

# GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club

September 2025

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## THE CHATTERBOX

*Reporting News and Events for Our Members*



### President's Pen



☀️ Can you believe how quickly summer has flown by? September is here, and with it comes a fresh season of fun, learning, and connection! I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine and are ready to dive into the wonderful Fall activities Joy Frisch and her committee have planned for us this year.

✨ Let's give a big, cheerful welcome to our new Board members: Co-Vice Presidents **Leslie Aiken** and **Susie Gill**, Civic Engagement Chair **Karen Begg**, Welcoming Chair **Janet Hoffman**, and **Valesca Lopez-Brown**, who will be celebrating birthdays with us. We're so grateful to each of them for stepping into these leadership roles. At the same time, let's extend heartfelt thanks to our retiring Board members **Diane Alty**, **Daisy Vega**, **Carol Groce**, and **Nancy Mercer** for their dedication and service.

🎉 Summer may be winding down, but our club never slowed down! We kept the fun going with birthday lunches, monthly Bunko games, and Carina Faneuf's informal summer meetups. In June, we welcomed a speaker from Care Access, who taught us about six major diseases that can be tested for free through their program. In July, volunteers from the Emergency Squad presenting: How to prevent Falls, and we wrapped up the summer with pizza, ice cream, and plenty of games!

📺 A huge thank-you goes to **Virginia Kimball**, who once again collected and delivered over **1,000 school supplies**—1,041, to be exact! The children's smiles and heartfelt "thank you's" made it all worthwhile.

🌻 Our members also represented us proudly at GFWC events throughout the summer. In June, **Linda Floyd**, **Patsie Ginley**, and I attended the Robert's Rules of Order workshop. In July, **Virginia Kimball** and I headed to Day Spring Camp to learn more about GFWC projects. And in August, **Leslie** and I joined the District 8 Meeting for Presidents and Vice Presidents.

💜 Mark your calendars: **September 27th** is the GFWC Day of Service, focusing on **Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention**. **Shawna Wainright** and **Virginia Kimball** are coordinating our partnership with C.A.H.T., and volunteers will be needed to help fill backpacks.

🎲 And get ready—our first big fundraiser of the year is coming up! **Triple Crown Bingo** will be held **Friday, October 3rd, from 2–4 pm at Community Hall**. There will be fantastic prizes and a **Grand Cash Prize** you won't want to miss!

🌸 As we step into this new club year, I look forward to seeing you at our luncheon meetings, fundraisers, and so many other gatherings—Arts & Culture, Environment, Bunko, and birthday lunches. Together, we'll make it a year to remember.

Caroline D'Antonio

September 18, 2025

**AGENDA**

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

**Inspira**

Luiz Gaona, owner of Southshore Bilingual Therapy, Inc., has launched a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called Inspira. The mission of Inspira is to ensure that at-risk and neurodivergent children—including those with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, or developmental delays—receive essential services at no cost

**Attire:** Blue

Lunch Menu: Tuscan Chicken, Braised beef short ribs and Butter Crumb Cod, vegetables and delicious desserts

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Health and Wellness: Campaign Against Human Trafficking/C.A.H.T.** We are collecting pretty writing journals and decorative pens (Dollar Tree or Walmart) These will be donated to C.A.H.T. in late September for the survivors' backpacks. Your contribution will make a difference in the healing process for these survivors.

| SCC Woman's Club Officers 2024-2026 |                    | SCC Woman's Club Committee Chairs |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                           | Caroline D'Antonio | Arts & Culture                    | Virginia Kimball   |
| Co Vice Pres.                       | Leslie Aiken       | Environment                       | Leann Maurer       |
| Co Vice Pres.                       | Susie Gill         | Education                         | Carla Miles        |
| Director at Large                   | Virginia Kimball   | Communications                    | Carina Faneuf      |
| Treasurer                           | Mary Starrett      | Civic Outreach                    | Karen Begg         |
| Hospitality                         | Lucille Flatt      | Civic Outreach                    | Diane Alty         |
| Programs                            | Joy Frisch         | Fundraising                       | Shawna Wainright   |
| Publicity                           | Patsie Ginley      | Health & Wellness                 | Shawna Wainright   |
| Recording Secretary                 | Linda Floyd        | Welcoming                         | Janet Hoffman      |
| Corresponding Secretary             | Regina McCain      | Meals on Wheels                   | Karen Oglesby      |
| Parliamentarian                     | Deanna St. John    | Directory                         | Caroline D'Antonio |
| Memberships                         | Carina Faneuf      |                                   |                    |

**Luncheon Reservation Policy**

All members attending a regular meeting that includes lunch are required to make reservations in advance, whether eating, not eating or bringing your lunch.

- By email  
**suncitywomansclub@gmail.com**, or
- By phone or text to the Hospitality Chairperson  
**Lucille Flatt 973-288-4136**

**Lunch Cost: \$20**

Please note: All reservation requests will get a confirmation. If you do not get a response by the cutoff date, **Sunday September 14. 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.



