

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club

September 2024

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THE CHATTERBOX

Reporting News and Events for Our Members



President's Pen



Thank you for asking me to serve as your President 2024 -2026. It is indeed an honor as we begin our 62nd year. Our club is the oldest in Sun City Center originated by Mr. Del Webb when he invited a group of ladies to tea in 1962. We are also members of the GFWC (Greater Federation of Women's Clubs) organized from a group of Women's Clubs on April 24th, 1890 at the Scottish Rite Hall in New York City. The Mission of the "Greater Federation of Women's Clubs is an International Women's Organization dedicated to Community Improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service."

It's hard to believe that summer has past so quickly and here it is September. I hope you all enjoyed the summer and are ready for the Fall season and the many activities planned for the club this year.

We begin the year with new programs organized by Program Chairman Joy Frisch and her committee. September begins with "Seniors in Service" learning about the visually impaired. All are welcome to participate as you feel comfortable.

Please support our committee chairmen this year and their many projects

- Arts and Culture – Virginia Kimball
- Communications – Carina Faneuf
- Conservation - needs a chairman
- Civic Outreach - Daisy Vega
- Education - Carla Miles
- Fundraising - Shawna Wainright
- Health and Wellness – Shawna Wainright
- Meals on Wheels - Karen Oglesby
- Welcoming- Carol Kock

Have fun with fellow members playing Bunco in the Sandpiper room on the 4th Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Attend the wonderful Birthday lunches at 11:30 on the 1st Thursday at a restaurant published in the newsletter.

We are off to a wonderful start to a new year, support your club but most of all ENJOY !

Yours truly,

Caroline D'Antonio, President

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc.



September 19, 2024 SCC COMMUNITY HALL

AGENDA

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

OUR PROGRAM

Seniors in Service CEO Robin Ingles will speak about how they provide solutions to community challenges by engaging volunteers 55+.

Michelle Mason, Founder of Kindred Spirits, will highlight - Dining in The Dark - an annual event to support the visually impaired.

Activity: (optional) We will eat lunch wearing blindfolds and experience vision loss through impaired vision simulators at each table.

Attire: Black and White

Lunch Menu: Tuscan Chicken, Salmon filet and Stuffed Shells marina, vegetables and delicious desserts

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health and Wellness: Lottery tickets or gift cards for SCC Woman's Club basket for the Seniors in Service annual event-"Dining in the Dark".

Upcoming Programs

October 17: Moffitt Center speaker will be talking about their new facility and what services they will offer.

Activity: (optional) Learn how to do self-examination for early detection.

Health and Wellness: Donate blankets, hats, seat belt covers, etc. for cancer patients.

Adopt a Lonely Senior – choose a bell tag to buy a gift for a senior this holiday season.

Attire: Pink and/or Green

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 September 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. Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee.

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

President:	Caroline D'Antonio
Director-at-Large	Virginia Kimball
Vice President:	Diane Alty
Treasurer	Marilyn Wright
Programs:	Joy Frisch
Publicity:	Patsie Ginley
Hospitality:	Lucille Flatt
Recording Secretary:	Linda Floyd
Corresponding Secretary:	Regina McCain
Membership Director	Carina Faneuf
Parliamentarian	Deanna St. John

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conservation:	Available
Education:	Carla Miles
Fundraising:	Shawna Wainright
Health & Wellness:	Shawna Wainright
Civic Outreach:	Daisy Vega
Meals on Wheels:	Karen Olgesby
Arts & Culture	Virginia Kimball
Communications:	Carina Faneuf
Welcoming:	Carol Kock



A Note from your Director At Large-Virginia Kimball

Here it is September, and it has been a busy summer for your Board and Committees. We have been making plans for programs and working on the Directory. We had three summer programs run by our Membership Director Carina Faneuf which were fun!

1. Monopoly Tournament
2. Emergency Squad-we learned of the vital services they offer to our community at no cost to us.
3. Program - What does It mean to age gracefully, by Ichell Davis from the Renaissance Center.

We also got to meet some new members.

What is GFWC? - This is "Our Mission Statement":

With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia and more than a dozen countries. GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, provide healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

September 5, 2024 Birthday Lunch

Thursday
September 5, 2024
12:00

APOLLO'S BISTRO,
6520 Richies way, Apollo
Beach, FL 33572

Call 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!



Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

GFWC SCCWC Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee. Our first Outreach was filling the Blessing Bags for the Homeless with Jean Beauvais, Susie Gill, Susan Royal and the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Outreach Committee.

Daisy Vega
Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee chair



Six GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club

Our environmentally conscious Arts & Culture members enjoyed visiting [Creative Junk Therapy](#), a non-profit, recycle and reuse center in Brandon which features art and craft studios, educational classes, galleries and an UPcycle gift shop. The Woman's Club members used their imaginations in making their own take-home crafts with smiles on their faces and more ideas on their club's recycling efforts.



Shawna, Carol, Rosita, Virginia, Caroline and Norma.



Environment Community Service



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Meeting:

First Wednesday of the month, September 4, 2024, 9:30 am in the Palm Room, 960B North Pebble Beach Dr. ,and Cherry Hills next to the Gazebo.

This will be a meet and greet planning meeting for the coming year. We are looking for a Committee Chairman.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Questions contact Virginia Kimball at 636-248-1887.





