

PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

St. Charles Parish Council Chairman
P. O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057
(985) 783-5000

Today's Date:



Dear Chairman:

Please place my name to address the Council on:

DATE: May 20, 2019

SPECIFIC TOPIC: Overview of recent accomplishment of the St. Charles Women Club

(*See specific guidelines on the reverse side and refer to Parish Charter Article VII Sec. I)

DOCUMENTS, IF ANY: (YES) NO

DOCUMENTS **MUST BE** ATTACHED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION

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Dear Constituent:

Thank you for your active participation. Your views and comments will be considered by the Council in making our decisions. The Council has a considerable amount of business to conduct in a limited amount of time, therefore, please note the following items that are expected of you:

- The Home Rule Charter provides for citizens to address the Council. **All requests and pertinent information must be received in writing by the Council Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting; request may be hand-delivered, mailed, emailed (scpcouncil@stcharlesgov.net), or faxed (985-783-2067) to be received by 4:00 pm. It makes no provision for initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials.** Your right is also guaranteed to examine public documents as you prepare your presentation. Should you have any questions for Councilmembers and/or Department Heads as you prepare, please forward such inquiries to the Council Office to insure a timely response. Should you wish to speak to any Official or Department personally; a complete list of contact information will be furnished at your request.
- Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject matter on which you have requested to address the Council. Please reference the Council guidelines for time limit specifications.
- **Please forward supporting documents to the Council Secretary for distribution to the Parish Council at the time your form is submitted in order for the Council to prepare themselves, if necessary.**
- Upon completion of your allotted time to address the Council, please respect the time given to Councilmembers to respond to your comments by not interrupting or interjecting remarks.
- **Slanderous remarks and comments will not be tolerated.** If slanderous remarks or comments are made, your opportunity to address the Council will end, regardless of the remaining time left to address the Council.
- **Repetitious comments and subject matter will be strictly limited.**

A confirmation letter will follow when your name is placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,

JULIA FISHER-PERRIER
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

(OVER)



St. Charles Women's Club
Making A Difference While Having Fun

“THREE YEARS OF WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

The St. Charles Women's Club is a non-profit civic and social organization of concerned, dedicated women whose purpose is to unite the women of St. Charles Parish in service. The club has been in existence since 1966 and currently has 190 members. Over the last three years, the SCWC has donated over \$90,000 to provide scholarships and financial support to local organizations, from both fund raising activities and through individual donations from members. The main focus of the organization is to provide resources and financial support for scholarships and to local charities and service organizations in an effort to promote education, address issues of social concern, preserve parish culture and history, provide quality music and art programs for youth and adults and protect the beauty and historical integrity of St. Charles Parish. . All monies raised annually, are distributed back into St. Charles Parish Community.

The club also has interest groups which provide opportunities for educational and social events for members to participate in monthly. These activities which are funded solely by individual members include: *visits to historical sites and gourmet restaurants, garden tours and projects, antiques shopping, Christmas celebrations, plant exchanges and fashion shows, book ,music and movie groups and lagniappe outings.*

Debbie Suffrin

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S CLUB
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
2017 thru 2019

The St. Charles Women's Club mission is to make a difference in the quality of lives of citizens living in St. Charles Parish. We have donated over \$90,000 in the last three years toward achieving our mission. This document provides three years of the club's fundraising and distribution of funds for scholarships and to local service organizations in St. Charles Parish. The three year time frame was selected because our major fundraiser has been held in St. Charles Parish for the past three years. Prior to 2017, the fundraiser had been held in Kenner at Chateau Estates due to the size and scope of the event. Over 350 women attend the annual Tea Cup Luncheon & Auction and have the opportunity to bid on 350 to 400 items. We are pleased to be able to use the Edward Dufresne Center to host our event and bring business to St. Charles Parish. Other fundraising activities include an Autumn Auction and 50/50 raffle at monthly meetings. We also donate food, clothing, and we provide numerous volunteer hours to community service projects. The club also has monthly interest groups for members which provide opportunities for educational and social events.

