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The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Caroline Jensen

Our February business meeting was so interesting. Club Historian, Mary Lou Winkler, presented our Club's history using present day members and a 1966/67 rhyming President's Report. We had an oral comparison of past club activities to present day endeavors.

How lucky we are to have a member who cares so much for what our Club has done in the past and wants to pass this knowledge on to us.

Then, Coral Gables Museum was so able represented by Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Ellen Dyer. We will gather a group to tour the museum. Obviously we have much in common since Coco Plum is definitely a part of the history of Coral Gables.

We are entering an important time for our Club – the election of the women who will continue the work of those who have gone before. Please reflect on the choices you make. Those who are elected should have a history of having given time and effort to Coco Plum. They should understand that attendance at the monthly Board meetings is a requirement and participating in these meetings is encouraged. (A reminder – our Board meetings are open to our members. Just call me to tell me you are coming.)

The Nominating Committee chaired by Maxine Bizette will present their slate of officers. Nominations may be made from the floor. This is an important meeting so I hope there is a good membership attendance.

President Message cont'd.

We had so much fun at our book review! Anita Jenkin's sister, Linda Ogden Epling, is so knowledgeable and interesting that she made us all want to cook! Her book are as practical as they are beautiful. An added benefit was eating the food that she presented. I am sorry that more of our members weren't there to appreciate the good food and time. Because, as well as Linda's cuisine, our attending members brought their delicious goodies. Thanks to those of you who were there and donated your good treats.

Our March meeting will be our picnic meeting It is a casual fun meeting so come dressed appropriately to enjoy the interesting games and fried chicken. See you there.

Caroline

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT MARCH 2016

Rosann Whitten

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom"
Marcel Proust.

**Dates to Remember****Friday, March 4, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Business Meeting / Luncheon 10:30 am
Program: Annual Picnic
Enjoy games and fried chicken

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Card Party 10 am -3 pm
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

DCFWC Meeting: 10.30 am
GFWC Coco Plum Clubhouse
Program: Elizabeth Fisher will talk about
Organ Transplants
Election of Officers

Friday, April 1, 2016

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Business Meeting/Luncheon 10:30 am
Election of Officers
Program: Flower arranging

March Birthdays

Heike Leibkuchler – March 5
 Diana Martin – March 12
 Jackie Monge – March 12
 Pat Chehab – March 17
 Donna Falana – March 18



District 11 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to **Anita Jenkins**. Anita was nominated this year's Volunteer of the Year for District 11. We can be very proud to have her as a member. It has been quite a few years that we had a representation from our club. Way to go Anita!



Nominating Committee

Maxine Bizette Chairman

The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate containing names of candidates to serve on the Coco Plum Board of Directors for the period 2016-2018. The committee will present their slate at the March 9th business meeting.

Also at this meeting, the members at large will have the opportunity to nominate additional candidates of their choice. If you choose to nominate a candidate for any office, please, out of courtesy, obtain the approval of the member before you submit their name. Every candidate must have been a member of Coco Plum Woman's Club for one year and they must reside in Dade County. Your candidate should be informed of the particular duties and responsibilities of the position they will hold. This information can be found in the club's By-laws under "Article III, Duties of the Officers".

For your information, a copy of the completed slate will be printed in the April News Letter. The election for all positions will take place at our April 13th business meeting. Newly elected officers are installed in May.

Public Issues

Pat Chehab

The Public Issues Committee reminds members that March is National Women's History Month and Irish-American Heritage Month. Many will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.



March 15th is Florida's Presidential Preference Primary Election. Early voting begins on March 5. Election of our government officials is an American right. Take advantage of this most important freedom of choice and vote. Stand up and be counted, besides, you will be given a nice sticker that says "I voted". Bring your sticker to a March or April Coco Plum meeting and receive a nice surprise.



New Member

Jo Collier

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Birthday February 12

Jo was sponsored by Vera Cooper

Annual Card Party

Sally Perlman

The Coco Plum Woman's Club annual Card Party will be held on March 16th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm right here at the Coco Plum Woman's Club, benefitting **Feeding South Florida**.

Bring your friends, your cards or games, get your table of 4 together and come join us for a wonderful day. Whether you play Bridge, Canasta, Dominoes, Mah Jongg, or board games, this is a wonderful time to get together. Lunch will be provided by the ladies of Coco Plum, and is always delicious. Make your reservation now by calling Sally Perlman 305.271.7009 or e-mail sallyperlman@icloud.com
Donation: \$ 20.00



GFWC President's Cruise

Anita Jenkins

Coco Plum had 8 ladies that went on the cruise and we had a BLAST! We car pooled to Tampa where we boarded Royal Caribbean's "Brilliance of the Sea" for a 4 day cruise. There were 158 ladies and some husbands from GFWC Florida on the cruise.

We played binge, ATE, played canasta, ATE, went to shows, ATE, went to the biggest Super bowl Party on the water, ATE, got up early to jog or walk the deck, go to the gym, and decorated our doors for the door decorating contest and of course ATE!.

Upon arrival in Cozumel we hired a van for all eight of us and we were off for an adventure to find a pharmacy for Retinol and a specific store for vanilla and other treasures. We walked and shopped and walked some more. Finding all our treasures we returned to the ship, and of course ATE.

No one got sick and we even got Nadine to walk outside on the deck!

As I mentioned there was a "decorate your door" contest and all four of our rooms had their doors decorated. We did not win anything, but had fun decorating.

Thanks to Sue Nichols, Nancy Frasier, Heike Leibkuchler, Ann Robson, Nadine and her daughter (a really fun person), Barbara Parilla and my roommate Pat Rivas for making this a memorable trip.

Get ready, we will do this again!



Shopping in Cozumel

GFWC Coco Plum Art Show

Anita Jenkins

The club art show had only 2 people that entered items. Needless to say those items went on to the District Art Show.

I can only say how disappointed I was that more of our members did not enter something.

This is a GFWC Show, entered by all clubs in our district and all clubs throughout the state. Those that had a first place go on to district and from there, those that have first place go on to state.

It is a great honor to go to state and I only wish next year we have more entries.

You have all year to do something. Put your thinking caps on and get busy!

Coco Plum had 5 entries in the District 11 Art Show. 1 in recycles material, 1 in ceramics from a mold, 1 in knitting, 1 in enhanced photo and 1 in acrylic painting.

Book Club

We are reading

THE LOVERS

Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet

By: Rod Nordland

A true story of how they defied their families and escape an honor killing.

Next Meeting:

March 22, 2016 at 11:30 am

At

Bahamas Breezes



Congratulations

Congratulations to Sue Pettapiece. She received her 10 year Red Cross Swimming Pin for teaching at the Venetian Pool in Coral Gables. That is what is called:

