



THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

Message from the President



As we welcome the arrival of spring, March brings a season of renewal, growth, and celebration. This month, we proudly honor Women's History Month, recognizing the remarkable contributions of women

- past and present - who have shaped our communities and the world. As you take part in the many activities offered by SWC this month, I encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the inspiring women around you. The talent and accomplishments of our members are truly extraordinary!

March is also a time for personal reflection and engagement. As you consider your own skills and strengths, I invite you to explore the opportunity of volunteering for an Advisory Board position for the upcoming Club Year. The Sawgrass Women's Club thrives because of the dedication and leadership of its members, and your involvement helps enrich our vibrant community.

March with the SWC offers so many exciting opportunities to connect, learn, and enjoy. An engaging speaker, lunch out at TPC, field trips, a book discussion, arts and crafts, and games – there is just too much on the calendar to list and truly something for everyone! Be sure to read through the full newsletter so you don't miss out.

As we celebrate the resilience and achievements of women everywhere, let's continue to uplift and support one another, fostering a community of encouragement, empowerment, and friendship. Wishing you the luck of the Irish and a wonderful month ahead!

Sláinte!

Cindy Feeley



SWC March Program

Monday, March 17, 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>

St. Augustine Lighthouse

Lighthouses symbolize hope, strength, resilience, and the ability to overcome challenges. They can represent new beginnings, awareness, change, and the ability to navigate uncharted waters.

Florida has 40 lighthouses along its 1350 mile coastline. Some are still actively used and some are historical landmarks. The St. Augustine Lighthouse is a 150

year old historical structure, located in America's oldest city. This beautifully preserved lighthouse has a long and interesting history.



On Monday, March 17th, our guest speaker from the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum, Inc. will share many wonderful facts about lighthouses and the significance of this lighthouse in the growth of the shrimping industry as well as its importance during WWII.

What would you like to know about lighthouses? Are all lighthouses the same height and color? How many steps are there to the observation deck? Does it still light up at night? Does it have a foghorn? What is a Fresnel? Does a light keeper still live there? What was its significance in the maritime history of our area?

The lighthouse, the Maritime Museum, the light keepers house, a garage and Coast Guard barracks are maintained by a private non-profit organization, and all are open to the public. The SWC Day Trippers will tour the St. Augustine Lighthouse on Friday, March 28th.

Plan to join us for this enlightening program!

After Hours

Natalie Costello

BUNCO

Date: **TBD**

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

Location: **TBD**



\$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.

SWC HAPPY HOUR!

SWC Happy Hour is on the **third Thursday in March.**



Our next Happy Hour is:

Date: **Thursday, March 20th**

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 or 914-393-9681. Questions? Please contact [Lisa Schwartz](mailto:LisaSchwartz@201-741-0703) at 201-741- 0703.

DayTrippers

Barbara Maletz

The final DayTrippers event for this season is a visit to the St. Augustine Lighthouse. This will be a follow-up to the March general meeting speaker who will talk about the lighthouse. Date for the tour is **Friday, March 28th**. We'll have a 1-hour tour followed by time to ascend the lighthouse. On the way home, we'll stop at The Reef for lunch (separate checks on the day) where we'll enjoy ocean front dining.

Date: **Friday, March 28th**

Location: **St. Augustine Lighthouse**
1005 Red Cox Drive,
St. Augustine

Lunch: **The Reef, 4100 Coastal Highway (A1A)**
St. Augustine

Time: **9:30 a.m. Carpool from SCC to**
Lighthouse
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Guided Tour
11:30 p.m. - Lighthouse ascent
12:00 noon - Depart
12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Registration Opens: **Friday, February 21st**

Registration Deadline: **Friday, March 21st**

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



Mahjongg

Cathy Edge /
Betty MacGilvray

SWC Mahjongg players will 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 or **Betty** at emarymac3@gmail.com to receive current information.

