We will meet on April 24th at Community Hall Room 3 at 9:30a.m.

Hoping to plan a field trip since we didn't get to go last month because St. Pete's, car racing, lots of roads closed. Will send out a note later what we plan to do.

Member-at-Large - Virginia Kimball

Since I'm leading Arts and Culture, I now receive a monthly newsletter from GFWC Florida with some designated days to celebrate the arts and culture in the next few months.

April 6 is National Hand Made Day, April 21 International Creativity & Innovation Day, April 28th National Great Poetry Reading Day. The most important date April 15th, the Birthday of Leonardo da Vinci.

I got to attend a District 8 meeting; the theme was tropical and they celebrated every club Volunteer of the month, so congratulations to Carina Faneuf.

I attended Dining in the Dark and we were introduced and had the GFWC emblem printed in their book. We hope in May we'll be able to help the Low Vision Support Group with some grant money.

On May 24th we will be co-hosts with the Ruskin Club for a District 8 meeting. Please come and learn about all that GFWC does. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and make sure everyone has drinks. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Thank you all for working Fun Fest and stopping in the Royal Room to say hi. We had at least 150 people in the community stop to find out what the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club does and play a poker hand.



Funfest March 8, 2025

Our Funfest was a big hit! We had 125 entry forms submitted for a chance to win one of five themed baskets: Spa, Mexican Tequila Time, Wine, Car Wash/Men's Basket, and a Kitchen Basket.

A HUGE thank you to Cherl Putnam and Susan Silva, who visited around 15 businesses to collect donations—your efforts made all the difference! Special thanks as well to the generous business that contributed an entire basket of goodies, and to Gary Kimball for his beautiful handmade wooden covered bowl donation. Leslie Aiken did a beautiful job of putting the baskets together.

Please support these generous businesses:

Dunkin Donuts
America's Car Wash
Plaza Mexico
Flip Flop Shop
Sun City Center Flower Shop
Bella Cucina Restaurant

Thank you to the following Volunteers:

Patsie Ginley
Leslie Aiken
Diane Alty
Virginia Kimball
Caroline D'Antonio
Lucille Flat
Mary Starrett
Karen Begg
Donna Mc Millan
Shawna Wainright



March Meeting

We had a fantastic meeting in March! Annette Palenca, a representative from the Moffitt Cancer Center, gave an insightful talk on breast cancer detection. She emphasized the importance of checking not just the breasts, but also the neck, the sides of the breasts, and the upper arms for lumps. These areas include lymph nodes, which are key in detecting potential spread. If breast cancer cells break away from the primary tumor, they may travel through the lymphatic system and become trapped in the lymph nodes. The status of these lymph nodes plays a vital role in staging breast cancer and guiding treatment decisions.



We also welcomed Karen Hernandez and her Valor Service Dog, Duke. Duke is currently in training with Karen to support veterans and first responders. Be sure to visit their website to learn more about the incredible work they're doing!

www.valorservicedog.org.





April 2025

April 1 April Fool's Day and Easter Monday
**April 3 Birthday Lunch Asian Yummy House-
Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer**
April 7 National No Housework Day
April 9 National Unicorn Day
April 12 Passover Begins
April 15 Tax Day
April 18 Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
April 20 Easter
April 20 Passover ends.
April 22 Earth Day
April 23 Bunco-Virginia Kimball
April 24 Arts & Culture Virginia Kimball
April 26 National Arbor Day

May 2025

May 1 May Day
May 1 Birthday Lunch Plaza Mexico Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer
May 3 Kentucky Derby
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 6 National Nurses Day
May 11 Mother's Day
May 15 International Day of Living Together in Peace
May 15 Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
May 20 Armed Forces Day
May 24 GFWC District 8 Meeting
May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Theater Kings Point
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