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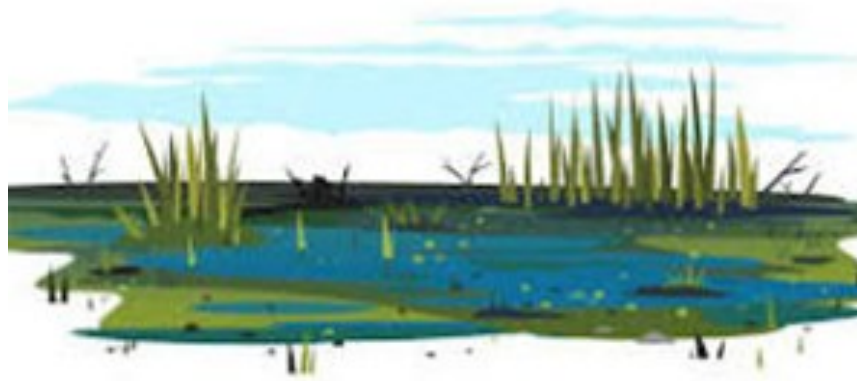
# SPWC Happenings

*GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club*

**April 2026**



## April celebrates Easter—Hosted by the Environmental CSP



Join us for our Meeting on  
Friday, April 10 at 1:00 pm

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Arts & Culture ~ Marianne Snyder  
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Environment ~ Jennie Jamison  
Health & Wellness ~ Annette McComas

## Mark Your Calendars

**Fri, April 10, 1 pm** — General Meeting / 1 pm

**Tues, April 14** — Evening Group (6:45 pm)

**Fri, April 17, 10 am** - Board Meeting

**Bunco**—3rd Friday each month at 7pm

**Ladies' Night Out**—Last Friday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, April 1—Health & Wellness**—  
Easter Basket Project - 1-3

**Mahjongg**—every Monday from 2-4 pm; Alternate  
Thursdays also available

**Bridge**—Dates are dependent on clubhouse  
availability . See note inside.



# Message from the President

“Inspired to Serve”

Spring is here, and with it, the familiar coat of yellow dust on our cars and every surface around us. I hope you all aren't suffering terribly with pollen allergies! This time of year, we are looking forward to new adventures, new opportunities to serve the community, and our annual Easter projects - making baskets and filling eggs with jellybeans for the kids at Sallie House, Ronald McDonald House, and Children's Village. This is one of my favorite activities because we have so many of our members participating, we get together, laugh, visit, (eat jellybeans), and in no time we get 500 plastic eggs filled with jellybeans and wrapped candies plus baskets with candy. Don't be late for this one, because we're pretty fast! Just don't forget to bring jellybeans and wrapped candies that will fit inside a plastic egg. Remember, please don't bring candies, etc, and leave them in the office ahead of time because we don't want to attract unwelcome little visitors. You can put your candies in the fridge or give them to a member who can deliver for you if you can't come. The date is April 1 and the time is 1:00, so join us!

I feel we have accomplished much towards the restoration of our beloved clubhouse, but if you don't count the herculean task of putting us back together after the hurricanes, I have to say the conversion of our office downstairs into a handicapped accessible restroom is a major accomplishment, thanks in no small part to our dynamo VP of House & Grounds, Cathy Allen! Anyone who was reluctant to book our clubhouse because they were concerned that their gentleman guests would be unable to climb the stairs to the men's room need not worry! So spread the word!

Lastly, I am putting the call out to our members for ideas and help to organize a fundraiser. If you think of anything, feel free to share with any one of our Board members - we welcome your input!

Barbara Sundholm, President



Connie Koons and Kim Blessinger were  
chosen as Princesses on the 2026  
Queen's Court.

