



THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

January, 2023

Message from the President



Happy New Year!

As we say goodbye to 2022, let us welcome 2023. I hope it will be a year filled with hope, happiness, and purpose.

A new year, a fresh start and many fun filled activities will begin the second half of our SWC year. A Day Tripper's event to the Lightner Museum followed by lunch, a Lunch Around Adventure to the Mussallem Galleries and all our regular events and monthly functions will be taking place. As always, check your newsletter for details, start participating on a regular basis and reserve your spot on our website under Event Sign Up.

We are very fortunate to welcome the St. John's County Sheriff's Office to our January Program. I'm sure this will be a very informative and interesting presentation. Don't forget our Community Bulletin Board that is present at every program. If you are interested in posting something you are passionate about, simply email me your PDF and I can print it out and post it for you.

Many of us are starting this new year with resolutions. Some compelling ones: do one new thing a month, make kindness a priority for yourself and others, try a new recipe each week, read a book per month and attend our fabulous SWC Book Club monthly meeting, and go someplace you have never been. Two of my favorites are: practice gratitude and stress less.

As we raise our glasses and toast the New Year, let us remember that this is a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. Reflect on how blessed we are to live in this great community and to have all of our friends in the Sawgrass Women's Club.

Have a great start to the New Year!

Gail Nangle

SWC January Program

Monday, January 9, 2023
10:00 A.M. Social – 10:30 A.M. Program

Reservations are required ~ Reserve on-line at www.sawgrasswomensclub.com



We are excited to welcome Deputy John Van Wagner of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office to our January Program. The SJSO has received multiple national and state accreditations in their quest to provide safety, protection, and service to the people of our county. Join us and learn more about how to keep our families and homes safe, protecting ourselves from fraud and identity theft and understand the pressing issues in our community facing the SJSO.

Deputy Van Wagner worked in the Suffolk County Police Department in New York for 29 years as a Detective in Narcotics and Major Crimes and then worked undercover in the District Attorney's Special Investigations Bureau. John is an FBI certified Crisis Negotiator and was a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team.



He was hired by the St. John's County Sheriff's Office in October of 2019 and has served in various capacities including as the youth resource officer at Ponte Vedra High School. He now serves in the Public Affairs and Community Engagement Unit.

John received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Hofstra University and his Master's Degree in Homeland Security Management from Long Island University.

Don't miss this interactive forum!

After Hours

Katie Tartt

Run/Walk the Loop

Join us as we ring in the New Year with some light exercise in preparation for The RITA CASH 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run!



Dates: **Friday, January 6th & Friday, January 20th**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **Sawgrass Fitness Center Parking Lot**

All fitness levels welcome! RSVP to Katie Tartt at katherinetartt@me.com

Bunco

Date: **Tuesday, January 10th**

Time: **6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Carolyn Reed's House (616 Brookwood Ct. Ponte Vedra Beach)**

Cost: **\$10 to play and BYOB!**



Light snacks provided. Email Carolyn at ctreed@bellsouth.net

Happy Hour

SWC After Hours Happy Hour!

Join us for happy hour as we enjoy the beautiful weather overlooking the ocean!



Date: **Thursday, January 19th**

Time: **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Location: **The Beach Club Pavilion**

No RSVP required, just show up!

Mahjongg

Cathy Edge / Betty MacGilvray



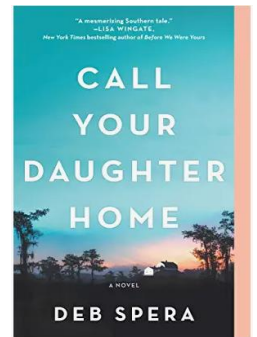
SWC Mahjongg players meet at the Beach Club (Topsider) Mondays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for drop-in games. Beginners to

advanced players are welcome. If you have not already done so, please join our email group by contacting Cathy at catherineaedge@gmail.com or Betty at emarymac3@gmail.com to receive current information.

Book Club Ann Morgan, Suzie Maxson

Do you love to read? Join us every fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club.

Our January book club selection is Call Your Daughter Home by Deb Spera. This is an emotional, timeless story about the power of family, community, and ferocity of motherhood. Our meeting date is January 24th, at 4:00 p.m. in Ocean's Edge at the Beach Club.



We have secured facilitators for all meetings in the first half of 2023. We will be reading:

What Strange Paradise by Omar El Akkad in **February**

Horse by Geraldine Brooks in **March**

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus in **April**

For more information, contact **Suzie Maxson**, maxsonsuzanne1@gmail.com or **Ann Morgan**, peteandannemorgan@gmail.com.



Needlers

Joyce Miller

The Needlers meet **every second Wednesday of the month**, which means the next meeting will be **January 11th, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Beach Club**. While we prefer to get together at the Pavilion, location is decided by the weather.



If you like needlework (knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, etc.) kindly contact **Joyce Miller** by email: joyceamiller@icloud.com.

