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The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

December, 2015

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Caroline Jensen

I thank those of you who had fun with us at our "Wine, Cheese and Elephants" Party. To those of you who couldn't attend – you missed a good time and a chance to support one of our charities, **Safe Space**. Chair **Anita Jenkins and Sally Perlman** are the dynamic duo who got things done in creative and dynamic ways. Thank you. I also want to thank the members of Coco Plum who participated by bringing "elephants", delicious edible eats and themselves to this event. Money is easily given away when it is being taken so warmly at the door by **Vera Cooper, Anne Cruzent and Dottie Bobbitt**. We walked into the patio where Rosie and her staff provided the gorgeous setting, and the DJ, J.P. enhanced the atmosphere with his music which he donated to us.

Another time to enjoy each other is our Annual Christmas Cocktail Party, December 6. Put on your glamorous duds and dancing shoes and join us. We have a beautiful house which is decorated and lit for a festive time. Good food and music and friends are waiting for those who attend.

Our December meeting is December 9. There will be a music program, and we will have a speaker from Cops for Kids who will take our bears for placement with children who need them. So don't forget to bring Teddy Bears to the meeting. We are also asking for donations of puzzle books for the veterans at the VA hospital, and our involvement with Ludlum Elementary is ongoing. This is the season that those of us who have so much can take advantage of so many opportunities to help.

I met with the book club and enjoyed having lunch with the members of the club. Our book club is a great way to become better acquainted with fellow members and maybe even learn something. Join us. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 15. Call **Gaby Martonffy** at 954.435.4658.

December 2015, the end of a year. The most expected day of December is the end of a year and a welcome of a new one with the hope that the next one will be better.

Purse and Jewelry Fundraiser

By Peggy Vital



Our Purse and Jewelry Auction is coming up at our January 8th meeting. Let's get started early by bringing your unwanted purses and jewelry to the December meeting. It will give the coordinators a change to price the items ahead of time. We will auction off your items and we will have a fun fundraising again in the new year of 2016.



Thanksgiving Baskets for Families for the Holidays

Congratulations to all of the women of Coco Plum Women's Club that brought food items and/or Grocery Store Gift Cards, or money donated to support the Homelife Committee effort to provide

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Families. You ladies did an amazing job of bringing needed items to allow us to complete four large baskets that contained food for Thanksgiving and beyond and a gift card to a super market to finish off their dinner with turkey or other choice of meat. The Homelife Committee is so appreciative of your generous donations for this project. We, the committee members, cannot thank you enough. Enjoy your Thanksgiving knowing you have helped four families to enjoy their holiday also.

Bless you!!

Homelife Committee

Pat Stevenson

Dates to Remember

Friday, December 4th

Board Meeting, 10 am—Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Sunday, December 6th

Coco Plum Christmas Cocktail Party
6 pm—9 pm
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, December 9th

Business Meeting/Luncheon 10:30am
Cops for Kids / Music Program

Friday, January 8, 2016

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Business Meeting / Luncheon 10:30 am
Purse and Jewelry Auction

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

DCF WC Meeting 10:30 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Friday, February 5, 2016

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Business Meeting / Luncheon 10:30 am
Program: Speaker on Historical Bldgs.
Arts & Crafts Exhibit

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Book Review details TBA

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Arts & Craft Exhibit 10:30 am
CFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club

Domestic Violence Committee

Aminta Konawicz

The GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee would like us to contribute with **Signature Project Pins**.

Proudly display your commitment to end domestic violence by purchasing the Domestic Violence and Awareness and Prevention Pin for \$ 10 through GFWC Marketplace or by calling 800-443-GFWC. (4392). Proceeds from sales of the pin will benefit the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund.

Thank you for your support.

Items to bring to our December Meeting

Carol Renick

Yearly, the Coco Plum Woman's Club plans something special to thank the veterans at the VA Hospital. In December we will be collecting crossword puzzles, pens, books and magazines for distribution to the veterans at the hospital.

Also do not forget the Teddy Bears for Cops for Kids.



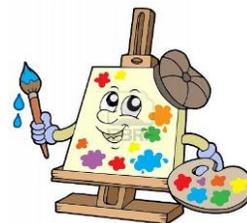
Book Club

We are reading the Book "The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende.

Art Committee

Anita Jenkins

Just a reminder that your art projects are going to be due in February, but they must be completed by December 2015. If you have any questions please contact me.



December Birthdays

Eleanor Simpson Dec. 1

Betty Sue Stultz Dec. 7

Petty Vital Dec. 19



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Vietnam Reception

By Carol Renick

The Vietnam Reception to honor veterans from that era was well attended by members from both GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club and the Coral Gables chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution. There were approximately 50 individuals who attended. A donation of \$ 75.00 was sent to the Wounded Warriors Organization. The event was arranged by the Public Issues Program Committee. Many thanks to members who assisted with the event: **Carol Jensen, Pat Chehab, Mary Dell Paterno, Heike Leibkuchler, Anita Jenkins, Judy Anton, Donna Lewis and Carol Renick.**



Please join us at our
Annual Christmas Cocktail Party
at GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
Sunday, December 6, 2015
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Admission: \$ 10.00 gives you delicious
Hors D'Oeuvres and one Cocktail
Cash Bar
DJ and Dancing to the Music of the 60's and 70's
and more

RSVP: Caroline Jensen 305.247.8111 or
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Wine, Cheese and White Elephants Party

Anita Jenkins

If you missed the **Wine, Cheese and White Elephants Party**, you missed a really good time. The food was fabulous, the music good and the setting beautiful. **Rosie** and her staff did a good job setting up the food tables and outside setting. I want to thank everyone that worked to make this a success, specially **Sally Perlman** and **Barbara Moller**, who worked the two Elephant tables. **Vera Cooper**, **Dorothy Bobbitt** and **Anne Cruxent**, who worked the check in table, **Maxine Bizette** and **Pat Rivas** who worked the bar, and special thanks to my daughter-in law, **Kristy Jenkins** who did the beautiful decorating.

Thank you everyone!



Websites and More

Heike Leibkuchler

Did you know that we have a website? Go to www.gfwccocoplum.org

You will find all kinds of information on the site. Under Schedule (Calendar) you will find what is going on during the year. Under News you will find a listing of recent news letters, just click on it.

The website for headquarters in Washington is www.gfwc.org and for Florida is www.gfwforida.org. Visit these sites sometimes and you will find a lot of information. GFWC Florida issues a newsletter four times a year. The latest (2015 November issue) was just posted. Go to their website and click on "About" and then "Clubwomen". You will read about Fall Board. Various Districts at different times post articles about what they have been doing in their clubs. It is good reading and gives you ideas what other clubs are doing.

We also have a Facebook page. If you are on Facebook and have not "liked" us, please type in the "Search Facebook" line: GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club and like us. You should also like GFWC, GFWC Florida, GFWC Florida District 11, GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club, GFWC Hialeah Woman's Club and you will be informed about those clubs too.

