



THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

October, 2023

Message from the President



Pumpkin Spice is officially upon us! October is Halloween month...The top favorite Halloween candy is Skittles. A typical kid's stash of candy amounts to 11,000 calories! The favorite costumes for 2023? Barbie costumes and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

One October when my children were little, we got a new puppy and thus ensued the disputes about naming her. Everyone put their choice into a hat so there wouldn't be any gloating about who got the honor of choosing her name. With much fanfare, Dad plunged his hand into the hat and picked out a piece of paper with big block letters on it. Ta-da! Voting for elected officials is quite a bit more complicated. Come to our October General Program and find out how the process really works in Florida. Thank you, Cindy Feeley, for setting up this informative program!

Volunteers make Sawgrass Women's Club the great organization that it is. We are seeking two women to co-chair our Special Events Bus Trip—a long standing tradition in SWC that has been enjoyed by many. We also need a Special Events chair who can coordinate a couple of unique opportunities for members. Come talk to me!

We have some great activities happening this upcoming month and many more in the works. Looking for something to do? Our first Lunch Around and Day Trippers are scheduled and there are plenty of cards, games, storytelling and book discussions always on tap. Keep a look-out for upcoming events in our newsletter, on our website, on our Facebook website and emails. It takes a village, and thanks to Tracy Stevenson, Peg Babcock, Cheryl Maduzia and Mary Jean Spegal, respectively, for keeping us up to date.



By the way, the name on the dog-naming paper was Kelly Rose; she was with our family for 12 wonderful years. To this day, no one claims to have written that name!

Nan Healy

SWC OCTOBER PROGRAM

Monday, October 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Social ~ 10: 30 a.m. Program

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

Elections Behind the Scenes with Vicki Oakes St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

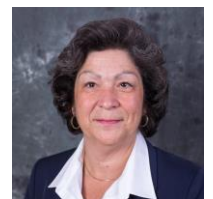


Remember the term, “hanging chads”? The voting process in Florida has changed quite a bit since 2000 to ensure secure and streamlined voting and provide timely results. You may have wondered what happens to your ballot once you have filled it in. How did that neighbor of yours get to be a poll-worker? How long are ballots kept? Is voting a mystery?

Please join us on October 16th as Vicky Oakes walks us through the process of dispelling any mystery. Vicki has over 35 years' experience conducting elections and has served as St Johns County Supervisor of Elections for the past 12 years.

Overseeing everything from poll worker training to mail-in voting to cyber security, she is fully committed to conducting safe, secure, and transparent elections, and to ensuring the right of every voter to cast their ballot and to know that it has been counted accurately.

Married to Paul, her husband of 38 years, Vicki is a Florida native who has lived in St. Johns County for 40 years and counts it an honor to serve as your Supervisor of Elections.



Please plan to attend, bring your questions and have your confidence in our elections affirmed!

After Hours

Katie Tartt

Bunco

Date: Tuesday, October 10th

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Carolyn Reed's home, 616 Brookwood Ct.

Cost: \$10 to play. Light snacks provided. BYOB!

Email: Carolyn at ctreed@bellsouth.net



Happy Hour

SWC After Hours Happy Hour! No RSVP required, just show up! Join us as we enjoy the beautiful weather overlooking the ocean!



Date: Thursday, October 19th

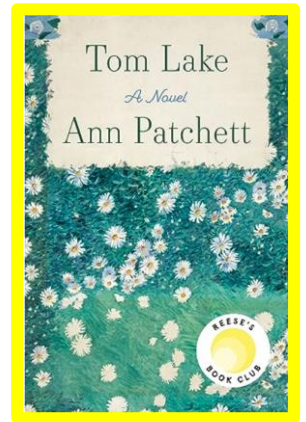
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Beach Club Pavilion



Book Club Jill Mountan / Anne Morgan

Join the SWC book club meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. at the Sawgrass Golf Club when we will discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. *Tom Lake* is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. This book is also currently ranked #1 on the NYT Bestseller List!



We have a new notification system for our book club meetings. We are now using the SWC Event Notification process so all SWC members will get an email announcing our meetings. You still have to RSVP (so we have enough chairs for everyone) but you will do it through the SWC website. Registration opens September 27th and closes October 22nd. For more information, contact Jill Mountan at jillmountan@yahoo.com or Anne Morgan at peteandannemorgan@gmail.com.

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. Play will be available on Columbus Day, October 9th, same time and location.

Interested in group mahjongg lessons? Please contact Cathy at catherineaedge@gmail.com or Betty at emarymac3@gmail.com to receive current information.

