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# The Coco Plum News

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc.  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How quickly the summer has passed. I hope each of you have had an enjoyable summer. We have been busy here at Coco Plum, having fun card days once a month, enjoying our bag lunches. We have also been keeping up with the book club each month and again enjoying lunch out somewhere.

A great book review given by Rosann Whitten and a fabulous Tea and Fashion Show by Ann Robson and Peggy Vital.

For me, the most memorable part of the summer was representing GFWC Coco Plum and the State of Florida as the LEADS Representative at the GFWC International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. It truly was a "Sisterhood of Service". You will be hearing more in the coming year of what I learned.

Upcoming events are the GFWC Fall Board Meeting in Orlando and, "Let Your Light Shine" FREE cocktail party, September 25<sup>th</sup> here at Coco Plum, for all Coco Plum members and guests. I look forward to seeing all members at our first meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our guest will be Rosa Maria Plasencia, from Amigos For Kids.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve and represent you. I am truly blessed.



*Anita*

**INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT**  
**September 2016**

Rosann Witten

“Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.”

Henry James

**AUGUST /SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**August**

- 6 – Judith Anton
- 13 - Sue Nichols
- 14 - Anne Cruxent
- 15 - Caroline Jensen
- 26 - Maxine Bizette
- 27 – Betty Conner

**September**

- 3 - Jeanette Patteson
- 3 – Pat Rivas
- 4 - Sue Pettapiece
- 11 - Rosemary Welton
- 13 - Gloria Poncin
- 17 – Barbara Moller
- 19 – Nancy Frazer
- 20 – Susan King-Hynes
- 26 - Ardyce Grevior
- 29 – Christine Mena



**Dates to Remember**

**Friday, September 2, 2016**

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon  
 Coco Plum Board Room

**Friday, Sept. 9 – Sunday Sept. 11, 2016**

Fall Board  
 Rosen Plaza, Orlando, Fl.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2016**

Business Meeting  
 10:30 am – 2:00 pm  
 Program: Maria Plasencia  
 Amigos for Kids

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

Book Club 11:30 am  
 Place: TBA

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

6 – 8 pm  
 Wine and Bites Party  
 Coco Plum Woman’s Club

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

District 11 Annual Meeting  
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 GFWC Woman’s Club of Homestead  
 17905 SW 292<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 Homestead, Fl. 33030

## BOOK CLUB

We are reading  
 “A Fall of Marigolds” by Susan Meissner  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in September (20) at 11:30 am  
 Place TBA

## SUNSHINE GIRLS

Maxine Bizette Reporting

Over the summer months, the Sunshine Girls visited four of our members. It was a pleasure to bring a little “sunshine to these four ladies. Following is a narrative of the visits.

May 12, 2016 – Betty Hill

Three members, Rosann Whitten, Vera Cooper, and Maxine Bizette, visited with Betty Hill. We presented her with roses from Rosann’s garden, cookies, and a casserole. Betty enjoyed our visit and was pleased to welcome us. We found her in a weak state, but in fairly good health. We all agreed that she was very lonely and enjoyed our company. We encouraged her to seek out the van that transports ladies in her condo to the mall and grocery shopping. Before we left she entertained us with a couple of songs on her piano, which we enjoyed immensely.

June 2, 2016 – Helen Smith and Kay McGee

Two members Peggy Vital and Maxine Bizette visited with Helen Smith and Kay McGee. Helen and Kay share Kay’s lovely home. Both are members of Coco Plum Woman’s Club so the visit was combined. Helen and Kay were very pleased to see us and graciously welcomed us into their house. Helen appeared to be in good health and is still able to handle most of her personal needs. She is frail but in very good spirits and misses all of us Coco Plum. Kay is also in fairly good health, however, her eyesight is failing rapidly. Her caretaker encourages her to walk outside on the cooler days and she

agrees. They drilled us on Coco Plum and were very interested in the club’s ongoing activities. We brought them chocolate chip cookies (Kay’s favorite) and a chicken broccoli cheese casserole.

June 29, 2018 – Gloria Poncin

Two members, Peggy Vital and Maxine Bizette visited with Gloria Poncin. Gloria lives alone but manages quite well. Her daughter who visits her from Canada once a month stocks her home with food and monitors her medications.

She was very pleased to see us and misses all the ladies at the club. Gloria has been a faithful member of Coco Plum for many years. She is not able to drive these days, but she seems very content in her home and stays busy keeping up with current events and listening to her audio books. We chatted a lot about the old days in Coco Plum. Peggy has been friends with Gloria a lot longer than I have and the two of them had several juicy stories to tell from years past. What a treat that was for me. While Gloria enjoyed our visit, Peggy and I were just as happy to see her and have the opportunity to spend a little time reminiscing.

If any of you are aware of a member who may be ill or homebound, please let me know so the committee can schedule a visit. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for this very special committee.



**JANIE ALLEN**

By Heike Leibkuchler



Janie Allen’s daughter sent this picture when she paid Janie’s membership dues. It was taken last year on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

She writes: “Mom is an amazing lady always sweet, cheerful and sharp as a tack. She says, still have my marbles, and you hear them rattle when I shake my head.” Janie has been on dialyses since 2014, and while treatment days are tiring she recovers after a nap and Turner Classic Afternoon Movie. Still enjoys her “toddie” (Scotch) and all her 10 great grandchildren and also our newsletter.”

Janie joined Coco Plum in 1959 and is a Past President 1985-1986.

Janie and I were always working in the kitchen and I remember her fondly.

**ANN’S 9<sup>TH</sup> TEA PARTY**

Ann Robson Chairman

First of all I would like to say a big “Thank You” to the members who participated with time, food or money donations.

It was a fun day and so enjoyable with a splendid atmosphere. Everybody I spoke with give nothing but praise, and were saying they would make sure they got an early reservation for next year. Of course our own Rosie, Fernando and staff also did a wonderful job.

My committee all worked extremely hard in an endeavor to make this project a success and it was.

I am proud to say that we made over \$ 4,000.00 for the Charity Hacienda Girls Ranch.

Peggy who did the Fashion Show with Chico’s and our members that were models did a fantastic job.

I must not forget to thank the two men who have attended every Tea Party, Frank Vital and Bill Robson, for helping as waiters.

Lastly my son and daughter who bring the tea every year from England and give it as a donation, Paul and Sam. Thank you.

**FUNDRAISERS**

Heike Leibkuchler

**Tea/Fashion Show:**

117 tickets paid for	\$ 3,510.00
Cash Donations:	\$ 190.00
Bar	\$ 257.00
Opportunity Prizes:	\$ 615.00

Total:	\$ 4,572.00
Less Food bought	\$ 60.00
Cocoplum Design & Creation	\$ 150.00
(a thank you from us for their help)	-----

Overall Total: \$ 4,362.00

**Book Review**

55 tickets sold:	\$ 825.00
Donation	\$ 65.00
50/50 Lucky Lady	\$ 93.00

Total \$ 983.00

A big thank you to Marielle Monteil for her donation of \$ 150.00 to be used for various project, since she is unable at the time to help with our fundraisers.



Pat Rivas, Sue Nichols, Aminta Konawicz, Cici Stevenson, Maxine Bizette and Peggy Vital represented Coco Plum Woman's Club at the unveiling of GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club Historic Marker. This is a project we should look into

**PICTURES - ANN'S 9<sup>TH</sup> TEA PARTY**