Fun with Flowers (and Keith) / Spring Fling Edition

Elise Beard



Our last flower event of the year promises to be a blast! Please join us for our April "Spring Fling" and have some Fun with Flowers & Keith. Come learn useful flower arranging tips and tidbits PLUS take home a beautiful flower arrangement to brighten your week. There may even be a surprise! Some ladies stay after to socialize in the Pub (imagination that!).

Date: **Sunday, April 6th**

Time: **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

Location: **Clubhouse, Miller Room**

Registration Opens: **Monday, March 17th**

Registration Deadline: **Sunday, March 30th**

Maximum Number: **50**

Contact **Elise Beard** at elisebeard@msn.com or at **904-463-7774** with any questions.

Chit Chat Bridge

Sharon Lindberg



We are off to a good start. We will have two to three tables of players each week.

We'll be working on hands from the American Contract Bridge League book called Bidding in the Twenty First Century. I would suggest following along in this book as we proceed. Each week we will examine a few premade hands and practice what we learned.

We meet every **Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Oceans Edge South.** Online registration for this group is closed, but we still have room for a few more people.

Please contact **Sharon Lindberg** at lindbergsharon@gmail.com or at **315-559-5691** with any questions.

Storied Lives

Deb Holton

Storied Lives is going on **Spring Break in March** so we will not be meeting. More information about our topic and future dates will be in the April newsletter. Stay tuned for more info...

Storied Lives meets on **Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.** Please join us as we continue to share our hilarious stories and memories.

For more information, contact **Deb Holton** at debholton@gmail.com.

Lunch Around

Lisa Grabeman/
Cathy Richard



TPC Sawgrass Nineteen

TPC Sawgrass Nineteen will be the venue for the **March** "Lunch Around". Nineteen features a creative array of freshly prepared American and Continental cuisine in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Members will order from the menu and separate checks will be provided.

Sign up will begin at the end of **February**. Please email [Lisa Grabeman](mailto:grabeman@msn.com) at grabeman@msn.com or Cathy Richard at the.cathy21@gmail.com with any questions.

Date: **Wednesday, March 26th**

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

Location: **110 Championship Way
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**

Maximum Number of members: **20**

Registration Opens: **Wednesday, February 26th**

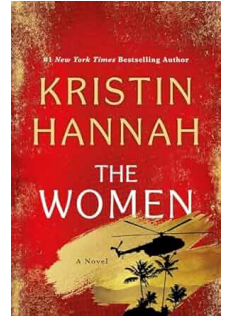
Registration Closes: **Monday, March 24th**



Book Club

Jill Mountan /
Anne Horton

Join the SWC book club for our **February 25th** gathering. We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. In it, Frankie McGrath, a young woman from a wealthy family, 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 reassimilate. *The Women* tells an often-overlooked story of the courageous women who served in Vietnam.



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!



Please join us on **Tuesday, March 25th**, where we will be discussing *The Librarian Spy: A Novel of WWII* by Madeline Martin. **AND... WE GET TO MEET THE AUTHOR!** Ava thought her job as a librarian at the Library of Congress would mean a quiet, routine existence. But an unexpected offer from the US military has brought her to Lisbon with a new mission: posing as a librarian while working undercover as a spy gathering intelligence. **Come join us for this special engagement!**

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

Sip and Paint an Impressionistic garden pot

Please join us for a creative afternoon at the First Coast Cultural Center, painting a beautiful garden pot in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. FCCC will supply terracotta pots, acrylic paints, instruction and all art supplies needed. Wine will be provided for you to enjoy, as you paint your creation.

Date: **Wednesday, March 19th**

Time: **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Location: **First Coast Cultural Center, Sawgrass Village, 6000 B Sawgrass Village Circle**

