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The Coco Plum News

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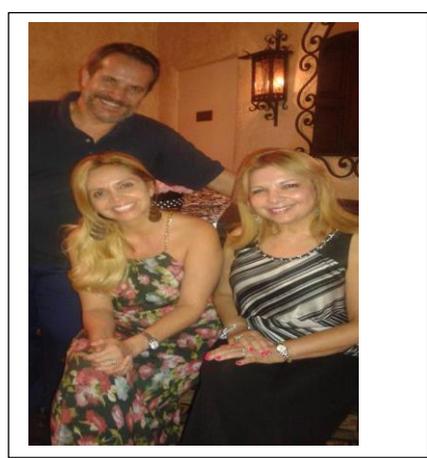
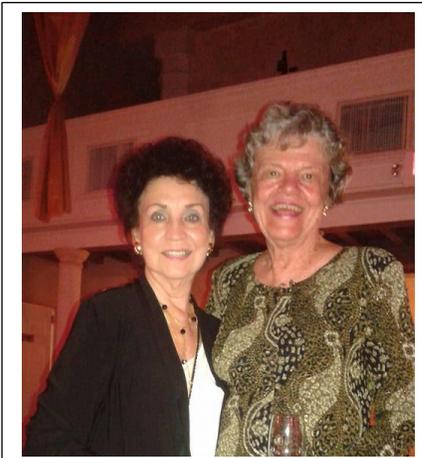
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September was back to club events. At the September meeting we enjoyed the talk on "Child Abuse" by Rosa Maria Plasencia from Amigos for Kids. It was an eye opener and we all should be aware of the signs of Child Abuse.

Our theme for the next couple of months is "Let Your Light Shine", inviting someone to visit a meeting or event and become a new member. We each need to invite someone to join us. If you have any suggestions on how to increase our membership, please let me or Joyce Windhorst know.

If you missed the Sunday "Wine and Bites" Party, you really missed a fun event. This was a get together to welcome everyone back from the summer. I know some are still enjoying their "summer homes", but most of us are back. The setting at Coco Plum was beautiful and the food was extra special. Thanks to Rosie, Fernando, Caesar and Luis for all the help and attention you give to us. We really appreciate you!

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President Message cont.

The District 11 Meeting was held at GFWC Homestead Woman's Club. Attending was the GFWC Florida President, Mary Powell and GFWC Junior Director Kelly Holmes. GFWC Coco Plum was well represented and everyone enjoyed the hospitality of GFWC Homestead Woman's Club.



Charlyne Carruth, Mary Powell and Kelly Holmes

At our October meeting we will be hearing from the League of Women Voters regarding the upcoming election. I hope you all will attend and support GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club as we are the best! Remember BRING A FRIEND!

If you have DVDs you do not need anymore, bring them to the club and we will sell them along with the books.



Anita

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT OCTOBER 2016

Rosann Whitten

We can't help everyone,
But everyone can help someone

Ronald Reagan

REQUEST FROM NADINE LaGUETTE

As many of you know Peter Montano from his World War II service and helping Coco Plum get donations of underwear, socks, etc. to the VA vets has been in the hospital for the past two months. He is finally out of the hospital, but because my home cannot facilitate a wheel chair he is now living in North Miami with a friend. Several of you have asked me if you could send him a card. His 89th birthday will be October 15. His address is 1902 N.E. 119th Road, Miami, Fl. 33181.

Dates to Remember

Friday, October 7, 2016

Board Meeting 10 am – Noon
Coco Plum Board Room

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Business Meeting
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Program: League of Women Voters

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Book Club 11:30 am
Place: TBA

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Coco Plum Paint Party
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
See attached flyer for details

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

DCFWC Meeting
10:30 am to 2:00 pm
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

WINNER OF AN OPPORTUNITY PRIZE AT THE TEA FASHION SHOW

By Rosann Whitten

Ann Robson whispered in my ear, “Did you win the dress?” Yes”, I replied.

I bought my tickets and put most of them in the bag for the dress. Little did I know where the dress had come from, Rhoda Quarles donated it. That in itself was a treat for me. After my lucky number was called, I collected my prize, I was optimistic that it would fit; I crossed my fingers, When I got home, I told my husband about the dress that Rhoda had worn to the Inaugural Ball for Governor Jeb Bush. I decided to call Rhoda and make sure she didn't want it back to donate to another organization, “No” she told me; keep the dress. Then she proceeded to tell me that she had indeed worn it for the ball. What a gorgeous gown. The best part was yet to come. Rhoda volunteered at a second hand shop and saw the dress priced at twenty dollars. Heike thought it might be Safe Space, where Rhoda volunteered in their Thrift Shop. She got a deal; that's about what I paid for it.

The dress is beautifully made, lined, and zippers on the sleeves. When I looked at the label, in addition to Hauli-uetriger, I saw another label – Montaldo's, which brought back sweet memories for me. When we lived in Charlotte, N.C. my mother, on occasion when there was a sale there, would go to Montaldo's to purchase a dress. I remember seeing a sales rep washing the windows and spraying perfume al around the entrance to the store.

What a thrill for me, Rhoda's dress, a Montaldo's memory, and a fun win of an opportunity prize from Coco Plum. The picture says it all.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By Carol Nobles – International Chair

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery – a multi-billion dollar criminal industry, that denies freedom to 20.9 million people around the world. And no matter where you live, chances are it's happening nearby – even in the United States. From the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop, to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will. All trafficking victims share one essential experience the loss of freedom.

