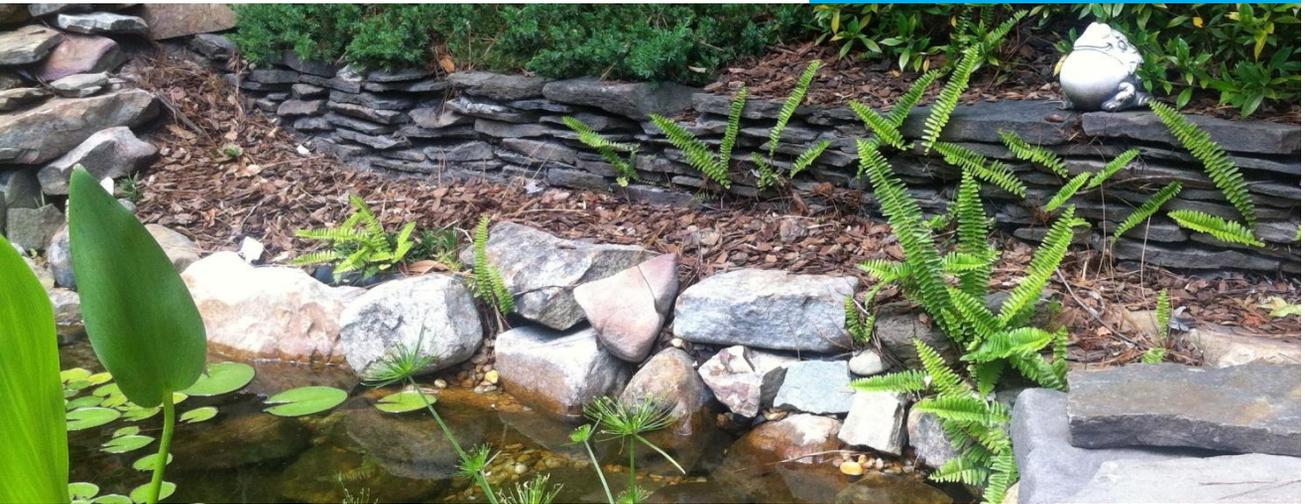




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Pond Scene, Grand Lake Circle
Photo by M. Rozman, 2015

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Edited by C. Hornung

Happy New Year!



Hi, ladies,

So it's January once again. A time filled with excitement as everyone discusses plans, changes, new beginnings, and, of course, resolutions. And this isn't just any January; it's a leap year making this month extra special.

With that said about January, last month is still a hard act to follow. In December we whooped it up at our SWC Holiday Party. Delicious food, laughs, dancing, and great fun! If you didn't attend, you missed something special. View the pictures in our Photo Gallery. And congratulations to the winners of the Holiday House Decorating Contest. The nominated houses were all beautiful, but the homes of the Kings, the Wellingtons, and the Pecones were outstanding!

Certainly January is exciting for the 15 birthday girls listed on the next page of our newsletter, which is followed by information on a new group headed by Nicki Hansen, and then a page devoted to our 2016 calendar. Next is a focus on some of our "unsung heroes," the Board members who take care of all of the details to allow for the proper functioning of our organization. The closing page spotlights some Interest Groups. Oh, and there's one last article there. You'll see.

In subsequent newsletters I want to feature recent photos taken by SWC members (not just me!) right here in our beautiful community of Southbridge. I'm looking for little vignettes, interior or outside shots, that other members might enjoy seeing. Please submit them to me at swc2016marie@gmail.com.

So, ladies, take the leap! Enjoy the year. Get out of your comfort zones, and try something new. Make each day fun. We each have the gift of 366 new days; make every one count. Carpe diem, y'all!

