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The Coco Plum News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- DECEMBER

I want to thank 1st Vice President **Joyce Windhorst** and the **Board** for handling the Board Meeting and the General Meeting while I was away. I am so fortunate to have such good members that I can count on. Thank you all very much.

Thank you to all those that brought canned goods to the meeting in November. We were able to fill 10 baskets to be given out to Ludlum Elementary School. I know there were some happy families this Thanksgiving and all because you cared.

The holiday season is fast approaching. While out tonight I saw many people already decorating for the holiday. If you are out and about on Sunday, December 3rd, in South Miami, cheer on GFWC Coco Plum's Float in the South Miami Christmas Elf Parade. The time is 2 pm and the parade is on Sunset Drive, between US 1 and Red Road. Our float will have 4 Special Olympic athletes riding on it. They will have their shirts and their ribbons, so please cheer for them. (Note by editor: The newsletter is late, however see the picture attached and a **big thank you** to Anita who arranged everything.)

Don't forget the Christmas Party at Coco Plum this Sunday, December 10th. This is always a very nice party, with good food (which you do not have to bring), good music and good fellowship. This is Rosie, Fernando and their staff's way of saying, Thank you to the Coco Plum Ladies.

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President Message to be cont.:

I would like to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. I know that coming year is going to be a big one for Coco Plum and I look forward to what is in store for us.

Anita



INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT DECEMBER 2017

By Rosann Whitten

NOTHING THE HEART GIVES AWAY
IS GONE
IT IS KEPT IN TH HEARTS OF OTHERS

Robin St. John



Dates to Remember

Friday, DECEMBER 1, 2017

Board Meeting

10 am to 12 Noon in Board Room

Sunday, DECEMBER 10, 2017 6 6

PM - 8 PM

Christmas Cocktail Party

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, 2017

Business Meeting

10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Program:

Cops for Kids and

Riviera School

Music for the Season

Friday, DECEMBER 15, 2017

Historical Marker Meeting 10:30am

Tuesday, DECEMBER. 19, 2017

Book Club at 11.30 am

Bahama Breeze

Wednesday, JANUARY 31, 2018

Dade County Federation of Women's
Clubs

General Meeting at

GWC Coco Plum Woman's Club –
10:30 am

Luncheon \$ 20.00

HOME OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

By Joyce Windhorst

After WWI had formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month in 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Armistice Day was renamed Veteran's Day in 1954 and signed into effect by Dwight D. Eisenhower. While those who died are also remembered on Veteran's Day it was intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, in wartime and in peacetime.

At our November meeting Mickey Bileca introduced an Air Force pilot, whom she has known since her oldest son and Chris were good friends in High School.

We were honored to have Lieutenant Sergeant Chris Claflin share with us some of his tours of duty in Afghanistan. .

Chris flew F-16's off aircraft carriers and had slides to show how precise the pilots have to be and that also rely on the ground crew to guide them and catch the plane as they are coming in.

Extensive training goes into each pilot before they can fly their planes off the carrier. It cost about \$ 8 million for their training.

We had slides that showed how they refuel in midair from the airline tankers and how precise that also has to be not only in the daytime but at night which was extremely difficult.

We were all impressed how much he loves this country and how lucky we all are to live in this beautiful land.

God Bless the USA.



Chris Claflin and Mickey Bileca

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pat Rivas – Chairperson

Please join us for our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10th, at 6.00 pm. We have a great time. You are welcome to bring your husband, date, guest or just as many of us do by yourself.

It is a lot of fun and perfect time to get to know your fellow members. On this night you may park in the parking lot to the east of our building. It is metered but very convenient. Call me to make a reservation at **786.547.0429** or email me at pcrivas@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

LUNCH RESERVATION FOR DECEMBER

Ann Robson – Telephone Chairperson

I will be out of town for the December meeting. So can the members, when they get a call or email for the December lunch reservation on Wednesday the 13th please respond to your caller.

If you have a problem and have to change your reservation for any reason, contact your caller.

Donna Lewis will be doing the list for me so you can call Donna on **305.251.5805** or e-mail mickeymowgli@aol.com. It will be just for this month.

Thank you.

REMINDER

Do not forget to bring Teddy Bears for Cops for Kids to our Business Meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON TABLE DECORATION

Joyce Windhorst

At our November meeting we decided that each table would plan their very own centerpiece. I would like to make sure that we have enough centerpieces for all the tables, so let me know what your group is working on. The Coco Plum meeting is on the 13th. This should be a lot of fun and I can't wait to see all the different creations. If you need any inspiration, you can go to PINTEREST or visit your local Hobby Lobby or Michaels for ideas.

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FEBRUARY ART SHOW

Donna Falana – Chairperson

Just a friendly reminder that entry for the Art Show in February have to be completed by December 31, 2017

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 7 - Betty Sue Stultz
December 19 - Peggy Vital
December 24 - Ulla Kasprzyk



HISTORICAL MARKER

Mary Lou Winkler- Chairperson

The first meeting of the Historical Marker Committee on Nov. 17 found Maxine Bizette, Donna Falana, Anita Jenkins, Beverly Maxwell, Laura Proctor, Margaret Sarafoglu, Peggy Vital and Mary Lou Winkler brain storming and making initial planning decisions. Unfortunately, the critical one of the date can't be determined until fabrication of the marker is complete and Coral Gables Public Works will lay the base, without charge. We learned this week that twelve weeks from our order date of Oct. 23 will be required for fabrication, so the unveiling probably will be in March..

As our meeting ended we went to the flagpole site, measured possible placement and discussed plans for the area. Margaret Sarafoglu is going to bring plans for that to our Dec. 15 meeting.

For the occasion the initial plan is to begin with a Pre-dedication reception at 10:00, the unveiling of the marker by the flagpole at 10:45, and a Post-dedication reception and Open House until noon. Welcoming of guests, a membership table, interior and exterior tours of the building, screening of Fabiano Silva's photos of the club house, and a display of historical boards are part of the event. We need help both with the planning and carrying out of the plans. That day hostesses, tour guides, and speakers about our historical boards are critical. Before then we must reach the public, other GFWC clubs, with invitations and personal calls, and continue refining initial plans, etc., etc. If you would be kind enough to assist in any of those activities, please let Maxine (**305 859 8916**) or Mary Lou (**305 669 4366**) know.

If we all participate and share in the event, no one will be over extended, so we all can enjoy chatting with members and guests, as we have a toast honoring the past members and those of us today, relaxing on the patio or in the main hall, with light refreshments..

The cost of the marker with two sides of Coco Plum's history is \$2,200. We are pleased that there already has been a donation to this project. Undoubtedly, many of us shall join in the campaign to raise funds for our club's historical marker.

Our next committee meeting will be Friday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 am, in the Board Room. You are welcome to come and share with your ideas and time.



The planning committee met to discuss the placement of the new marker, coming in 2018. Thank you to **Mary Lou Winkler** and **Maxine Bizette** for their hard work to make this event so special and for their hard work obtaining the marker.

Looking forward to this!

Anita

NEW MEMBERS



Gloria de Gracia
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**GFWC COCO PLUM'S FLOAT AT THE
ELF'S PARADE**



IN MEMORY OF

Helen Smith
Jane Grasham

