

APRIL 2024

GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club

THE JOTTINGS



From the President

ERICA AYRAL

Hello ladies!

In March, we participated in four projects, three socials, and started our ongoing RaiseRight gift card fundraiser! April is shaping up to be just as busy with four projects, three socials, GFWC Federation Day, and GFWC Florida Annual Convention!

The GFWC Florida Annual Convention will take place in Orlando from April 12th – 14th and all members are welcome to join! This is a fantastic event to learn more about what is happening with our organization at the state level and beyond. There will be many fun and informative sessions and workshops in which you can participate and it is a great way to meet other sisters from other clubs throughout the state! Please reach out to me for more information if you are interested in attending.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m. with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Women's Club Clubhouse on Snell Isle. I look forward to seeing you all there!



UPCOMING EVENTS

4/6

SPCA Pet Walk

4/11

Musical Bingo

4/16

Greet Honor Flight

4/18

Dining Out

4/11

Musical Bingo

MEETING

Greeter:

Audra

Raffle:

Marissa

Refreshment:

Julie

Inspirational Reading:

Anita



4/1

Krysta Messier

4/9

Laura Callahan

4/19

Diana Zolner



1st VP Update

JENNIFER MASTERTON

A special welcome to all our new members who have joined since the beginning of the year:

Liz Bonfanti, Michele Dunham, Amy Fattori, Kristin Fenske, Sherilyn Gomez, and Christina Roush! Welcome to the sisterhood! We are excited to serve our community with you. Please reach out to me for any membership questions!

We have several guests who have attended meetings and expressed interest in joining. Please also invite your friends to join. There is an online application for anyone interested in joining. The link to the application is [here](#) and new member annual dues of \$50 can be paid using one of the below methods:

- Check (payable to St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club)
- Zelle (payments@spjwc.org)
- Venmo (@SPJWC)

Member name tags, shirts and tote bags will be available for pick up at the April meeting. Please pay the club using Zelle or Venmo. If you missed out on ordering, another order will be placed at the end of the year. The cost is as follows:

- Name tags – \$7 each
- T-shirts – \$15 each
- Tote Bags – \$17.94



Honor Flight

Tyne and I are so excited that we will be guardians on Mission 49 for Honor Flight!



At the April meeting we are doing a mail call for cards for the Veterans on Missions 49 and 50. If you have any patriotic stickers, please bring them to the meeting. I have ordered cards to bring for everyone to sign. Show your love, honor, and respect for our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Mail call is a highlight of the Honor Flight day. It is an emotional and touching surprise for our Veterans. We also need cards, notes, and drawings from our local schools so if you have a class or family members who can make cards thanking these men and women who have given so much for our freedom, please bring the cards to the April business meeting.

[Here](#) is a great video explaining the importance of mail call. Be prepared to shed a few tears! If you cannot make it to the meeting and want to mail your own cards, please send them no later than 2 weeks before the flights (April 16th and June 4th).

Mail should be sent to:
Honor Flight of West Central Florida
P.O. Box 55661
St. Petersburg, FL 33732

We are also asking members to come out to St. Pete-Clearwater Airport on April 16th to greet the Veterans (as well as Tyne and me) as they return from their mission. Sign up [here](#) to greet.



2nd VP Update

ANITA LECAIN

We will be greeting Honor Flight on April 16th. Two of our own, Tyne Seybold and Jennifer Masterton will be serving as Guardians for Veterans that day. Please come out and help them support our Veterans. For this project, we line up along the hallway of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), cheer, and give our Veterans the heroes' welcome they deserve for fighting for our freedom!

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. Priority is given to WWII Veterans, along with other terminally ill Veterans. This NO-COST mission continues as Korean, Vietnam, and all other Veterans are flown on future missions.



ONGOING/UPCOMING PROJECTS

Empty Pill Bottle Program

Shavone is still collecting empty pill bottles to aid the Matthew 25 disaster relief and humanitarian non-profit. Please bring empty, clean pill bottles WITH or WITHOUT lids to the March meeting or call Shavone to make pick-up arrangements. If you have over-the-counter bottles we can use them also. Please remove all labeling. Preferably, labels and lids should be removed, soaked off, and cleansed. If you have extra gloves to donate for future cleaning of the bottles please bring those also.

3rd VP Update

AUDRA AIMES

Mother's Day Breakfast at Resurrection House

Florida Resurrection House is working to end the cycle of generational poverty for families in Tampa Bay. Families are provided a safe and secure living environment in their transitional apartment community for 1 to 3 years so they can focus on implementing their plan to lead successful, productive lives. Resurrection House's plan includes intensive case management, financial literacy, educational advancement, career building, social-emotional learning, therapeutic services, childhood enrichment, and building supportive relationships.

We will have a shopping area for the kids to pick gifts for their moms, which will include toiletries and flowers as well as supplies for the children to make cards. The club will supply breakfast items for the families. Please sign up [here](#).





Ways and Means Update

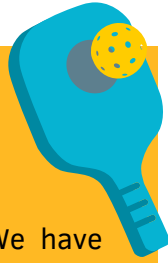
KRYSTA MESSIER

Pickleball

Come join us for some friendly fun playing pickleball at Coquina Key Park! All skills and abilities are welcome to join! We have plenty of extra paddles so don't let lack of gear or experience get in your way!

Future Dates:

- Monday, April 8th at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 25th at 6 p.m.