**Congratulations, Ladies!!**



# Membership

Cynthia Guillama, VP; Roseanna Costa, Assistant; Jennie Jamison, Liaison

We currently have **212** members and **17** women joined since January! In April, the **SPWC Talent/Interest Survey will be distributed to all members!** Surveys will be distributed via EMAIL BLAST and available at the **April 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting!** There are so many ways to contribute to the SPWC Mission and become a contributing member while making lasting friendships! Leadership begins with service; consider a Board, Chairperson or Director's role!! Help us help you to find your niche!

Did you know we have a **MENTORSHIP Program for new members?** Our goal is to help new members acclimate to the club and feel comfortable right from the beginning of their membership. If you would like to sign up to be a mentor or be assigned a mentor, please contact **April Fraulo**, [aprilkato-nah@aol.com](mailto:aprilkato-nah@aol.com).

We hope to see you at the next general meeting on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**. Don't forget you are also **welcome to attend the new / prospective member meeting at NOON**. **Roseanna Costa, Membership Assistant, will lead the meeting. Board Member, Josephine Spinelli, Director of Public Relations/Publicity will present.** You are welcome to attend as many times as you wish and have an opportunity to get to know some of the new members. There will also be a **"NEW MEMBER"** table set up at each general meeting and New Member reserved seating at tables throughout the club.



The Membership CSP will host the **May 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting!** All Members are invited to join the Membership Committee in planning the Membership Tea! We are currently seeking decorators, theme enthusiasts, and volunteers to help plan and prepare for this event! We greatly value your creative input and support in making this meeting a success for our members. Interested members may email the Membership VP at [guillamacynthia@gmail.com](mailto:guillamacynthia@gmail.com); call or text 305-773-5840.

## MEMBERSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Location: SPWC Clubhouse

*April 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 PM and/or April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 PM*

All SPWC Members are welcome to assist in planning for the May General Meeting hosted by the Membership VP!

*May 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30 PM or until...*

All SPWC Members are welcome to assist with:

Assembly of Decorations/Opportunity Bags for the General Meeting.

Kitchen duties: Wash/prepare Teacups/Saucers/Platters/Silver etc.)



On March 21st, several members took a "New Member Mingle Tour" through St. Pete. It's a great way to learn about the city while getting acquainted with the members of the club. Stay tuned for more upcoming dates.



# Daily Operations

Cathy Allen, VP; Diane Dudley, Assistant

Our ADA bathroom is almost complete. It is in service and just needs a few additional touches. Check it out the next time you are at the club.

We are working on completing the locks on the kitchen cabinets. Thank you to Bob Timberlake who has tirelessly been working on these.



# Education & Libraries CSP

Joyce Taylor, Chairperson; Barbara Creamer; Assistant

The Education & Libraries CSP will be collecting cereal for Woodlawn Elementary at the General Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please start buying extra boxes of cereal to donate—especially the Publix's BOGOs. We will need help delivering the cereal to Woodlawn after the meeting. If you have a SUV and can help, please contact Joyce Taylor at 727-510-6678.

We are awaiting news from the Pinellas Education Foundation with the names of the three young ladies who we have chosen to receive the SPWC Spirit Scholarship for 2026. We hope to report our winner's names at the April General Meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Bill Edwards Foundation for the Arts at the Mahaffey, please contact Judy Hunt, 727-215-6951.

If you would like to volunteer for Lawyers for Literacy, please contact April Fraulo, 924-584-1730.

# Donation Requests

## **EDUCATION & LIBRARIES CSP (Joyce Taylor) for a more complete list)**

Box tops for Education (now done on line)  
Campbell Soup Labels  
Cereal for summer in May (large boxes)  
School supplies in September

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS CSP (Annette McComas) for a more complete list)**

Large Shampoo for Sallie House  
Soap /Body Wash for Sallie House  
Big colorful buttons for fidget muffs  
Flannel, Pellon, Eyelash yarn  
Small toiletries for Welcome Bags

## **EVENING GROUP (contact Tyler Kornatowski)**

Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Tampons / pads  
Disposable razors; soap and lotion  
New or gently used T-shirts (Large & X-Large); socks  
Ball gowns and cocktail dresses for Goodwill's "Belle of the Ball"