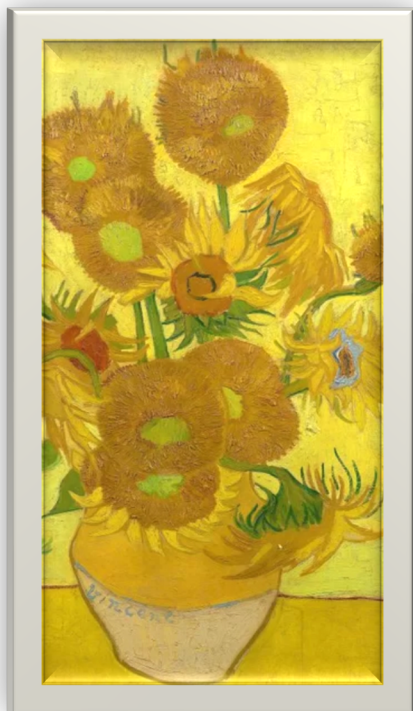
Cost: **\$20.00 plus a nominal fee**

Maximum number: **22**

Registration Opens: **Monday, February 10th**

Registration Deadline: **Friday, March 14th**

For any questions, please contact **Barbara Ardell** at vt59@sover.net or at 802-379-0926.



Hello Sawgrass Women's Club Game Players!

Looking forward to another month of playing board games, trivia games, card games, dice games...you name it! But the real fun is the meeting of new and existing friends while enjoying the company of others who love playing games. Hoping to see some of our new members come by to see what it's all about!



No need to RSVP or bring anything (unless you have a favorite game), just your smile and adventure for fun. We meet at the **Beach Club in the small dining room on the south side of Ocean's Edge**. Our days are the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** For March, that will be the **12th and the 26th**, so mark your calendars.

Please contact **Linda** at **520-820-0474** with any questions you may have regarding GAMES, INC.

Needlers

Joyce Miller

The Needlers will meet on **Wednesday, March 12th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Beach Club Alcove**. This group is comprised of those who knit, crochet, needlepoint, and/or any needlework. The Needlers meet every second Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact **Joyce Miller** at joyceamiller@me.com.

This was the last step Joyce Miller completed for her Valentine's Day shawl: blocking. After the shawl was washed, it was stretched into shape with the use of pins and wires. The yarn ends were woven in, then it was ready to wear!



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 PARTY!

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

"Laughter is the best medicine in the world."
Milton Berle

When: **Sunday, February 23rd**

Time: **4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Sawgrass Clubhouse Atrium**

Cost: **\$16.00 plus a nominal fee,
Appetizers and a member charge bar included.**

Registration: **Now Open and closes on
Tuesday, February 18th**

Maximum Number: **50**

Contact **Elise Beard** at elisebeard@msn.com or
at **904-463-7774** with any questions.



Special Event

Gail Nangle

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 21st**

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

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

Park Admission: **\$15.00**

Maximum number: **12**

Registration Opens: **Friday, February 14th**

Registration Closes: **Friday, March 7th**

The Road Trip

By Deb Horton

I grew up in New Jersey about an hour from the Jersey shore; or in the summer, it could take several hours or more due to traffic.

For a decade we rented the same house in Pt. Pleasant Beach. It was next to the inlet, and it was our vacation haven for a week. We usually went in mid-August. It was the last fun before the back-to-school preparations started.

So, let me describe the summer pilgrimage to Point Pleasant... 3 adults (my mom, dad and great aunt), 5 kids (me, 3 siblings and a cousin), tons of luggage, lunch for the drive down, drinks, snacks, adult beverages (my mother was extremely particular about her wine), beach paraphernalia, games, books and whew... I'm sure there's more but I'm too exhausted to think about it. Thank goodness we never had a flat tire. We would still be on the side of the road trying to re-pack the car.

All these people and their stuff were crammed into our 1964 Rambler American station wagon. As kids, we were so envious of the Ford Country Squire station wagon that our neighbors had, but the Rambler it was. By today's standards it was completely unsafe; no seat belts, no child seats, kids sitting in the back seat and the back deck untethered; after all it was the mid-60s. As an aside, this car became known as the Devil Car for various reasons.... the lights would come on at random; while driving the seat back on the driver's side would collapse (just a tad dangerous) and the radio would pump up the volume to "blast" for no apparent reason. That car stayed with us for only 6 months; but I digress.

