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The Coco Plum News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March Business Meeting was our annual picnic with Popeye's chicken, Heike Leibkuchler's coleslaw, Anita Jenkins' potato salad, Pam Ciravola's baked beans, and Mary Lou Winkler's games. The picnic is specifically planned so our members have the chance to interact with each other in a casual and fun environment. Mary Lou's games tested our skills and made us laugh. And Heike, Anita and Pam proved once again that Coco Plum members are talented and generous chefs.

Sally Perlman chaired our Card Party Fund Raiser for Feeding South Florida. It's a big job to organize this event, especially to ensure that it runs without a hitch, and Sally saw that it happened. Gabby Martonffy organized the food for the party and made sure that we all had enough to eat. Maxine Bizette tended bar with her usual grace and even went out of her way to bring libations to the card tables. And it's always a pleasant way to be greeted by Donna Lewis when we enter our front door. Thanks to all of you who attended and donated your good food and wine to help make our card party a success.

Our April meeting will be the beginning of a new slate of officers for us. Nominating Committee Chair Maxine Bizette and her committee chose wisely, and we will vote by voice to elect our new officers and Board of Directors at that meeting. These elected women will be installed at our May meeting. Both meetings are important so please plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Caroline

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT APRIL 2016

Rosann Whitten

"Remember that you are needed.
There is at least one important work to be done
that will not be done unless you do it"

Charles Allen

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Maxine Bizette

President:	Anita Jenkins
1st Vice President:	Joyce Windhorst
2nd Vice President:	Sue Nichols
Recording Secretary:	Sally Perlman
Corresponding Secretary:	Pat Rivas
Treasurer:	Heike Leibkuchler
Financial Secretary:	Donna Lewis

DIRECTORS:

Pat Chehab, Vera Cooper, Laura Proctor,
Rosemary Welton, Rosann Whitten

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 1, 2016
Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Business Meeting/Luncheon 10:30 am
Election of Officers
Program: Flower arranging

PINWHEEL GARDEN
AT COCO PLUM
In April
Date: TBA

Friday, May 6, 2016
Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Business Meeting/Luncheon 10:30 am
Installation of Officers
Essay Contest

Wednesday , May 25, 2016
Dade County Federations of Women Clubs
At Coco Plum 10:30 am
Installation of Officers

Membership Renewal 2016-2017

Carol Renick

It's time to renew your dues and participation in GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club. Dues will be collected for the 2016-2017 year in April and May. Please bring your dues to either meeting or mail to Susan Nichols, Treasurer, to 6585 S.W. 69 Ave., Miami, Fl. 33143.
Dues are $ 40 for the year and the check is made to GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club. All dues are to be collected by mid June. If you miss the renewal timeline and wish to continue membership you will be charged the $ 20.00 initiation fee, as well as the $ 40.00 membership fee.
Your continued commitment to attend the business meetings and participation on at least one committee and support of all special activities is expected of members.

If you have any questions regarding committees or dues collection, please contact me at 786.402.2459 or email carolarenick@gemail.com

Public Issues

Pat Chehab

Many thanks to all who voted in the Primary Elections. Now, get ready for November and the General Election. Don't forget to play a joke on someone April Fool's Day. Income Tax deadline is April 18 this year. Wonderful, a few extra days to procrastinate. Passover observance begins at sundown on April 23.

Please bring supplies for Project Up Start to the April meeting. This is the last time we will be collecting. We hope to continue this project next year. Thanks to all who have contributed and made a difference in someone's life. There are over 2300 homeless children in Miami Dade schools.

Pinwheel Garden at Coco Plum

Anita Jenkins

GFWC clubs across the country are participating in **Prevent Child Abuse America's Pinwheels for Prevention®** campaign. To draw attention to and encourage involvement in these efforts, communities throughout Florida and the Nation display pinwheels promoting individual action to make children a priority.

We will be selling pinwheels to plant in our garden. Our garden will bloom in April on a Saturday. You will want to be part of the fun project. More information to come shortly.

I am very excited about this project and hope you will be also!!!!

Card Party

Sally Perlman

What a great turnout we had this year! We had 12 tables playing various card games and 51 attended. Many thanks to all our members who participated and brought friends from other clubs. We had a delicious array of food to feast on, which was brought in by our Coco Plum members. Special thanks to the following for their extra help in making this a great fund raiser for Feeding South Florida. Heike Leibkuchler (publicity), Gabe Martonffy (food) Donna Lewis (check-in) Laura Proctor (Lucky Lady), Edith Hughes (door prizes, Maxine Bizette (tending bar) and all those who made contributions. Thanks so much!

Conservation

From the GF Conservation Chairman

This is a reminder March 22 was World Water day…. Don't be a drip save on water, it is essential in our world and not everyone is blessed to have what they need.

Pictures from Picnic

Thank you to Mary Lou Winkler and Anita Jenkins for arranging the games at our Picnic.

Getting Instructions for the game

Being at the Beach
(1st Prize)

April Birthdays

Marielle Monteil – April 2nd
Sally Perlman – April 14
Cathy Cotton – April 18
Laura Proctor – April 30

Carolina Slaw Recipe

Margaret Register past President

1 coarsely shredded head of cabbage
2 chopped green peppers
1 large chopped onion

Dressing:
1 cup cider vinegar
¾ cup oil
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. celery seed
1 tsp. mustard seed
1 tsp. salt.

Mix and bring to boil the dressing ingredients. Let cool. Pour over cabbage mixture. Cover and let stand in refrigerator overnight. Keeps well for weeks.

Anita's Mats for the Homeless

The South Miami Police Department accepted most of Anita's Mats for distribution.
The picture shows Chief of Police, Rene Landa, and one of the homeless with one of Anita's mats.
He sure looks happy.
Thank you Anita for your dedication.

Book Club

We are reading

The Devil in the White City
By
Erik Larson

Our next meeting is
Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 11:30

Place: TBA

Education

Mary Dell Paterno

This is a reminder that we collect books for people of all ages that we will donate to the homeless or to the veterans in May. Coloring books and crayons for children and adults might be enjoyed as well.