# Social Events

Liz Pacheco, Chairperson

**Friday, April 3, GOOD FRIDAY**, - NO FIRST FRIDAY GAME DAY. SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

**Friday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.** - It's Bunco Time - Come join us for a fun and sociable game of Bunco. I'm sure you know by now that Bunco is a dice game, and if you don't know how to play, we will teach you, and it is very easy to learn. And, there are prizes for the winner, the loser, and those in between. All you have to do is bring a snack to share and your own beverage to drink. And, let me know if you plan to attend.

**Friday, April 24, Noon - 4 p.m.** - TAMPA BAY DOWNS - And off we go to the Races - We usually do this once a year, and it is a lot of fun. We can carpool. We usually leave St Pete around 11:00 a.m. The plan is to get there when it opens at noon. We sit on the second floor, by the finish line. You can usually find us sitting in the 2nd row. If you look, you might find a Groupon which usually gives you free admission and a free program. How to bet and how much you wager is up to you. I usually bet \$2 on each race, and if we are there for 10 races, that is \$20 if I lose. I win some and I lose some. Sometimes I only win \$.40 on a horse. How do you know what horse to bet on? Some bet on the odds, some bet on the color the horse is wearing or the name of the horse. I bet on the jockey! I don't think I ever lost my whole \$20. Plus the fun is worth the loss. We usually stay until approximately 4:00 p.m. and then will head on over to Rumbas for the Ladies Night Out (See below.).

**Friday, April 24, 5:00 p.m.** - Ladies Night Out - Rumba Island Bar & Grill, 6445 4th N.

This month we are going to meet up with some of the members who will be returning from the Races at Tampa Bay Downs at Rumbas Island Bar & Grill on 4th St. N. at 5:00 p.m. Maybe if they won a lot of money they will treat us all to drinks or at least have a lot of stories to share. Anyhow, I think it will be a fun night.

Important that you let me know which of the above events you plan to attend. Thanks.

**LIZ'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** - The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. So stay safe and eat cake!

Liz Pacheco, Social Director

727-481-4821

[lizpacheco02031946@gmail.com](mailto:lizpacheco02031946@gmail.com)



# Evening News

Tyler Kornatowski Chairperson

The Evening Group meeting covered a lot of plans for the future during our March 10 meeting. Eighteen members attended with many donating items for CASA's Shelter . . . A BIG Thank You for all of your wonderful donations that will certainly help survivors' needs in the shelter.

The SPWEG Book Club meets every month on **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm** @ SPWC Clubhouse. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 21** to discuss The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn.

Please check the SPWC website for individual volunteer opportunities with the Children's Dream Fund Dreammaker Luncheon on April 1 and CASA's Fundraising Gala on March 28.

The next SPWCEG Meeting is on **Tuesday April 14 at 6:30pm** @ Clubhouse. A volunteer is needed to take minutes during EG meetings and a Chair to manage meetings. Please contact Tyler if you're interested or need more info.

On March 23rd, Volunteers from the Evening Group served dinner for the folks staying at the Ronald McDonald House.





# Book Club News

Mary Braisted

We had a great book discussion in March. Our book, "The Lion Women of Tehran" related to so much of what is going on in Iran today. And one of our members came from Iran and told us about her life there. We were thankful for her input.

Here is what the book club will be reading next:

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – "Find Me Unafraid" by Kennedy Odede and Jessica Posner.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi



We meet at the club at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of the month and go out to lunch afterward (the restaurant is chosen the day of the meeting). We will be selecting a book for June at the upcoming April meeting. We will NOT be meeting during the months of July and August. If you would like to join the book club, please email me at [braisted636@gmail.com](mailto:braisted636@gmail.com).



