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# The Coco Plum News

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**President**  
**Caroline Jensen**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year to be thankful and to count our many blessings. I would like to thank each of you for volunteering and helping out whenever you have been called or when you just have volunteered. It makes our club work efficiently and stands out in the community. Thank you to Pat Stephenson and her committee for putting together the Thanksgiving baskets and for all those that contributed to this project. You have made Thanksgiving special for a few families.

We had a wonderful fun time at the Royal Palm State Park 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was an honor to have GFWC Florida President, Mary Powell, and GFWC Corresponding Secretary, Helen Fillion attend this event. If you have the opportunity to visit Royal Palm State Park, be sure to go.

December is full of fun and eating. As always our club is not without these opportunities. Our December club meeting will again host "Cops for Kids", where we donate Teddy Bears for children that need them when law enforcement is called out. So many of these children need the love a Teddy Bear can give, so give to this worthwhile cause. We will also be enjoying the Holiday Music from Riviera School. Our special Christmas Cocktail Party is on December 11<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer.

I am looking forward to the coming year and what GFWC Coco Plum is going to do.

Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year.



*Anita*

**INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT DECEMBER 2016**

By Rosann Whitten

“Christmas truly is a miracle... bringing man closer to man and closer to God. We hope that the miracle of Christmas, with all of its joyful manifestations, comes to you and your loved ones this holiday season and throughout every day of the new year ahead.”

Flyer Publication

**New Member**

Mickey Bileca  
10956 SW 135 Court  
Miami, Fl. 33186  
Tel.: 305.387.1917 Home  
305.753.6346 Cell  
Birthday February 25



Joyce Windhorst and Mickey Bileca

**New Telephone Number**

Mary Lou Winkler  
Cell.: 305.395.0468

**Dates to Remember****Friday, December 2, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon  
Coco Plum Board Room

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

GFWC Coco Plum  
Christmas Cocktail Party  
6 pm to 8 pm

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

Business Meeting  
10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Program:  
Cops for Kids  
Riviera School Children  
Holiday Music

**Friday, January 6, 2017**

Board Meeting 10 am- Noon  
Coco Plum Board Room

**Wednesday, January 11m 2017**

Business Meeting  
10:30 am – 2 pm

Program:  
Human Trafficking – Carol Nobles

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

DCFWC Meeting  
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club  
10:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

Book Review  
Author Heather Graham  
Book to be announced  
10:30 am  
Admission: \$ 20.00

**Christmas Cocktail Party Invitation**

By Mary Lou Winkler

**WANTED YOU!**

ON SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 11  
AT 6:00 PM  
COCO PLUM'S ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE  
DUTY OF ENJOYING YOURSELF AND MAKING  
THE REST OF US HAPPY in the holiday spirit

by relaxing, talking with friends,  
and making new friends,  
eating and drinking,  
listening to music and  
even doing inspired dancing.

Come by yourself  
or bring a guest or two.

FINE TO BE PAID  
TO THE AUTHORITIES:  
**\$ 10.00 only**

For hor'oeuvres and 1 drink  
(Cash Bar)

SPECIAL THAT NIGHT ONLY:  
**Coco Plum UBER SERVICE**  
Courtesy of Sue Pettapiece,  
If you can't drive yourself, phone Sue,  
305.667.9533  
to schedule pickup.

REPORT TO MARIELLE MONTAIL,  
305.667.5609  
To reserve your place.

Please come to join us for an hour  
Or two (6-8), with a 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
and NEW YEAR' to us all.

**Everglades Royal Palm State Park's  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

By Joyce Windhorst

What better way to spend a palm tree day than a trip to the Everglades National Park to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Palm State Park.

Coco Plum members, Donna Lewis, Anita Jenkins, Sally Perlman, Heike Leibkuchler, Sue Nichols and Joyce Windhorst along with many other women's clubs made the same journey as the Homestead Women's Club did 100 years earlier but on a much improved road. We took tours, listened to Park Ranger Pedro Ramos, our GFWC Florida president Mary Powell and Leslie Poole the author of Saving Florida. All spoke of their commitment and passion to preserve and protect the Everglades.

If you would like to see Egrets, Anhingas, Herons, Alligators, Turtles, Fish and many varieties of birds, you are over 62 and you don't have a National Park Entrance Pass... you can get a pass for \$10.00 which is good for life at any National Park.



GFWC Florida Members attending the celebration

**Request by Peggy Vital**

A lady whom many of you may know and remember through the Gablelites died last week. She was 96 years old. Her name was Donna Pace, There will be no service, but if anyone would like to send a card to the family, they could send it to the family of Donna Pace at 1403 Genoa, Coral Gables, Fl. 33134



**BOOK CLUB**

By Anita Jenkins

Book Club will not meet in December, but will meet the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. The book we will be discussing is “America’s First Daughter” by Stephanie Dray.

We will be having a book review in February on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The author is Heather Graham and we will let you know what book she will be discussing. Heather is a local Miami resident and a New York Times bestselling author and has more than a hundred novels. You will not want to miss her, so mark your calendar and invite your friends. Admission \$ 20.00

**COUPONS FOR TROOPS**

By Anita Jenkins

We are still collecting coupons for our Military families. If you have coupons and would like to send them yourself, here is the address:

Coupon Cabin.com  
 Att.: Active Coupons for Troops  
 P.O. Box 231, Whiting, In. 46394-0231 or

Coupon Cabin.com  
 Att.: Expired Coupons for Troops  
 P.O. Box 430, Whiting, Ind. 46394-0430

I have been sending them in for Coco Plum and putting a note inside that they were from GFWC Coco Plum Woman’s Club. I will continue to do this if you cannot mail yours. I thank you and I know the Military families thank you.



**FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**

By Pat Stephenson – Home Life Chair

The Home Life Committee once again delivered four large baskets for needy families for Thanksgiving thanks to our members’ generous donations of food and dollars. Each basket included a substantial grocery gift card for purchasing a turkey and/or other items needed. The Committee is so proud of ALL of you for the caring and kindness you expressed in your contributions to this worthy cause. Bless you all!!



Finished Baskets  
 Marielle Monteil and Sally Perlman



Marielle Monteil and Sally Perlman



**GFWC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

By Aminta Konawicz – Chair

Dearest Coco Plum Members,

On behalf of our Domestic Violence and Awareness Committee and my Family, I would like to thank all of you that came and supported Aminta's Seventh Annual Fair & Expo in Memory of my sister Maricarmen.

It was heartwarming to hear the positive comments and see the support received by our Domestic Violence and Awareness Table.

Special Thanks to Rosie Hayden the Coco Plum Staff for all their help in setting up the club for the event, and their extra efforts to make our day a successful one.

Merry Christmas to Everyone.

May God Bless You and Your Families.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Eleanor Simpson
- 7 – Betty Sue Stultz
- 19 – Peggy Vital



Nadine LaGuette, Maxine Bizette, Laura Proctor  
Aminta Konawicz and Mayor of Coral Gables  
James Cason