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# The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - NOVEMBER

Oh my, where has the year gone? With the holiday season approaching and our thoughts turn to all the good food we have in November, I just wanted to say, "Thank you" to all those that have contributed so much to **Coco Plum Woman's Club**. We could not do all that we do without your support.

I want to also thank all our members for the turnout at the District 11 meeting in October. We had over 40 of our club members and a total of 96 attendees for this meeting. **District 11 Director Lynda Randolph** did an outstanding job with the help of our newly elected **District 11 Director, Elizabeth Fisher Kourtesis from Miami Springs Woman's Club**. The opportunity to meet the incoming **GFWC President, Sharon Olliphant and the incoming Jr. Director, Shannon Bailey**, was an honor. The presentation they made on Leadership was entertaining. Thank you, ladies for coming to our club.

The Home Life Committee will be collecting can goods, and dry food items and of course grocery store gift cards for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families in our community. Please be sure to bring something to our November meeting.

As the end of the year approaches, please remember to continue to keep track of your hours and turn them in to me or the committee chairperson whose committee you are on. We hope that this year we will be able to tally our hours without much trouble.

As you know November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. I would like to celebrate the day by placing American Flags around our club house. So, if you have time on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am meet me at Coco Plum to help put our small American Flags down.

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President Message to be cont.:

Don't forget Aminta's Fair on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

I will not be at the November meeting as Sue Nichols and I will be out of the country. First Vice President, Joyce Windhorst, will be presiding over the Board and the General Meeting. Please give her your Support. Thanks.

*“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving!”*



### INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT NOVEMBER 2017

By Rosann Whitten

“Celebrating togetherness, blessings, smiles, and traditions...  
and wishing you a beautiful Thanksgiving”

## Dates to Remember

### Friday, November 3, 2017

Board Meeting

10 am to 12 Noon in Board Room

### Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Business Meeting

10:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Speaker: Chris Claflin

Top Gun Pilot

Flying F16's

### Sunday, December 3, 2017

2 pm - City of South Miami

Santa's Parade of the Elves



It has been suggested that we put in the news-letter notes from the Board Meeting. This would be items discussed at the Board Meeting and Motions passed. So, the following is what we discussed at the October Board Meeting.

**House Committee:** The roof in the tower is 90% finished. Suggestion: that we have a Hurricane Preparedness Committee to investigate shutters for the club. Suggestion: that we have a building fund for the upkeep and repairs of the club.

**Publicity and Newsletter:** By using the Office Depot Discount from GFWC Clubs we saved quite a bit of money printing the new Club Roster.

**New Business:** GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club is going to apply for a 501 c (3) status under the umbrella of the National General Federation of Woman's Clubs. The application will be available in December and we will get it and complete it.

Discussion of joining The Chamber South. (South Miami Chamber of Commerce). Advantages are to promote the awareness of Coco Plum Woman's Club in the community.

**LEADS:** The Board nominated Dona Falana as LEADS representative from our Club to District. Donna has accepted and we know that she is very qualified to represent us. Thank you, Donna, and we support you fully. Good Luck!

## *Santa's Parade*

OF THE ELVES

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 AT 2:00 PM**  
**SUNSET DR. (US1 TO 57<sup>TH</sup> AVE, (72<sup>ND</sup> ST TO 74<sup>TH</sup> ST.)**  
**CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI**



**GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club** will be having a Float in the City of South Miami's SANTA'S PARADE, Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be decorating the float on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> if needed. It is going to be a fun event. The participants riding on the float will be athletes that we support from Special Olympics. More information will be coming so watch your e-mail!!!!

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Joyce Windhorst

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 B—Day: August 14

**GOOD NEWS**

Mary Lou Winkler and Maxine Bizette

Coco Plum Woman's Club has been honored by having our application for a Florida Historical Marker granted. You probably have noticed historical markers around Miami or elsewhere, when you are on a tour. These metal signs, with brief explanations, are posted on the sites. Last year, our Board, recognizing the significance of our 105 year old club's community efforts and the architecture of its clubhouse, voted to apply for a marker and to provide financing for the project, if approved.

Since then two of us have been completing the elaborate application procedures: including four pages on our clubhouse's architecture; 30 photographs on a DVD disc; site maps; seven pages of its history, with 50 pages of documentation; and the script for the marker. After the Board's approval of the script for the marker, the complete package was submitted to Tallahassee for review in August. Several exchanges, e-mails, telephone calls, and required script revisions were involved.