# Program News

Susan Rosenbaum , VP Programs

We are grateful to our CSP Chairs and their teams for creating excellent educational programs and volunteer opportunities. We also appreciate all members who volunteer and take part in making our community better!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month—thank a club member for their dedication.

## SAVE THE DATE AND SIGN UP!

- March 21 New Member Mingle - Star Trolley Tour
- March 27 VOLUNTEER-Archaeology Lab at Weedon Island Preserve
- April 1 VOLUNTEER-Annual Easter Egg Service Project
- April 10 General Meeting - Guest Speaker: Marly Fuller, Chief Experience Officer of the Corridor Foundation - Hosted by the Environment CSP
- April 18 VOLUNTEER-Empty Bowls
- April 25-26 VOLUNTEER-Green Thumb Festival
- May 1 Big Red Bus Blood Drive
- May 7 Sea Turtle Rehab Center Field Trip
- May 8 SPWC Spring Tea - Hosted by the VP of Membership

All events are open to current SPWC members. All programs, events, and meetings can be found on the Member Calendar at <https://www.gfwc-spwc.org/events>.



# Correspondence

Donna Dugan

Happy Easter! Time to get ready for coloring eggs and putting together our Easter baskets.

Thinking of you cards were sent to Donna Ross, Pat Hayes, Monica Taylor and Pam Bergeron. Let's wish them the best. We hope everyone is doing well.

A big thank you to Beth and Bob Timberlake who generously donated a new sound system to our club. Bob also installed new locks on our club's kitchen cabinets.

Please keep me informed of those that need cards, calls and support. [donnadugan444@gmail.com](mailto:donnadugan444@gmail.com). 727-822-1172



# Environment CSP

Jennie Jamison Chair, [jamisonj@mac.com](mailto:jamisonj@mac.com);  
Katharine Mcgrann Assistant [Katbormag@yahoo.com](mailto:Katbormag@yahoo.com)

Thanks to all who came out to hear our speaker from the Tampa Bay Water Keepers. The aim is to learn about the many environmental organizations in our area and see how we can support them.



Upcoming events:

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** is the Volunteer Archaeology Lab at Weedon Island Preserve, 1-3 pm. Sign up on their website and then let Jennie know you are coming, [jamisonj@mac.com](mailto:jamisonj@mac.com).

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the next committee meeting here at the clubhouse @10:30.

On **April 10<sup>th</sup>** we host the general meeting so please come to hear our speaker from the FI Wildlife Corridor Foundation and enjoy the wildlife theme in the clubhouse.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** is the next date for the Keep Pinellas Beautiful Clean-up. This time we will go to Crescent Lake from 9-11. Let Katharine know you are coming, [katbormag@yahoo.com](mailto:katbormag@yahoo.com).

**April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** is a chance to volunteer at the butterfly tent for the Green Thumb Festival at Walter Fuller Park, 9-4 both days.

Let Lucy Raulerson know if you want to volunteer and you can stay as long as you can, [lkraulerson@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lkraulerson@tampabay.rr.com)

On **May 7<sup>th</sup>** we'll take a field trip to the Sea Turtle Rehab Center in Apollo Beach, leaving the clubhouse at 9. Please use sign-up genius.

**\*\* Please bring your own eco-friendly water bottle to the 4/10 meeting\*\***



## *Eco Insights: Environment CSP*

### The FL Panther: Our Apex predator

Apex predators are the top of the food chain, and the panther's health is a gauge of Florida's overall environmental health.

Apex predators regulate ecosystems by controlling prey populations, such as deer, wild pigs, and coyote, keeping their populations in check and moving.

When Apex predators become extinct, it creates "**trophic downgrading**," leading to too many herbivores, such as deer that overgraze and permanently alter local vegetation. Coyote and wild pigs are partly herbivores, and their numbers are lower where panthers live. Coyotes are far more of a threat to ranch animals than panthers because of their high population density and adaptability.