This summer it was our typical road trip departure with eight people going in 12 different directions, my father swearing A LOT, and piling kids and things into the car with the obligatory warning "do not make me turn this car around". Traffic was mercifully light, so we all emerged from the car after 2 hours and started the process in reverse. Kids scattered everywhere and my parents did the lion's share of unpacking. We were all assigned rooms and then we headed to the boardwalk. It was an evening of anticipation realized...ski ball, arcades, rides, hot dogs, malted vinegar French fries ... aka heaven.

Finally, it was time to head back to the house. We were all exhausted after a long day, piled into the bedrooms and slept like logs. First day/night – check!

The next morning, however, was a different story. We ate breakfast and were getting ready to head to the sand and surf when my great aunt emerged from her bedroom and said she couldn't find her false teeth. No, they weren't in their normal spot and no, she couldn't remember where she had them last. So, all the kids went on a scavenger hunt of the house. Nothing. Now it was time to spread out and go back to the boardwalk and visit all the places we had been to the night before. I was 10 years old, and I was mortified having to go into places of business and ask after my great aunt's dentures. The search turned up nothing so back to the house we went.

After several hours my great aunt had a moment of clarity and remembered where she hid them because she didn't want anyone to steal them. And no, I have no insight as to why an elderly lady thought her teeth would be stolen. The rest of the week went on without event, but I stayed clear, for the entire week, of the places I'd canvassed looking for my Auntie's teeth.



Sawgrass Women's Club
Presents

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A Fashion Show Extravaganza

April 16, 2025

Doors open at 9:30 am

Show starts at 10:30 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 springing into March with 451 members! 71 of these members are new! Be sure to welcome our newest members when you see them: Bonnie Barnes, Louise Hamrick, Charlotte Jennings, Melissa Meredith, Patty O'Malley, Ruth Rinehart, Jeannine Smith, Ann Thompson, and Nancy White.

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.



March Birthdays: 3/1 Judy Kontny; 3/3 Lisa Schwartz; 3/5 Christy Callinan; 3/6 Angela Chandler, Francine Serur-Pauley; 3/7 Frankie Felty, Susan Walker; 3/8 Sharon Jones; 3/9 Barbara Conroy, Anne Horton, Nancy McPherson; 3/11 Mary Herald, Marcey Schaefer; 3/12 Marilynnda Vianna; 3/13 Celeste Graneto, Stephanie Sabato; 3/14 Karen Hawk; 3/15 Suzanne Trammell; 3/16 Terri Glaze; 3/17 Cindy Feeley, Katherine Ham; 3/18 Susan Latshaw, Victoria Vigil; 3/19 Carolyn Derby; 3/20 Rosemary Crimmins; 3/21 Michelle Frey; 3/22 Patty O'Malley, Ann Williams; 3/23 Shannon Mulcahy; 3/26 Sandy Eyster, Francie Peters, Sandra Tokarz; 3/28 Maggie Wyand; 3/29 Suzie Maxson; 3/31 Michelle Purdy.

Remember to always visit our Facebook page and website:

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

www.sawgrasswomensclub.com.

Important Dates to Remember

February 19 th	Chit Chat Bridge
February 20 th	Happy Hour 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
February 23 rd	Kitchen Towel Exchange 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
February 25 th	Book Club 4:00 p.m.
March 11 th	Storied Lives 4:00 p.m.
March 17 th	General Meeting 10:00 a.m.
March 19 th	Sip and Paint 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
March 21 st	Cumberland Island Land & Legacy Tour 8:00 – 5:30 p.m.
March 25 th	Book Club 4:00 p.m.
March 26 th	Lunch Around 12:00 p.m.
March 28 th	Tour of St. Augustine Lighthouse
April 8 th	Winter Park Bus Trip 7:15 – 6:00 p.m.
April 16 th	Fashion Show - 10:30 a.m.



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

Duplicate Bridge - 1st and 3rd Mondays

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

Games, Inc. – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

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

When planning activities please contact her for date availability at KatherineTartt@me.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 Katie Tartt at 904-671-2144 concerning Sawgrass Women's Club members who are experiencing life situations which warrant notes of sympathy or encouragement.