

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,

It's December and the Holidays are upon us with festive celebrations and get-togethers.

First, a HUGE Thank you to Joy Frisch for inviting the students from the Riverview High School. Their group "Vision" entertained us with Broadway songs and dances from Fosse and others. And a Holiday medley to welcome the season.

Our members have been busy helping others in our community. At our September many gifts were given to Campaign Against Human Trafficking, Cancer patients, and Nursing homes with lap robes, seat belt covers heart-shaped pillows, and more. Many thanks to all our creative ladies spending hours of their time.

At our November meeting Health and Wellness collected Holiday gifts for lonely seniors in our local nursing homes, to bring cheer to them and let them know they are not alone.

Our 30-year member of the SCC Woman's Club, Carla Miles handed out 42 Angels from the Hope Fund Angel tree to be returned at our December meeting. Please make sure your Angel is attached to the package. Also, Give the gift in kind form to Carla.

Program chairman, Joy Frisch has arranged for us to have a fun gift exchange at the December meeting. Please remember to bring a gift valued at \$ 25 or less that you made, are regifting, or purchased for a fun event.

Special thanks to Bonnie Cumbey for the beautiful pens she made for each one attending the November meeting.

And a Big Welcome to our new members.

As we celebrate and enjoy this Holiday Season with family and friends let's remember those who are less fortunate and alone.

Happy Holidays,
Caroline D'Antonio



Christmas Angels

Please remember your ANGEL GIFT to be brought to the December meeting. We will also be taking a picture of all the gifts and YOU! Happy gift shopping and have a blessed Holiday!

Also, please remember the flyer with your approximate amount spent. No names. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Carla Miles, Education Co-Chair





December 19, 2024 COMMUNITY HALL

Sign-in and Social	11:00 a.m.
Opening/Business Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
Program as listed below	12:45 p.m.

OUR PROGRAM

Gift Exchange-bring a wrapped gift with a value of up to \$25 if you wish to participate.

Holiday Festive Attire

Lunch Menu: Red wine Braised Beef short ribs, Chicken Florentine, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, salad, vegetables, wild rice and desserts.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Bring your Angels' Gifts of clothes and shoes for children in Wimauma for the Hope Fund.

Upcoming Programs

January 16, 2025: Members Annual Arts & Crafts Competition.

CAHT President will speak with us and introduce us to a survivor.

February 20, 2025: Hillsborough County Rep will educate us on recycling—activity (optional) Table Games.

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 before 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 December 16 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.

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH**

Thursday,
December 5
12:00 pm
NOON

Club Renaissance
2121 S Pebble
Beach Blvd

Call Susie Gill, at
954-483-9866, or

Nancy Mercer-813-
391-1702



Each person
pays on her own.

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

Join us
for the fun!

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to all who volunteered to deliver meals to Sun City Center and Kings Point residents during the month of December. In total, 42 drivers filled 114 slots, most of them from our club. Thank you all for your willingness to help during this busy month.

In October, 340 meals were delivered despite closures due to Hurricane Milton. Thanks go out to Feeding Tampa Bay, which stepped in to help during the hurricane's aftermath.

Karen Oglesby





Environment Community Tips

Repost from December 2022

Save Money-Tips to Make Your Fresh Food Last Longer

Bread - keep fresh by placing a piece of celery stalk in the bread bag and seal tight. Bread becomes stale when it loses moisture. The celery releases moisture and the bread absorbs it keeping it fresh longer. Yet, if the bread does go slightly stale use it to make French toast, croutons, stuffing, or crumble it and add spices to make breadcrumbs.



Milk - spoils when bacteria grow and causes an odor. Just add a pinch of baking soda when the container is first opened and shake it to let the baking soda dissolve. No taste, no odor and the milk lasts a week longer.



Berries - often get moldy. Simply wash them lightly in a 4 to 1 water to apple cider vinegar solution. Vinegar neutralizes mold. Let berries dry completely before refrigerating. Berries need to breathe so place them back into the grocery container with slits. Turn over every couple days. Enjoy berries a week longer. Or freeze them for future smoothies.



Cheese - needs to breathe. So rewrap slices and place fresh cheese in wax paper which is breathable and then refrigerate for freshness.



Lettuce - wilts when it loses water. Soak lettuce in ice for 15 minutes so that it reabsorbs water and refreshes.



Bananas - start ripening quickly because ethylene gas releases from the stems. Wrap stems with plastic wrap or aluminum foil then hang from a hook which slows down the gas process and keeps them from bruising. Ripened bananas can be placed in the fridge where the cool temps keep them from ripening further. Single bananas should be peeled, either kept whole or sliced, then placed in the freezer in re-sealable airtight bags. Great for smoothies or making banana bread in the future.





Virginia Kimball, Director at Large

Mark your calendar for December 3rd Book Club at Caroline's D'Antonio – 2043 E Del Webb at 7:00 p.m. Please call her if you plan on attending at 631-418-4956

December 4. The Environmental Committee will meet in the Palm Room at 9:30 a.m. The speaker is Sarah Usewick from the Hillsborough County Adopt a Pond program.

December 5th Birthday Lunch at the Renaissance Club 12:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Mercer if interested in coming.

December 19th General Meeting Bring back your Christmas Angel gift, remember to tape the Child's name on the package and bring in your approximate amount spent slip. No names, please.

