



THE CHATTERBOX

GFWC SUN CITY CENTER WOMAN'S CLUB

May 2026

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Members,

As my term as President comes to a close, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for your dedication, generosity, and unwavering support of the GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc. It has truly been an honor to serve alongside an Inspiring group of women who give so generously of their time talents and resources.

Together we have accomplished so much - as a service organization. Strengthening friendships, supporting our community through donating to food pantries ,visiting senior centers, helping local schools with supplies and food, supporting the Hope Fund with Holiday gifts for children , Campaign Against Human trafficking and many more.

Our programs informed us about helping children with autism, the Carnival World Museum. Crime and Fraud in our community, gardening , creating a charcuterie board, the annual GFWC Art and Craft Competition, a visit by Jennifer Epstein from Fox 13 TV and remembering the Titanic . All made possible by the talent and cooperation of so many of you.

I am deeply thankful to everyone who helped with this year's two fundraising events , Triple Crown Bingo and Eggstravaganza which along with a donation from The Tampa Bay Foundation make it possible for our club to give grants this year totaling about \$ 20,000.

As I pass the gavel to our incoming President Virginia Kimball, I do so with great confidence in the future of our organization.

Thank you to my Board and all members for making this year so special. I look forward to all that we will continue to achieve in the year ahead .

With heartfelt appreciation,
Caroline D'Antonio



**May 21, 2026,
MEETING AGENDA**

**Community Hall
1910 S Pebble Beach**

Attire: Red, White and Blue

Sign-in and Social 11:00

Opening/Business Meeting 11:30

Luncheon 12:00

Program 12:45

**Installation of new officers,
with musician Dave Olgesby**



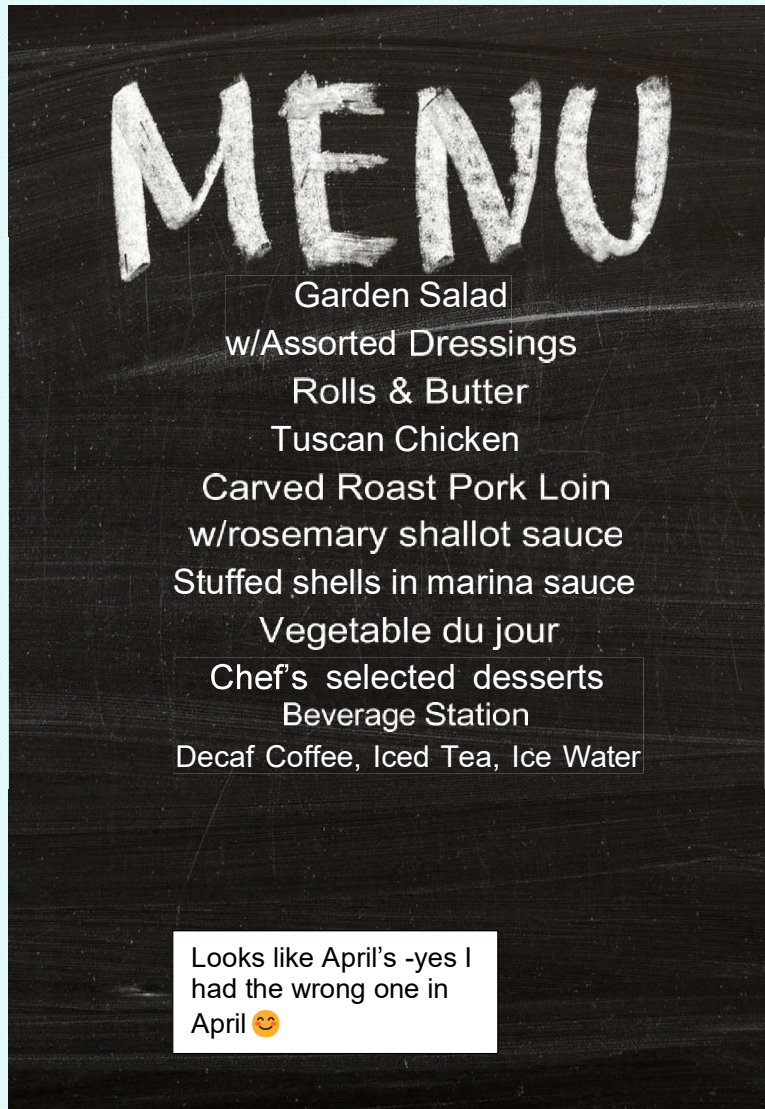
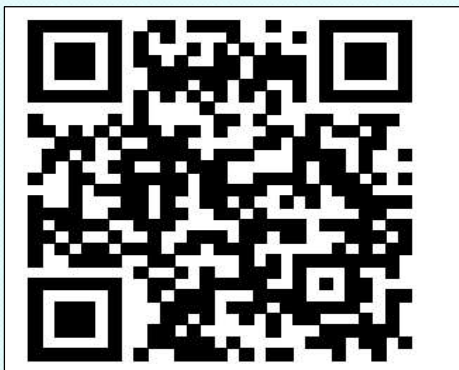
Meeting Reservations

