



THE SEA BREEZE

Sawgrass Women's Club Monthly Newsletter

October 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Fall is in the Air!
"or is it???"*



With the beginning of the Autumn season upon us, I am sure you are all looking forward to a welcome change in weather and leaving the long hot summer days behind.

The Sawgrass Women's Club Board has been busy getting directories printed and events planned and adapting to the new norm.

We had our first Advisory Board meeting on August 31st, with 19 Officers in attendance. We met at the Beach Club masked and socially distant. I think it worked out very well. Most of our discussion revolved around how we go forward. We are constantly navigating our way with changing guidelines and as you read through this newsletter, you will see that the various Chairwomen are coming up with creative ways to keep us connected. Our membership numbers continue to remain strong in spite of the Pandemic, so I thank you for your support.

We will be having our first General Membership meeting on **October the 19th** at the Beach Club at 10:00am. You can read more about our guest speaker in this edition of the newsletter. We are limited to 50 attendees and reservations are required. Visit the Sawgrass Women's Club website and go to the events tab, you will be able to sign up for the meeting on-line. If you have already signed up and find that you cannot attend, please go back and cancel your reservation so that members who



may be waitlisted will have an opportunity to take your place. I would like to thank Peg Babcock, our website guru for setting up this reservation program. Don't forget your mask for the October meeting.

Elly Stevens, our Treasurer is processing refunds for the Fashion Show, so you will be receiving checks in the mail very soon. We decided it would be better to delay the **Fashion Show** until **April 12, 2021** and when Fashion Show details are finalized, we will start fresh with reservations. So, save the date. (cont. on page 2)

SWC October Program

Monday, October 19, 2020

Sawgrass Beach Club

10:00 am Socializing & Sign Ups

10:30 am Meeting & Program

Reserve on-line at

www.sawgrasswomensclub.com

We are excited to present our first post Covid19 guest

speaker, Brentley Stead of Bee Friends Farm. Started in 2009, Bee Friends is now one of Jacksonville's premium honey producers. As third generation beekeepers, they see that honeybees face more challenges than ever, which makes



them committed to putting the health of their hives first- healthy bees mean healthy honey! You can find their liquid and cream honey in over 40 retail locations, including our own Ponte Vedra Fresh Market. We will also have a table set up to purchase honey right at the meeting! Come hear representative Brentley Stead describe the fascinating business of beekeeping.



Brentley's passion for local food led her to a love of working with bees. In 2016, she went to UF's Bee College and was hooked. She started working with Bee Friends Farm in 2017 and has been handling marketing, social media, and event planning. She will

tell us all about the upcoming annual Honey Bee Festival! In her free time find her on the pages of Jacksonville Magazine where she writes about food and the amazing culinary professionals in Jacksonville.



Other Interesting Facts

- Beekeepers wear white to keep the bees calm
- Stingers are used for protection
- Many honey bees are dying
- Bees recognize each other
- Bees can smell flowers a long way away
- Honey bees are insects
- Pollen and nectar are food for bees.

President's Message continued

We plan to have the Membership Directories at the October meeting and if you aren't there, we will deliver your Directory to you. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Directory distribution, please contact me, Istorry@aol.com. Distribution will take place in October and November. We also have a surprise gift for everyone!

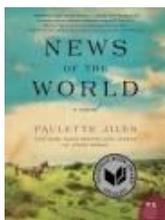
I sincerely hope that you are all well and that you will consider attending events and meetings that are within your comfort level. Don't forget to visit www.SawgrassWomensClub.com or see us on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your patience and I hope to see each of you soon.

Laura Torrey Kettell

Book Club

Nan Healy, Jane Walsh



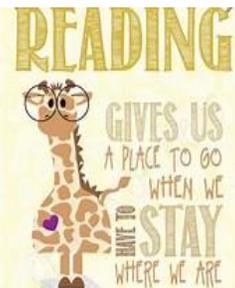
Join us on Zoom for our discussion of "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles on **Tuesday, September 29 at 4:00 pm**

Email Nan Healy at nankhealy@gmail.com for your Zoom invitation. Coming next month: We will be

discussing "The Girl in White Gloves" by Kerri Maher, fascinating biographical fiction of Princess Grace Kelly. October's



book club meeting will be **Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00 pm**. For more information about Book Club, contact Nan Healy (nankhealy@gmail.com) or Jane Walsh (janewalshint@hotmail.com).



Bunco Night

Jocelyn Becksmith

October Bunco



Date: **October 6th**
Time: **6-8pm**
Where: **Katie Tarte's House, 292 Payasada Circle Ponte Vedra Beach 32082**
To sign up: Email Jocelyn Becksmith! Her email is jocbecksmith@comcast.net.