## Monthly Birthday Lunch

Club members meet once a month at various local restaurants to celebrate birthdays. You don't need to be a member of the SCC Woman's Club or be celebrating a birthday to join us—everyone is welcome! To attend, please make a reservation with Valesca Lopez-Brown by texting or calling (909) 499-9885. The luncheon takes place on the **1st Thursday of each month**. You'll order from the restaurant's menu and pay for your own meal at the time. Cancellations are accepted at any time, but advance notice is appreciated since we make restaurant reservations. This is a great chance to introduce the Woman's Club to your friends!

**Contact: Valesca Lopez-Brown email: [vlpezclass71@gmail.com](mailto:vlpezclass71@gmail.com) phone: (909) 499-9885**

## October 2, 2025 Birthday Lunch

Where:

El Rodeo  
1110 N U.S. Hwy 41,  
Ruskin, FL 33570  
[\(813\) 680-3455](tel:(813)680-3455)

Time: Noon

<https://elrodeomexicangrillandbar.com/>

Finns, 09/04/2025



Come  
join the  
fun with  
some  
great  
ladies!

Please contact Valesca Lopez-Brown to let her know you are coming and if you are bringing a guest.  
Phone: (909) 499-9885



Director at Large  
Virginia Kimball

I attended the GFWC Florida Leadership Camp July 19, 2025 in Camp Day Spring, Parrish Florida

#### Breakout Session #1 Key Aspects of Effective Communications

Clarity: The message should be easy to understand.

Conciseness: The message should be brief to the point.

Completeness: The message should all the contain all the necessary information for the recipient to understand.

Correctness: Be accurate and truthful.

Consideration: Consider the audience's perspective.

Active Listening to the other person's perspective.

Feedback Receiving feedback is crucial to ensure the message was understood.

Nonverbal Communications; Paying attention to body language, tone of voice, facial expressions.

Context: Providing context helps the recipient understand the

Improved Relationships: Communication fosters and strengthens relationships in personal and professional settings.

Increased Productivity; Clear communication reduces errors, errors, improves teamwork and enhances efficiency.

Goal Achievement: When individuals and teams communicate they are more likely to achieve their goals.

#### Breakout #2 Succession Planning Timeline Jan.-Feb. Start Conversation

March-April Opportunities to Explore Leadership

May-June Identify and Encourage members to Step Forward

July-Aug. Prepare and Support

Sept-Oct. Welcome New Leaders Big and Small

Nov.-Dec. Celebrate and Transition Together

#### Breakout#3

1. Identify Key Roles and Responsibilities
2. Spot and Engage Potential Leaders Early
3. Create a Leadership Development Pathway
4. Communicate the Vision and Value
5. Evaluate and Adjust

Afternoon Speakers: Candy Jackson, Joyce Mathisen, Jolie Frankfurth, Dianne Foerster, Laura Connelly, Dana Montenieri, Lisa Klatt

I enjoyed Camp, had fun, ate good food, made new friends and learned great things from the GFWC officers.

Virginia Kimball Director -at-Large



## Environment Community Service



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### October Meeting:

First Wednesday of the month, October 1, 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.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there.  
Questions contact Leanna Maurer.

[lokemup88@aol.com](mailto:lokemup88@aol.com)

(410) 271-8700







## 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.

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

June Wallace

Carol Burns

Diane Lawrence

Joy Frisch

Susie Gill

Linda Floyd

Anne Fagan

Susan Silva

Kristin Peterson

Kathy Craft



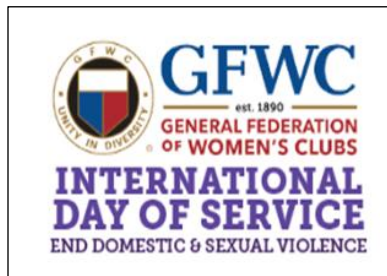


## GFWC National Day of Service

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is united in its Dedication to community service. The 2025 GFWC International Day of Service is scheduled on **Saturday, September 27**, to help end domestic and sexual violence across the U.S. and internationally. We are looking for 10 members to help us place items in Human Trafficking Survivor Backpacks.

We are meeting in **Room 3 of the Community Hall at 9:30am**. Team instructions will be given that day. Many hands make light work.

Please sign up at the Ladies General Meeting Luncheon In September 18, 2025.



### Fundraising Committee

Love having fun *and* making a difference? Join the Fundraising Committee! Together we plan and organize the Club's two big fundraising events each year—one in the fall and one in the spring. Committee members connect with local businesses to secure sponsorships, raffle prizes, auction items, and refreshment donations. On event day, the team adds the finishing touches with colorful décor that makes the room sparkle and the event unforgettable.


*Chair: Shawna Wainright – shawna.wainright@gmail.com*

 **Join us and be part of the excitement that keeps our Club thriving!**

### Health & Wellness Committee

If you enjoy helping others, this is the place for you! Volunteers greet members at the Health & Wellness table before lunch, collect donations, and keep track of items for each month's chosen charity. You'll be amazed by the generosity of our members—and feel proud knowing you're helping to bring comfort and care to those in need.

