



THE CHATTERBOX

GFWC SUN CITY CENTER WOMAN'S CLUB

September 2026

Editor: Carina

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Back, Ladies!

I hope everyone enjoyed some vacation time this summer with family and friends, whether here in Sun City Center or away. My summer was more of a staycation while I recovered from shoulder surgery and physical therapy. I am doing well now and looking forward to another wonderful year of club meetings, interesting speakers, community service, and friendship.

We had **three Lunch & Learn programs** this summer, organized by our Membership Director, **Carina Faneuf**, and they were all fun and well attended. Because of their success, Carina has decided to continue the program throughout the year in the evenings under a new name: **Dine & Discover**.

Dine & Discover will be held from **6:00–9:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month** in the **Eberhardt Room, behind Lawn Bowling**. These casual evenings will give members and guests another opportunity to learn something new, enjoy good company, and introduce others to our Woman's Club.

We also have an exciting year ahead, including **two major fundraisers planned for October and March**.

On August 29, I attended the **District 8 Meeting for Presidents and Vice Presidents**. This year's theme was:

“Believe in the Magic by Painting Dreams, Creating Hope.”

I will also be attending the **GFWC Florida Fall Board Meeting in Orlando, September 18–20**. The theme is **“Find Your Spot in Federation — Sound the Alarm!”** The weekend will include inspiring speakers, timely topics, hands-on workshops, and many opportunities to connect with other GFWC members from throughout Florida.

GFWC Florida President **Terry Reese's President's Project, “Fired Up for Firefighters,”** will raise funds for scholarships and essential equipment for the Florida State Fire College.

On **September 29**, I will attend a **South Shore Chamber of Commerce meeting** at the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin. This will be a great opportunity to meet representatives from other nonprofit organizations and continue building relationships within our community.

You will also soon be seeing many of our members wearing our new **Royal Blue GFWC club shirts!** There are several styles and decorating options available through **Flip Flop Embroidery Shoppe**, including rhinestones, screen printing, DTF printing, and embroidery. If you need assistance placing an order, please see **Carina**.

September — Mark Your Calendar!

September 2

Environment Club — 9:30 a.m., Palm Room

September 3

Birthday Lunch — 12:00 noon, Beef 'O' Brady's in Riverview

September 10

Board Meeting — 9:30 a.m., Sandpiper Room

September 14

Fundraising Committee Meeting — Security Patrol 11 am to Noon

September 14

Gather & Discover — New Members 6:00 p.m., Eberhardt Room

September 17

Monthly Woman's Club Meeting — Community Hall

September 18–20

GFWC Florida Fall Board Meeting — Orlando

September 23

Bunco — 9:30 a.m., Sandpiper Room

September 24

Arts & Culture — 9:30 a.m., Community Hall, Room 3

September 26 — GFWC Day of Service

Our focus will be GFWC's Signature Program: **Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.**

We will be working with **C.A.H.T.** to help prepare backpacks and will also provide **Heart Pillows and sunglasses.**

We only need **six ladies to volunteer.** If you can help, please text or call **Shawna.**

September 29

South Shore Chamber of Commerce — 9:00 a.m.

As we begin another club year, please remember that your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you have concerns, recommendations, or something you would like to see our **GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club** accomplish, please let me know.

I am looking forward to serving you as your President and, most importantly, being your **FRIEND.**

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Virginia Kimball

President

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club

September 17, 2026

MEETING AGENDA

**Community Hall
1910 S Pebble Beach**

Sign-in and Social 11:00

Opening/Business Meeting 11:30

Luncheon 12:00

Program 12:45

Lions, Tigers and Bears

Program: Elmira's Wildlife Sanctuary in Parrish is a non-profit organization supported solely by members, donors, private contributions and volunteers. Their spokesperson will speak to us about their mission to provide loving care, to exotic and wild animals in need of shelter and food. *Our second speaker, Cecilia Arrelano, Director of Operations from the Lord's Lighthouse, will educate us briefly on their ministry in Wimauma.