Attendance is limited to 12 people. Bring **\$10** and whatever you want to drink. Host will have light appetizers.

Arts & Crafts

Dorothy Flannery

Pre-pandemic I presented Laura with a list of projects ranging from painted garden markers to stamped tea



towels, Turk's head napkin rings, magazine angels, woven coasters, bracelets, napkin folding and more. Let's start in October with



mason jar tissue

holders. These can have a saying on them, ("Bless You" is popular), a design, a decoupage cut out or anything that suits your fancy. Sign up at the meeting or contact Dorothy.

Location: **Dorothy's home – 141 Willow Pond Ln.**

Date: **Oct. 22, 2020** Time: **3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Cost: **\$8.00**

For Info: Dorothy Flannery (305) 361-6772

Or dorothy@topsailjourneys.com.

Lunch Around Diane Barkley, Judy Miller

Two events are planned for **January-April 2021**:



A *Sur La Table* Cooking Class and lunch on the patio of **Eleven South** in Jax Beach.



Due to Covid, firm dates are not finalized. We will release dates once they are confirmed including any Covid requirements that apply to both events.

Mahjonn

Kearby Parker

Beginning **October 5**, SWC mahjonn players can meet on Mondays from 12:00 – 3:00. Beginners to advanced players are welcome at the drop-in games. We play at the Beach Club in Topsider and can accommodate up to six tables.



If you have not already done so, please join our email group by contacting Kearby at kearbyparker@gmail.com to receive and exchange up to date information about playing under current conditions.

Chicago Marathon Bridge

Karla Dunham

The Chicago Bridge Marathon is a fun activity offered by the Sawgrass Women's Club. Pairs of players sign up in the fall and play as a team for 10 matches – 2 matches per month (beginning in October, excluding December, through March). Games, this year, are scheduled for two Thursdays each month, at 1:00, at the Beach Club. Should the scheduled date

Dress Code optional 😊 be inconvenient for the foursome, you may play whenever you would like, as long as all 10 matches are completed by March 31, 2021. Each match consists 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 Chicago Bridge. The participation fee is \$20 per person; all funds collected are used for prize money at the end of the season.

For those new to bridge, this is a fun and “non-competi-tive” way to play more. It's not duplicate; we just shuffle the cards and play 20 rounds each time, so you are not playing the same hands competitively against another team. Please contact Karla Dunham, [904-285-6463](tel:904-285-6463) or at kdunham1216@comcast.net, with questions or concerns. You need to sign up before October 1st. We had lots of fun last year and hope that you will join us this year!

Duplicate Bridge

Fran Serur, Trish Butler

The SWC duplicate bridge has been postponed. We will re-address playing in December to start in January based on the condition of the Covid virus.

And, for those new ladies to bridge and the Woman's Club, we would love you to play with us. If you are interested, please contact Francine Serur [904-477-4417](tel:904-477-4417)

Needlers

Joyce Miller



Ladies, keep your needles crossed that we will meet in October! Please contact Joyce Miller joycemiller@me.com to join the Needlers' email list for the latest information on our meetings. We welcome those who like to knit, crochet, needlepoint, or do any kind of needlework.

Got Yarn?

DayTrippers

Barbara Maletz

As soon as it is safe, the first activities will be those cancelled last spring: a walking tour in downtown Jacksonville and a birding trip to the Guana Reserve, plus a visit to the Cummer Museum for those who were unable to attend outing last February. Please send your suggestions for future day trips to Barbara Maletz, [551-580-0039](tel:551-580-0039) (text or voice) or barbara.maletz@gmail.com.



Storied Lives

Nan Healy

Our storytelling group, will meet **October 20 at 10 a.m.** at the Beach Club. Our story prompt is to write no more than one page about a **cherished object**. Please wear a mask. For more info, please contact Nan Healy, nankhealy@gmail.com or [\(904\) 318-5114](tel:904-318-5114).



Here is a story written by one of our members about a visit to the theater. Join us and share your stories.

I remember all my visits to New York City.

This was not my first visit with my family, but it was the first time I was going to the theater with my mommy and daddy. We stayed with Auntie GoGo and Uncle Al and they had gotten the tickets from Auntie GoGo's dear friend Mary Martin. She was a Broadway actress and starring in the Sound of Music.

My brother was not coming. He was not old enough. I was in third grade and wore my new dress and pretty petticoat and my new patent leather shoes with a big bow on my ponytail. Mommy and Daddy looked very fancy too.

Very exciting to take a taxi, to see the beautiful theater, to find our seats, to feel the lights go low and the audience become quiet; everyone waiting together for the curtain to open.

How I loved all the children in the show! There was a girl my age who liked to sing and dance like I did when my grandfather, Poppie, would play the piano at home! The orchestra was so powerful. The songs were so beautiful!

