



St. Thomas More Women's Club - THE GOOD NEWS -

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Welcome to our STMWC 2018-2019 Year!

A Message from the President

Welcome to our 2018-19 year. This summer flew by. Hopefully you were able to travel and spend time with family and friends. I for one, am looking forward to Florida winter. It was a very hot summer.

As we begin our new year, I have two important announcements. Our 2nd Vice President, Lizzy Harakal is having some health challenges and will be taking a leave of absence. It is our hope she will be joining us within a couple of months. Please keep Lizzy in your prayers. The Board members will be filling in for Lizzy until she is able to rejoin us.

The Corresponding Secretary has resigned for personal reasons. The Board members are also sharing the responsibilities of this position. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have filled the position. If not, please prayerfully consider accepting this position or filling some of our other open positions. You will find those listed in this newsletter. It is only through our volunteers that our Club will grow and thrive.

The goals the Board developed for the 2017-2018 year will continue into our new year. The goals are as follows:

- To live our mission to create a caring community of Christian women within our church.
- To further our spiritual growth through our programs
- Create social opportunities to enhance our relationships with each other.
- To plan events keeping the costs as low as possible whenever possible to ensure that those who choose to participate are not prohibited by cost, especially our Christmas Luncheon and the Fashion Show.
- To promote support, fellowship, and mutual respect among members by creating a welcoming environment in all meetings and social events.
- Attract more members to St. Thomas More Women's Club by living our mission in all that we do

While I feel blessed and appreciate the time and effort of all our board members, I want to extend special kudos to Linda Budde. She and her committee have dedicated countless hours to planning our social events for this year and Linda spent considerable time with Mary Homola selecting books for our book club. Our book club continues to grow and provide spiritual growth under Linda's leadership.

In closing, I wanted to share a story with you I read this summer:

It is said that after German bombers destroyed an English cathedral during the Second World War, dedicated volunteers worked to repair one of the church's broken statues of Christ. Rather than restore the figure's missing hands, the artisans left Christ handless – replacing the artwork's "Come unto Me" inscription with "Christ has no hands but ours." I love this story. It serves as a reminder to me of our ministry as a Women's Club.

The Board and I look forward to serving you throughout the year. Let's have a great year as we grow in Christ together.

Upcoming Events Save the Dates

**Christmas Luncheon
December 4, 2018
Sarasota Yacht Club**



**December 14, 2018
Bus Trip to Fisherman's
Village in Punta Gorda.
Dinner at Captain's Table
and
Christmas Lights
Canal Cruise**



**February 26, 2019
Fashion Show Luncheon
Laurel Oak Country Club
Please Plan to Attend**



**This is Our Annual Fund
Raiser**

Calendar of Events

September 2018

September 6th – General Meeting:

My Choice Pregnancy will present an over-view of the programs and services provided to pregnant women during pregnancy and beyond.

September 11th – Book Club Meeting:

Someone by Alice McDermott

September 27th – Social Event:

Clay Date at Carla's Clay

October 2018

October 4th – General Meeting:

Florida Studio Theater Improv Troupe will present a program sure to entertain and make you laugh!

October 9th – Book Club Meeting:

Night by Elie Wiesel

October 17th - Social Event:

Light lunch cooking demonstration hosted by Paula Morrissey and DeeDee Malouf.
Chelsea Center

November 2018

November 8th – **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Chelsea Center

November 13th -Book Club Meeting:

*Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty:
An Intimate Portrait of Dorothy Day*
by Kate Hennessey

November 14th – Social Event:

Dinner at Miguel's Restaurant

*All General Meetings are held in the Spirit Center at 6:30 pm (social time); program begins at 7:00 pm

*The STWC Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in the Chelsea Center on November 8th

*Book Club Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Spirit Center – Charity Room.

*Please watch the Church Bulletins for details on all our upcoming events.

St. Thomas More Women's Club

2018-2019

Officers:

President:	Patricia Bucci
1 st Vice President:	Kathy Peters
2 nd Vice President:	Lizzy Harakal
Corresponding Secretary:	Vacant
Recording Secretary:	Patty Schmidt
Treasurer:	Kelly Wisniewski
Past President:	Rita Toole

Committee Chairs:

Membership:	Pat Blasko
Membership:	Pat Cesare
Social:	Linda Budde
Social:	Cathy McDermott
Social:	Angela Myeress
Hospitality:	Susan Hagar
Hospitality	
Inventory/Supplies:	Pauline Jenkins
Greeters:	Margot Ellis
Sunshine/ Telephone:	Martha Messinger
Ways and Means:	Kathy Peters
Historian:	Angela Myeress
Chaplain:	Janice Russo

Oh the wonderful way you'll feel, you hear?
If you just go out and volunteer...

A bird... a worm... a guzzle-bivvit,
Could all use some help if you'll just give it;

You might say "No! Not!! No Way!"

"I've nothing to give - not today anyway!"

But you'll see if you look deep inside of you,

You've lots to give!

It's true! You do!



HELP WANTED:

We still need volunteers for the following:

- *Corresponding Secretary
- *Thanksgiving: Preparation (4), Servers (5), and Clean up (6)
- *Hospitality: Set up (3), Clean up (4), And Raffle (2)

We all love the events. But to make them a success we need many hands. Thank you for your consideration.

For those who have already answered our call: THANK YOU!!



**Please remember
the following members in your
prayers:**

**Pat Guazzelli
Lizzy Harakal
Cathy McDermott**

***Please let us know if there are other members
who need our intentional prayers.**

**Charities
2018-2019**

We are proud to announce that this year our fundraising efforts will support two local charities:

My Choice Pregnancy Center & Saleh Freedom

These organizations align with the mission we began last year: to help eradicate child hunger. This year we will continue to care for and protect the youth of our community.

My Choice Pregnancy Center provides free pregnancy testing; counseling; referral resources to help navigate services; pregnancy and fetal development education; parenting and adoption; childbirth classes and more to help those struggling with pregnancy. In addition to help during the pregnancy, the Center provides support to parents and their babies after birth.

Saleh Freedom is a national organization with the mission to end sex trafficking and bring freedom to the exploited through four programs: Awareness, Prevention, Outreach, and Residential. This organization has its national headquarters in Sarasota and serves to provide educate and empower communities, law enforcement, students, and faith groups to recognize and confront trafficking. In addition, Saleh provides youth, parents, and those who work with this population with the tools they need to recognize the red flags of exploitation and prevent sex-trafficking. Saleh in Hebrew means pause, rest and reflect. Saleh Freedom gives survivors a chance to do just that

Summer Events 2018

**Lunch at Connor's Steakhouse
July 18, 2018**