Health and Wellness (optional): Help us show our support by helping feed and protect Elmira's animals.
Dawn dish soap (refill size), Clorox bleach (plain, no low splash or scented), Liquid laundry soap, no fancy scents, just regular detergent, paper towels, 13-gallon kitchen trash bags, Deli disposable gloves, plain hose nozzles, Hydracare Azovast, Tamarind pods, oranges, tangerine, berries. Any in season/on sale fruits and vegetables, strawberries, blueberries, carrots, apples, bananas, melons, eggs, mangoes, papaya, peaches, nectarines, dates, corn, grapes, spinach and unsalted nuts. Listed on their website Elmira's Wildlife Sanctuary.org is their Amazon wish list. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Attire: Royal Blue



**Meeting Reservations Required
(Eating or not eating) by
September 13, 2026**

**See pg. 17 for reservations
guidelines.**

★ **NEVER FORGET TO RSVP
AGAIN!** ★

Make a Standing Reservation

Sign up **once for the entire year** and your spot will be reserved for each monthly meeting—no need to RSVP every month!

Plans change? No problem!

Just cancel your reservation before the **Sunday night deadline.**

 **Sign Up Today**

Email Hospitality at:

suncitywomansclub@gmail.com

Summer Fun and Learning

Membership Lunch n Learn

Our First Lunch & Learn of the Summer

Our first **Lunch & Learn**, held on June 18th, featured a very special guest—**Martha Washington!**

Martha, along with her narrator, shared fascinating and intimate details about the lives of George and Martha Washington, giving us a wonderful glimpse into the personal side of our nation's first First Family.

A big shout-out to our talented members **Denise Fleck**, who beautifully portrayed Martha Washington, our nation's first First Lady, and **Eileen Eacker**, who created the program and served as narrator.

Thank you both for making this such an enjoyable and memorable program for our members and guests!

One of our special guests was Sarah Peacock, who was running for Circuit Judge in the August 18 primary election and went on to win the position by an overwhelming margin. Sarah also shared highlights from her legal career, including six years of service with the Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office.



July 15 Lunch n Learn

Things Can Change on a Dime!

Master Deputy Jeffrey Merry was scheduled to be our guest speaker, but an emergency kept him from attending. Fortunately, Sun City Center Security Patrol Chief Bob Smith answered our call and came over in record time to help us out!

Chief Bob gave a thorough and informative presentation on Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs) and golf carts. We learned that if a vehicle can travel over 20 mph, it is considered an LSV and must be properly registered in the State of Florida.

The Sun City Center Security Patrol is always looking for volunteers. You can serve as a driver or dispatcher, with only a three-hour-per-month commitment. Patrol volunteers provide valuable services to our community, including home wellness checks, assistance with Silver Alerts, and serving as the “eyes and ears” of Sun City Center.

If you are interested in volunteering, call **813-633-2020** or stop by the Security Patrol office.

A very special **thank you to Chief Bob Smith** for answering our call and stepping in at the last minute. You truly came to our rescue and gave our members and guests a wonderful program!

July 15th Lunch and Learn cont.

We were also pleased to have two of our **Platinum Sponsors** join us for the program.

Steven Jones with More Hands to Help-843-276-7601 was on hand to share the many ways he can make life a little easier. From helping with computers and phones to organizing closets and garages, pet walking/sitting, Steven is ready to tackle those everyday tasks that sometimes become overwhelming.

No job is too small—or too big! We are grateful to Steven and More Hands to Help for their generous support of the Sun City Center Woman's Club.

Hightower Dermatology

Kelsy Pathegyl gave a presentation on the different stages of skin cancer, what to look for on your skin, using sunscreen and or wearing wide brim hats will help with avoiding the harmful sun rays. They came with skincare gifts for all who attended. I will have several 20% off coupons for your next cosmetic appointment, you can pick up at the next meeting. Phone: 813-634-1484.

August 20, 2026

Pizza, Games and Ice Cream

We enjoyed pizza, games, and plenty of laughter, followed by a sweet treat! Norma Ebner and Lucille Flatt had the scoop on the ice cream and all the delicious toppings. This fun-filled event will return every August-a wonderful way to relax, have fun, and make new friends.



A special Thank you to Norma who donated the ice cream and toppings, our very own Ice Cream Queen 😊

Lunch & Learn Is Becoming Gather & Discover!

Our popular **Lunch & Learn** is expanding into a **year-round social event** with a new name—**Gather & Discover!**

Beginning in September, we will meet on the **second Monday of each month from 6:00–9:00 p.m.** Most events will be held in the **Eberhardt Room**, although some months may take us to another location for a special program or outing.