Finally on Wednesday, October 11, our request was to be considered. I was invited to participate in a Webinar Conference conducted by the Florida Historical Marker Council. It was a most interesting experience, of viewing and hearing several requests and of being able to speak on behalf of our marker's information. One item, not of our choosing, had been included, and some of our material eliminated. During the conferencing I was able to have several of our points restored and we reached agreement on Coco Plum's marker script.

We have sent the Council's approved marker script to our Board members for review and shall be ordering the marker. Fabrication takes up to eight weeks. Knowing that you are interested in this project, we shall keep you informed.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Pat Rivas – Co-Chairperson

I have chaired the House Committee for the past six years and now co-chair this committee with Sue Nichols. Being in this position has allowed me to see the vast issues involved in maintaining an historical clubhouse. We have made many changes which I am very proud of. In order to have a club of substance it is important for all members to contribute. This is an election year for our club and members should begin to think about serving the club with their ideas and their time.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- November 28 - Book Club
- December 3 - Santa's Parade of the Elves
- December 17 – Christmas Party
- January 16 - Bunco Party
- January 19 - Orientation for New Members
- January 24 - Tea Party
- February 22 - Paint Party

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- November 1 - Kim Schain
- November 6 - Gloria de Gracia
- November 8 - Rosa Aquiar
- November 15- Margaret Sallerson
- November 23- Norma Craig



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR MEMBERS**

## AMERICAN RECYCLES DAY NOV 15, 2017

America Recycles Day, held every year on November 15, is a national campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and buying products made with recycled materials. Buying recycled is the step that closes the recycling loop.

Ten great ways to celebrate America Recycles Day:

Commit to recycle and buy recycled products. Learn what materials you can recycle in your community.

When shopping, buy products that are packaged in materials you can recycle locally.

Visit a recycling center in your area.

Read product labels.

Ask your local retailer to stock more products with recycled content.

Organize an event such as a display of recycled products.

Learn more about how recycling helps preserve resources, protects the environment and benefits the economy.

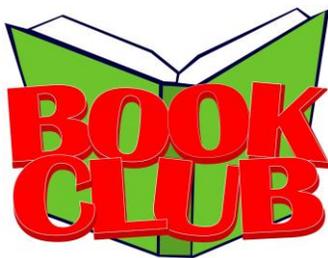
Don't forget waste reduction is important too.

Visit the great outdoors and enjoy the clear air, clean water and litter-free landscapes that recycling helps make possible.

## BOOK CLUB

Anita Jenkins

The book we are reading is **KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON** by David Grann. We will be discussing the book at our next book club meeting on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Start Reading.



## ANITA JENKINS

By Heike Leibkuchler

When Anita joined us in 2014 she got right away involved in our clubs. We had talked about going to Fairchild Garden, next thing she arranged an outing to the park.

We nominated her to be our Leads candidate to represent our club in Florida and was chosen to represent Florida at the International Convention in Baltimore. She is now a member of Florida Leads Committee.

In May 2016 she accepted the Presidency for Coco Plum. Her theme is shells. You can find pearls in shells, and the pearl we found is **Anita**.

Anita is trying very hard to put some more life into our club, like playing cards during the summer, a "garage sale", a cocktail party last week and more fun events (see dates to remember) are planned. She created a tri-fold for Coco Plum. Unfortunately she gets little support from the membership at large

What does our club stand for. Yes, we are also a social club, where you meet new people, make new friendships and have a nice lunch, but this is not all. We are also a volunteer organization. We are involved in different Community Service Programs like Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues and Domestic Violence. For these programs we need Chairpersons.. Right now we still have not a permanent chairperson for Education. I think it is very disappointing, considering all the retired teachers we have as members. So ladies think about it, step up to the plate, the board and members with experience will help you. To cont. on next page...

Anita cont.

We would like to see some more involvement from you. If you have suggestions, please let us know. Every new idea will help to improve our club.

You can publish suggestions and questions in the newsletter and you can stay anonymous if you want to.

Thank you **Anita** for being our president and the hard work you do.

## HELLEN SMITH

By Heike Leibkuchler

Helen Smith was our President from 2007-2008. She took the Presidency although she felt she was not up to it, but later she told me she was glad she did it, it brought back her confidence.

Helen was a beautiful seamstress and very nice and gracious person.. She made a lot of Heart Pillows for Coco Plum to give to Heart Patients at South Miami Hospital. She did Therapy Vests for handicapped children, she had learned about it at Convention. She also made Microwave pillows to cook potatoes in the microwave (also something she copied from Convention).

She was a widow when she joined our club. However, she found her second love and married Clayton Smith.

Helen was 86 when she passed away on September 27, 2017. Unfortunately we only learned about it the day after the memorial. I am very sorry about it.

Helen rest in peace.

