



# THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

February 2025

## Message from the President



February holds a unique charm, blending the crisp coolness of winter with the warmth of heartfelt connections. It's the perfect time to pause and appreciate the beauty of togetherness, celebrating the friendships that brighten our lives. Whether it's a cozy afternoon spent playing cards or tiles, sharing laughter over silly kitchen towels that turns an ordinary day extraordinary, or embarking on new adventures that become cherished stories, February invites us to create and savor meaningful moments.

The Sawgrass Women's Club has planned many exciting events this month to help you make those memories. Be sure to read through this newsletter, mark your calendars, and join us for opportunities to connect, share, and celebrate.

This month encourages us to embrace kindness, share joy, and deepen the bonds that make life truly special. It's a chance to reflect on the people who stand by us through thick and thin and to express gratitude for the love and light they bring. Let's fill February with fun, laughter, and thoughtful acts of care—big and small—that remind us of the strength and beauty of friendship. Together, let's make this February one to remember as we celebrate the connections that warm our hearts and enrich our lives.

Warmly,

*Cindy Feeley*



## SWC February Program

Monday, February 10, 2025

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

Reservations are required ~ Reserve on-line at <https://www.sawgrasswomensclub.com/event-sign-up>

**Abigail Kuhn**

Volunteer Coordinator for  
GTM Research Reserve

Have you ever seen the yellow taped off areas on the beach and wondered what they are for and who puts them up? Who monitors the nesting turtles in our area? What kind of turtles nest here? Or, have you seen the signs for GTM Research Reserve and wondered what kind of research is done there? How big is the Guana Reserve? How did it come about?

Our February speaker, Abigail Kuhn, has been volunteering and working in our area since 2018. She is the volunteer coordinator for the Reserve. She will give us the background of the GTM Research Reserve, and an overview of all of the turtles in the area and their nesting seasons. She will also share the numerous volunteer opportunities that are available.



Abigail has followed her passion for sealife with a bachelors and masters in Marine Biology and Coastal Sciences. She has worked at National Parks, Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Centers, and aquariums and laboratories all along the eastern seaboard from Louisiana to North Carolina to Florida. She will share her vast knowledge and dedication to the sea life of the First Coast.

## After Hours

Natalie Costello

### BUNCO

Date: **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Linda Mracek's home  
at 1518 Birkdale Lane**



\$10 to play and light snacks provided. BYOB!

RSVP to [Leigh Warren](mailto:LeighWarren@201-655-3626) at 201-655-3626 or  
[Leighw3626@gmail.com](mailto:Leighw3626@gmail.com).

### SWC HAPPY HOUR!

SWC Happy Hour is on the  
third Thursday in January.



Our next Happy Hour is:

Date: **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Beach Club Pavilion**

No RSVP required, just show up and have fun!

## Masta Canasta

Lisa Schwartz /  
Fran Trotta

Masta Canasta meets every Tuesday at the **Beach Club in Ocean's Edge South from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Canasta is an easy game to learn ... join other SWC members and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie ~ we have many experienced and supportive Canasta players with whom you can play.



We do have a number of new participants who are taking lessons from Sara Ann Gomez ~ if you would like to do so, please contact [Sara Ann Gomez](mailto:gomezSaraAnn@gmail.com) at [gomezSaraAnn@gmail.com](mailto:gomezSaraAnn@gmail.com) or 914-393-9681. Questions? Please contact [Lisa Schwartz](mailto:LisaSchwartz@201-741-0703) @ 201-741- 0703.

## Day Trippers

Barbara Maletz

DayTrippers are going to the St. Augustine Wild Reserve, north Florida's foremost exotic animal sanctuary. In a 2-hour tour, we'll meet lions, tigers and bears (and jaguars and wolves, too). Our guide will introduce each animal and tell us how he/she came to live at the Reserve. We'll stop at a local restaurant for lunch (separate checks payable on the day) on the way back to PVB.