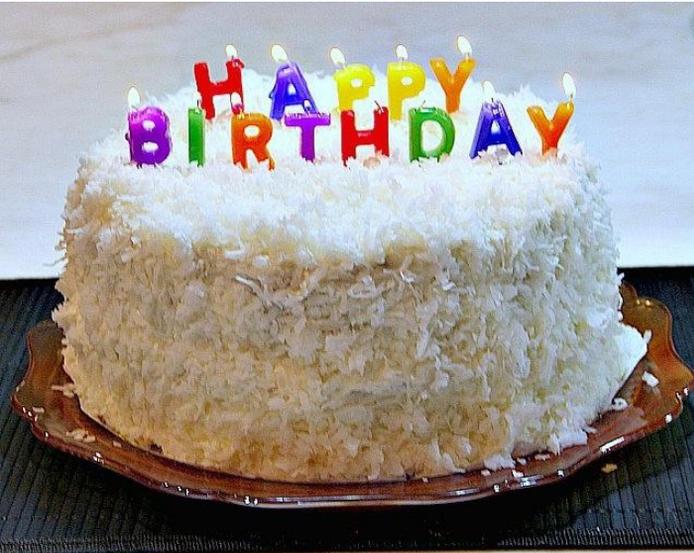
Sincerely,
Marie Rozman
SWC 2016 President



Pictured are (front) Marti Stein, Marie Rozman, Regina Graham, Joan David, (back) Joanne Perez, Suzanne Walter, Lauri Neller-moe, Jackie Sigoloff, and Roxann Mustian.

Photo by
P. Bomberger, 2015

January Birthdays 2016



Happy Birthday

- January 1 Heather Eslick
Jean Riggins
- January 4 Barbara Deal
- January 9 Elaine Sells
- January 10 Penne Allison
Shirley Daniell
Barbara Davis
- January 12 Cecelia Bianca
Mary Burroughs
- January 13 Trudy Hargrave
- January 15 Karen Kahtz
- January 17 Vicki Chubin
- January 18 Jennifer Glaser
- January 27 Pam Smith
- January 28 Blenda Wilson

**Another year has come full circle.
Celebrate all that you are!**

New Group New Group New Group New Group

SOUTHBRIDGE

Patriot Posse

Dean Forest Road Entry to Southbridge
Photo by D. Abbott, 2015

**If you love to celebrate our patriotic holidays,
"We Need YOU!"**

PATRIOT POSSE

By Nicki Hansen



The SWC is forming a small volunteer crew to help with the placement of flags at both entrances to our community. The Southbridge HOA has approved the Women's Club flags for the following holidays: Memorial Day (May 30); Flag Day (June 14); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (Sept. 5); Patriot Day (Sept. 11); and Veteran's Day (Nov.11). The Posse will place flags one day prior to each holiday and retrieve them the next morning. Each volunteer can choose one or more holidays that work best for her own family schedules!

If you love to celebrate our patriotic holidays, volunteer for the 2016 SWC PATRIOT POSSE by contacting Nicki Hansen at 912-358-0668 (H) OR 912-704-4905 (C).

January 2016



Southern Snowmen, Crestwood Drive
Photo by M. Rozman, 2015

SWC Calendar ... so far

The Month of January *Membership Drive*

Access the 2016 membership form from the SWC website home page, everyone. Please print two and give one to a new Southbridge neighbor or to a long-time resident who just never got around to joining our fabulous organization. Then, as this new member fills out the form, ask her to write your name in the blank following "How did you learn of SWC?" so we can acknowledge you.

Saturday, February 13 *Valentine's Dinner at The Grand Lake Lodge*

Don't miss our first event of 2016! The menu and details for this romantic evening will be available on our website as of January 15th, and the deadline is February 6. Seats are limited.

Friday, March 4 *TGIF Oyster Roast at Dickery's*

Because the 2015 Oyster Roast was such a hit, we're doing it again! Details will be provided in the February newsletter.

Saturday, April 2 *SWC Bus Trip to the Azalea Festival in S.C.*

Every spring the town of Summerville, S.C., is awash in color, from the hot pink azaleas to the purple wisteria to the delicate white dogwoods. The number of seats is limited for our bus trip to the Azalea Festival in Summerville so reserve yours ASAP! Access the flyer for this event on the home page of our website.

Friday, April 15 *TGIF*

Celebrate taxpayers' favorite day of the calendar year! Two of our members have graciously agreed to host parties in their homes. Evites will be sent out in March.

