



THE CHATTERBOX

GFWC SUN CITY CENTER WOMAN'S CLUB

October 2026

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



☀ President's Corner

Every Spot Has a Purpose. Discover Your Place. Share Your Talents. Make a Difference.

What an inspiring weekend at the GFWC Florida Fall Boards! I returned home with new ideas, wonderful memories, and an even greater appreciation for what we accomplish together.

The weekend focused on **leadership, membership, fundraising, and making an impact in our communities**. One message stayed with me: when we lead with heart, recognize each other's talents, and work together, even the smallest act of service can make a difference.

One of the highlights was our **Night of Service**, where we prepared special gift bags for domestic violence survivors, each including an encouraging message. We also heard an incredible story from burn survivor and fire-safety advocate Kim Mastself, whose experience inspired her to help others and become an advocate for fire safety.

I was proud to represent our club and share in the ideas and accomplishments of clubs from across Florida. And while our club scrapbook didn't bring home a ribbon this year, I thought it looked pretty great! 😊

At our September meeting, I recognized **two very special members of our club**.

Carina Faneuf was recognized for the many ways she contributes to our club, from membership and the newsletter to the directory, Hi Neighbor, Funfest, summer programs, Dine & Discover, and our shirt shop. She does all this while working full-time!

Eileen Eacker was recognized for creating and narrating our wonderful program about Martha and George Washington. Her research and presentation brought history to life for all of us. As well as Martha Washington portrayal, **Denise Fleck**(who left early)

These are just a few examples of the incredible talent and dedication within our club. **Every member has something special to offer, and every contribution matters.**

Coming Up in October

October 8: Club Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sandpiper Room

October 15: General Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Community Hall

Cookout Lunch: \$10

Program: Retired Firefighter & District 8 Director

Bring a friend and join us! I look forward to seeing everyone and continuing to make a difference together.

Virginia Kimball

President

GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc.

Club Presidents Meeting Updates

I also attended the **Club Presidents Meeting**, where several upcoming community events and important club updates were discussed:

- **Fraud Awareness Seminar:** November 17, Veterans Theater, Kings Point
- **Hi Neighbor:** November 5, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Operation Medicine Cabinet:** December 4, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Golf Cart Parade:** December 5
- **Miss Sun City Center Senior Pageant & Miss Senior Florida Pageant:** April 17
- **Holiday Fundraising:** Dave Hicks is the new chair.
- **Insurance Information:** An insurance representative will meet with club leaders October 20 at 11:00 a.m. Questions should be submitted to the Community Association by October 9.
- **Club Information:** There are currently 116 clubs in the community.
- **Room Reservations:** The 2028 reservation process is being reviewed. A new process will be announced later.
- **Club Storage:** Common storage will be addressed by CA, so please make sure our club storage area is clean and organized.
- **Fundraising:** Contact Community Leader if you need guidance with club fundraisers.
- **Club Finances:** Clubs should review IRS guidelines regarding excess funds and maintain appropriate reserves.
- **Club Leadership:** Presidents and a majority of board members should be Sun City Center residents rather than Kings Point residents.
- **Club Photos:** Members of the Photo Club will be taking photographs of clubs.
- **Community Association:** Stay update by adding Email addresses to the Community Association by visiting the CA office.



October 15, 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: GFWC President's Scholarship Fund: Annie Hunter, retired Fire Medic, along with training firefighters, will be sharing the importance of our support for this scholarship fund, which helps firefighters attend the Florida State Fire College in Ocala.

Health and Wellness (optional): "Sassy Senior" Bell Name Tags: It is time again to select a "Sassy Senior" bell name tag. Our local nursing facilities share the names of residents who do not have family nearby to celebrate the holidays. If you are able, please choose a Senior name tag and return the wrapped gift to our November meeting. Gifts will be distributed in December to Sun City Center assisted living and memory care facilities.

Attire: Fireman colors-red, orange or black and jeans



**October 2026
Cookout
Menu**

Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Coleslaw, baked beans,
Potato salad
Tossed Salad &
Dressings
Condiments
Cake and Ice Cream
Beverage Station

**Meeting Reservations Required
(Eating or not eating) by Sunday,
October 11, 2026,**

**See pg. 15 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

GFWC National Day of Service

Saturday, September 26, 2026

GFWC's Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.

♥ In Service Day in Action! ♥

Saturday, September 26th, **15 amazing volunteers from GFWC Sun City Center Woman's Club, Inc.** came together to support abused women for Campaign Against Human Trafficking

Tables were filled with backpacks, toiletries, bras, underwear, leggings, shirts, water bottles, towels, flip-flops, stuffed animals, heart pillows, and so much more. Each item represents a little comfort, dignity, and hope for someone going through a difficult time.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our **15 volunteers** who gave their time, energy, and caring hearts today. ♥

This is what **Living the Volunteer Spirit** is all about!