Date: **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Location: **St. Augustine Wild Reserve  
5190 Farm Creek Road,  
St. Augustine (near World Golf  
Village)**  
Lunch: **2 Creeks Bar & Grill  
74 Capulet Drive, St. Augustine**  
Cost: **\$20 payable at time of registration on  
SWC website**  
Time: **9:00 a.m. - Car Pool to Reserve  
10:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Guided Tour  
12:30 p.m. - Lunch**

Registration Opens: **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Contact [Barbara Maletz](mailto:barbara.maletz@gmail.com) at  
[barbara.maletz@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.maletz@gmail.com) with your questions  
or concerns.

### Coming attractions for Day Trippers:

#### Tour of St. Augustine Lighthouse

Date: **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Cost: **\$15**  
Registration opens: **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Contact [Barbara Maletz](tel:551-580-0039) at 551-580-0039  
(voice or text) with your question or  
concerns.

SWC Mahjongg players meet at the Beach Club (Topsider) on Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for drop-in games. Beginners to advanced players are welcome as well as observers new to the game and members wishing to refresh their Mahjongg skills.



Interested in group Mahjongg lessons? Please contact Cathy at [catherineaedge@gmail.com](mailto:catherineaedge@gmail.com) or Betty at [emarymac3@gmail.com](mailto:emarymac3@gmail.com) to receive current information.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

**Looking for a Co-Chair as  
Newsletter Editor for 2025/2026  
season.**

### **Responsibilities include:**

- **Timely monthly communications to secure newsletter submissions**
- **Minor editing and layout of newsletter**
- **Securing online graphics as needed to complement submissions**
- **Meeting deadlines for monthly distribution of newsletter**

**If interested, please contact**

**Tracy Stevenson**  
**[traceskier@att.net](mailto:traceskier@att.net)**  
**626-388-8261**



You are invited to join Chit Chat Bridge, a beginner-intermediate bridge activity with the goal of practicing in a collaborative, noncompetitive manner. In addition, bridge is an excellent way to exercise your brain.

We'll shuffle, deal and lay out the hand. Then we'll analyze the hand to arrive at the best bid and discuss how to play to make that bid. Then we'll pick up the cards and play. We'll practice bidding 5 card majors, better minors, Stayman, Jacoby Transfer bids, Standard American bidding, and more.

We will meet on **Wednesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>** and play from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Check out the Sawgrass Women's Club web page to join. I'll send out an email each week asking who can attend. You don't have to play every time.

Contact **Sharon Lindberg** at [lindbergsharon@gmail.com](mailto:lindbergsharon@gmail.com) or at 315-559-5691 with any questions.





**Cafe Alcazar**

Mark your calendars for our next "Lunch Around", Thursday, January 23rd, at the Cafe Alcazar located in St. Augustine. Cafe Alcazar is an elegant eatery situated in the space of the Lightner Museum originally designated for the largest indoor swimming pool. Members will order from the menu and will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. Sign up will begin at the end of December. Please email [Lisa Grabeman](mailto:grabeman@msn.com) with any questions at [grabeman@msn.com](mailto:grabeman@msn.com).

Time: **11:00 a.m.**

Location: **Lightner Museum, Building 25,  
Granado St., St. Augustine, FL**

Maximum Number of members: **20**

Registration: **Currently open and ends  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**



Storyed Lives will be shifting its meeting dates to **Thursdays, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.** Please mark your calendars and join us as we continue to share our hilarious stories and memories.

***Our February Topic:***

This month we are sharing our Most Memorable Road Trips. Where were you going? With whom? What happened? Please join us on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** at the Pavilion to make that special time come alive again. Please remember that you don't need to be a skilled writer; just jot down a page to share. No grammar police will be present!



Please join us to share your memories and spend some time with an amazing group of women. For more information, contact [Deb Holton](mailto:debholton@gmail.com) at [debholton@gmail.com](mailto:debholton@gmail.com).

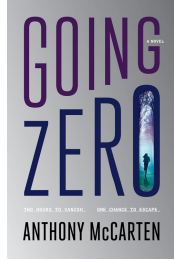




## Book Club

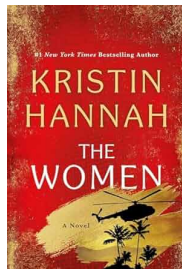
Jill Moutan /  
Anne Horton

Join the SWC book club for our **Tuesday, January 28th** gathering. We will be discussing *Going Zero* by Anthony McCarten, a four-time Academy Award nominated screenwriter. In *Going Zero*, ten Americans have been carefully selected to Beta test a ground-breaking piece of spyware. FUSION can track anyone on earth. But does it work? For one contestant, the stakes are far higher than money, and her reasons for entering the test are more personal than anyone imagines.