Canasta

Sara-Ann Gomez



Canasta is here and thriving. We are playing on **Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Oceans Edge South at the Beach Club.**

If you are new to the game or the Sawgrass Rules for Canasta, please contact [Sara Gomez at 914-393-9681](mailto:gomezaraann@gmail.com) or email gomezaraann@gmail.com. She is willing to teach and help anyone get started.

Storied Lives

Deb Holton

What is the song, that when you hear it today, takes you immediately back to a special place or time. What does it cause you to reminisce about? What memories come flooding back? We are eager to know! If you have that song on your phone, let's dial it up when we meet! 🎵 🎵 🎵



Storied Lives will meet on **Wednesday, October 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.** Please limit your story to one page so that we can hear everyone's tale! Join us before Hamburger Night! For more information, contact [Deb Holton at debholton@gmail.com](mailto:debholton@gmail.com).

Needlers

Joyce Miller

Welcome to all of you who knit, crochet, or enjoy other needle crafts! In the time-honored tradition of knitting circles (or crocheting circles, etc.), the Needlers meet on the **second Wednesday of the month, at the Beach Club from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** The Needlers will next meet on **Wednesday, October 13th, with the exact location TBD.**

For more information, kindly contact [Joyce Miller, joyceamiller@me.com](mailto:joyceamiller@me.com).

Chicago Bridge

Karla Dunham

We're looking for some additional teams!

The Chicago Bridge Marathon is a fun activity offered by the Sawgrass Women's Club (SWC). Pairs of players sign up in the fall and play as a team for 10 matches - beginning in **October through March 31st.** You may play whenever you would like and where you



would like, as long as all 10 matches are **completed by March 31st.** Each match will consist of 20 bridge hands, (five rounds of four hands each) with one of the other pairs. Hands are played and scored in accordance with the usual rules of bridge. Email jgustine@sawgrasscountryclub.com or jkelly@sawgrasscountryclub.com, if you want to play at the Club to schedule your time and date, or at each other's homes, which some of us prefer. The **participation fee is \$20.00 per person**, and you must be a member of the SWC. All funds collected will be used for prize money at the end of the season.

For those of you who are new to bridge, this is a fun and "non-competitive" way to play more. It's not duplicate; we just shuffle the cards and play, so you are not playing the same hands competitively against another team. Please contact [Karla Dunham, 904-285-6463](mailto:kdunham1216@comcast.net) or at kdunham1216@comcast.net, should you have any concerns or questions. You need to **sign up before October 1st.**

Day Trippers

Barbara Maletz

USS Orleck Tour and Lunch



This is your chance to have lunch on a battleship without joining the navy! On **Wednesday, November 1st**, we'll be touring the USS Orleck, a retired US Navy destroyer that is now moored near the football stadium in downtown Jacksonville. We'll carpool from Sawgrass to arrive in time for the **10:00 a.m. tour**. After the tour, we'll have lunch on the deck with catering provided by Biscotti's. **The \$33 cost includes both the tour and the lunch.** Registration for this event opens on the **SWC website on Monday, October 9th**. Please join us! Contact Barbara Maletz 551-580-0039 (voice or text) with your questions or concerns.

Lunch Around

Lisa Grabeman

Our first Lunch Around of the season will be held at the **Reef Restaurant** in **St. Augustine**. Please join us for a delightful lunch (order off the menu) with a beautiful ocean view. Please email **Lisa Grabeman** with any questions at grabeman@msn.com or sign up online.



Date: **Wednesday, October 18th**

Location: **4100 Coastal Highway, St. Augustine**

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

Maximum Number: **20**

Cost: **On your own**

Registration/Payment Online: **Begins September 18th and ends October 10th.**

Bridge Lessons at Sawgrass

Sharon Lindberg /
Christine Costello

Transfer Bidding

Our first bridge lesson of the year will be **November 10th**. Lynne Warfield will take us through the logic of transfers in bridge.



You will learn when and how to use them to improve your game. If you have the basics, this will be a good first convention to learn. If you are an intermediate player this will be a good review.

Date: **November 10th.**

Location: **Ocean's Edge South**

Time: **8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Maximum Number: **Min of 8 to Max of 12 people**

Cost: **\$15 plus nominal fee.**

Registration/Payment Online: **Begins October 10th and ends November 9th.**

Questions? Call Or email **Sharon Lindberg** at Lindbergsharon@gmail.com or 315-559-5691 or **Christine Costello** at ckcostello@comcast.net or 203-253-3262.

Games, Inc.

Elly Stephens

Do you like games such as Scrabble, Kings in the Corner, Tri-Ominos, Qwirkle, Five Crowns? GAMES, Inc meets on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month**. Join us for board, card and tile games ~ several games will be offered in addition to those mentioned.

Simple instruction will be offered for a variety of easy games to play ~ grab your favorite game and let the fun begin! We meet this month on the **11th and 25th of October** from **4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** in the Miller Room at the Golf Club.



