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# The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

**Caroline Jensen**

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**Carol Renick**

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**Pamela Ciravolo**

### Recording Secretary

**Pat Rivas**

### Corresponding Secretary

**Sally Perlman**

### Treasurer

**Sue Nichols**

### Financial Secretary

**Donna Lewis**

### Directors

**Pat Chehab**

**Edith Hughes Clark**

**Betty Sue Stultz**

**Rosemary Welton**

**Mary Lou Winkler**

### Immediate Past President

**Heike Leibkuchler**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since this is the last President's message that I will be writing to you, members of Coco Plum, I have thought long and hard what I should say.

First, I would like to thank the Officers and Board Members who served with me. They are a dedicated group of women who helped in many ways. Our Club Committee Chairs were active for us and helped us to make us the successful Club we are. Please let me thank, especially my First Vice-President, Carol Renick. She became a close friend while trying to make my term organized and effective. Past Presidents, Maxine Bizette and Heike Leibkuchler, were always there with their expertise and kind guidance. The wellbeing of our clubhouse was tirelessly over viewed by House Chair Pat Rivas. And, no one can begin to know the time and effort, Treasurer Sue Nichols donated to keep us fiscally sound. Our caterers and house staff, The CocoPlum, led by Rosie and Fernando with their staff of Guillerme, Cesar and Luis are always a welcoming and gracious part of us.

Second, I want to thank you, the Club members, for placing your faith in me and allowing me to serve in the position of President of this historic Club.

We will have the installation of these new officers and the winners of the Coco Plum essay contest from the Riviera and Westminster Christian schools at our May business meeting. I hope there is a good member attendance since this is an important and interesting meeting - also our last business meeting of this season.

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Charlyne Carruth has honored us by being the installation officer for 2016/2018 slate of Officers and Board of Directors. Her installations are impeccably correct, yet they are interesting and lots of fun.

Led by Arts Committee Chair and incoming President Anita Jenkins we had a beautiful event Saturday, April 23. Our Club's front lawn was resplendent with the silver and blue pinwheels planted by Anita, her family members and those Club members who were there. The pinwheels are used to advertise our efforts to eliminate child abuse. We had a bake sale also. Our members can really bake goodies!

I thank those of you who attended and helped at this fun event. Those members who couldn't or didn't attend missed an opportunity to help our charity efforts while enjoying a social time with fellow members.

My main concern for the welfare of GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club is the amount of members who are not attending the events for education, for charity, for socialization that have been planned for us. The effort it takes to keep this historic clubhouse open in good physical condition and the effort it takes to keep this Club membership enlarged and engaged is immense in time and energy.

Please continue to contribute your time and talents. We need you and appreciate you, each and every one.

*Caroline*

## Dates to Remember

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon  
Coco Plum Board Room

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

Business Meeting/Luncheon 10:30 am  
Installation of Officers  
Essay Contest from Riviera  
and Westminster Schools

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

Dade County Federations of Women Clubs  
At Coco Plum 10:30 am  
Installation of Officers

**Friday, June 3, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon  
Combined old and new Board  
Coco Plum Board Room

**INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT****MAY 2016**

Rosann Witten

“Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, comrades and friends

- But only one mother in the whole world.

Kate Douglas Wiggin

**SLATE OF OFFICERS**

President: Anita Jenkins  
 1st Vice President: Joyce Windhorst  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sue Nichols  
 Recording Secretary: Sally Perlman  
 Corresponding Secretary: Pat Rivas  
 Treasurer: Heike Leibkuchler  
 Financial Secretary: Donna Lewis

**DIRECTORS:**

Pat Chehab, Vera Cooper, Laura Proctor,  
 Rosemary Welton, Rosann Whitten

**MEMBERSHIP**

Carol Renick

It is time to renew your dues and participation in GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club. Dues will be collected for 2016-2017 at our next business meeting. Please bring your dues either to the meeting or mail to Sue Nichols, 6585 S.W. 69<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, Fl. 33143.