The Backpackers

Diane W, Shawna W, Susan J, Helen K., Norma E, Leanna M, Joanne K, Lucille F, Mary M, LaDonna D, Caroline D, Virginia K, Bonnie D. Great Job Ladies!

GFWC and Alzheimer's Association

On June 30, 2024, GFWC and the Alzheimer's Association signed a partnership agreement live, during The Purple Gala: A Night of Hopes, Dreams, and Inspiration. The Alzheimer's Association reports that approximately two-thirds of dementia caregivers are women. As a women's organization, GFWC recognizes the impact that Alzheimer's disease and dementia have on each of us and the overall impact they have on our communities.

💜 WALK WITH ME TO END ALZHEIMER'S 💜

Join My Team in Memory of My Dad, Edward DeForest Faneuf

Twelve years ago, I lost my dad, **Edward DeForest Faneuf**, to Alzheimer's disease.

Dad was a gentle man with a big smile, a wonderful sense of humor, and always a joke ready to make you laugh. His body remained healthy, but Alzheimer's slowly took away his ability to live the life he knew.

I'm walking this year because **I want to do something in his memory.**

🚶 I'M LOOKING FOR WALKERS!

I would love for you to join **my Walk to End Alzheimer's team**. You don't have to be a marathon walker! Come walk, talk, laugh, remember, and help raise awareness for a disease that has touched so many families.

Whether you walk with us, make a donation, or simply share our team with friends and family, **every bit of support makes a difference.** 💜

JOIN MY TEAM!

Walk with me in Dad's memory.

📅 **Walk Date:** October 10, 2026

📍 **Location:** United Methodist Church 1971 Haverford Ave, SCC

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 ceremony—9 am walk

👉 **Join the team or make a donation:**

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=19532&pg=team&team_id=1089359

Email: scwcmembership@gmail.com

Let's put our feet to work for a future where families don't have to watch the people, they love lose themselves to Alzheimer's.

For Dad. For our families. For a cure. 💜

I hope you'll walk with me!

Carina

October Gather & Discover!

Eberhardt Room 6 pm to 9 pm October 12, 2026

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.

Gather & 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 (sharing the cost with attendees).

Coming Up:

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. Reserve your spot today.
sccwcmembership@gmail.com

November 9 – Local Brew Company

<https://www.localbrewcompany.com/>

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!

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



Civic Engagement –Karen Begg,

We will be laying four wreaths at the Ruskin Memorial Cemetery on December 19 from 10-12. More information in next Newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to place wreaths. Four names will be displayed on a digital wall Veterans who will be honored from our club.

Thank you.

Karen Begg

Wreaths Across America

At age 12, Morrill Worcester of Harrington, Maine, visited Arlington National Cemetery and was deeply moved by the sacrifices of our nation's veterans.

In 1992, after finding himself with extra holiday wreaths, he arranged to place them at Arlington to honor those who had served. What began as a small gesture grew into a nationwide movement.

In 2007, Worcester and his family, along with veterans and community supporters, formed **Wreaths Across America**, a nonprofit dedicated to remembering our fallen, honoring those who serve, and teaching future generations the value of freedom.

Today, millions of volunteers place veterans' wreaths at cemeteries across the country and beyond.

REMEMBER the fallen.
HONOR those who serve.
TEACH the next generation.

Learn more at Wreaths Across America.



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.

Hillsborough County Solid Waste Efforts

Do you know how Hillsborough County does with our trash? The County has collection franchise agreements in three zones. The County oversees the collection services which provide residential trash pickups twice per week, recycling once per week and weekly yard waste collection to 322,000 residential units. The Solid Waste department manages one landfill, one waste-to-energy facility, two transfer stations, five community collection centers, two-yard waste processing facilities, and three-monthly household hazardous waste collection events.

Curbside recyclables are separated by material and transported to make new products across the country by a private materials recovery facility. The County has two Processing Facilities that grind segregated yard waste loads. The County's yard and wood waste contractor creates the mulch. Then the mulch is hauled to other locations to be reused.

Our Resource Recovery Facility burns garbage. The amount of processable waste generated will continue to increase each year. Currently it exceeds the total capacity. Trash generates faster than it is being burned. The County has created a Master Plan to accommodate the increasing population growth that will create even more generated waste. We can help by taking responsibility in the amount of waste we produce. And make sure that you recycle.

Just a reminder that our Environmental Meeting will be on October 7th in the Sandpiper Room at 9:30 am. Feel free to bring a snack and drink to the meeting.

Also, we still collect metal flip top tabs to donate, paper only 1 dozen egg cartons for Local Food Pantry and prescription glasses for the Lions Club.



