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THE COCO PLUM NEWS

GFWC COCO PLUM WOMAN'S CLUB
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The President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you are looking forward to the New Year of 2014.

December was a busy month at Coco Plum. We enjoyed the presentation from Ana Veciana Suarez of the Miami Herald at our Business Meeting. A big thank you goes to all the members who brought Teddy Bears for Cops for Kids and items for Perdue. We also collected 180 mostly children books, which Caroline Jensen and Donna Lewis delivered to Chapman Foundation, a Homeless Shelter in Homestead.

In December we wrote a lot of checks for different charities, and we are very fortunate to be able to help out in our community.

Our Annual Christmas Cocktail Party at Coco Plum was a lot of fun! Thank you, Peggy Vital, for being chairman. Peggy came up with the idea to rent out some husbands and friends for dancing. For one dollar you had a male partner to dance

Save the Date!

**Wednesday,
January 8th
10:30am**
Business/Lunch
Purse Auction
Coco Plum
Clubhouse

**January 8th
Purse Auction**
Bring purses,
jewelry and
art objects to
the meeting &
luncheon.

**Wednesday,
January 22th
10:30am**
DCF WC
Business/Lunch
Coco Plum
Clubhouse

with. We collected \$87 and I thank all the gentlemen, including, Bill Robson, Frank Vital, Rick Ciravolo, Dale Clark, David Whitten, Malcolm Miller-Jones, and John Penick, for being such good sports. We thank Rosie, Fernando and their staff for sponsoring the evening event; they outdid themselves again.

Our beautiful building needs a lot of main-



tenance. We are in the process of updating the electrical wiring and last week we had to have the building tented for termites. I am very grateful to have Pat Rivas as house chair. Pat, you are doing a great job!

As the year comes to an end I also want to thank Nell Penick for doing such an outstanding job with the *Coco Plum News*. I also want to ask all the committee chairs to send their articles by the third Thursday of the month so Nell has enough time to get out the newsletter on time.

At our last meeting I said I would have an Orientation Meeting in January. We have the Dade County Federation Meeting on January 22, 2014. After getting different feedback from different sources, I decided to talk about our club and GFWC at our January Meeting, instead of having another meeting.

Our program at our January luncheon meeting will be a Purse Auction. Please donate your purses that you do not want anymore. Put a

little trinket in the purse. We always have had a lot of fun and laughs auctioning off the purses. I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

With warmest regards and love,
Heike ®

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 3rd, 2014

Board Meeting—10:00 am
Coco Plum Boardroom

Wednesday, January 8th

Business Meeting/Luncheon—10:30 am
Purse Auction
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, January 22nd

DCFWC General Meeting—10:30 am
Luncheon—12:00 Noon
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Friday, February 7th

Board Meeting—10:00 am
Coco Plum Boardroom

Wednesday, February 12th

102nd Birthday Celebration—10:30 am
Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln
Irene Nichols & Aminta Konawicz

Our Arts Display and Awards

Coco Plum Clubhouse

Tuesday, February 26th

GFWC District 11
Arts and Crafts Festival—10:00 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Friday, March 7th

Board Meeting—10:30 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse ®

Committee Reports

January 8th Purse Auction

By Nadine LaGuette, Ways & Means Chair

Dear ladies, we always have so much fun at our Purse Auction that is coming up at our January 8th meeting. Therefore, we have decided to expand the auction to include more types of items.

So, please bring not only your unwanted purses for auction, but also any other items like jewelry, scarves, hats and art objects that you may be tired of or are ready to pass on to someone else. Our chairpersons for the Auction are Peggy Vital and Ann Robson, and they will auction off your items for you.

Let's see how much fun we have fundraising again this new year of 2014!

Thank you and Happy New Year to you all.

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Financial Committee Report

By Ann Robson, Financial Secretary

We had fifty-nine reservations for lunch, including forty-six members, two new members, and two guests. Six members from Coconut Grove Woman's Club attended as well as one member from Coral Gables Woman's Club and one member from Homestead Woman's Club. Also we had one No Show.