Dues are \$ 40 for the year and the check is made to GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club. All dues are to be collected by June 15. If you miss the renewal timeline and wish to continue membership you will be charged the \$ 20.00 initiation fee, as well as the \$ 40.00 membership fee.

Your continued commitment to attend the business meetings and participation on at least one committee and support of all special activities is expected of members.

If you have any questions regarding committees or dues collection, please contact me at 786.402.2459 or e-mail [carolarenick@gmail.com](mailto:carolarenick@gmail.com)

Attached to this newsletter is a Report Card Survey for the Coco Plum activities and programs for this year. Please complete the Report. Your responses will be summarized for planning purposes for the new board to consider as they plan for the next year. My return address is on the form or you may give it to me at our next meeting. Some of you completed this form already at our last meeting.

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts and ideas.



**PUBLIC ISSUES**

Pat Chehab

Many thanks for all the wonderful donations for Project Up Start.. Helping the homeless children attending Miami Dade Public Schools is a worthy cause. Donations included 4 gift cards totaling \$ 80.00, school supplies, book bags, socks and under clothing, shampoo and other toiletries and of course, lots of love from Coco Plum Woman's Club. Thank you for your support in this project.

**EDUCATION**

Mary Dell Paterno

Don't forget to bring your donations of books and other items that might be needed at Chapman's Homeless Shelter in Homestead. They house families there and even have kennels for 6 dogs. If you have saved any Box Tops for Education or Labels for Education, now is the time to pass them on before they expire. I will make sure that Ludlam gets them before school is out. Thank you!

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Eleanore Zahner – May 14  
Gaby Martonffy – May 15  
Beverly Maxwell – May 16

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Aminta Konawicz

Once again, we are giving abused women comfort in their lives by providing them with our practical, yet beautiful baskets.

Before coming to our next meeting, let's all remind ourselves to remember to bring the needed practical items. Items such as shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpastes, combs, brushes and articles of clothing.

Upon arrival at the meeting, Laura Proctor will be waiting at the entrance ready to collect each individual item in a box so labeled.

As a reminder, our Committee Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the monthly meeting.

**GET WELL WISHES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery: Jennie Joy, Betty Hill, Nell Penick and Susan King-Hynes.

I want to let you know that Betty Deiters, who was an active member of our club, last serving as a Director on the Board, passed away last Thursday morning. Betty was born on December 5, 1919 and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and known for being quick witted and outspoken. There is no memorial service scheduled. As we may remember her, let us take time to appreciate those of us we share our lives now. Mary Lou Winkler

**BOOK CLUB**

We are reading

"The Short Drop" by Matthew Fitzsimmons

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May

Place to be announced

## PINWHEEL GARDEN

Heike Leibkuchler

For years we talked about having a pinwheel garden. I want to thank Anita Jenkins, our incoming President, to take the initiative to make it happen.



Pinwheel garden with Coco Plum members, Rosa Maria Plasencia from Amigos For Kids and Officer Lauren Poole from Coral Gables Police Department.

Thank you to everyone that helped with project, especially Anita's daughter, son, daughter in law and her two grandsons, who came early to help with the set-up. The event was fund and a success. If you baked goodies or came to plant pinwheels or just to hang out with us, we thank you. You should be proud of what we accomplished. If you could see the faces of the children that were there planting pinwheels or just eating cupcakes your heart would be touched.

We look forward to doing this again next year and hope everyone would get involved.



Mary Lou advertising our Bake Sale. She did an excellent job doing it.



Anita and I attended Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Awareness Event at the Dade County Auditorium. 1,500 children from the Dade County School system attended the event. Students from different Middle and High School entertained the audience with music, dances and drama. Bernie, the mascot from the Miami Heat opened the program and kept the young school children in stitches. The truck in the picture travels through the month of April from Tallahassee throughout the State of Florida to inform the public that April is Stop Child Abuse month, and that we can make a difference.