We meet in the **Miller Room at the Sawgrass Clubhouse at 4:00 p.m.** Arrive early if you'd like to get a drink from the pub. Be sure to RSVP on the event sign-up page of the SWC website so we have enough chairs for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

In February, we will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. In *The Women*, Frankie McGrath is a young woman from a wealthy family who decides to enlist as a nurse in the Vietnam War after her older brother is killed in action. In doing so, she leaves her sheltered and comfortable life in California to serve in a war-ravaged country working under dangerous conditions. When she returns, the atmosphere in America is hostile to veterans, dismissive of women's contributions in the war, and she struggles to re-assimilate.



In this story about patriotism, friendship, remembrance, and defying expectations, *The Women* tells an often-overlooked story of the courageous women who served in Vietnam.

For more information, contact [Jill Moutan at jillmoutan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillmoutan@yahoo.com) or [Anne Horton at annehorton789@gmail.com](mailto:annehorton789@gmail.com).

## Games, Inc.

Linda Mracek

Our late **January date will be Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We hope to see everyone back and ready to play games.



GAMES INC will be celebrating Valentine's Day with fun and funny team games on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Hone up your TV game show skills to outsmart the other team.

On **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, GAMES INC. will be back to our regular program of playing and learning new games. Some of our favorites are Train Dominos, Rummy Cube, Kings in the Corner, and Five Kings to name a few. We'll also have Skyjo, and Qwirkx (dice game) for new games to learn, and a refresher on Euchre for those who are interested. Or bring your favorite game and teach us the basics so we can learn another fun game!

GAMES INC. will meet in **Ocean's Edge South, Sawgrass Beach Club from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.**

Please contact [Linda at 520-820-0474](mailto:Linda at 520-820-0474) with any questions you may have regarding GAMES INC.



## Designing Delicious Desserts

Lauren Delacruz



Looking for a new way to express your affection for your true love this Valentine's Day or for designer chocolate desserts to serve dinner guests in your home? Crème da la Cocoa in St. Augustine has just the right recipe for that!!! Join us as we participate in the creation of designer chocolate desserts under the guidance of Crème de la Coca owner and culinary artist, Nils Rowland. Even better, you will be taking home a generous sampling of the desserts you have created!!!

Carpooling will be available from the Golf Clubhouse parking lot. Questions? [Contact Lauren Delacruz at llcruz4@aol.com](mailto:llcruz4@aol.com) or at 904-955-3334.

Location: **Crème da la Cocoa, 299 San Marco Ave, St. Augustine**

When: **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$53.75 plus nominal fee**

Registration: **Opens Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and closes Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Maximum Number: **15**



## Hilarious Kitchen Towel Exchange

Yep, we're making it happen! We had so much fun at the Funny Cocktail Napkin Exchange, members have been requesting another party. So, we added The HILARIOUS KITCHEN TOWEL EXCHANGE!

When: **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Time: **4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Sawgrass Clubhouse Atrium**

Cost: **\$16.00 plus nominal fee**

Appetizers and a member charge bar included.

Registration: **Opens Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and closes Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Maximum Number: **50**

TELL ME MORE: Bring an extremely funny kitchen towel. Come, browse, laugh, socialize, eat, drink, vote and be merry with your fellow members.

"A good laugh overcomes more difficulties and dissipates more dark clouds than any other thing." *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Contact Elise Beard at [elisebeard@msn.com](mailto:elisebeard@msn.com) or at 904-463-7774 with any questions.



## Cumberland Island Land and Legacy Tour



Cumberland Island is a barrier island off Georgia's southeast coast, with protected beaches and maritime forest. The Dungeness Ruins are the remains of a mansion built by Thomas Carnegie, brother and partner of steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie.

We will board the **Cumberland Island Ferry in St Mary's, Georgia, at 9:00 a.m. to arrive on the island at 9:45 a.m.** Our private van tour will **depart at 10:00 a.m.** and will take us to the Plum Orchard Mansion, First African Baptist Church, and the Wild Island area. This is the part of Cumberland Island that is only accessible via this tour.