Our funds and volunteer services goes to local organizations for:

Scholarships \$ 36,000

Youth Programs \$ 11,250

Summer camps and activities focusing on the following: goal setting, teamwork, healthy relationships, self-esteem, boundaries, bullying, body image, citizenship, high level of competition, Up Start camp for teenagers with disabilities, workshops /camps for children with developmental disabilities, resources for court- involved youth and their families, Character Critter Programs for children 5-9, nutrition, advocacy, child abuse& neglect, education, empowerment, heritage education, school supplies and Christmas gifts for Head Start students, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Explorer's Academy and the Kids in Hot Cars Vehicular Heat Stroke Project .

Community Services \$37,850

Food, meds, utilities, rent, burial, clothing, prosthesis, housing for abused women, re- entry programs and financial assistance for women jail inmates and releases, addiction and counseling programs, beauty supplies for nursing home residents, gasoline for people to get to work, parenting and reading programs, communication devices, medical equipment, office computers and accessories for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities, financial support for senior citizens Christmas programs, funds and labor for home repairs for disabled, elderly, and low income families, beautification of our parish.

Community Outreach and the Arts \$3,400

Free musical concerts, sheet music, opportunities for artistic expression of adults and children, virtual museum, German Coast Farmer's Market, donations to local libraries, performing arts.

Community Outreach Animal Care \$1,500

Animal spaying, neutering, vaccinations, testing for prevalent diseases.

Food Pantry Donations **Over 5,000 Non-Perishable Food Items Collected**

Items are rotated monthly to local food pantries: Social Concerns, St. Charles Borromeo Ministry of Care, Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry, St. Anthony's Church, A Safe Place in St. Charles.

SCWC Annual Civic Projects

- Head Start Christmas Shopping
- Christmas Penny Party for residents of Luling Living Center (gifts donated by SCWC members)
- Music/Choir performances at Ormond Nursing Home, Ashton Manor Assisted Living & Memory Care, Arc of St. Charles, Luling Living Center, Veterans Home
- Butterfly Garden – Luling Elementary School
- Military Appreciation (new project)
- Valentine Party at ARC of St. Charles
- Vehicular Stroke Awareness

SCWC Annual Fundraising Projects

- Autumn Auction – items donated by SCWC members
- Tea Cup Luncheon/Auction – items solicited from businesses/SCWC members
- 50/50 / Raffles SCWC general membership meetings

SCWC Member's Personal Donations to Community Service Projects

- Over 900 items including: clothing, shoes, handbags, suitcases, Bibles and gift cards to purchase personal care items for women inmates at Nelson Coleman Correctional Center
- Over 1000 personal care items, books and toys to the Battered Women's Shelter & a Safe Place in St. Charles
- Over 120 hand knitted hats for Head Start students

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S CLUB
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
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Funds and volunteer services went to the local organizations

Scholarships: all students living in St. Charles Parish attending, public and private high schools are eligible

A Safe Place in St. Charles	Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry
River Road Historical Society	St. Anthony of Padua Church Food Pantry
German Coast Farmer's Market	Pink Ladies Volunteers
St. Charles Art Guild	River Region Ballet, Inc.
The Center for Family and Youth Services	Junior Achievement
St. Charles Borromeo Ministry of Care/Peace & Justice Ministry	Destrehan High School
St. Charles Parish Sheriff Explorer's Post	Louisiana Ovation Vocal Ensemble
St. Charles Museum and Historical Association	First Baptist Church of Paradis
St. Charles Humane Society	St. Charles Parish Community Services
St. Charles Social Concerns	St. Charles Parish Library
Arc of St. Charles	Caring Strategies
St. Charles Care Center	St. Charles Parish Schools Head/Early Start
Luling Elementary School	