Trophic downgrading also causes ecosystems to lose the ability to sequester carbon and manage climate change because of the vegetation and water source disruption when panther territory is lost.

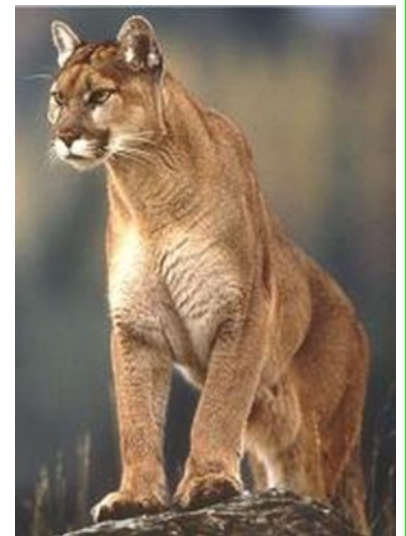
FL Panthers rarely attack humans and instead help us maintain a healthy environment.

A male panther patrols 200 square miles.

We currently have ~120 panthers, but aim for 3 self sustaining populations of ~240 each.

Giving Panthers the space they need to do their job involves protecting large areas of connected land that includes wetlands and forests that act as filters for recharging our aquifers.

Protecting the **FL Wildlife Corridor** is the best way to preserve Panther habitat.





# Arts & Culture CSP

Marianne Snyder, Chairperson; Nanci Odom, Assistant

All of the first place winners from our club competition had at least one piece that received a **first place ribbon in the district competition** on February 25<sup>th</sup>: Cheryl Martin – 2 – one of which was “Best in Show”, Arlene Smith – 2, Marianne Snyder – 2, Jeanne Sanchez, Oneita Tinsley, Julie Hall, Debbie Jeffers, Barbara Sundholm, Gisella Torres and Mary Palumbo. These pieces of art will now be entered in the state competition at the convention in May.

One of our CSP members, Janine Brown, won a boat ride with **Coastal Cruises** and **32** of our members had a great time on a beautiful day!

The **Bill Edwards Foundation for the Arts at The Mahaffey Theater** provides **Live Performances and BAM Events**. The Live Performances give school children an opportunity to experience live theater. We volunteered, together with the Education & Libraries CSP, for **94** hours in 2025 and **55** hours in 2026. Please contact Judy Hunt if you wish to volunteer: [judy-hunt@outlook.com](mailto:judy-hunt@outlook.com)

Thirteen of our members attended a private tour of **Embracing Our Differences** in Poynter Park on **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. Our docent, Patrick, told us many things about the outdoor art exhibition which featured large scale banners by artists and writers from around the world. The exhibition invites visitors to reflect on themes of kindness, respect and inclusion. I highly suggest you try and visit before April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We have 13 volunteers for the **Mainsail Art Festival** on **March 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>** and we know that they will appreciate our help!

Some of us are planning to attend **Art in Bloom** at The Museum of Fine Arts on **Thursday, April 16** and we hope you will join us. This annual spring tradition at the MFA features over thirty floral designers interpreting selected artworks from the museum’s collection. We will meet at 10:15 AM at the front entrance of the MFA, located at 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. We will explore the Art in Bloom exhibit for about an hour or so. If you are interested, we can gather afterward for a bite to eat at the museum café or a nearby restaurant. You may purchase your museum admission upon arrival, or in advance using this link: [MFASStPete Tickets](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-63086557-artinbloom). Museum admission is free for MFA members. Otherwise, tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for seniors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacy Sullivan at [114liberty@gmail.com](mailto:114liberty@gmail.com) or 978-317-8313. We would appreciate it if you would let us know if you are coming by signing up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-63086557-artinbloom>

You may be interested in volunteering at **Empty Bowls** which takes place on **Saturday, April 18**. Join us as we come together to fill empty bowls with hope, compassion and support for our neighbors. All proceeds directly support St. Vincent de Paul programs that provide food, shelter, and essential services to individuals and families striving to get back on their feet.