Storied Lives

Nan Healy



Were you afraid of Bears? Bees? Clowns? Did you swap scary stories at sleepovers? Storied Lives will meet on **Monday, January 23rd (note day change) at 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club Pavilion**. Our storytelling prompt this month is to write about a childhood fear or scary story. Join us before Hamburger Night!

For more information, contact **Nan Healy, (904) 318-5114** or nankhealy@gmail.com



Canasta

Sara-Ann Gomez



Canasta is here and Thriving: We are playing on **Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Topsider at the Beach Club**.

If you have been taking the lessons these last two months, please come. If you are new to the game or the Sawgrass Rules for Canasta, please contact **Sara Gomez** at **914-393-9681** or email gomezaraann@gmail.com. She is willing to help anyone get started.

Duplicate Bridge

Anne Smith / Cindy Horine

♠♥ DUPLICATE BRIDGE 2022-2023 ♦♣

We play the **1st and 3rd Mondays, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., of each month through March**. This is a sanctioned event so the top 2 or 3 teams each session earn ACBL points. We are happy to have Peggy Higginbotham as our Director in the coming year. We look forward to new people joining our group. If you enjoy duplicate bridge and would like to join us this year, please contact **Cindy Horine** at hori7433@bellsouth.net or **Ann Smith** at htsmith@sprintmail.com.

Pop up - More Basic Bridge – Play of the Hand
Lynne Warfield continues her fabulous lessons in January, for five weeks hosted by Sharon Lindberg and Christine Costello. You will learn how to make a plan and investigate ways to win tricks. The class can take up to 12 people, with two subs.

Date: Fridays, beginning on January 13th, and continuing until February 10th

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Oceans Edge South

Cost: \$75.00 per person

You can **sign up** on the Sawgrass Women's Club website starting **January 2nd**.

Day Trippers

Barbara Maletz

Lightner Museum

Our first trip of the new year will be to the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine on **Tuesday, January 10th**. We'll carpool from Sawgrass in time for the **10:30 a.m. guided tour**. The **\$12 charge includes admission to the museum for the day**. You may want to get there early or allow time in the afternoon to visit the special exhibit "Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts"—18 quilts from the American Folk Art Museum in New York. We'll lunch at noon at the Columbia Restaurant (separate checks on the day). Registration is open on the SWC website. If all spots are full, contact **Barbara Maletz (551-580-0039, text or voice)** to be added to the waiting list.



Jacksonville Walking Tour



For those of you who missed the ever popular Jacksonville Walking Tour that DayTrippers enjoyed in 2021, it will be repeated on **Tuesday February 28th at 10:00 a.m.** The 2-hour tour **costs \$20 (payable at registration on the SWC website starting February 6)** and will be followed by lunch (separate checks) at a Jacksonville restaurant.

Jacksonville Symphony

Save the Date!

We are looking forward to an exciting Day Trippers outing to the **Jacksonville Symphony Pops Concert on Friday morning, March 24th** followed by lunch. Watch for details and sign-up information in future newsletters.



Lunch Around Adventure

Join us for a visit to **MUSSALLEM GALLERIES** and tour the Gallery with an exquisite collection of oriental rugs, as well as a collection of artworks and antiques. A box lunch will be served, hosted by the Mussallem family.



Date: **Wednesday, January 11th**

Location: **5801 Philips Highway, Jacksonville**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$0**

Registration opens **Thursday, December 1st**. **Deadline is Wednesday, January 4th**. Please sign up on **SWC website**.

Any questions, please reach out to **Mary Pappas, pappasps@aol.com or 904-686-1625**.

Fun With Flowers

Felicia Mellon

Save the Date!



Brighten your home with colorful flowers of your own design. Join us again at the Beach Club as Keith Smith once again delights us with beautiful blooms, interesting facts and floral techniques. Keith, the talented owner of Got Flowers JAX, has been sharing his tips and tricks with our members. His floral designs show a unique perspective on flower arrangements and non-traditional approaches to bringing designs to life.

Date: **Sunday, February 5th**

Time: **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Location: **Beach Club**

Cost: **\$40 (plus nominal fee)**

Everything you need is included and waiting for you at the BEACH CLUB.

Registration closes on **1/29/23** or when 40 have registered - whichever comes first.

Questions? Contact **Felicia Mellon at 904-382-1140** (text anytime, call evenings only please) or email to **feliciajm@gmail.com**.

STORIED LIVES

WHAT YOU DID AS A TEENAGER

I think I was always organizing something or gathering people to do something, whether it be going to the movies, or having a party in our finished basement or planning a dance at the church. Some things I organized had to do with going to school.

I went to grammar school in my hometown but on the other side of town so often we would walk through the woods and up the hill or over the train tracks...so I was familiar with the train schedules. When it came time for high school, I talked my friend Carol into applying to the Academy in Rye rather than our current Catholic school. The Academy was about 5 towns away by train so easy, peasy.