Dine & Discover will be a relaxed evening of friendship, fun, learning, and connection. Depending on the program, food may include light bites, finger foods, refreshments, or other treats.

Coming Up:

September 14 – New Member Welcome Night

A special evening for members who have joined within the last 3–4 years and would like to learn more about our club, our programs, and all the ways to get involved. **Reservations are required** so we can plan and order enough food.

October 12 – SCC Emergency Squad teaches us about CPR and the AED. Noncertification, however she will take information for those that wish to be certified.

November 9 – Local Brew Company

We will meet off-site at Fresh Brew for a special Gather & Discover evening.

December 14 – Christmas Celebration

Holiday punch, sweets, and fun games! Location to be announced.

January 11 – Scams & Fraud

Deputy Jeffrey Merry will share valuable information on recognizing and protecting yourself from scams and fraud.

February 8 – TBD

Details to come.

March 8 – TBD

Details to come.

April 12 – Special Program/Outing.

May 10 – TBD

We Need Your Ideas!

Do you have a program idea, know an interesting speaker, or have a place you think we should visit? We would love to hear from you!

I would also like to form a **Membership Team** to help create new ideas and events that will attract prospective members, welcome new members, and strengthen our club. The team would also assist with planning **Gather & Discover** programs and meet regularly to help turn our ideas into fun and successful events. I have reserved the SCC Security Patrol social room for the 2nd Thursday. The first meeting will be October 8 from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm looking forward to another year of **fun, friendship, and discovering something new together!**

Contact: Carina

Email: sccwcmembership@gmail.com

Phone: 727-510-0123 or 813-658-8105(text only)



Civic Engagement –Karen Begg, (repost)

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/>



Summer Fun with the Fireman of Station 28



GFWC SCC Woman's Club Members Meet Hot Hunks at the Fire Station

On June 23, GFWC SCC Woman's Club members visited the Hillsborough County Fire Station 28 in Sun City Center. The eight members got a close-up look at the emergency truck, large ladder truck and common relaxation areas. The fire station built in 2003, fields 25 -30 calls a day ranging from falls, health issues, vehicle accidents, and fires. The firemen are trained in EMT, and paramedics. Their personal equipment weighs close to 75 pounds. These firemen are on call 24/7 serving our community and putting their lives at risk to save ours.

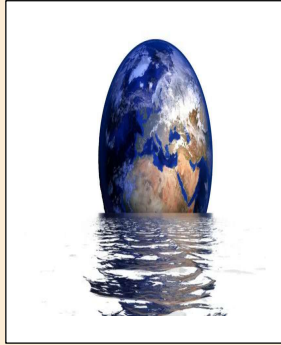
The ladies took numerous fun photos with the 13 firefighters which will be sent to the District 8 GFWC Woman's Club for a 2027 Firefighters calendar fundraiser competition. The statewide winning photos will be placed into a 12-month calendar and sold to raise money for Florida's Firefighter State College in Ocala. Each adult student spends \$30,000 on tuition and equipment.

All firefighters complete years of rigorous training and dedicate their lives to protecting others. Their mission is guided by **duty, honor, and courage**. We are truly grateful for their commitment, bravery, and service to our community.

Friendship Cards Make Their Day Brighter

In August, members from our Club shared an afternoon of friendship by making individualized greeting cards with Inspired Living residents.





Environment

Lee Anna 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.

Did you know that Hillsborough County has a volunteer program for Tampa Audubon. Directors are frequently called upon to lead field trips, attend fundraising or education outreach events, and chair committees. Meetings are held monthly for members on the first Thursday of each month from September through May. The 2-hour meeting includes a presentation by an invited speaker. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting is also presented by Zoom.

A list of upcoming programs is listed on the website.

[Programs | Florida | Tampa Audubon Society](#)

In addition to upcoming meetings, field trips and events, resources and volunteer opportunities are provided on the website as well. If you are not ready to become a member, use the website for information like what to do about an injured bird or where is the best locations to bird watch. The website includes interesting videos to enjoy too.



Shawna Wainright

GFWC SCC Woman's Club
Fall Fundraiser

**A concert not to miss, get your tickets today.
\$25 Tickets being sold through Shawna at the September
General Meeting Luncheon. Cash or check please.**

—LIVE IN CONCERT—



EIRINN ABU

**2025 World Entertainment
Award Winner -**

Saxophone, Soul, Inspiration

A performance that will move your heart

Friday, Oct. 30 from 4:00 to 5:30pm

Doors open at 3:00. BYOB and snacks

Sun City Center Comm. Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd.