Please note that, since there is no food on the island, you will need to bring your own lunch and drink. Also, each participant will need to pay park admission upon arrival, or use their National Park Pass.

Date: **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Time: **8:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Cost: **\$100.00 plus nominal fee**

Park Admission: **\$15.00**

Maximum number: **12**

Registration Opens: **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Deadline: **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

The February meeting of the Needlers will be on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you know how to knit, crochet, or any other kind of needlework, come join us on the **second Wednesday of every month, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Beach Club**. For more information, kindly contact **Joyce Miller, [joyceamiller@me.com](mailto:joyceamiller@me.com)**.

*Here's a completed  
needlepoint project from  
Kathy Cohen.*



## Fun with Flowers (by Keith) / Valentine Edition

**Elise Beard**



Please join your fellow Women's Club members for a fun Valentine's themed flower arranging workshop. Think red, white, pink and AMAZING! Some ladies stay after for social time in the Pub. All are welcome, and no experience is needed.

Date: **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$45.00 per person plus nominal fee**

Location: **Sawgrass Clubhouse, Miller Room**

Registration Opens: **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Deadline: **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Maximum Number: **45**

Contact **Elise Beard** at **[elisebeard@msn.com](mailto:elisebeard@msn.com)** or at **904-463-7774** with any questions.



# Winter Park Bus Trip

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Talk to your friends and join us on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, for a luxury bus trip to Winter Park. A full day of fun ~ We have all the details covered ~ Includes: Luxury bus and snacks to ensure comfort, small group guided walking tour, boat tour, lunch on your own with your friends, and shopping or more sightseeing! Tips for tour guides not included. We will offer an online waitlist once registration is filled. But, don't wait!!! Register on our website NOW!!! Spots are filling up fast!!!

## Winter Park Bus Trip Details:

Date: **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Registration Opens: **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Registration Deadline: **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Maximum: **54 Participants**

Cost: **\$120 plus nominal fee**

## Timeline:

7:00-7:15 AM **Meet at Golf Club Parking Lot To Board Bus (Bus leaves promptly at 7:20)**

10:00-11:00 AM **Guided Walking And History Tour Of Downtown Winter Park**

11:00-12:00 PM **Guided Boat Tour**

12:00-3:00 PM **Lunch and Shopping On Your Own**

3:00 PM **Board Bus For Return To SCC (Bus Leaves Promptly at 3:15)**

5:45-6:00 PM **Arrive At SCC- Golf Club Parking Lot**

Questions? Contact **Donna Hayley** at [dhayley6@gmail.com](mailto:dhayley6@gmail.com) or 708-528-3563 or  
**Kirstie Bray** at [kbray002@gmail.com](mailto:kbray002@gmail.com) or 305-984-7501



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE....bah humbug**

Some folks love Halloween, the costumes, the skeleton decorations, the snacks that look like spiders or eyeballs. Some folks love to celebrate New Years Eve- dressing up, staying up until midnight, drinking champagne, kissing at midnight, whether you know the person standing next to you or not.

Personally, I love Easter bunnies, May baskets, turkey dinners and stockings hung by the chimney with care. I tried as hard as I could to come up with some great memories of New Year's celebrations but nothing came to mind. The whole idea of being expected to stay up late to celebrate another year passing by has always seemed like torture to me.

I finally came up with one fun New Years Eve many, many years ago when we lived in Wheaton, Illinois. I had recently taken a fun cooking class where we learned to make Asian food. So we invited a few friends to come to our house for New Years Eve to make egg rolls and drink cheap, very cheap, champagne. Our daughter was about 3 years old and our friends also had young children. I've either blanked it out or the kids were incredibly well behaved while the adults gathered in our very small galley type kitchen to dice and chop the ingredients for the egg rolls. They turned out amazingly good, we gobbled them down, enjoyed a champagne toast, played a couple games of charades and now it was about.... 9:00.