Environment Collection

Clean egg cartons (for the Security Patrol who donates them to the food pantry)

Clean aluminum pop tabs from soda cans/other canned goods (for a children hospital)

Yarn: Clean skeins of yarn to make blankets for CAHT survivors and lap blankets

Grocery Bags: Clean and folded flat.

Toilet paper rolls: Art project

Collection open for your gently used shoes (men, women, children) tied or rubber banded pairs (our ongoing Soles4souls campaign).

Your recycling efforts are always appreciated!!

Thank you!

September Birthdays

Angela	Maze
Carol	Burns
Diane	Lawrence
Joy	Frisch
Maria	Latoni-Cohn
Susie	Gill
Virginia	Kimball
Anne	Fagan
Susan	Silva
Kristin	Peterson





GFWC National Day of Service

The GFWC National Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024, and the focus, again, this year is food insecurity. To address food insecurity in our community, we have a few giving opportunities available.

Thursday, September 19th (Our meeting)– We will be having a “There’s Hope in Every Can” can drive to benefit the food pantry at Wimauma Elementary School. If you choose to bring a can, all items are greatly appreciated. The following canned items are in short supply currently: tomatoes, corn, meats, chicken, tuna, Spam, and beans – pinto, black, red, etc.

We, also, have two opportunities to give of our time to Our Lady’s Food Pantry:

Friday, September 27th – assisting with sorting and stocking items at the pantry. Two shifts will be available: 8 am to 10 am & 10 am to 12 pm.

Saturday, September 28th – assisting with stocking shelves, packing boxes, etc. Two shifts will be available: 6:15 am to 8:30 am and 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Each shift will be limited to 6.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for our giving opportunities, please call or text me at 813-407-9561. See you in September!

Diane Alty



Arts and Culture Committee Summer Happenings

Members in the Arts and Culture committee had fun visiting senior facility communities during the summer months helping seniors decorate personalized ceramic sand dollars.

We visited Inspired Living, Magnolia, and Freedom Plaza Assisted Living. "It was a joyful experience for them and our team."



Arts and Culture

We will have our first meeting on Thursday September 26th at the Community Hall Room 3, 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon.

Please bring thread and scissors for sewing pillows for C.A.H.T. We will also work on Christmas cards for our Over Sea's Military Men and Woman's and check the centerpieces for Oct. General Meeting. Bring your own drink and snack if you want. If you have any great plans for projects for the coming year I would love to hear them.

Do you have some nice cotton fabric you don't want it anymore I will take that to make more pillows, and we are also collecting yarn.

Thank you,
Virginia Kimball Chair



BUNCO

Want to learn a fun new game Bunco is a dice game. If you can throw 3 dice and match numbers, you can play. We collect \$5.00 exact change from each lady then we use that for the winnings for most Bunco's, Little Bunco's, Most Wins, Most Loses, and the person who has the Bunco Beanie Bear. Four plays at each table and the 2 losers leave and move on to the next table, it's a good way to meet new friends because each hand you have a new partner. We play in the Sandpiper Room on the 4th Wed., 9:30a.m. till 11:30a.m. which is September 25th and you don't have to be a Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc. member, so bring a friend. Everyone brings their own drink and snack to share if you want. Hope to see you there.

Virgina Kimball





Fall Fundraiser October 19, 2024

SPHERES

Bubble Show

As seen on America's Got Talent

'Bubbles, Bangles, and Bites'

Saturday, October 19

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1239 W. Del Webb Blvd

Doors open at 1:00, fundraiser event 2:00-4:00

Bubble Magic Show, Raffles, Silent Auction,

Bangles Jewelry Sale, Dessert Bites

\$30 tickets being sold at the Ladies Luncheon on Sept. 19

Cash, checks (payable to GFWC SCC Woman's Club)

or credit card +\$1 processing fee

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club fundraiser

Net proceeds benefit local charities

Contact info: sccwomansclubfund@gmail.com 302-740-4098



September Meals on Wheels

At our September monthly meeting, we will be starting to recruit volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels for December, when our club is responsible for delivering meals. Please check your calendars so you can sign up for your preferred dates. As a reminder, meals are picked up at the HCA hospital at 3:00 and delivered to either Sun City Center homes or Kings Point homes (your choice). The empty cooler and bag are returned to the hospital when you are done. Your help and support for this important community service is greatly appreciated.

The following are the number of meals delivered by volunteer drivers over the past few months:

May:	Redeemer Lutheran Church	491
June:	Trinity Baptist Church	399
July:	SCC Men's Club	438

Karen Oglesby
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"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." Erma Bombeck

September 2024

September 1	World Alzheimer's month
September 2	Labor Day
September 5	First Thursday Birthday Lunch at Apollo Beach Bistro
September 5	National Never be Late for Something Day
September 8	Grandparents Day
September 11	Patriots Day
September 19	Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
September 20	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 21	International Day of Peace
September 25	Bunco Virginia Kimball
September 27	Day of Service Day 1-Diane Alty
September 28	GFWC National Day of Service
September 29	World Heart Day

October 2024

October 1	Breast Awareness Month
October 3	First Thursday Birthday Lunch
October 5	World Teacher's Day
October 10	World Mental Health Day
October 14	Columbus Day & Native American Day
October 17	Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting
October 19	Sweetest Day
October 19	Fall Fundraiser Bubbles, Bangles and Bites
October 23	Bunco
October 24	Arts & Culture-Virginia Kim
October 31	Halloween

"In a world where one-third of all edible food never makes it to the mouths of the hungry, we all have an individual moral responsibility to do our part."

~Madeleine Albright