

# Sawgrass Women's Club



## THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

May, 2025

Sawgrass Women's Club invites you to travel

*Around the World with Cindy*



Join us as we celebrate President Cindy Feeley  
at our

*End of the Year Happy Hour*  
and  
*Installation of New Officers*

Tuesday, May 6 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Enjoy a Welcome Prosecco and sample hors d'oeuvres  
from around the world.

Fee: \$30 plus a nominal fee and member charge bar

Register online at [www.Sawgrasswomensclub.com](http://www.Sawgrasswomensclub.com)



## Message from the President



As we close out another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for each and every one of you. This year has been filled with the laughter, growth, and unwavering support that makes our club such a special community.

Your dedication and enthusiasm have made every gathering, adventure, and conversation truly memorable. Together, we have built lasting friendships, uplifted one another, and continued to create a space where women connect and inspire one another.

Please plan to attend our End of Year Cocktail party on May 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the end of this club year and to welcome the new Executive Board members who will lead us into the next.

As we step into the summer and prepare for the next chapter, I encourage each of you to consider ways you can continue shaping the future of our club. We are looking for enthusiastic members to take on Advisory Board leadership roles for the upcoming year. Whether you're interested in event planning, creating decor or documenting our club's history, your talents are needed! Stepping into a leadership position is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference, grow personally, and connect even more deeply with our incredible community.

Thank you for being part of this amazing journey. Wishing you a wonderful summer and looking forward to our reconnection in the fall!

With gratitude and best wishes,

*Cindy Feeley*



Cooking Class



Games Inc



Hilarious  
Napkin Party



Book Club (w/author!)



Sip'n Paint



Fun W/ Flowers



Christmas  
Luncheon



Day Trippers



## After Hours BUNCO

Natalie Costello

Date: **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Tina Townsend's home**  
**71 Cat Rd., PVB**



\$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 May.**



Our next Happy Hour is:

Date: **Thursday, May 15<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.

## Mahjongg

Cathy Edge /  
Betty MacGilvray

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](mailto:Cathy@catherineaedge@gmail.com) at [catherineaedge@gmail.com](mailto:Cathy@catherineaedge@gmail.com) or [Betty](mailto:Betty@emarymac3@gmail.com) at [emarymac3@gmail.com](mailto:emarymac3@gmail.com) to receive current information.

## Needlers

Joyce Miller

The Needlers next get together at the **Beach Club** will be from **1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, the exact location TBD. All those who knit, crochet, or enjoy other needle crafts are welcome. The Needlers meet on the **second Wednesdays of the month.**

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





As May is upon us, everyone is looking for fun things to do in the air conditioning! SWC has just thing for you with our GAMES, INC. afternoons of fun and not so competitive games.



**May meeting is Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>.** This will be our official last GAMES get together until the fall. Mark your calendars!

We meet **4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club in the small dining room on the south side of Ocean's Edge.** Great views of the ocean!

I picked up a couple new games to try out, and a refresh of a couple existing games. We'll have a great time playing with other fun members who enjoy playing games. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. Looking forward to seeing you on **May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

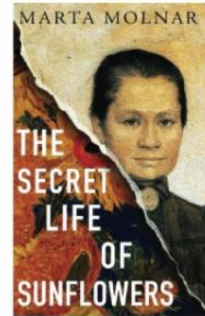
Please contact **Linda at 520-820-0474** with any questions you may have regarding GAMES INC.

### SWC Winter Park Bus Trip April 8, 2025 In the Books!!

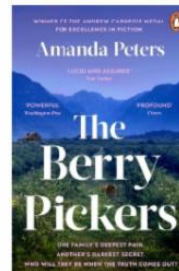
Winter Park was taken over this year by a rollicking busload of ladies on the go!!! After a bus ride filled with games and prizes, we all enjoyed a walking tour of the town, a really interesting and awe-inspiring visit to the Morse Museum, and then spread out to dine with friends and new acquaintances along with more shopping and touring!!

If you have ideas for next year's SWC ANNUAL BUS TRIP, send your ideas to **Donna Hayley (dhayley6@gmail.com)** or **Cindy Feeley (kffcmf@aol.com)**.

Join the SWC book club for our **Tuesday, April 22nd gathering.** We will be discussing *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*, a gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. In the novel, Emsley Wilson, who is an auctioneer in Los Angeles, discovers a diary belonging to Johanna Bonger, leading her to uncover Johanna's story of resilience and determination in supporting her artist brother-in-law's career.



We meet at the **Sawgrass Golf 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!



On **Tuesday, May 20th**, we will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. This is a story of a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl who goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine. This sparks a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years. **\*Note the date change to accommodate Memorial Day weekend\***. Also, at this meeting we will be voting on books for the months of June and July. Email your suggestions from the Recommended Reading List or other source to [jillmountain@yahoo.com](mailto:jillmountain@yahoo.com). For more information, contact Jill Mountain at [jillmountain@yahoo.com](mailto:jillmountain@yahoo.com) or Anne Horton at [annehorton789@gmail.com](mailto:annehorton789@gmail.com).