Required

see page 14 for

revised guidelines.

Email Hospitality:



SCC Emergency Squad puts our club on the billboard(Thank Shawna)

Meeting Recap- April 2026

Remembering the Titanic Luncheon April 16

Our April's general meeting luncheon was a tremendous success! We had 50+ non-member guests and 50+ members attend. We enjoyed Banquet Masters catered lunch, and live guitar music by Dave Oglesby. On display were replica memorabilia from the Titanic such as First, Second- and Third-class table setting China and glassware, books, gloves, jewelry, posters, the 'Rose' doll and collection outfits, and a sequin gown from Divine Thrift Shop. Jeanne Naish presented a Titanic slide show and, as an actress, portrayed Charlotte Collier, a Titanic survivor. (You couldn't hear a pin drop; however I did hear a few sniffles.) The luncheon brought history to life and was quite memorable.



During our April Titanic themed luncheon, we asked people to bring in a non-perishable food item. We were incredibly grateful for the generous outpouring of donations, which amounted to over \$1,400. These food items will be used for the Wimauma Elementary and Lady of Guadalupe food pantry. We are very grateful for your generosity to help our local neighbors.



Delivering donated items to the Wimauma Pantry. They are very appreciative for all the donations.



Civic Engagement – Diane Alty & Karen Begg, Co-Chairs

GFWC Florida is actively supporting fundraising for the National Coast Guard Museum, currently under construction in New London, Connecticut. This important project honors more than 232 years of Coast Guard service, including the men and women who safeguard Florida’s 1,300+ miles of shoreline—second only to Alaska. GFWC Florida sent thank you notes to our Coast Guardsman and Guardswomen at Air Station Clearwater, Air Station Miami and Air Station Jacksonville.

A Brief History Highlight

Women have served in the U.S. Coast Guard since 1918, beginning as lighthouse keepers. During WWII, more than 10,000 women joined the SPARs (Semper Paratus—Always Ready), serving under military authority in essential roles led by Commanding Officer Dorothy C. Stratton. After their honorable service ended in 1946, women were fully integrated into the Coast Guard in 1973 and allowed to serve aboard vessels by 1977.

Today, women continue to break barriers—serving alongside men in all roles and earning opportunities, including scholarships to attend the Coast Guard Academy—carrying forward a proud legacy of dedication and service.

For more info check out the website: <https://cgmuseumassociation.org/>



Director at Large Virginia Kimball

Hello Ladies,

May is here and we have so many things to celebrate.

Cinco de Mayo a party with games, food and drinks.

Mother's Day when we honor our mothers and her children-shower her with gifts and cards.