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 **Step in, lend a hand, and feel the joy of making a real difference!**



## New Members who joined from May to September

Please welcome back

Joanne Principo and

Rosemary Leist

Please welcome our newest members

Marilyn Leist

Laura Ann Simpson

Renu Ames

Shirley Munch

Carmen-Nydia Olmeda

Maria Hodge



## 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 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 24th, 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.

Virginia Kimball







## Fall Fundraiser October 03, 2024

# TRIPLE CROWN BINGO

## Three Games to Win or Win all Three Games

Regular Bingo, Music Bingo, and Flamingo Bingo



**Fri. October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 to 4:00pm, Doors open at 1:00**

SCC Community Hall, 1901 S. Pebble Beach Blvd.

*BYO Daubers, drinks and snacks but refreshments will be provided*

**\$20 per person - 12 games and entertainment**

**Prizes Galore and Cash Grand Prize**

**Proceeds Benefit GFWC SCC Woman's Club, Inc. 501©3 organization**

ORDER TIX: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/triple-crown-bingo-fall-fundraiser>.



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## Meals on Wheels

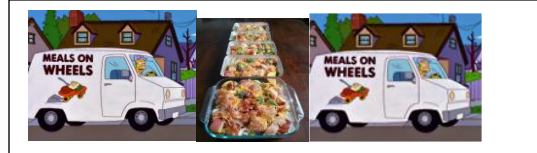
Meals on Wheels delivers a hot meal to any resident of Sun City Center or Kings Point who would like this service. The cost is \$7.50 per meal and meals are delivered 365 days a year. Some recipients have a meal delivered daily, some several times a week, and others use the service for a short time while they are recovering from an illness or surgery. Woman's Club started this service locally over 50 years ago, and now it is a joint effort between Woman's Club, Samaritan Services, and the hospital. Every month, a different organization or club recruits volunteer drivers to deliver meals, filling about 112 driver slots each month.

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

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| June: Trinity Baptist Church | 568 |
| July: SCC Men's Club         | 493 |
| August: Rotary Club          | 484 |

As chairperson, I am responsible for checking in with each monthly coordinator, sending out paperwork, contacting and signing up any substitute volunteers, and providing ongoing support for monthly coordinators. In addition, as our club is responsible for delivering meals in December, I work with club members and substitutes to sign up as drivers, check in on daily needs with Samaritan Services, send out reminders, and troubleshoot as needed. We will start sign-ups for December drivers at our October meeting.

I am actively seeking someone willing to serve as a co-chair, especially to help in December. It is a rewarding position, and we will work together. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at (413)-522-0190. Karen Olgesby



## In Loving Memory of Our Volunteers

We pause to remember and honor the dedicated members of our Club who have given their time, talents, and hearts in service to others. Their generosity and commitment enriched our community and left a legacy of kindness that will never be forgotten.

Though they are no longer with us, their spirit of volunteerism continues to inspire us all. We are grateful for their friendship, leadership, and the lasting impact they made through their service.

May their memory be a blessing, and may we carry forward the light they shared with us.

**Bernice Levine** – A devoted member for over 20 years, Bernice shared her kindness and dedication generously, leaving a lasting mark on all who knew her.

**Angela Maze** – A member since 2012, Angela served in many roles, including as President. Her leadership, grace, and tireless volunteer spirit continue to inspire us. Both women will be deeply missed and forever remembered for their many volunteer hours, their service, and their friendship.



"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 2025

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| September 1         | World Alzheimer's month                           |
| <b>September 1</b>  | <b>Labor Day</b>                                  |
| <b>September 4</b>  | <b>First Thursday Birthday Lunch at Finns</b>     |
| September 5         | National Never be Late for Something Day          |
| September 7         | Grandparents Day                                  |
| September 11        | Patriots Day                                      |
| <b>September 18</b> | <b>Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting</b> |
| <b>September 20</b> | National POW/MIA Recognition Day                  |
| September 21        | International Day of Peace                        |
| <b>September 24</b> | <b>Bunco Virginia Kimball</b>                     |
| <b>September 27</b> | <b>GFWC National Day of Service</b>               |

## October 2025

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| October 1         | Breast Awareness Month                            |
| <b>October 2</b>  | <b>First Thursday Birthday Lunch</b>              |
| <b>October 3</b>  | <b>Triple Crown Bingo our fall fundraiser</b>     |
| <b>October 5</b>  | <b>World Teacher's Day</b>                        |
| October 10        | World Mental Health Day                           |
| October 11        | Columbus Day & Native American Day                |
| <b>October 16</b> | <b>Sun City Center Woman's Club Lunch Meeting</b> |
| October 19        | Sweetest Day                                      |
| <b>October 22</b> | <b>Bunco</b>                                      |
| <b>October 23</b> | <b>Arts &amp; Culture-Virginia Kimball</b>        |
| <b>October 31</b> | <b>Halloween</b>                                  |

*"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." – DeAnn Hollis*