Choose from 3 shifts: **All Day - 10am – 4pm** / **First Half - 10am – 1pm** / **Last Half - 1pm – 4pm**

Sign up directly with the organization at:

[https://www.svdpsp.org/annual-events/empty-bowls/empty-bowls-volunteer-form/?\\_gl=1\\*1f623e4\\*\\_ga\\*ODEyMTE2NzA1LjE3NzMyNjk3MTE.\\*\\_ga\\_86G9XB4RR4\\*czE3NzM0NDYxOTkjbzlkZzAkddE3NzM0NDYxOTkkaYwJGwwJGqxMzg4NjMyNjg1](https://www.svdpsp.org/annual-events/empty-bowls/empty-bowls-volunteer-form/?_gl=1*1f623e4*_ga*ODEyMTE2NzA1LjE3NzMyNjk3MTE.*_ga_86G9XB4RR4*czE3NzM0NDYxOTkjbzlkZzAkddE3NzM0NDYxOTkkaYwJGwwJGqxMzg4NjMyNjg1)

Please email me after you arrange your shift: [MarianneSnyder233@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneSnyder233@gmail.com)

All members are welcome to participate in our CSP – more minds can create more ideas!

Contact: [MarianneSnyder233@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneSnyder233@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY BRIDGE



The Friday Bridge Club is looking for any members in bridge—beginners or experienced. Dates are dependent on Club availability, and we usually play on Fridays from 12:30-3:30 pm. Our next game will be on **Friday, January 30**. Please contact Joan Jaicks (727-896—5097 or Elizabeth Hammer (727-92-4402) if you are interested in joining us.

Along with a \$20 e-gift card and Oneblood Sunshade, in honor of Mother's Day, donors can take advantage of an exceptional promotion in partnership with International Diamond Center. Donor will be entered for a chance to win one of three stunning prizes: a pair of diamond earrings, a ruby heart pendant necklace, or a single diamond bolo bracelet.



# DONATE BLOOD

**St. Petersburg Woman's Club**  
**Friday, May 1**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Sun Shade**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Donors will be entered to win one of three jewelry items from International Diamond Center!*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 79443**

**ID REQUIRED**

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

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# Publicity

Josephine Spinelli

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

### Arts & Culture & Public Relations announce Logo Design Contest

Help shape the future look of our club!

We're inviting members to create a fresh, eye-catching logo to be featured on official club merchandise.

#### Design Guidelines

- Open to all members
- Designs may be hand-drawn or digital
- No AI-generated designs
- Reflect the spirit and mission of the Club
- Keep it clean, bold, and easy to reproduce (shirts, bags, hats, etc.)
- Original artwork only (no copyrighted images)
- Submit high-resolution files (JPEG, PNG, or PDF)
  - Clear photo acceptable for hand-drawn entries

#### Important Dates

If you are interested in participating, please contact Josephine Spinelli ([jphine2010@hotmail.com](mailto:jphine2010@hotmail.com)) or Marianne Snyder ([mariannesnyder233@gmail.com](mailto:mariannesnyder233@gmail.com)) by April 15.

#### Submission Deadline: April 30

Winner Selected By Member Vote: May Club Meeting

# Mahjongg

**NO MAHJONG on THURSDAY, APRIL 2 or THURSDAY, MAY 14 due to events at the club.**

Since the middle of April last year our 15 instructors have taught 38 of our members mahjongg! We can always use more instructors – it lightens the load for all of us! Please consider helping and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-59507140-mahjong>

Mahjong is always from 2:00 to 4:00 at the clubhouse. We meet every Monday (no sign up needed) and also on Thursdays (with sign up as noted below).

