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The Coco Plum News

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE 2017

What will this New Year bring? For me, I want it to bring a fun, busy year for Coco Plum Woman's Club!

We have some fun events planned, so be on the lookout for what is coming. Some of our events will be "spur of the moment" and if you can make it that would be great and if you cannot maybe you will be able to make the next one.

Our first "spur of the moment" event is going to be put on by Lynda Randolph, District 11 Director. It is a reporting conference and I encourage every chairperson to attend. It is Friday, January 6th, 2017 at GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club, 10 am to 12:30 pm, lunch will be served. The cost is \$ 12.00 per person. It is going to be given by one of GFWC Florida representatives. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, January 3rd. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. We will put together a car pool.

Because of the date, our Board Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January 10th 10 am in the Boardroom.

Our club meeting on January 11th is going to be a "Chinese New Year". (see attached flyer). We will also be having a holiday exchange. So bring any holiday decorations you do not want, be it Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas, put a good sale price on it and see if we can sell it to another member. I know each of us has something we can get rid of. As the old saying goes, "Your discards are someone else's treasure".

Thank you all for a great 8 months and look forward to what we can do in this New Year.



Anita

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT JANUARY 2017

By Heike Leibkuchler

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

Hal Borland

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

By Mary Lou Winkler

Thanks to Pat Rivas, Marielle Monteil, Heike Leibkuchler, Laura Procter, Margaret Sarafoglu who were Santa's helpers for the Christmas Cocktail Party. Thanks and praise to our Party Service of Rosie, Fernando, Guillermo, Cezar, and Luiz who did the real work of trimming the perfect Christmas tree, lighting the ballroom with green and red walls, and elegant decorative tales for the rainy evening. Beyond this when the drizzle did stop, tables and chairs appeared on the patio for those who favored the moonlight and tunes of yesterday. The food was outstanding and never ending, until dessert of cheese cake was offered. Many comments of appreciation of that were heard, as we enjoyed the music for dancing in the ballroom where happy guests did their best. Thanks to you who came making it a wonderful evening and good wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BOOK CLUB

By Anita Jenkins

Book Club will meet on January 17th, place to be announced. The book we will be discussing is "America's First Daughter" by Stephanie Dray.

We will be having a book review on Tuesday, February 28th. 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 published. You will not want to miss her, so mark your calendar and invite your friends. Admission \$20.00

**Dates to Remember****Friday, January 6, 2017**

Reporting Workshop

GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club

10 am to 12:30 pm

Lunch: \$ 12.00

RSVP: by January 3, 17 to Anita

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Board Meeting

10 am to 12 Noon in Board Room

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Business Meeting

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Program:

Chinese New Year

(see attached flyer) and

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Donna Lewis

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. A recap of our attendance at the monthly business meetings this fall is as follows. There were 32 members and 3 guests in September, 35 members and 4 guests in October, 40 members and 5 guests in November, and 38 members and 2 guests in December. It is important that you attend the monthly business meetings and support the fundraisers. Make improved attendance your New Year's Resolution. We miss you when you are not there. Due to increased meal costs, the cost for our lunches will be \$ 20 starting in January. Remember that if you make a reservation and do not cancel by the Monday prior to the meeting, you must reimburse the club the \$ 20 that the club will be charged. Let's make 2017 Coco Plum's best year yet.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Rosann Whitten
 11 – Pam Ciravolo
 12 - Ana May Simpson
 16 - Margaret Sarafoglu
 28 – Carol Nobles

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

Aminta Konawicz – Chair

Dearest Coco Plum Members and Committee Members.

Happy Holidays to you All.

At our next General Meeting in January, please be ready for our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee meeting in the Board Room.

We will be selecting the recipient of our Fundraiser from Aminta's Fair to donate to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Also, please bring items for our baskets for the Victims of Domestic Violence.

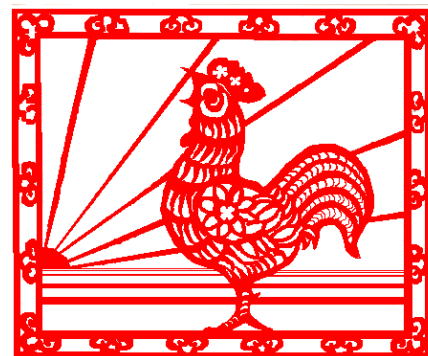
As we do every year, thanks for your generosity of bring pajamas, toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, shampoo, rinse, underwear for woman or children items for our baskets.

Thanks so much.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

By Doris Southern
 (see attached flyer)

The Year of the Rooster



PICTURES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



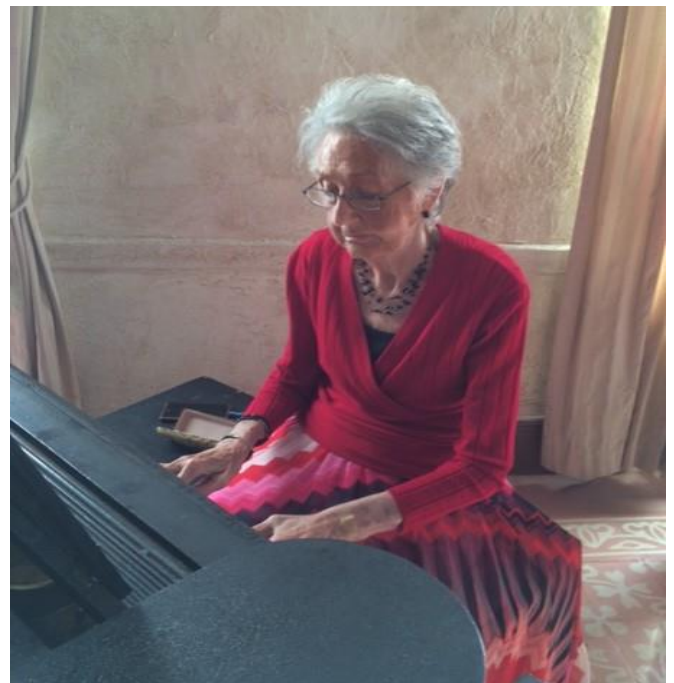
The Children Choir from Riviera School entertaining us with Christmas Carols



Carol Nobles, Elena Schaffer, Heike Leibkuchler and Anita Jenkins holding Teddy Bears for Cops for Kids



Kim Schain entertaining us with her beautiful voice



Thank you Betty Hill for playing the piano before, and after our Business Meeting. It was such a nice treat.