Silent auction, raffles, sponsor tables, and desserts

\$25 Tickets are being sold with cash or checks payable to
GFWC SCC Woman's Club. Or, scan the QR code.

Contact info: sccwomansclubfund@gmail.com or 302-740-1098



GFWC SCC Woman's Club, Inc.

Fundraiser benefiting local charities



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The 2026 General Federation of Women's Clubs International Day of Service will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

- **Focus:** Ending domestic and sexual violence across the U.S. and worldwide.
- **Event Number:** The fourth annual GFWC International Day of Service (IDS).

Volunteer Opportunity

We are asking for 6 volunteers to assist with **GFWC National Day of Service**. We are stuffing backpacks for C.A.H.T- Campaign Against Human Trafficking

Saturday, Sept. 28

9:30 to 11:00am

Florida Room

Please see Shawna to sign up.



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GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Sun City Center, Florida



SOUTHSHORE
Chamber of Commerce

Hello Ladies,

Please join the GFWC SCC Woman's Club for an evening of fun introducing and showcasing our Club to South Shore Chamber of Commerce members.

Date Tuesday, October 6

5:00 to 7:00pm

Florida Room

N. Course Lane, SCC

\$5 lite dinner includes slider sandwiches, chips, desserts and iced tea

Please RSVP to Shawna by September 30.

Shawna.wainright@gmail.com

Cash preferred in advance or at the door.

Please wear your name badge to the event.

Membership

Carina Faneuf

Gather & Discover

New Member Welcome Night
Monday, September 14 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Eberhardt Room

Are you a new member of the Sun City Center Woman's Club?

Join us for a special evening created just for you! Come meet other new members, enjoy lite dinner and conversation, and learn everything you need to know about our club—including:

Our Community Service Programs Meetings,
Programs & Special Events Volunteer Opportunities
Fundraisers & Club Activities Ways to Get Involved
How to Make the Most of Your Membership

Bring your questions, meet new friends, and discover all the wonderful opportunities waiting for you!

New Members Only or any member who wants to learn more about our club.

Come Gather, Discover & Get Connected!

Reservations must be made by Friday, September 11, 2026.

Board Members and Chairpersons please attend to give information/answer questions for the new members.

RSVP: email: sccwcmembership@gmail.com

Text: 813-658-8105 or 727-510-0123

September Birthday Ladies

Linda Janiszewski
Carol Burns
Diane Lawrence
June Wallace
Kimberly Ransom
Susan Silva
Susie Gill
Virginia Kimball

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SEPTEMBER

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September 3 Birthday Lunch Beef O'Brady's

September 7 Labor Day

September 10 Board Meeting

September 11 Patriot Day Sept 11-25 yr. Anniversary

September 14 Dine & Discover New Members

September 17 Lunch/Meeting

September 23 Bunco

September 24 Arts n Culture

September 26 GFWC National Day of Service

Birthday Lunch:

October 1 at Old Castle German Restaurant

Next to Beall's – 3830 SCC Blvd. Near Home Depot

November 5-Circles Waterfront Restaurant

1212 Apollo Beach Blvd

December 3-To be announced

Contact: Cheryl Masterson

Email: chermast23@yahoo.com or text: (430) 422-6812

PS: it does not have to be your birthday, guests/friends are welcome.

Please let Cheryl know by the Tuesday, before each lunch if you wish to come or need to cancel.

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These are just a few of the great designs available from the **Flip Flop Embroidery Shoppe!**

Our first club order was delivered to my home today, along with a generous **\$54.70 donation to our club from Stephanie, the owner of Flip Flop Embroidery Shoppe.** A big thank you to Stephanie for supporting our Woman's Club!

If we place an order for **15 or more items by September 25, 2026**, Stephanie will ship the entire order directly to my home **at no shipping charge!** 😊

To order, click the link below and check out all the shirts, hats, and other items available for our club:

<https://flipflopembroideryshoppe.com/SCWC/shop/home>

When placing your order, be sure to choose **“Pick Up”** at checkout so you will **not be charged shipping.**

If you have any problems placing your order, please give me a call. I'll be happy to walk you through the process!

Carina
 727-510-0123

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)