Contact **Elly Stephens** with any questions: elainestephens96@gmail.com or 843-540-0156.

Fun with Flowers (And Keith!)

Elise Beard



Join the amazing, talented and funny Keith with Got Flowers Jax as he educates us on flowers AND we make an amazing arrangement together. This month we feature a garden themed arrangement in a whitewashed box.

Keith says "This is something daintier, filled with lots of greenery and more intuitively placed blooms, a little more wild in form." Some ladies stay afterwards for a beverage and social time! Any questions, please contact [Elise Beard at elisebeard@msn.com](mailto:elisebeard@msn.com) or 904-463-7774.

Date: Sunday, September 24th

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Golf Clubhouse / Miller Room

Cost: \$40 PP plus nominal fees

Maximum Number: 40 (may be room for more)

Registration/Payment Online: Begins August 12th and ends September 21st.



Funny Cocktail Napkin Exchange & Happy Hour

Elise Beard

Prepare to laugh out loud at this super fun event! Bring a package of HILARIOUSLY FUNNY cocktail napkins for our first annual Cocktail Napkin Social. Everyone will get a number and take home a different package of napkins. We will vote on the funniest napkin and the winner gets first dibs on the napkins of her choice. Lite snacks and a bartender are included in the cost. It's going to be a BLAST! Any questions, please contact [Elise Beard at elisebeard@msn.com](mailto:elisebeard@msn.com) or 904-463-7774 or [Deb Holton at debholton@gmail.com](mailto:Deb Holton) or 904-813-8538.



Date: Wednesday, October 4th

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Golf Clubhouse / Miller Room

Cost: \$16 per person plus nominal fee

Maximum Number: 40 (may be room for more)

Registration/Payment Online: Begins September 10th and ends October 1st.





Mary Jean Spegal

swcpvmembership@gmail.com

704-277-4274

WELCOME



Our SWC Membership continues to grow for the 2023-24 year. We now have 352 members, 18 of which are new. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Margaret DeFranco, Donna Furfine, Nancy Kaufman, Juli O'Hara, and Victoria Vigil.

Once again, the SWC Online Directory is up and running. Please note that this will be the only directory we will be using this year. If you haven't already done so, review your personal information and verify that it is correct. You may access the Online Directory by going to www.sawgrasswomensclub.com and clicking on Members Only. From there you can enter the password that has been sent to you when you joined or renewed your membership. Feel free to contact the Membership Chair, Mary Jean Spegal, if you need help getting into this directory.



10/2 Wendy Gebhardt, Connie Sullivan; 10/3 Barbara Knowles, Leslie Miro; 10/6 Margaret DeFranco, Linda Granfield; 10/7 Peggy Semple; 10/8 Grace Kinsella, Lois Schwinger; 10/9 Qi Bruce; 10/14 Barbara Maple, Cynthia Pendell; 10/17 Lyn Nix; 10/18 Beverly Beck, Debbie Snyder; 10/19 Margie Levey; 10/21 Kathy Kendrick, Carolyn Reed; 10/22 Trish Arnett, Marcia Haytaian, Helen Morse-Skeen; 10/24 Samantha Brantley; 10/25 Peg Babcock; 10/29 Sharon Cohen; 10/30 Gretchen Binard, and Judy Nagel.

Remember to always visit our Facebook page and website:

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

www.sawgrasswomensclub.com

2023-2024 Officers

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Fashion Show - Casey Robyn
Fun with Flowers - Elise Beard
Historian - Cheryl Meduzia
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Lunch Around - Lisa Grabeman
Mahjongg - Cathy Edge, Betty MacGilvray
Needlers - Joyce Miller
Newsletter Editor / Publisher - Tracy Stevenson
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Storied Lives - Deb Holton
Website - Peg Babcock

Dates to Remember

Sept. 18 Storied Lives 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 21 Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pavillion
Sept. 24 Fun with Flowers 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.
Oct. 4 Funny Cocktail Napkin Exchange 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 Bunco - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Needlers (1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.)
Oct. 16 General Program 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 18 Lunch Around 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 Storied Lives 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 Book Club 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 1 Day Trippers USS Orleck Tour & Lunch
Nov. 10 Bridge Lesson - Transfers 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Open mahjongg - Mondays 1- 4pm Beach Club
Open canasta - Tuesdays 1-3pm Beach Club
Duplicate Bridge - 1st and 3rd Mondays
Games, Inc. - 2nd and 4th 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.

Sawgrass Women's Club Cares
Please notify [Casey Robyn at \(937\)623-8483](mailto:Casey Robyn at (937)623-8483) concerning Sawgrass Women's Club members who are experiencing life situations which warrant notes of sympathy or encouragement.