Now what????? That's the problem with New Years Eve for me - the expectation that we must stay awake until midnight pretending to have a good time when all we really want to do is go to bed! So cheers to all of you night owls who love this holiday and here's to 2025! Oh, and don't come trick or treating to my house.... the lights will be turned off and I'll be in bed by 9:00. Bah, humbug





*Sawgrass Women's Club*  
*Presents*

# ELEMENTS

*Of.*  
*Elegance*

A Fashion Show Extravaganza

Save the Date  
April 16, 2025

1030 AM

Registration opens March 14th at 9:00AM  
\$35.00 (plus a nominal fee)



# Membership

Mary Jean Spegal

swcpvmembership@gmail.com

704-277-4274



Sawgrass Women's Club is excited to report we now have 440 members! This includes 62 new members! Be sure to welcome our newest members when you see them: Laura Bender, Dina Carmelengo, Nicole Johnson, Shellie Iossa, Judith Kaur, Lisa Kolisek, Lonnie Smith and Roxie St. Martin. We wish all of our SWC Ladies a Happy Valentine's Day! We Love You!

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](http://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.



**January:** 2/1 Linda Kelly; 2/3 Laurie MacGregor; 2/4 Teddi Siragusa; 2/7 Patty Burden, Mary Grace Guglielmo; 2/9 Michael Harried; 2/12 Suzan Lopman, Kim Fleischer; 2/15 Cathy Edge; 2/17 Ingela Robinson, Connie Quinlan; 2/18 Tracy Stevenson; 2/21 Christine Dragonetti, Shannon Lynch; 2/22 Trace Duryea, Debbie Tanzler; 2/24 Pam Cronauer, Deanna Clement; 2/25 JoAnn Palmer; 2/27 Melanie Massey; 2/28 Delores Adams.

Remember to always visit our Facebook page and website:

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

[www.sawgrasswomensclub.com](http://www.sawgrasswomensclub.com).

## Important Dates to Remember

January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lunch Around 11:00 am
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club 4:00 p.m.
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chit Chat Bridge (Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> )
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Designing Delicious Desserts 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Storied Lives 4:00 p.m.
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fun With Flowers 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting 10:00 a.m.
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bunco 6:00 p.m.
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tour of St. Augustine Wild Preserve 10:00 a.m.
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Hour 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kitchen Towel Exchange 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tour of St. Augustine Lighthouse
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Park Bus Trip 7:15 – 6:00 p.m.
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fashion Show - 10:30 a.m.



Open Mahjonn - Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Duplicate Bridge - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

Open Canasta - Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Games, Inc. - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:00

## **2024 – 2025 Officers**

President – Cindy Feeley

1st Vice President / Programs – Carol Dacey

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President / Membership – Mary Jean Spegal

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President / Community – Natalie Costello

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President / Website Administrator – Peg Babcock

Treasurer – Martha Hayes

Recording Secretary – Pam Cronauer

Corresponding Secretary / Calendar – Katie Tartt

Parliamentarian – Nan Healy

## **Advisory Board**

Book Club – Jill Mountan, Anne Horton

Bridge, Chicago – Karla Dunham

Bridge, Duplicate – Diane Cannon, Judy Flynn

Bridge Lessons – Sharon Lindberg

Canasta – Lisa Schwartz, Fran Trotta

Communications – Mary Jean Spegal

Day Trippers – Barbara Maletz

Decorations – Paula Larsen

Fashion Show – Casey Robyn

Fun with Flowers – Elise Beard

Games, Inc. – Linda Mracek

Historian – Anne Morgan

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Mahjongg – Cathy Edge, Betty MacGilvray

Needlers – Joyce Miller

Newsletter Editor/Publisher – Tracy Stevenson

Pop-Up Coordinator – Nan Healy

Social Media – Traci O'Neill

Special Events Trips – Donna Hayley/Kirstie Bray

Storied Lives – Deb Holton

*Katie Tartt maintains **the Sawgrass Women's Club Master Calendar.***

*When planning activities please contact her for date availability at [KatherineTartt@me.com](mailto:KatherineTartt@me.com).*

*Send newsletter articles to: [traceskier@att.net](mailto:traceskier@att.net).*

*Deadline for information to be included in the Newsletter is the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next issue.*

## ***Sawgrass Women's Club Cares***

*Please notify Katie Tartt at 904-671-2144 concerning Sawgrass Women's Club members who are experiencing life situations which warrant notes of sympathy or encouragement.*