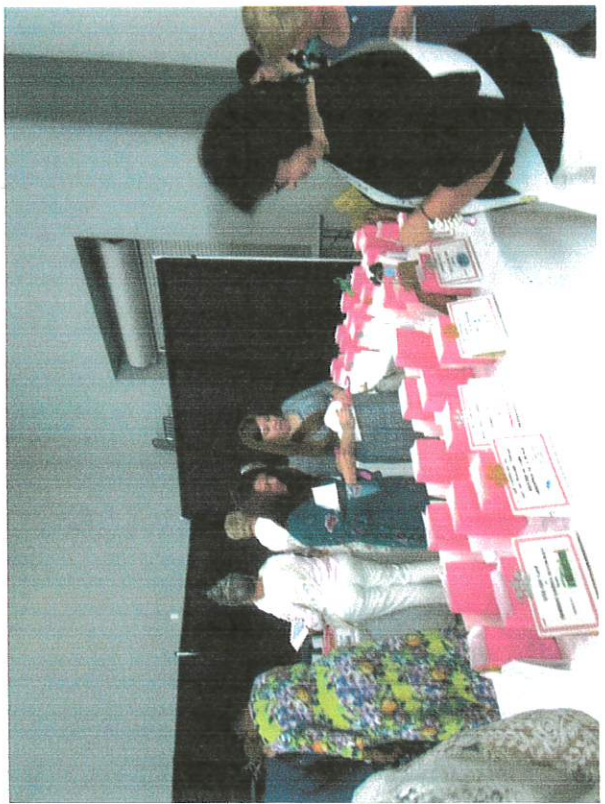
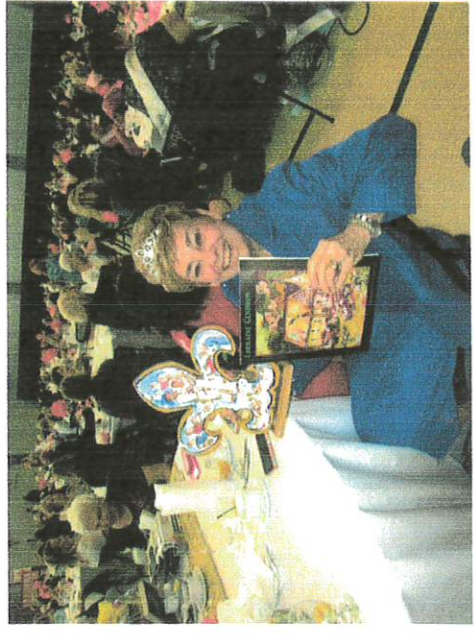


Christmas shopping and delivering the gifts for children in SCP Headstart
The Music Group entertained the residents of Luling Living Center, Ashton Manor, SE LA War Veterans Home, Ormond Nursing and Care Center &
The ARC of St. Charles



TOP: The Garden Divas maintain the "Butterfly Dome" at Luling Elementary and also provide learning opportunities for the students
BOTTOM: Volunteers provided the annual "Christmas Penny Party" for the residents of Luling Living Center as well as a Valentine's Party for clients of the ARC of St. Charles





370 Ladies attended the Annual Teacup Auction at the Edward Dufresne Center



TOP: Non perishable foods are collected at each meeting, for local food pantries, as well as personal care items for the Battered Women's Shelter

MIDDLE: Autumn Auction

BOTTOM: Split The Pot at each meeting





Labor of Love volunteers repairing homes of disadvantaged citizens in St. Charles Parish. St. Charles Women's Club provides labor and funding for projects done through a partnership with St. Charles Borromeo Peace & Justice Ministry and St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services

DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND



STRATEGY # 1

Leave your cell phone in the backseat. By doing this, you are not only ensuring that you won't forget your child or pet, you will also be much safer as you won't be tempted to text and drive!

STRATEGY # 2

Write a brightly-colored sticky note and put it on the dashboard of your car. *Ex. Baby/Pets in Back!*

STRATEGY # 3

If you have a rear facing child, invest in a car child safety mirror that attaches to the backseat so that you can always see your child.

STRATEGY #4

Get in the habit of always opening the back door to check the back seat before leaving your vehicle. Make sure no child or pet has been left behind.



This tragedy is so easily preventable - just by using any of the above strategies, you could save the life of a child or pet.

Please relay this information to friends, family and coworkers.

Don't Leave Me Behind is a vehicular heatstroke prevention partnership between United Way of St. Charles Success by 6[©] and St. Charles Women's Club.



United Way of St. Charles