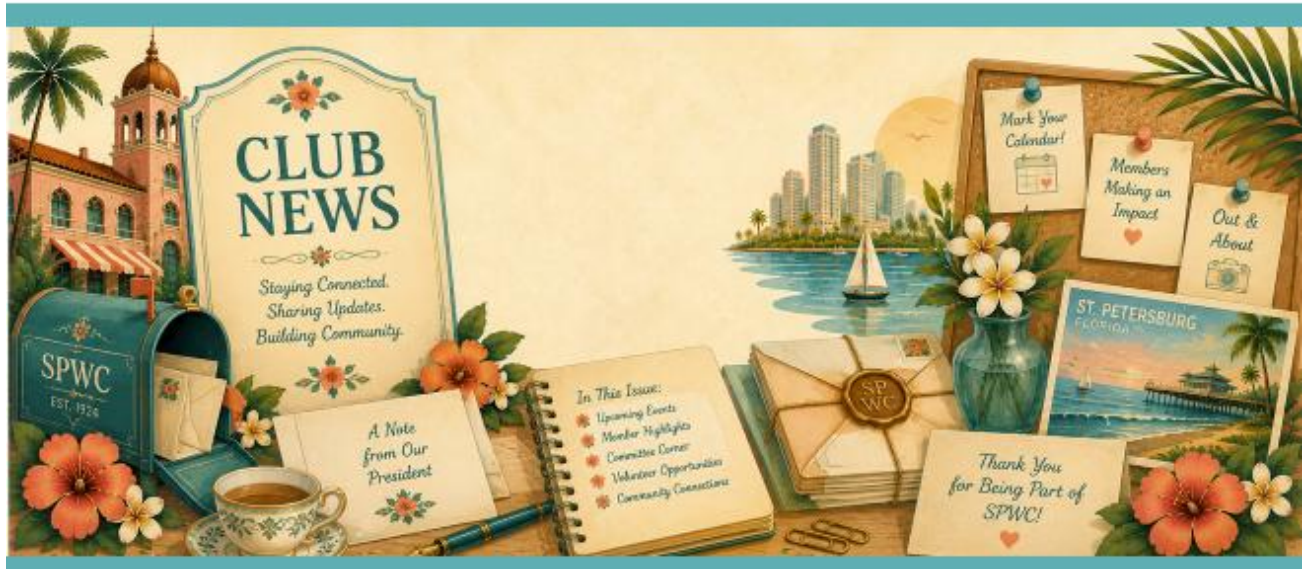




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**St. Petersburg
Woman's Club**



President's Message

It's hard to believe that our summer break is nearly over and your Board has already met once. It was decided that we would start holding Board meetings the Friday before our general membership meeting so we can keep everyone better informed. We will still have Friday games, we just switched from the first Friday to the third Friday.

Even though we didn't hold meetings over the break, I'm proud to say you never lost momentum and continued serving families who are food insecure or receiving medical treatments residing at Ronald McDonald House, taking stuffed animals to the St. Petersburg Police Department for the officers to give to children who need something to hold on to, and leaders planning for upcoming meetings. There's always something going on and plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Our CSP leaders can point you in the right direction, and they're always looking for ideas. If you happen to be curious about things that are happening around the state, be sure to go to www.gfwcflorida.org and they will set you up with a login so you can see what our sister clubs are up to around the state. Get involved and enjoy the personal satisfaction that you are making a difference!

See you in September!!

Barbara Sundholm
SPWC - President

LOOK WHAT WE'VE DONE

SPWC's 2026 impact so far

January - July 2026

9,069 - Volunteer Hours

\$9,589 - In-Kind Donations

OUR CLUB IS GROWING!

We're now 224 members strong, including 29 new Clubwomen who have joined us since January.

Welcome—we're so glad you're here.



September General Meeting

Friday, September 11 | SPWC Clubhouse

11:30 AM New Member Meeting

12:00-1:00 PM Social Hour

1:00 PM General Meeting

School's back—and there are plenty of ways SPWC can lend a hand. Learn about volunteer opportunities with the Pinellas County School System at our September General Meeting, hosted by the Education & Libraries CSP.

NEW: Please RSVP online by September 8 so the Club can plan enough seating, food and beverages for everyone.



SEPTEMBER CALLS FOR CAKE!

Happy Birthday to our September Clubwomen!

September 3 — Suzanne Bareham; Betty Greene

September 4 — Liz Coerver

September 10 — Cindy White

September 11 — Nanci Odom

September 13 — Ruth Ross

September 17 — Katherine “Kitty” Safford

September 18 — Stacy Sullivan

September 19 — Diana Ritzler

September 20 — Jennie Jamison

September 22 — Lorraine Mohammadbhoy

September 25 — Cheryl Freeburg

September 27 — Barbara Sora; Lisa Garcia; & Victoria Quintana

September 28 — Linda Traviesa

September 30 — Andrea Barlow & Apryll Bruton Faubel



Looking for dates, times & details?