Memorial Day may we never forget our veterans who gave everything to protect our country during many wars and peacetime.

Let's celebrate all our teachers for all the time they work to help children learn.

We remember all our members for their good deeds for the past club year and helping our community.

Safe travels to our snowbirds, see you next winter.

With the installation of new Directors, chairs and committees we will have a busy summer planning next year's program, the new Directory, Fundraisers, Projects and Budget.

Bunco and Birthday Lunches will continue this summer, and Carina is planning some Lunch and Learn events.

I recently attended a District 8 meeting with Patsie Ginley in San Antonio, Fl. Where we meet our new District Director Judy Quail, Junior Director Tamica Thomas-Simpson, Jr.

We learned of a few new changes about the Club Presidents Brag, flyers or advertisements about our club will have a special board and table to place them but not on eating tables. Their theme is Artists of Kindness, Paining Dreams, Creating Hope.

District 8 is the largest district in Fl. With 27 clubs covering 3 Counties.

The next meeting is June 6 in Land O'Lakes, Lunch and breakfast is \$32.00 if you want to attend give Mary Starrett a check made out to our club, and she will send in a check from our club by May 21st. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Virginia Kimball



Leanna Maurer

The Environmental Committee is looking into other community projects. If anyone has any suggestions for future potential projects, please feel free to share them. My email address is Lokemup88@aol.com or send me a text 410-271-8700.

All about Armadillos

Shawna Wainright was kind enough to share a couple of articles with me about Armadillos. It was funny that I had armadillo on my lanai about a month ago. He hid himself between my house wall and the Tiki Bar. I obviously have a torn screen around my pool cage. I was thankful that my dog only examined it and moved on since armadillos can carry leprosy. It can also affect humans. At the time I did not know what kind of armadillo it was, but I learned the only armadillo found in the state of Florida, and the rest of North America, is the nine-banded armadillo. Since these animals are active at night, I realized that the unfortunate creature must have been stuck on my lanai for a while when I found it around noon. I just opened the screen door and left him. He departed after spending several hours there.

I know that Armadillos can be pests at times. They are foragers and dig with their sharp claws to find worms, bugs, and seeds. They also eat snakes, lizards, and fruit. Our Floridian Armadillos have poor eyesight. Their thick armor does not make them invincible. Larger animals such as Coyotes, large birds, Cougars, Black Bears and Alligators are predators. Armadillos always have four live offspring per birth. Newborns are at risk since their armor stays thin for several weeks after they are born. So, they stay with their mother until completely developed. I find Armadillos fascinating because they are such unusual looking creatures.

We are collecting Campbell Soup labels for the Wimauma Elementary. We are no longer collecting paper towel/toilet paper rolls. The food pantry cannot use the clear egg cartons. Thank you



Shawna Wainright

GFWC SCC Woman's Club

Fall Fundraiser

FUNDRAISING -

Mark your calendars for Friday afternoon on October 9 for our next exciting fundraiser! A national entertainer is on the agenda to perform for us.

The artist's intro -

Walking past an Atlanta shop, I glanced in the store window and stopped cold. For a moment I thought I spotted an old friend inside. Ten years had passed, yet her sleek, slender curves were familiar and enticing. Staring at my once-constant companion, I whispered, "I will always love you" as I caressed my_____.

Who am I ?





*Shawna
Wainright*

The Health and Wellness Team collecting:

Health and Wellness

Don't let kids feel sad this summer. We are collecting outdoor toys, kids' books, summer snacks, new kids sandals, and school supplies. These items will be delivered to the Ruskin Elementary School in mid-May.

As always, thank you for your kindness. Shawna

Important - Please note

If you bring items for donation, please fill out the **IN-KINDSLIP** located on the donation table:

- fill in who is recipient
- fill out the value on with the amount

This does not apply to egg cartons, eyeglasses etc. If you were lucky enough to buy it on sale or a BOGO, it would be the total value, not what you paid.