# It's Bridge Galore!

## Chit Chat Bridge

Sharon Lindberg



We are 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've learned. We'll be working on chapters five and six in May.

We have twenty one participants and fill two to three tables of players each week.

We meet every **Wednesday from 10:30 to noon** at Ocean's Edge South.

We still have room for a few more people. Call [Sharon Lindberg at 315-559-5691](tel:315-559-5691) or [Christine Costello at 220-253-3262](tel:220-253-3262) if you are interested in joining or have any questions.

## Duplicate Bridge

Diane Cannon /  
Judy Flynn

### Congratulations to our 2024-25 Winners!

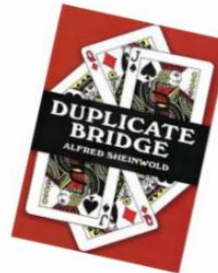
**First Place:** Ginny Allen / Judy Ham

**Second Place:** Cindy Horine / Barbara Orr

**Third Place:** Linda Stephenson /  
Bondy Hodgkins

**Fourth Place:** Beatta Kinz / Pat Sullivan

**Fifth Place Tie:** Laura Torrey /  
Barbara Knowles  
**AND**  
Maggie Finch /  
Deana Ruffell



### Time to get excited for next year's season!

SWC Duplicate Bridge is now welcoming new members for the 2025-26 year!

We play twice a month on the first and third Mondays each month beginning in October through March (only on the first Monday in December). Sign up now for the upcoming year. Just call Judy Flynn (904-625-2234) or Gay MacArthur (410-360-0317). Online registration will begin in June. If your partner is not eligible for SWC membership, you and she can still play. Whoopie, a new change in the rules!! Come and have fun.

## Chicago Bridge

Karla Dunham

### A wonderful Chicago Bridge season! Congrats to the winners!

**First Place:** Tish McCormick /  
Patsy Harlow

**Second Place:** Ruth Olson /  
Holly Boyd

**Third Place:** Karla Dunham /  
Cindy Horine



Storied Lives is on hiatus until September. Watch for our opening date in upcoming newsletters and on our SWC Facebook page.

We had an amazing season... lots of shared stories, laughter and side topics that made our time together even more fun. We went down Memory Lane sharing stories about our first cars, the song that brought you back, a back to school memory and so much more. We hope you can join us when we resume in September.

### **My First Car** **By Sara Ann Gomez**

I am sure we all remember our first car, whether it was a hand-me-down, brand new or used. I remember I had gotten out of school, got a job in an insurance office, started on Monday morning all excited, came home and announced I was going out to buy a car. My brother said he would come with me because I needed to worry about the car payments, etc. So exciting... we came home with a used Chevy Nova convertible, bright red. I could hardly contain myself. The next morning, I drove to work. The only fly in that ointment was that I hated the job. So, three days later, I quit. Now what – no job, no paycheck and a big car payment. My mother shocked me by saying, so now what are you going to do. You can't return the car; you have to make the car payment so you better go back and beg for your job back. No way, I hated it.

I had worked for IBM since I was 16 after school but didn't want to work for them and told them so... they were too big, and I thought I would be lost in the machinery of this big company but I had no job, no money and a car and obviously my mother was not sympathetic. Ha ha.

So, I drove my little red car up to IBM headquarters, asked for the Manager of HR that I knew and told him I was ready for my full-time job. He laughed so hard and said okay, go across the street and start now. Yea, my red car was saved.

My friends and I took that red convertible everywhere; Jones Beach, NYC (not allowed but went anyway) but there was one fly in that ointment. If they weren't with me, I couldn't get the convertible top up. You see, it was a manual top, and I was too short. Even when I stood on the back seat, I couldn't quite lift it up and over... not to worry. I had a very resourceful dad. He built me a crowbar made from wood. Now I could stand on the back seat, grab the middle of the convertible top and pull it up and over my head, duck quick, and then get in the front and latch the top in place.

That was my first car and a treasure.





# Membership

Mary Jean Spegal

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Sawgrass Women's Club wishes everyone a happy and safe summer as we wrap up our **2024-25 year with 464 members! 82 of these members are new!** Be sure to welcome our newest members when you see them: Sherri Chafin, Dawn Huffer, Kate Little, and Paula McCrane.

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.



