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The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

December 2014



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President's Message

November is the month for giving thanks, and December is the month for giving. Neuroscience has shown that to give provides a psychological benefit to the donor. Aren't we fortunate to be in that position? Please remember to bring toiletries and sundries for the hospitalized female and male vets at the VA. We will also be donating our usual stuffed bears to the police's *Cops for Kids* program.

Our Club had an interesting November. We were fortunate to be the host for the annual meeting of District 11. GFWC Florida President-elect, Mary Powell, and GFWC Florida District Director of Junior Clubs, Catrina Sistrunk, brought us a connection to the Florida State Federation as well as ideas for member recruitment and retention. Our Club was well-represented by 12 members and the delicious lunch provided by our resident catering company, The Coco Plum. Our beautiful clubhouse always brings smiles of appreciation from our GFWC visitors.

For me, to receive a handwritten note is an unusual pleasure. That is one of the reasons that I thought it would be important for us to write brief letters on Christmas cards to send to the hospitalized vets here in Miami. At our December Business Meeting, we will

Save the Date!

Christmas Cocktail Party

December 7th
Sunday 6—8 pm
Coco Plum
Clubhouse

Coco Plum Book Club

December 18th
Thursday—6:30 pm
Coco Plum
Board Room

Arts and Crafts Festival

February 25th
Coral Gables
Woman's Club

write these notes after our luncheon tables have been cleared. This project will be a fun way for us to work together towards a charitable end and have fun at the same time. Double endorphins! Bring Christmas cards if you have any to donate.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas party, December 7th. It has always been a festive occasion with good food, music, and friends. Please plan to attend. Also, remember the purse auction at our January business meeting will include jewelry. I hope you have been saving purses and jewelry for this event.

See you at our business meeting Wednesday, December 10th.

Caroline □

Meeting of Committee Chairs

By Carol Renick, First Vice President

Caroline Jensen has asked that the Chairs of Committees past and present, plan to meet for a short meeting on December 10th following the business meeting. The purpose is to begin work on the program reports for GFWC Community Service Programs that are due for submission in January. The yearly reports document our service from January to December in the areas of Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues, and Domestic Violence.

The current chairs are asked to bring the copy of last year's report to the meeting. Caroline distributed these at the summer planning meeting. If you need another copy please contact me, Carol Renick, prior to Tuesday, December 9th, so that I can reprint as needed.

We appreciate your contribution to this important annual process in Coco Plum's participation in our state organization, the Florida Greater Federation of Women's Clubs. □

Public Service

By Pat Chehab, Chair

The Public Service Committee would like to remind all to be safe over the holidays. December is a month of celebrations: Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve. Remember candle safety and proper electrical outlet usage.

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and December 21st is the first day of winter. Happy remembering Decempering with you!! Happy holidays! □

Reminder and Condolences

By Heike Leibkuchler, Past President

Please bring Teddy Bears for *Cops for Kids*, and also items such as toiletries and sundries for the Perdue Nursing Home.

Also our sympathy goes to Donna Lewis whose husband recently passed away. About ten Coco Plum members and two husbands attended the funeral and reception and the Club and Coco Plum Caterers sent flowers. Our prayers and thoughts go to Donna and her daughter, Ann Marie.

Barbara Stockings, who was a long time member of Coco Plum, passed away at home with her family by her side. □

INTERESTED IN MAKING A CENTENNIAL SCRAP BOOK? If so, contact Mary Lou Winkler (305 669 4366) or Maxine Bizette (305 859 8916).

Purse and Jewelry Fundraiser

By Peggy Vital

Our Purse and Jewelry Auction is coming up at our January 7th meeting. Let's get started early by bringing your unwanted purses and jewelry to the December meeting. It will give the coordinators a chance to price the items ahead of time. We will auction off your items for you and we will all have fun fundraising again in the new year of 2015. □

The Coco Plum Book Club

By Pat Rivas

For December, the Coco Plum Book Club will be reading *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. We will be meeting for discussion on Thursday, December 18th, at 6:30 pm in the boardroom.

What I have enjoyed most about our book club is that I am reading books I never would have read on my own. It's great fun! Feel free to join us. ☐

Membership Report

By Carol Renick, Chair

Welcome to three new members who joined in October and are *Catching the Wave*. This is the GFWC membership theme for the 2014-16 years. It represents the mission to shine the lighthouse beam on volunteer service in our community. These ladies, Diana Martin, Betty Walsh and Marielle Monteil Lopez, pictured below (but not necessarily in that order), with Carol Renick, are ready to volunteer and support programs sponsored by Coco Plum Woman's Club. ☐

New Members Installed



From left to right---- Betty Walsh, Carol Renick, Marielle Monteil Lopez, and Diana Martin

Dates to Remember

Friday, December 5th

Board Meeting—10:00 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Sunday, December 7th--6:00 pm

Coco Plum Christmas Cocktail Party
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, December 10th

Business Meeting/Luncheon—10:30 am
Riviera School Singing
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Thursday, December 18th

Coco Plum Book Club--6:30 pm
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Friday, January 2, 2015

Board Meeting—10:00 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, January 7th

Board Meeting/Luncheon—10:30 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, January 28th

DCFWC Meeting—9:30 am – 2 pm
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Friday, February 6th

Board Meeting—10:00 am
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, February 11th

Business Meeting/Luncheon—10:30 am
Happy B-day Coco Plum/ Arts & Crafts
Coco Plum Clubhouse

Wednesday, February 25th

Arts & Craft Festival
GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club

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*Please join us at our
Annual Christmas Cocktail Party
At GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
On Sunday, December 7, 2014*

From 6 PM until 8 PM

*\$ 10.00 Admission Gives you Delicious
Hors D'Oeuvres and one Cocktail
Cash Bar, DJ, and Dancing to the
Music of the 60's and 70's and more*

RSVP to Nadine LaGuette 305 856 1816

Or e-mail Nadine712@icloud.com

By Wednesday, December 3, 2014