This will greatly help with reporting.
Thank you.

*Artists of Kindness
Painting Dreams
Creating Hope*



GFWC District 8 Spring Workshop Meeting

**Saturday June 6, 2026
The Groves Golf and Country Club
7924 Melogold Circle
Land O'Lakes, Fl. 34637**

**Judy Quail, DD
Tamica Thomas-Simpson**



10:00-2:00 Doors Open @ 9:00

Donation: \$30+ \$2 registration

Registration: Barbara Booth

1518 Touchton Road

Lutz, Fl. 33549

lutz.bb@verizon.net

Checks: GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes WC

Please Send by : May 22nd

**Please donate an Opportunity Basket from
your Club, to help defray District expenses.**

Bragtime

**Will be a 1 minute report on your favorite Outreach Project
and how it impacted your community!**

Please make a copy for the Secretary

We are consistently promoting our GFWC SCC Woman's Club by creating a colorful display in the SCC Atrium Showcase window.

Please stop by now through the end of May and take a photo.



Membership

Carina Faneuf

Please welcome our new members 2026-2027:

Yvonne Diedrick
Joanne Kerr
Patricia Jowers
Welcome Ladies!!



Kimberly Ransom, Sheryl Larkins, Caroline, Susan Jobson, Carina, and Ladonna Dent

May Birthday Ladies

Lynn Conlan
Susan Jobson
Edna May Fleming
Shirley Munch
Diane Alty
Arlene Latimour
Ronda O'Farrell
Susan Royal
Patti Rapach
Gina Zacharko

Two April Ladies(sorry)
Diana Sheppard
Deb Perian

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MAY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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May 7 Birthday Lunch Keke's
 May 14 Board Meeting
 May 21 Lunch/Meeting
 May 25 Memorial Day
 May 27 Bunco 9:30-11:30 AM Sandpiper Room

May 21st meeting will be installing the new GFWC SCC Woman Club board for 2026-2027.
 President: Virginia Kimball
 Vice President: Shawna Wainright
 Treasurer: Mary Starrett
 Director of Programs: Patricia Rapach
 Hospitality Director: Lucille Flatt
 Director of Publicity: Patsie Ginley
 Membership Director: Carina Faneuf
 Corresponding Secretary: Linda Floyd
 Recording Secretary: Karen Olgesby
 Director at Large: Caroline D'Antonio

LUNCHEON RESERVATION POLICY

MEETING RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

- Reservations for members and guest **MUST** be made in advance - this applies whether you are eating, not eating, or bringing your own lunch.
- Reservation must be made no later than Sunday night by midnight before the Thursday General Meeting.
- If you need to cancel your reservation, you must cancel by the Sunday before the Thursday meeting.
- **For reservations or cancellations:**
Email: suncitywomansclub@gmail.com
- All reservation requests will be confirmed. If you do not get a response by the cutoff date, you do not have a reservation.
- Standing reservations can be made by calling the Hospitality Director, Lucille Flatt (973) 288-4136
- **No-Show Policy:** 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 stated above, will be required to reimburse the Club for the cost incurred within 30 days or no further monthly meal reservations will be accepted until payment is received. A member in arrears may not renew her membership until payment is received.
- **COST:** \$20 for buffet, dessert and gratuity included. Entrees will be announced each month in the Club newsletter.
- **Payment:** Checks are the preferred method of payment. If you pay cash, please provide the correct amount. If you pay by credit card, a 3% service fee will be added to the payment.
- If you come with no reservation, you will not be able to partake of the lunch buffet. However, you are welcome to bring your own lunch and utensils and stay and enjoy the program.
- **Food must be consumed at the event.** In Florida, state health regulations, particularly under the food hygiene rule 64E-11, generally prohibit customers from taking home leftovers from a catered event. This is to prevent food safety issues, as food often sits out for hours, falling below safe temperatures (41°F or higher for hot food)