Business Meeting

Carla Bristol, the Collaboration Manager of St. Pete Youth Farm, is coming to speak at our April 2nd business meeting. The St. Pete Youth Farm was established to provide access to nutritious food in South St. Petersburg. The farm teaches and encourages leadership, entrepreneurship, and career readiness to develop future leaders in our community.

Gift Card Fundraiser

Last month we launched a new, easy way to raise money through an organization called RaiseRight! You buy gift cards from your favorite brands and the club gets a percentage of the gift card sale. In just one month, our club has raised \$163 from this effort! Please continue to keep RaiseRight in mind and invite anyone who has interest—you can join [here](#). Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Dining Out for Life

Dining Out for Life will take place on Thursday, April 18th. During this one-day event, restaurants will donate a percentage of the bill to EPIC (Empath Partners in Health). We have a reservation at Gratzzi. Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to join us!



Drag Queen Bingo at Cocktail

Save the Date! Our next Drag Queen Bingo will be on Monday, June 10th at Cocktail St. Pete (2355 Central Ave) and will be hosted by Lexx de la Mer.



Fundraiser at Crafty Squirrel

Save the Date! Tuesday, August 20th.

Annual Fundraiser

Save the Date! Saturday, October 26th.

Fundraiser Committee

Would you like to have a say in our annual fundraiser? Do you want to help with some hands-on tasks but don't know where to start? Join our fundraising committee! If you wish to join, you can sign up [here](#).

Future Committee Meeting Dates:

- March 26th • April 9th • April 23rd • May 7th • May 28th



Social Update

JILLIA & KERRY

Planetarium

The Planetarium social was a hit! We filled almost all of the 46-seat theater with members and guests. Dr. Craig Joseph spent about 45 minutes showing us the constellations currently visible in the night sky. He also showed us up-close images of stars, galaxies, and Jupiter along with four of its moons. If you were unable to attend (or want to go again) the shows are on Wednesdays and Fridays when college is in session. Check out the St. Pete College website for the times.



April Social: Musical Bingo

Our April social is Musical Bingo at 3 Daughters Brewing (222 22nd St S, St. Pete) on April 11th! It's the same concept as traditional bingo but instead of letters and numbers, Musical Bingo is played by listening to song clips and identifying song titles and artists. Players compete to win based on their knowledge of music and the unpredictability of the game. Mark your card when the DJ plays your song! It's free to play and you can win prizes! Please sign up [here](#).

BINGO



Juniorettes Update

LAUREN V

Yard Sale

The Juniorettes are having a yard sale at my house as a fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. Please reach out to me directly if you're interested in volunteering or have items to donate.

Blanket Drive & No-Sew Fleece Blankets

AMANDA V

A huge thank you to all the members who donated blankets and funds for the Tampa Bay blanket drive. Every single blanket has been delivered to those in need right here in St. Petersburg. With the recent cold snap we've experienced, your contributions will undoubtedly be warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated. Thank you! Also a big thank you to everyone who assembled a no-sew fleece blanket!





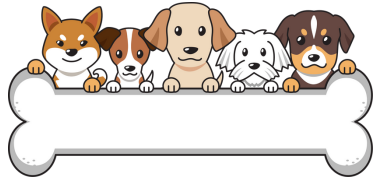
Upcoming Events

SPCA WALK

SAT, APRIL 6TH, 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

We're participating in the 2024 Pet Walk at North Straub Park in St. Pete to benefit SPCA Tampa Bay. Please support this amazing organization by making a donation or joining us at the Pet Walk.

[Here](#) is the link to join our team or make a donation. [Here](#) is the sign-up sheet.



MUSICAL BINGO

THURS, APRIL 11TH, 7 P.M.

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GREET HONOR FLIGHT WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

MON, MARCH 18TH, 7 P.M.

Please join us at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (14700 Terminal Blvd #221, Clearwater)

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. Priority is given to WWII Veterans, along with those other Veterans who may be terminally ill. Their NO-COST mission continues as they fly our Korean, Vietnam, and all other Veterans on future missions. We will greet the veterans at the airport when they return. Wear your red, white, and blue and let's support these great Americans! Sign up [here](#).

DINING OUT

THURS, APRIL 18TH, 6:30 P.M.

Dining Out for Health is a one-day event during which restaurants/bars donate a percentage of each bill to EPIC (Empath Partners in Health). We will be dining at Gratzzi Italian Grille (211 2nd St S, St. Pete) in downtown St. Pete. The sign-up sheet is [here](#) if you'd like to join us!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT RESURRECTION HOUSE

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 10 – 11:30 A.M.

Please join us for a celebration for the mothers staying at Resurrection House (800 11th St N, St. Pete). We will have a shopping area for the kids to pick gifts for their moms and supplies for the kids to make cards. We will supply breakfast for the families. Please sign up [here](#).

GREAT STRIDES CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER WALK

SAT, MAY 18TH, 8 A.M.

Join us at Zoo Tampa for a 3-mile walk to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. [Here](#) is the link to join our team. [Here](#) is the sign-up sheet.



MURAL BIKE RIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 10 A.M.

Join us for a 5-mile bike ride through downtown St. Pete on a self-guided mural tour! We'll meet across the street from the Publix on 1st Ave South (725 1st Ave S, St. Pete) at the Coast Bike Share close to the Pinellas Trail. Sign up [here](#).





2022-2024 GFWC Florida Administration Projects

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Director of Junior Clubs Project



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duties and qualifications needed!