Thank you for your kindness.

No Bunco

No Arts and Culture

January is our Arts and Crafts Expo.

I'm inviting you to enter your 2024 projects to be judged at the January general meeting.

These items must be at the Community Hall by 10:00 a.m. no late items can be judged. The judging will be 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you win a first-place ribbon, your project will go on to the District 8 meeting and if you get a blue ribbon you go on to the state. Good luck to all. Last year we had two winners go on to state.

Contact Virginia Kimball with any question at 636-248-1887

Suggestions but all crafts are welcome.

Hand-made, Sewing, Machine Sewing, Quilting, Crocheting or Knitting
Photos, Stained Glass, Shell crafting, Floral, Jewelry making, Woodworking,
Christmas Ornaments Paper crafting, Basket making, Scrapbooking

Happy Holidays This year is flying by I'm keeping busy at home and the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc. I was very happy to serve as your President for 5 months of this year and continue to help Caroline and her Board for the rest of 2024 as Director-at-Large

Virginia Kimball





A special Thank you to **Bonnie Cumbey** for creating these beautiful unique pens for our enjoyment. They were placed at each table setting during our November General Meeting.

Shawna



The GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club Sharing Love

The GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club members shared their love with seniors facing the holidays alone. The Club was able to acquire a total of 45 names of senior residents from Cypress Creek, Freedom Plaza West, Inspired Living, Magnolia/Pacifica, and Sun City Senior Living. Wish List gifts were lovingly purchased by members and were delivered to each facility by the SCC Woman's Club Health and Wellness Committee. Happy Holidays!





Spring Fling Fashion Fair Fundraiser

Save the Date for March 22, 2025

Spring will be here before you know it. And so will our afternoon **Spring Fling Fashion Fair Fundraiser** will be held at the SCC Community Hall.

Fashions are being provided by the Teal Turtle Boutique in Apollo Beach. Tickets are \$30 each and PLEASE invite 2 friends to join you. We would love to have 160 attendees. Also featuring vendors, a silent auction, and raffles. Reservations are being taken at the December general luncheon meeting.

Thanks,
The Fundraising Committee

SPRING NEW MEMBERS

CAROLEEN KENDALL
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CHERYL MASTERSON
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KRISTIN PETERSON
CHRISTINE A BOUVIER
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Welcome
to the
GFWC
Sun City
Center
Woman's
Club!!



Fashion Marketplace



Dazzling Delights - Fashion Marketplace Fundraiser

Ladies now is the time to shop for yourself or someone. Our December Ladies Luncheon will be featuring a gentle-used Jewelry and Scarf sale. Great deals. Cash or check only.

Health & Wellness for January CAHT

Each year we support survivors of human trafficking. Below is the Wish List for C.A.H.T. Please bring your items to the January general meeting.

- 1) dental floss and toothpaste
- 2) shampoo and conditioner any size
- 3) lip balm
- 4) travel size kleenex
- 5) hairbrushes and combs w/o a point
- 6) deodorant for men and women
- 7) women's panties, brief style, sizes 7 to 3x
- 8) plain women's Tee shirts sizes Medium to large.
- 9) sport bras sizes medium to 2x
- 10) leggings: sizes medium to large
- 11) men's gym shorts : sizes M, Large, XL
- 12) men's Tee shirts: sizes M, L, XL

Thank you, Caroline, Virginia and SCC Women's Club, for all your support!
Blessings,
Bonnie CAHT coordinator

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER LADIES!!**

**Marie Hamley
Christine Morrison
Marilyn Wright
Faith Houdek
Cindy Hoffman
Cheryl Masterson
Patricia Ross**

**Arts and Crafts Expo 2025!**

At our January meeting, club members can participate in an Arts and Crafts Expo to be judged that day.

Do you have an Arts & Crafts piece you want to submit? A hidden talent?

The items you enter must have been made in 2024. A sign-up sheet will be available at the December 15th meeting, so we can purchase the correct number of Ribbons.

Have your entries to Community Hall by 10am on January 16, 2025. Winning entries will be sent to compete in the GFWC District Arts & Crafts Expo.

Contact: Virginia Kimball

Suggested entries:

**Hand sewing-Machine sewing-Quilting-
Photos must be 8 by 10 no frame- Stained glass-Painting-
Shell crafting-Doll clothes-
Recycled items as homeless mats,-pictures made from buttons-
Flower arranging-Ceramics-Christmas Ornaments-
Crochet or knitting-
Jewelry making**



December Calendar

December 3 Giving Tuesday
December 4 Conservation
December 5 Birthday Lunch-Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer
December 7 Pearl Harbor Day
December 9 Green Monday
December 12 Our Lady Guadalupe Day
December 15 Bills of Rights Day
December 19 Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
December 22 National Cookie Exchange Day
December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas
December 25 Hanukkah starts until nightfall January 2 2025
December 26 Kwanza starts until January 1
December 26 Boxing Day
December 31 New Year's Eve

January 2025

January 1 New Year's Day
January 2 Birthday Lunch-Susie Gill & Nancy Mercer(may change)
January 1 Conservation Leann Maurer(may change)
January 6 Epiphany
January 16 Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
January 16 SCC Woman's Club Art Expo
January 20 Martin Luther King Day
January 22 Bunco-Virginia
January 23 Arts & Culture-Virginia Kimball





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