**5/1** Laura Torrey Kettell; **5/2** Brandi O'Haren; **5/4** Claudia Azevedo; **5/5** Peg Brown, Enid Greenfogel, Elizabeth Hagy, Nancy Kaufman; **5/6** Sara-Ann Gomez; **5/9** Beverly Beasley, Marjorie Stuart; **5/10** Dee Koutoufaris, Marion Minton; **5/13** Melissa McHale; **5/14** Leigh Warren; **5/16** Meg Muth; **5/17** Sandy Cooper, Emily O'Connell; **5/18** Sandra Smith, Ann Thompson; **5/24** Susan Conlin; **5/25** Tish McCormick, Jill Mountan, Kathy Summerall; **5/26** Ann Maxwell; **5/28** Delores Billings, Joyce Miller; **5/29** Ally Friedel; **5/31** Caroline Eddings, Lee McCarty.



**6/24** Kirstie Bray.

**6/2** Kathy Cohen, Lauren Delacruz; **6/3** Lisa Conde, Lauren Raabe; **6/4** Lisa Hibbard, Elaine Rae; **6/6** Cathy Richard; **6/8** Martha Hayes; **6/9** Dorothy Flannery; **6/10** Kerry Pitcher, Cami Wodehouse; **6/12** Liz DeBlock; **6/14** Joyce Gray; **6/15** Becky Jewett, Barbara Maletz; **6/17** Pam Tomlin; **6/19** Ann Galanis; **6/20** Bondy Hodgkins; **6/21** Bobby Drew, Charlotte Jennings; **6/23** Pat Sullivan;



**7/1** Liz Dwyer, Dorothy Iaconis; **7/3** Peggy Gavaghan, Lynne Polcar; **7/5** Jan Wilson; **7/6** Carol Dacey; **7/8** Chris Sears, Martha Weed; **7/10** Irene Phelps; **7/11** Gay MacArthur; **7/12** Diane Mirmina, Susie Slappey; **7/13** Jeanne Pilcher; **7/14** Linda Scaia; **7/15** Linda Mracek; **7/17** Mindy Lytle; **7/18** Coke Larsen, Paula Larsen, Frances Trotta; **7/19** Deborah Castor, Diana Rawle; **7/20** Lisa Kolisek; **7/23** Traci O'Neill; **7/24** Isabel Alexander, Mary Kirk; **7/25** Juli O'Hara, Jackie Stites; **7/26** Vanessa Upadhyaya; **7/27** Michelle Czarzasty; **7/28** Suzanne Comella, Gail Gilmore; **7/30** Ann Duke; **7/31** Julie Allen.



**8/1** Anne Morgan; **8/2** Diane Cannon, Elizabeth Parker; **8/3** Karla Dunham; **8/4** Sally Dann, Linda Sole; **8/5** Linda Verebelyi; **8/6** Cathi Harris; **8/7** Sharon Lindberg; **8/9** Sue Smith; **8/10** Laura Caimi; **8/12** Doreen Tyburski; **8/13** Shenee Boyle, Gail Culleton, Janice Legin; **8/15** Mary Fedak, Janet Westling; **8/18** Marilyn Hoener; **8/20** Natalie Costello; **8/21** Suzanne Sopper; **8/22** Beth Bechtel, Donna Heffner, Carol Morgan; **8/27** Trina Medarev, Lis Petersen, Susan Summers; **8/28** Bonnie Stone; **8/29** Ginny Elliott, Diane Farmer; **8/30** Susan Carruthers, Pat Jeffery; **8/31** Janeene Hart.



## SWC Membership Renewal



Membership Renewal for the Sawgrass Women's Club will open on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2025-2026 membership year. You may renew your membership by filling out the renewal form and paying the \$45.00 dues (plus a nominal fee) online at [www.sawgrasswomensclub.com](http://www.sawgrasswomensclub.com). If you need help with your renewal, please feel free to contact Mary Jean Spegal, Sawgrass Women's Club Membership Chair @ [swcpvmembership@gmail.com](mailto:swcpvmembership@gmail.com), (704) 277-4274. We look forward to another exciting year as 2024-2025 draws to a close!

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

April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Club 4:00 p.m.
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Party 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bunco 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Needlers 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Hour 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club 4:00 p.m.



Chit Chat Bridge – Wednesdays, 10:30 – 12:00 pm

Open Mahjongg – 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

**Please plan to attend the End of Year Cocktail Party on May 6<sup>th</sup> to welcome our 2025-2026 Executive Board:**

President – Cindy Feeley

1st Vice President / Programs & President Elect – Lisa Conde

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President / Community – Donna Haley

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

Treasurer – Pam Cronauer

Secretary – Linda Mracek

Parliamentarian – Nan Healy



### **2024 – 2025 Executive Board**

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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

Hospitality – Betty MacGilvray

Lunch Around – Lisa Grabeman, Cathy Richard

Mahjongg – Cathy Edge, Betty MacGilvray

Needlers – Joyce Miller

Newsletter Editor/Publisher – Tracy Stevenson

Pop-Up Coordinator – Nan Healy

Social Media – Tracy 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.*

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