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# The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Caroline Jensen**

Happy New Year – 2016! As John Lennon wrote: “Let’s hope it’s a good one without any fear”.

Our Christmas Party was a festive gathering of club members and friends. We all looked marvelous as did our glorious club house. Thanks to **Sue Nichols**, Club Treasurer and indispensable Club member for being in charge of party preparations. A fun committee of “Christmas elves” prepared the desserts. Thank you **Nancy Frazier**, **Pat Rivas**, **Anita Jenkins**, **Carol Renick** and **Sue** for the really good goodies. Sue and Nancy also helped with party decorations. The DJ gave us really good music to listen and dance to.

What would we do without the **The Coco Plum**, our catering caregivers? They present our house so beautifully. The paella was delicious, a wonderful surprise, and the hors d’oeuvres were outstanding. Thanks go to them for their gracious preparations.

Thanks to members who so generously gave their teddy bears for adoption to the charity, **Cops for Kids**. We can feel good that we have supported our police and have sent the bears to some child in



need.

We have a busy 2016 ahead for us. January’s meeting will have our “Purse and Jewelry Auction” directed by **Peggy Vital** (perfect name I have always thought for her). Be thinking of what you will bring to interest other members to bid on.

In February our book review will be a bit different because the book to be reviewed is a cook book, and there will be a cooking demonstration, too. Yum!

**President Message cont'd..**

March is our card party, so tell your friends to save the date, March 17. We can play bridge, canasta, or any other games we can think of. This is a good way to interact differently with fellow club members while supporting our charitable event.

April is our month to vote for our new slate of officers and Board of Directors. We will install this new group at our May meeting.

A guest at our Christmas party took me aside and said something that made a surprising impact on me, and I felt I should pass along. He complimented our beautiful club house and said how proud we should be that it is in such excellent shape. He told me that we should be very impressed that we have worked so hard to keep it going when other women's clubs have not been able to do so. I have thought about this a lot. We have inherited an outstanding heritage to follow and continue: our house and the good works of amazing women who came before us.

I look forward to working with you all this coming year and wish you a safe and Happy New Year.

**INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT JANUARY 2016**

Rosann Whitten

If you can wake up every morning with HOPE in your Heart

If you can live each moment with PEACE in your WORLD

If you can close each day with a soul-deep SMILE ...then this simple New Year's wish will have found its way to you.

**Dates to Remember**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am—Noon  
Coco Plum Board Room

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

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

**Friday, January 15, 2016**

Gablelites Annual Fundraiser  
Gables Congregational Church  
10:30 am to 3.00 pm

**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 by Linda Ogden Epling  
"The Cooking Queen"  
10:30 am – 12 Noon

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

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



## 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.



## January Birthdays

Rosann Whitten – January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pam Ciravolo – January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ann Mae Simpson – January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Nobles – January 28<sup>th</sup>



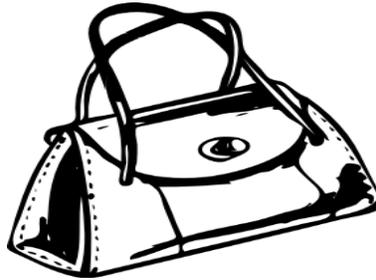
## New Member

Bonny Court, 23400 S.W. 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Homestead, Fl. 33032  
305.613.3547 – [courtbonney@yahoo.com](mailto:courtbonney@yahoo.com)  
B-Day October 28



## Purse Auction

By Peggy Vital



Please bring your purse and jewelry to the club house before the Business Meeting on January 13 so I can give the coordinators a chance to price the items ahead of time.

## Public Service Committee

Pat Chehab

The Public Service Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. January is National Blood Donor Month and all those able are encouraged to donate blood. Everyone should be aware of their blood type as this is important information.

Martin Luther King Jr's birthday will be celebrated on January 18 and schools and banks are closed.

Our committee would like to thank all those members who donated to Project Up-Start. We are still collecting book bags, school supplies, clothing and other items for the homeless children in Miami Dade County Schools. All donations are appreciated. We will make another delivery to Homestead at the end of the month.

## Book Club

This month we are reading *AVENUE OF MYSTERIES* by John Irving. We will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Place to be announced.

## Donations for the VA Hospital

Carol Renick

Ladies, once again, you have donated many novels, magazines, and crossword puzzles to the VA Hospital. Thank you for your support in recognizing our military men and women.

Peter Montana and Nadine LaGuerette called regarding the distribution of our donations. Peter stated there are many items for the vets prior to the holidays and that he would arrange to deliver and distribute our donation after the New Year.

## Book Review February 17, 2016

Linda Ogden Epling, “The Cooking Queen” (Anita Jenkin’s sister) will be talking about writing her two cook books, **“The Cooking Queen Opens her Kitchen”** and **“Life is Delicious”**. Linda will also be doing a cooking demonstration on a recipe out of one of her books. Her books are very interesting and easy to follow, and she gives some really good tips and ideas in her books. You don’t want to miss this.



## Gabellites Annual Fundraiser



### C'MON TO THE GABLELITES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

To be Held at the Coral

Gables Congregational Church  
(across from the Biltmore Hotel)

On  
Friday  
January 15, 2016



FROM  
10:30AM—  
3 PM

Buy your tickets at the door  
For \$20 or get them from Nila Withee

Lunch, raffles, door prizes and  
Cash bar

Bring your friends and play the game  
Of your choice—Bridge, MahJong, Scrabble,  
Or dominoes