Our online Club Calendar is the home for the latest event information, meeting dates, activities and registration details.

Club Calendar: <https://www.gfwc-spwc.org/events>

Arts & Culture CSP

Marianne Snyder, Chair

The Art of Banksy

Nine members attended The Art of Banksy exhibition for an outing combining arts enrichment, fellowship and time together.

Education & Library CSP

Joyce Taylor, Chair

Comfort When Kids Need It Most

Barbara Creamer and Joyce Taylor delivered 51 stuffed animals to the St. Petersburg Police Department for officers to give to children during difficult situations. Special thanks to Jean Mathurin, who purchased 12 large plush animals to add to the donation!

Back to School for Woodlawn

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our Back to School project for Woodlawn Elementary School. SPWC members showed up once again to support local students!

Scholarships Secured for 2027

More good news: our Scholarship Program for 2027 is fully funded, and the Board has approved the program for another year.

Environment CSP

Jennie Jamison, Chair

New at the Club: Household Battery Recycling

We're making it easier to recycle household batteries! A collection bin is now located in the Club office, and members will help transport collected batteries to a recycling center.

Learning, Exploring & Staying Engaged

Environment CSP members kept busy over the summer with opportunities to learn more about issues affecting Florida and Tampa Bay. Members watched a program based on John Dunn's Drying Up: The Freshwater Crisis in Florida, attended the Tampa Bay Times panel "Rising Seas, Shifting Neighborhoods: Climate Change's Impact on Tampa Bay Housing," and volunteered at Wild Space Gallery openings hosted by the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation.

Health & Wellness CSP

Annette McComas, Chair

A Summer of Service

The Thread and Yarn Stitchers certainly didn't take the summer off! Members completed six Christmas quilts and presented two Quilts of Valor to members' families. Their work also brought plenty of comfort to families staying at Ronald McDonald House, with donations of 24 pillowcases, 11 baby blankets, 14 animal toys and 17 teddy bears.

Summer Impact

1,113 in-kind volunteer hours

\$8,497 in-kind donations

Reported as of August 5.

Social & Club Life

Liz Pacheco, Social Director

Morning Board Games: Mexican Train

Thursday, September 17 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM | SPWC Clubhouse

Morning Board Games has a new date and time: the third Thursday of the month. Hop aboard the Mexican Train for an easy-to-learn tile game and plenty of fun. Please let Liz know if you plan to attend.

No attendance limit.

RSVP: Liz Pacheco, Social Director | 727-481-4821

Evening Committee

Nanci Odom, Chair

Supporting Kind Mouse

14 member shifts • 32 volunteer hours

Evening Committee members pitched in twice this summer at Kind Mouse. Seven members contributed 16 volunteer hours on July 23, donating recently received snack

donations so they could be distributed to partner agencies and schools in the proper order. The group returned July 30 for another 16 volunteer hours. Members came away impressed by Kind Mouse's dedication to providing fresh snacks to hungry children — and enjoyed the camaraderie of working together.

Dinner at Missio Dei Mission

10 members • 40 volunteer hours • \$250 in-kind • 100–120 people served

Members prepared lasagna, salad and garlic bread for unhoused St. Petersburg residents as part of the Evening Committee's quarterly service project.

Serving Families at Ronald McDonald House

10 members • 46 volunteer hours • \$210 in-kind • 40–50 people served

Members prepared chicken tetrazzini, salad, garlic bread and carrot cake for families staying at Ronald McDonald House while their children receive care at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.



ON THE HORIZON

There's plenty more to come this fall—from our October General Meeting and New Member Orientation to Mahjong lessons and more ways to get involved.

Friday, October 9 — General Meeting with Dr. Kanika Tomalin, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg.

October — New Member GFWC-SPWC Orientation

October–December — New Member Passport/Bingo Competition

December — Membership Ambassador Award

Mahjong Is Expanding This Fall!

A new lesson format is coming in October, with both daytime and evening opportunities for beginners to learn and practice. Registration will be required so enough instructors are available.



LOOK WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

From feeding families and supporting local students to creating handmade comforts, caring for our environment and simply enjoying time together, SPWC members made this summer count.

And September is just the beginning.

Whether you love to volunteer, learn something new, play a game, explore the arts or just spend time with a wonderful group of women, there's a place for you at SPWC.

Come join the fun. We can't wait to see what we do together next.