We got accepted and thought, this was great. We would travel the train with the boys from Stepinac who got off three towns away while we got off five towns away. We were good in Freshman year, every day crossing the freight yard tracks and the one live northbound track that we would take. We always took the same classes and sat next to each other in the back right side of the classroom for every class. In Sophomore year, I thought, how easy it would be to just go on the other side of the tracks and take the train south, right into Manhattan. All our parents worked so no one was home, and in those days, there were no cell phones to reach parents. If you called the home number, you got no one.

So, one Wednesday, we crossed over the tracks and rode the train into NYC...how fun...we walked around, had a little bite to eat off a street vendor, window shopped, etc. The next Wednesday, we said let's do it again and so we did it again and again. We would pool our money with the boys and buy whatever we could or go to a movie in the city. We knew how to dodge the conductor on the train so that was never a problem. And we always got the train back before all the commuters and before any parent got home from work.

But one day in School, one of the nuns looked and thought how odd, both Carol and Sara are out sick again and they sit right next to each other. By this time, we had recruited a few boys from Stepinac to do the same and we were so proud of ourselves...

Not so fast, Buck breath, you are about to get caught. This nun who didn't like me, kept calling my house until the evening when she got my mother.

And so, our adventures ended but we had fun while they lasted...a fond memory and lucky we all stayed safe in big, bad NYC, and in those days, it was bad.



SWC Highlights

Holiday Appetizer Party at Katie Tartt's home



Appetizers galore!



Joyce Miller has one knitted
cowl done for a Christmas gift.

Two to go!



Holiday Book Party at
Cindy Feeley's home!

December Holiday Program Highlights



SWC Rockstars, Gail and Mary Jean

Elise, in true form!



Our awesome design Team - Angela, Ann, and Paula



Shevawn and Jeanne

The Florida Ballet performs the Nutcracker



Membership

Mary Jean Spegal

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704-277-4274



We are ringing in the New Year with 422 members! You'll recognize our new members at our monthly programs by the green stars on their nametags. Please be sure to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Lisa Berlin, Margaret Daly, Janeene Hart, Laurie MacGregor, Lynne Polcari, Blair Speciale, Linda Tuggle, and Terre Ulm.

Our SWC Online Directory is up and running. Please be sure to visit this site by going to www.sawgrasswomensclub.com, and clicking on "Members Only". From there, enter the password and click on the "Go" tab. Finally, click on "Member Directory". Please check to verify that your contact information is correct.



1/1 Lynn Ocken; **1/3** Diane Jay, Betty Macgilvray; **1/4** Rhonda Ferguson, Elly Stephens, Denise Taaffe, Kay Wantoch; **1/5** Betsy Meister, Shirley Sapp; **1/6** Joanne DiSabastian, Diane Price, AJ Ruvanne; **1/7** Becky Johnson, Kathy Reinersmann, Marcia Starcher; **1/9** Felicia Mellon, Colleen Silvoy; **1/10** Jacquelyn Bates; **1/16** Gail Dawson; **1/19** Diana Reek, Casey Robyn; **1/20** Deb Holton, Debbie Tucker; **1/23** Dana Beisheim, Ginny Bondurant, Mary Beth DeBrueys, Cathy Roth; **1/25** Lisa Morrison; **1/26** Jill Fennessey, Pat Larkin, Regina Runge; **1/27** Joanne Stensland; **1/28** Jocelynn Becksmith, Randa Dilts, Judy Ham, Betsey Larson; **1/29** Jennifer White; **1/30** Judy Miller.

Remember to always visit our Facebook page and website:

[Sawgrasswomensclubpontevedrabeach](https://www.facebook.com/Sawgrasswomensclubpontevedrabeach)
www.sawgrasswomensclub.com

2021-2022 Officers

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Dates to Remember

Jan. 6 Run/Walk the Loop 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 9 January Program 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 10 Bunco 6:00 p.m. (Carolyn Reed's)
Jan. 10 Lightner Museum 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 11 Needlers (1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.)
Jan. 11 Lunch Around Mussallem Galleries 12 pm
Jan. 13 Pop Up Bridge Lessons begin (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Jan. 19 Happy Hour (5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.) Pavilion
Jan. 20 Pop Up Bridge Lessons begin (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Jan. 20 Run/Walk the Loop 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 23 Storied Lives 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24 Book Club Discussion 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 27 Pop Up Bridge Lessons begin (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Feb. 3 Pop Up Bridge Lessons begin (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Feb. 5 Fun with Flowers (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
Feb. 10 Pop Up Bridge Lessons begin (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
Feb. 28 Jacksonville Walking Tour
Mar. 24 Jacksonville Symphony

Open mahjongg - Mondays 1- 4pm Beach Club
Open canasta - Tuesdays 1-3pm Topsider at the Beach Club
Duplicate Bridge - 1st and 3rd Mondays

Casey Robyn maintains the Sawgrass Women's Club Master Calendar. When planning activities please contact her for date availability at: ceerobyn@yahoo.com

Send newsletter articles to: traceskier@att.net

Deadline for information to be included in the Newsletter is the 6th of the month prior to the next issue.