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The Coco Plum News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club has been shining for over 100 years. We started out with only 8 members, wanting to do something for this small community. Working during World War II, making bandages, knitting and holding other community activities. Well this community has grown and so has our club. We have become an outstanding vital part of Coral Gables and South Miami by volunteering our time and by raising funds to give to over 20 charities in our community.

I want to make our "Light" to shine brighter and that can only be done by becoming more involved and increasing our membership. Take a few minutes and think of someone who might enjoy being a member of GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club. I know that if you don't invite someone to attend our luncheon meeting or an event we have, they will never know about us. If you bring a guest and they become a member you will be rewarded (a surprise).

Be sure to visit our website www.gfwccocoplum.org and www.gfwcflorida.org to see lots of interesting ideas and information about our club and other clubs in the state of Florida.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting when we will be honoring our Veterans.

I wish everyone a

Very Happy Thanksgiving and many Blessings.



Anita

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT NOVEMBER 2016

By Rosann Whitten

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving...
Give thanks for Him and praise His name.”
Psalm 100:4

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Kim Schain
15 - Judy Sallerson
22 - Pat Stevenson
23 - Norma Craig

**New Member**

Margaret Sarafoglu
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Birthday: January 16

**ROYAL PALM 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

By Heike Leibkuchler

In 1916 the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs joined together to dedicate Royal Palm State Park – the first state park owned and maintained by women and the start of what would become Everglades National Park in 1947. See attached flyer for details.

Please let me know if you want to go and I will make the necessary reservations. Call me at 305.274.5814 or e-mail Annegret@bellsouth.net

If you have not visited the Everglades for some time, now is a good opportunity to do so.

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

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Business Meeting
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Program: Steve Samuels
American Legion Post 43
Homestead, Florida

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Book Club 11:30 am
Place: TBA

Thursday, November 17, 2016

10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Celebrate ROYAL PALM'S
100th Anniversary
See attached flyer for details

HONOR FLIGHT

By Joyce Windhorst

As Will Rogers once said “We can’t all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by.” That is exactly what Anita Jenkins, Heike Leibkuchler, Pat Rivas, Sue Nichols and Joyce Windhorst did on Saturday, October 29th at the Miami Airport as we had the honor to greet those WWII veterans as they came back from Washington, D.C. on their Honor Flight.

While waiting for the Eastern Airlines plane (yes.... that is not a misprint) to land we were entertained by DJ’s playing music. The Marlin baseball team sent a cheering squad to motivate the hundreds, Dolphin cheerleaders, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts political figures, teens and many groups just wanting to welcome them home, shake their hand and thank them for their service. I think we all left the airport feeling proud and thankful for this great country we live in and for those who made our freedom possible.

The Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure, to fly our American veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service. Senior veterans get priority for the program as we are losing them on a daily basis.

To learn more about the organization please visit www.honorflight.org.



Boys Scouts welcoming Veterans



Anita’s Grandsons waiting for the arrival of the Honor Flight



Making Posters for Honor Flight

PAINT PARTY

By Anita Jenkins

Our Paint Party was a huge success! We had 14 ladies that made a beautiful painting, enjoyed good music, fine wine and delicious snacks. Art for Good, the community art company that were our instructors did a great job. Suzanne Moe and Marcela Noriega are artists themselves and fun ladies. Art For Good is a non-profit company that gives to the migrant field workers in Homestead. They distribute "Cool Ties". Look at their website www.artforgoodusa.org to see more about them. A portion of their fees goes to their program and proceeds from this event will go to the Education Fund. The consensus is to have another paint party after the first of the year. Thank you to those who attended and look forward to doing this again.



Our finished product



Concentrating on painting

BOOK CLUB

Please join us for lunch on November 15, 2016 when we discuss the book "Beware That Girl" by Teresa Toten. TBA.



ARTS FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY

By Donna Falana

It is not too late to start on your project for the Arts Festival in February. Remember the item has to be done in 2016.



LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

By Ann Robson

Just a reminder when you make a reservation for our monthly meeting. You should get an e-mail or a phone call reminding you of the meeting. Once you have made a reservation and if you have to cancel you must cancel by the Friday before the meeting otherwise you have to pay \$ 18 for the lunch, as we have to pay the caterers. You can call me, Ann Robson 754.200.6230 or e-mail robboann@bellsouth.net to cancel by 1 pm Friday. Or call Donna Lewis 305.251.5805.

The lunch costs \$ 15 for members (Coco Plum pays an additional \$ 3 to the caterers) and \$ 18 for guests.

IMPORTANT



The [19th Amendment](#) was ratified on August 18, 1920, granting women the right to vote in the United States.

GFWC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & AWARENESS COMMITTEE

By Aminta Konawicz – Chair

Thank you for all of you wearing purple at our first meeting in October.

We had a very successful committee meeting as we plan our Aminta's Fair and Expo table on Thursday, November 17th, 2016. Our committee will be working together for a fundraiser in conjunction with Aminta's Fair and will have a table with brochures about Awareness and Prevention.

I hope you can come and enjoy a wonderful program and support our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee.

At 2 p.m. Mayor Jim Cason of Coral Gables will open the Fair with a Cutting of the Ribbon.

At 3 p.m. there will be a beautiful fashion show presented by the Pan Am Ladies. At 5 p.m. Maritza Guevara will present a fashion show. University of Miami students will be performing in different musical programs, and an autistic artist will be receiving a scholarship from the Pen Women.

We will also be offering samples of delicious food.

The tickets are \$ 10.00 The proceeds from the tickets that are purchased by our Coco Plum members will be donated by Aminta's Fair & Expo to our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Committee.

Please call Laura Proctor at 786.546.8957 for the tickets, or they can be purchased at the door.

Thank you so much for your support.



HOME-LIFE COMMITTEE

The Home-Life Committee is collecting dry goods, can goods and money to make Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families in our community.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