Over the next several weeks, I will be sharing more information on this topic.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER

To get help, report a tip about a potential case of human trafficking, find service referrals for victims of trafficking, or request training or technical assistance, contact the [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](http://NationalHumanTraffickingResourceCenter.org) at 1-888-373-7888 or nhtrc@polarisproject.org Phone services are available toll-free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

FREEDOM STARTS HERE.

OUR AMERICAN FLAG

By Carol Nobles – International Chair

The Flag Code dictates that the excessively worn and tattered American FLAGS SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER. The preferred method is burning. Many American Legions or the Boys Scouts Council and Girl Scouts Council will perform a special retirement ceremony for your American flag and burn it for you. Here, burning the flag signifies purification and rebirth.

I will be happy to collect any worn or tattered flags and have them disposed of as required by The Flag Code. Please bring them to our club meeting.



THE “NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE”

By Carol Nobles

This past September, I had the privilege to attend the GFWC State Convention (GFWC Florida Fall Board) in Orlando. What a wonderful experience!

Thank you to club president, Anita Jenkins for extending the invitation to attend, And to Sally Perlman, who made sure I was well taken care of. Thank you, VP, Joyce Windhorst for driving us safely to and back from Orlando. And to Heike Leibkuchler, for her laughter and frankness.

As a relatively new member, (Active Member since 2013), the friendship and knowledge gained regarding the GFWC was priceless.

Our history as a woman’s club, and, the projects and deeds accomplished over the years can drive one’s passion to be an “active member”. Not only on the roster, but with our participation.

The more we learn about our organization, the more passionate we will become. And, passion will drive our activities. I highly recommend “The Convention Experience”.

First Attendees at Fall Board 2016



Joyce Windhorst and Anita Jenkins

Anita Jenkins and Carol Nobles



GFWC FLORIDA FALL BOARD 2016

By Heike Leibkuchler

Anita Jenkins, Sally Perlman, Carol Noles, Joyce Windhorst and I attended Fall Board 2016 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando in September.

We took two cars. We had a very busy schedule during our stay, here is a summary.

Carol and Joyce had to go to a “First Time Attendees Workshop” at 4 pm on Friday. Dinner was a 6:30 pm followed by GFWC Florida Board of Directors Meeting which lasted until 8:30 pm. At 9 pm we had a District 11 get together in Lynda Randolph’s (District 11 Director) room. This year we had a good showing from our district. Coral Gables had 11 members in attendance, and Coconut Grove was also present for the first time.

The next morning started early. From 8:30 until 10:00 am there were 3 workshops in the big ballroom, one after the other. After a 15 minute recess the workshops continues 11:45. Lunch was from Noon till 1:45 pm where we listened to the Executive Director from Children’s Home Society (Hacienda Girls Ranch is now part of Children’s Home Society).



Ballroom

The workshops continued from 2 pm to 4:45 pm with a 15 minute break. Anita gave a presentation about her trip to the International Convention in Baltimore. President Mary Powell asked Anita recently to be on the Florida LEADS Committee. Congratulations Anita.



Fall Board cont.

Dinner was at 6:30 pm . Dress Code was black dresses or Biker's attire. Mary Powell is a big biker fan. She and her husband have a Harley Davidson and go on many bike trips. Anita had bought some tattoos which we wore.



After Dinner was "Fun Night" arranged by the Juniors. Theme was "Solid Gold So You Think You Can Dance" We stayed a little while, but at our age it is time to go to bed early. On Sunday the workshops started at 9:00 am and continued to 11:45 am. We did not stay for lunch. We had lunch on the road and arrived in Miami around 5 o'clock. We always have fun and get to know each other, but it is also exhausting, you sit a lot, the food is not what I usually eat, but I am still grateful that I am able to go.

HISTORICAL CAUSES

By Heike Leibkuchler

You will be quizzed on this.

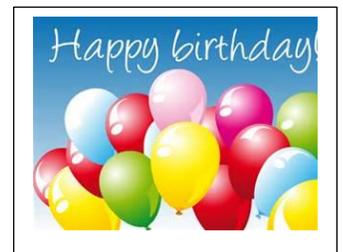
- In 1899 the first juvenile court law in the U.S. was spurred on by the Chicago club's efforts led by Julia Lathrop., She was appointed by President William Taft to head the Children's Bureau in 1912.
- Child labor was a major concern with Jane Addams, in 1901, heading GFWC's Child Labor Committee.
- Pure Food and Drug Act was passed into law, thanks to efforts of GFWC member Alice Lakey in 1906.

- Eight-hour workday legislation supported by GWC in 1910.
- In 1921 Indian Welfare Committee was created by GFWC, for improvement of education, health on reservations and preservation of Native American culture.
- In the thirties, the American Library Association credited women's clubs with the establishment of 75 percent of America's public libraries. There were 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries. Our Coco Plum "book wagon" was the first one in the State of Florida.

More to follow in next month newsletter

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 – Aminta Konawicz
- 12 – Dorothy Bobbitt
- 14 – Anita Jenkins
- 24 - Doris Southern
- 26 - Vera Cooper
- 27 - Kay McGee
- 28 - Bonny Court
- 29 - Mary Lou Winkler



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND AWARENESS

Aminta Konawicz Chair

Thanks to all of you for your support to our Committee.

Our first Project of the year is Awareness to all by wearing purple in October. Let's show the world that we care and this gesture will help any abuse woman to come forward and talk to you.

Thursday, November 17, 2016, our Committee will be working together for a Fundraiser in conjunction with "Aminta's Fair". Hope you can come and enjoy as in other years.

Please bring the usual items for our baskets to our meetings. They are very much appreciated by the ladies at the shelters.

We will meet after the regular meeting, please bring your ideas to share.

Have a Happy Day!