Intermission came and I was afraid to leave my seat, someone might take my place. Didn't want to give it up! I felt so strongly that I must stay in place, not to miss what might happen next when the curtain opened again.

My life was forever changed. I love theater and will go in a heartbeat to see performances of all sorts. I always love to sing all the songs from the Sound of Music. They inspire me and fill my heart with joy.

I'm very determined to never give up my front row seat in life.

Looking for a good book?

Check out our Book Club's list of suggestions at:

www.sawgrasswomensclub.com



Labor Day has come and gone as has our summer. It will certainly be one we will never forget. A sincere thank you to all who have paid their dues and helped me fact check for our directory. Our current membership is at **335**.

We have added three new members to our club: **Denise Keller, Nancy McPherson, and Marcia Kaplan**. We welcome you and look forward to our in-person meeting to properly greet you.



October birthdays include 10/2 Connie Sullivan; 10/2 Wendy Gebhardt; 10/3 Barbara Knowles; 10/3 Leslie Miro; 10/5 Gail Worth; 10/6 Linda Granfield; 10/7 Carol Hager; 10/8 Lois Schwinger; 10/8 Grace Kinsella; 10/13 Brittany Darling; 10/13 Susan Korb; 10/13 Maureen Kraft; 10/14 Barbara Maple; 10/14 Cynthia Pendell; 10/17 Lyn Nix; 10/18 Beverly Roman; 10/18 Debbie Snyder; 10/19 Margie Levey; 10/19 Mary Walther; 10/20 Arlene Wiesner; 10/21 Carolyn Reed; 10/21 Kathy Kendrick; 10/22 Trish Arnett; 10/22 Jean Martin; 10/22 Marcia Haytaian; 10/22 Helen Morse-Skeen; 10/24 Samantha Brantley; 10/25 Peg Babcock; 10/26 Jeri Kellaheer; 10/27 Elsie Jones; 10/30 Barbara Ardell; 10/30 Monica Jacoby; 10/30 Judy Nagel; 10/30 Gretchen Binard; 10/30 Anne Pacowta



ON THE HORIZON!

Bourbon & Bellinis

An SWC Special Event for Members and Significant Others
More information in next month's newsletter



2020-2021 Officers

- President* – Laura Torrey-Kettell
- 1st Vice President, Programs* – Elise Beard
- 2nd Vice President, Membership* – Sharon Jones
- 3rd Vice President, NextGen* – Brittany Darling
- Treasurer* – Elly Stevens
- Recording Secretary* – Cindy Feely
- Corresponding Secretary/Master Calendar* – Lisa Grabeman
- Parliamentarian* – Jeanne Pilcher

Advisory Board

- Arts & Crafts* – Dorothy Flannery
- Book Club* – Nan Healy, Jane Walsh
- Bridge, Chicago* – Karla Dunham
- Bridge, Duplicate* – Trish Butler, Fran Serur
- Bunco* – Jocelyn Becksmith
- Communications* – Mary Jean Spegal
- DayTrippers* – Barbara Maletz
- Fashion Show* – Marcia Haytaian, Sharon Jones
- Historian* – Peg Babcock
- Hospitality* – Suzanne Sopper
- Lunch Around* – Diane Barkley, Judy Miller
- Mahjongg* – Kearby Parker
- Needlers* – Joyce Miller
- New Member Ambassadors* – Sandy Cooper, Kathy Tobin
- Newsletter* – Mary Kirk
- Newsletter Distribution* – Carol Morgan
- Next Gen* – Jocelyn Becksmith
- Social Media* – Shevawn Everett, Brittany Darling, Jocelyn Becksmith
- Special Event Trip* – Linda Houghton, Sharon Lindberg
- Special Event Party* – Deb Castor, Karen Henry
- Storied Lives* – Nan Healy
- Website* – Peg Babcock

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 29** **Book Group on Zoom**
- Oct. 5** **Open Mahjongg begins**
- Oct. 6** **Bunco**
- Oct. 20** **Storied Lives**
- Oct. 22** **Arts & Crafts**
- Oct. 19** **October General Meeting**
- Dec. 14** **Holiday Membership Lunch**
- Apr.12, 2021** **Fashion Show**

Lisa Grabeman maintains the Sawgrass Women's Club Master Calendar. When planning activities please contact her for date availability at: 937-623-8483 or grabeman@msn.com

Send newsletter articles to: Mary Kirk at maryvirk@gmail.com

Deadline for information to be included in the Newsletter is the **7th** of the month prior to the next issue.

Sawgrass Women's Club Cares

Please notify Lisa Grabeman grabeman@msn.com concerning Sawgrass Women's Club members who are experiencing life situations which warrant notes of sympathy or encouragement.