Just a reminder for the New Year, if you cannot cancel by Monday, the week of our luncheon and you have made a reservation, please send your check for \$15 to our Treasurer, Sue Nichols.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. ®

Procedures for the Upcoming Election of the New Board

By Mary Lou Winkler, Chair,
Bylaws Committee

As we start the new year of 2014, we realize how quickly September, October, November, and December passed. Only a few months remain until Coco Plum Woman's Club members will elect a new Governing Board to serve for two years, from 2014-2016. Especially for those of you who are newer members, here is what to expect.

In February, at the General Meeting, the Nominating Committee will be installed. The president will appoint one member and three members will be elected. The Membership Chair is automatically a member of the Nominating Committee and altogether, the appointed member, the three elected members and the Membership Chair will make up a committee of five. Members of the Nominating Committee must have been active members of the club for at least two years immediately preceding their selection as members of the Nominating Committee. In addition, no member can serve on the Nominating Committee two times in succession with the exception of the Membership Chair.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates for the Governing Board of eight officers and five directors. For more details about these positions, please read Article III of the Bylaws, Duties of Officers from page 5B to page 7B of *The Coco Plum Woman's Club Yearbook, 2013-2014*. To be eligible for the Governing Board, a member must have been an active member for at least one year immediately preceding installation to office, i.e., a member at least since May 2013.

Any member, who joined before February 2012, is eligible to be on the Nominating Committee and can run for one of those

positions at the February meeting with the exception of those members who served on the previous Nominating Committee. The only exception to the latter rule is the Membership Chair who is automatically a member of the Nominating Committee.

Even as a new member you have the right to nominate a person for the Nominating Committee. More details about the Nominating Committee and the election in March can be found on pages 10B to Page 11B, Section B, Governing and Historical Documents of *The Coco Plum Woman's Club Yearbook, 2013-2014*.

Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter. ®

Calling All Crafters & Artists

By Doris Southern, Arts Chair

The GFWC Arts and Crafts Exhibits and Competition for 2014 is heading our way. The Coco Plum Arts Display and Awards will take place February 12th and the GFWC District 11 Arts and Crafts Festival will take place February 26th.

To learn the guidelines for participation, please go to the www.gfwcflorida.org, then click on **Members Only** and then **Contests** and you will see all the criteria. First Place Club Winners will go to District and First Place District Winners will go to State.

Also you can contact Doris Southern at dorissouthern@aol.com or 305-247-1942 for more information. ®

New Member Information

By Carol Renick, Membership, Chair

Happy New Year, everyone! In December, Norma Craig and Kim Schain joined our Coco Plum Woman's Club and were officially inducted at our Business Luncheon. Their birthdates and contact information follow. Please record these data in your 2013-14 Coco Plum Rosters.

Norma Craig, 10736 N. Kendall Dr. K-3, 33176, home 305 270 1227, cell 305 975 2925, ncraig1914@aol.com, DOB 11-23

Kim Schain, 11235 SW 166 Ter, 33157, home 305 254 8732, cell 305 322 4626, schain2@aol.com, DOB 11-1



New Members, Norma Craig and Kim Schain, with Membership Chair, Carol Renick



Elena Schaffer of Cops for Kids with Heike Leibkuchler



Heike Leibkuchler gives check to Carol Nobles for SafeSpace .



Claire Francis Whitehurst donated an additional \$100 in honor of her daughter's birthday.



Mary Lou Winkler introduces Speaker Ana Veciana-Saurez



Miami Herald's Ana Veciana-Suarez talks on Reinventing Yourself in the Last 3rd of Your Life



Christine Mena



Children's Chorus from Riviera School



Rosemary Welton, Mary Lou Nadeau and Pam Ciravolo

Holiday Party



Ann Robson, Fernando, Rosie and Bill Robson



Heike and Gunter Leibkuchler enjoy a waltz.



Frank Vital feels the music with Mayra Dominguez



Peggy Vital and Five of the Dancers-for-Hire



Nell Penick, Rosann and David Whitten



Ruthann Miller-Jones,
Judy and Dale Clark



Peggy Vital and John Penick reveling



J.D. Schmucker and Sue Pettapiece
with Maxine Bizette