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 October
General Meeting Luncheon. Cash or check please.**

Fundraising Fun:

Local businesses have donated gifts to our Club to help raise money for charities that we support. To kick-off our October Saxophone fundraiser, we will have 6 items for a silent auction at our Ladies Luncheon on Oct 17th. You can bid on them and if you are the winner, you can use cash, a check or a credit card to pay for them

Here are the items – Grease Monkey Oil Change, Latitudes Bar & Grill in Apollo Beach, Apollo Bistro, 6 Fletcher Organ Lessons and Cali Nails, Glory Days restaurant, and, for the holidays – a rhinestone necklace and earrings set.

There will be 30 more fantastic auction items and raffles at the Eirinn Abu Concert.



Saxophone Concert

EIRINN ABU

**2025 World Entertainment
Award Winner**

Saxophone Artist

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 - checks payable to GFWC SCC Woman's Club

**Tickets sold at the SCC Woman's Club Luncheon,
at the SCC Atrium each Friday in Sept. 10:00 to noon,
and Wed's and Fri's in Oct. 10 to noon**

Contact 302-740-4098

Net proceeds benefit local charities – CAHT, food pantries,



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Susan Royal

The Health and Wellness Team:

Dear Members,

As Health and Wellness Chair, I would like to remind everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is an important opportunity to raise awareness, support those affected, and promote early detection and education. I encourage everyone to learn more about available resources, schedule routine screenings, and consider supporting the cause through local events, fundraising, or spreading the word.

We have two giving opportunities this month:

1. GFWC President's Scholarship Fund: Annie Hunter, retired Fire Medic, along with training firefighters, will be sharing the importance of our support for this scholarship fund, which helps firefighters attend the Florida State Fire College in Ocala.
2. **"Sassy Senior"** Bell Name Tags: It is time again to select a "Sassy Senior" bell name tag. Our local nursing facilities share the names of residents who do not have family nearby to celebrate the holidays. If you are able, please choose a Senior name tag and return the wrapped gift to our November meeting. Gifts will be distributed in December to Sun City Center assisted living and memory care facilities.

Do what you love, love what you do!

Best regards,

Susan Royal

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.

Membership

CarinaFaneuf

Our new members of the 2026-2027 Year!

Betty Giles – ri2va2flgirl@gmail.com – 757-374-7480
Millie Gardner – bomika@rocketmail.com – 706-254-1520
Carol O'Connor – coachrats@juno.com – 813-633-7554
Molly Costello – coz41@mac.com – 847-971-9000
Patricia Jowers – pjowers@tampabar.rr.com – 727-744-6022
Sherry Larkin – sheryllarkin@hotmail.com – 508-647-2054
Kimberly Ransom – funkypumpkin1957@hotmail.com –
509-220-8718
Joanne Kerr - jograce55@aol.com – 321-591-4267
Donna Brady – bradyb1010@aol.com – 973-851-0065
Sheila Rubenstein – ellops2@aol.com – 305-479-0194
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Shelly Visalli – shelmom10@gmail.com – 978-821-3814
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Mary Hillier – tennismafl@gmail.com – 617-884-8911
Linda Hipol – linda33426@yahoo.com – 561-704-2310
Rejoin: Faye Kersell – fayeparticelli@gmail.com – 941-725-2083

Welcome to the Club! 💙💛

We're so happy you've joined us!

You're now part of a wonderful group of women who enjoy **friendship, fun, and giving back to our community**. We hope you'll jump in, get involved, make new friends, and find your own special place with us.

Welcome to our Woman's Club family!

Living the Volunteer Spirit



October Birthday Ladies

Maria Hodge
Rosita Rodriguez-Barton
Jean Beauvais
Denise Fleck
Arleen Swift
Sheila Rubenstein

🎃 **Happy October Birthday!**

Wishing all our October birthday ladies a wonderful birthday filled with **laughter, friendship, and a little extra fun!**

May your special day be as bright and beautiful as the autumn season.

Happy Birthday! 💙 💛

From your Woman's Club family





October 1	Birthday Lunch Old Town Castle German
October 5	Fundraising Meeting 11 am
October 6	Southshore Afterhours
October 7	Environment Meeting 9:30 am
October 8	Board Meeting 9:30 am
October 8	Membership Meeting 4 pm
October 10	Walk to End Alzheimer 8:30 am
October 12	Gather & Discover CPR & AED training
October 15	October Lunch Meeting the Cookout
October 19	Fundraising Meeting 11 am
October 22	Arts n Culture 9:30 am
October 30	Erinn Abu WC. Fundraiser

Birthday Lunch:

November 5 Hickory Hallow
 Address: 4705 US-301, Ellenton
 Phone: (941) 722-3932

December 3 Club Renaissance
 2121 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center

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.

Come and join us this month. All meetings open to all members. Just let us know-send an email to sccwcnews@gmail.com or the chairperson listed in the directory.

Flip Flop Embroidery Shoppe
 Rhinestones & Rhinestone Design
 Screen Printing • DTF Printing
 Embroidery • Promotional Products
 813-474-FLIP   813-474-3547



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

If we place an order for **15 or more items by October 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://flipflopembroidervshoppe.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 or I can order for you!

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)