Get to Know the 2016 SWC Board, *Part 1*

Meet Joan David

If I were an object, I would be ... a hot cup of coffee because like many people I look forward to enjoying that first sip in the morning. **My guilty pleasure is** ... chocolate and caramel gelato. **My favorite room in my house is** ... the great room, where I enjoy soft music, read a good book, watch a classic movie on TCM, and most of all cuddle up with my hubby and my pup, Zoe. **Someday I want to take** ... a slow cruise on the Rhine River and enjoy the European countryside while sipping a glass of wine. **I love the smell of** ... a turkey cooking in the oven during the holidays. It triggers wonderful memories of the family enjoying life together.

Joan's Bio - Joan David, born and raised in New Orleans, moved to Washington, D.C., in 1968. She married Bob David in Silver Spring, Md., in 1975, and they have been blessed with two beautiful daughters and two grandchildren. Joan moved to Southbridge July 17th, 2014. She has been an active member of the SWC for a year. Joan enjoys reading, traveling, entertaining, discovering Savannah and her history, and nurturing new friendships.

Meet Beth McClurg

If I were a dog, I would be a ... Whippet. **I love the smell of** ... freshly mown grass. **My favorite room in my house is** ...my living room because that's where my grand piano is. **One of my favorite restaurants Downtown is** ... Rancho Alegre. **Someday I want to travel to** ... Australia and New Zealand. **At Leopold's I usually order** ... a chocolate chip cookie-dough ice cream cone.

Beth's Bio - Originally from Indianapolis, Beth McClurg enjoys playing the piano, traveling, hiking and walking her dogs, sightseeing in historic Savannah, reading, and practicing yoga. She is active in two SWC interest groups – Southbridge Book Lovers and It's All About the Dogs.

Meet Debbie Gati

My guilty pleasure is ... chocolate. **One of my favorite restaurants Downtown is** ... The Pink House. **One of my pet peeves is** ... people not putting their grocery carts away. **I love the smell of** ... lemons. **Words I Live By:** Keep a positive attitude and always be kind to others.

Debbie's Bio - Debbie Gati moved to Savannah in 2010 from Ohio. She enjoys reading, eating healthy foods, shopping for bargains, working out, meeting her friends for Bible study every week, volunteering at the Savannah Christian Church Lighthouse and most of all being with her family. She has been an active member of the Southbridge Women's Club from the beginning.



Interest Group *News*



Southbridge Service

Over 20 ladies from Southbridge Service participated in the “Be a Santa for a Senior” program.

To read the full article on this service project, go to the Southbridge Service page in the Interest Groups section of the SWC website. To join this group, contact Martha Sauter at MSauter1@aol.com.



Photography Adventures

Photography Adventurers visited Norwood Stables.

To read the full article on this event, go to the Photography Adventures page in the Interest Groups section of the SWC website. To join this group, contact Cindy Hornung at r.c.a.j.hornung@att.net.

Southbridge Book Lovers

Looking for good books to read?

Go to the Southbridge Book Lovers page in the Interest Groups section of the SWC website for their 2015 list of titles. To join this group, contact Debbie Yeagley at yeagleydj@gmail.com.

Top photo by M. Sauter, 2015.
Bottom photo provided by
C. Hornung, 2015.



Photo by P. Bomberger, 2015

A Great Big Thank You!

By Marie Rozman

Thank you, Donna, for your service to the Southbridge Women’s Club and, in turn, to the entire Southbridge community. The time, energy, and care you devoted to our organization this past year were extraordinary, and your grace and positive attitude were inspirational to those of us on your SWC Board. We were truly fortunate to have had you as our 2015 president.

We all owe you one, girl.

Just in case you don't much about Donna's background, here's a short bio...

Donna Abbott grew up in Charlotte, N.C., but moved here from Atlanta, Ga., in 1991. Donna and Reggie moved to Southbridge in 2002 and are currently building their sixth home in the neighborhood. She enjoys exercising, playing tennis, walking, riding her bicycle, playing cards, reading and cooking. She joined the Southbridge Women’s Club when it began and is a part of the Southern Lifestyles and Southbridge Service interest groups. Donna also has a Bible study that meets at her home every Wednesday morning. She works part-time selling Premier Designs jewelry.

Donna’s Motto: I don’t know everyone in the neighborhood, but I’m working on it!