#### Beginner & Review Mahjong Lessons

Our next lessons are on Monday, April 13. If this is your first lesson or you need a review, use the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-5967707-mahjong#/>

#### Beginner Mahjong Supervised Play

If you would like to participate in supervised play for beginners use the link below. This is not a lesson – questions will be answered as you play on these Thursdays: March 26 / April 9 – 16 – 23 – 30.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-59678310-members>

#### Experienced Players can also play on Thursdays from February through May

Since there has been limited turn out on Thursdays, we are asking you to sign up if you plan on attending. By doing this, others can check the sign up and see if there will be other ladies to play with. Please use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFAD2AA0FBC16-59678310-members>

**\*\*\* ALL SIGN UPS NEED TO BE DONE THROUGH SIGNUP GENIUS.** When lessons are taking place we need to make sure we have an adequate number of instructors so it is important to sign up.

## State of the Club's Finances

Over the past several months, I have taken a deep dive into the club's financial records to better organize and understand our current position. I want to clearly reassure all members that there is no evidence of fraud or malicious intent by any of our finance volunteers. The variances we've seen are the result of normal challenges that can occur over time in volunteer-run organizations, and we are actively improving our systems for greater clarity and consistency.

In 2025, the club had a net operating loss of just over \$20,000. Most of our income comes from clubhouse rentals (~\$195,000), compared to about \$17,500 from membership dues. The 2025 rental income was higher than usual due to events being rescheduled because of the hurricanes. There also was no fundraising event last year.

The club carries significant fixed costs, including approximately \$47,000 for insurance and about \$20,000 for utilities, along with many other ongoing expenses required to maintain our historic building.

Looking ahead to 2026, with lower rental bookings and the \$39,100 bathroom renovation, we are projecting a potential \$55,000 loss without fundraising.

As of the end of February, we had:

- \$146,000 in bank accounts
- \$103,000 in a CD

After the bathroom renovation is paid, total funds will be about \$210,000. The CD may serve as a reserve, leaving approximately \$107,000 available for operations.

Thoughtful planning and member involvement are essential to maintaining both our financial health and the long-term care of our clubhouse.

There were many great fundraising ideas shared by members at the March general meeting. For example, if all 211 members contributed \$100, we would raise \$21,100 for the club. Of course, each member can give at a level that feels comfortable—whether more or less—and all participation makes a meaningful difference. Other creative ideas included a fashion show with luncheon, a mahjonn tournament, and many more. Please consider gathering a few friends and bring your idea to the board. Together, we can strengthen our club—and have some fun doing it.

~ **Becky Crosson, Finance Officer**

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

If you would like to support these efforts, we've made giving simple and convenient. Please consider making a donation that fits within your budget to support our Women's Club, the work we continue to do in our community, and the preservation of our historic clubhouse.

**Scan the QR code below for quick and easy giving:**



Other Ways to Give:

- By check at general meetings (at check-in)
- Online: [www.gfwc-spwc.org/support-us](http://www.gfwc-spwc.org/support-us)

Your support is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for being part of what makes this club so special.

# Photo Gallery

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One of our CSP members, Janine Brown, won a boat ride with **Coastal Cruises!** Our event took place on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon until 1:30.** It accommodated **42** members and included soda, water, beer and wine. Everyone had a great time.



Ellen Hays, Diane Dudley,  
Barbara Sundholm



Roseanna Costa, Cathy Allen,  
Lois McMullin, Liz Pacheco



Barbara Creamer, Becky Crosson  
Margit Smith, Marianne Snyder



20+ members joined this event, which featured the film “Fish & Chip” starring SPWC member Dorothy Keville, followed by an informative presentation from the Alzheimer’s Association.



Jordan Gerard from Tampa Bay Waterkeeper ([www.tbwk.org](http://www.tbwk.org)) gave an informative presentation on Tampa Bay waters. Jennie Jamison, Environment Chair, arranged the meeting.

## Embracing Our Differences



An enjoyable outdoor art exhibit which featured 50 large-scale billboard-sized works of art & quotes from international submissions focusing on diversity, inclusion, kindness and respect. 13 members were in attendance and enjoyed this interactive docent-led tour.





# Health & Wellness CSP

Annette McComas, Chairperson; , Assistant, Margit Smith

*We make and collect charitable donations*

On March 18th, we had a wonderful Alzheimer's event with 30 attendees, and we were so happy to donate a lap quilt and fidget muff to the local Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Many of our members are already thinking about joining a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on **October 3rd**, starting at Poynter Park in St. Petersburg. If you're interested, please let Annette McComas know!

On **April 1st at 1:00 p.m.**, we're inviting everyone to fill plastic Easter eggs and baskets for Sallie House, Children's Village, and Ronald McDonald House. We're especially looking for donations of jellybeans, small wrapped candies, and/or small stuffed animals or toys for the children's Easter baskets.

**Also on April 1st**, we need donations for auction baskets to support Nina Harris Exceptional Student Education Center. We need large baskets to fill with items. We're hoping to find plastic see-through wrapping paper, items that fit a specific theme like pet supplies, beauty products, picnic supplies, summer party items, or exercise equipment like barbells and yoga mats. We also need coffee and tea, cups, napkins, cookies, and for the Italian dinner night, pasta and sauce. Gift cards from stores, service providers, and restaurants, handmade items, and anything else that can help fill a basket would be wonderful. The money from the auction will help provide student materials, special equipment, and fun events and experiences for the students.

The next Health & Wellness Committee Meeting is on **Wednesday, May 6th**, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

## Thought of the Month



For Peeps sake, have a happy Easter! A balanced Easter diet is a chocolate egg in each hand. Here's to sunshine, springtime, and pretty Easter eggs.

## Club Calendar

***Friday, April 10th: Club Day Meeting at 1 pm.***  
*Hosted by the Environmental CSP*

**Every Monday at 2 pm:** Mahjongg.

**Every Wednesday at 1 pm:**  
Hands on projects with Civic Engagement

**Twice a month on Friday at 1:00 pm:** Bridge

**Every first Friday at 10 am:**  
Games followed by lunch

**Every second Tuesday at 7 pm:** Evening group

**Every third Friday at 7 pm:** Bunco

**Last Friday of the month:** Ladies Night Out

Dates are subject to change if needs arise.  
Contact Social Director Liz Pacheco for more info.

## GFWC

St. Petersburg Woman's Club  
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Apr 01—Nita Deason

Apr 01—Barbara Virelli

Apr 02—Paige McCready

Apr 06—Susan Rosenbaum

Apr 07—Christine Agee

Apr 08—Lupi Coffin

Apr 09—Gisela Torres

Apr 11—Becky Crosson

Apr 11—Ellen Hays

Apr 11—Deneen McQueen

Apr 13—Jeannie Chapman

Apr 16—Roseanna Costa

Apr 21—April Fraulo

Apr 22—Janine Brown

Apr 23 Chrissie Laird

Apr 23—Robin Wood

Apr 25—Wini Pfister

Apr 26—Judy Cunniff

Apr 27—Joan Heelan

May 02—Pam Bergeron

May 02—Susan Fraser

May 02—Katie Klopfenstein

May 05—Carol Bonanno

May 09—Grace Matos

May 11—Linda Morgan

May 11—Lucy Raulerson

May 15—Mary Braisted

May 18—Barbara Creamer

May 22—Donna Dugan

May 24—Nancy Campbell

May 23—Linda Leveen

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May 31—Cathy Allen

May 31—Pat Tinto

June 01 —Pamela Slocum

June 02—Connie Koons

June 03—Elisa Reder

June 04—Abbe Ensminger

June 13—Carolyn Brooker

June 15—Sara Dubbeld

June 17—Lizzie Fitzgerald

June 22—Ruta Petraitis

June 24—Lisa Bradley

June 25—Kim Norris

June 26—Anna Razzetti

June 27—Valerie Douty

June 28—Lois McMullin



*Happy Birthday!*