Issue #66

May Newsletter 2026

Children's Aid Club

Our Mission is to positively impact the health, general welfare and education of underprivileged children in our community.



May in full bloom

Dear CAC Members,

As we close out this fiscal year and head into summer, I want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary spirit that defines our club. Your commitment, kindness, and generosity have shaped a truly impactful year.

Our participation in the CASF Charity Golf Classic on April 20th was a standout moment. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive—CAC helped make it one of the most memorable tournaments to date. That kind of success doesn't happen by chance; it comes from your time, your energy, and your willingness to give so generously.

To our Board Members—thank you for stepping up and guiding the continued growth and strength of our club. To our Liaisons—your involvement brings stability, compassion, and meaningful connection to the organizations we support. And to the many members who contribute in quiet but powerful ways—whether behind the scenes, on committees, in the warehouse, or through personal giving—your efforts are essential and deeply appreciated.

The work we do at CAC shows up in the lives we touch—through feeding families, holiday baskets, emergency aid, and support to our schools. None of it would be possible without the people who make that work happen: all of you. I carry an immense sense of pride in all that we've accomplished together.

Wishing you a relaxing and joyful summer. I look forward to being together again in September.



Laura A. Balistreri, President

Save the Dates:

Virtual Board Meeting:
May 12th - Tuesday - 9:30am
(link sent day before)

General Meeting
May 19th - Tuesday - 9:30am
The Powell Warehouse
1851 SW 2nd Ave., Unit 10
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
Gate code in Black book.

Hosting:
Valerie Taylor
Randa Flinn

*If you are unable to come:
Call Valerie Taylor, Membership

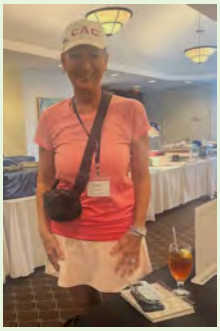
In this newsletter you can expect:

- Spotlight Article
- Board Updates
- Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Welfare Report
- Community Impact & Social Photos
- Member News & Birthdays
- Event Calendar

The Construction Association of South Florida hosted a fantastic event on April 20, 2026, with over 250 golfers participating. Children's Aid Club contributed 250+ raffle items, helping drive strong support for the cause. Final numbers are pending, but all signs point to a success.





























CAC 2026-2027 Board of Directors

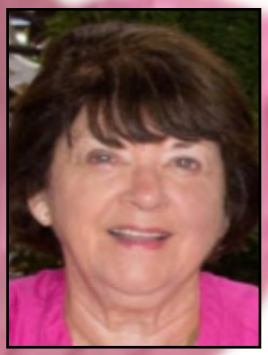
Thank You



President
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Vice President
Belinda McDonald



Treasurer
Barbara Hume



Recording Secretary
Becky Ford



Welfare
Kristina Bryn



Ways and Means
Pamela Markus



Membership
Janice Bloomfield



Corresponding Secretary
Heather Knight

*Parlimentarian- will be selected by the President

Children's Aid Club Virtual Board Meeting Minutes by Becky Ford

April 14th, 2026 Google Meet

April Board Meeting Devotional:
Why did the child cross the road?
to get to the other slide.
(Laura B. read some Mommy jokes)

Meeting called to order by President Laura Balistreri at 9:31 am.
Devotional – Linda I. was not present to give the devotional so Laura read a couple of jokes from her kids joke book.
Approve Minutes – March minutes were approved by the board after a motion by Valerie T. and a 2nd by Pam M.
Membership – Valerie took attendance and talked about having coffee with prospect, Marie. Marie wants to help but not able to join as a member right now. Valerie will stay in touch with her.
Ways and Means – Belinda stated she had no new report to give.
Treasurer – Barb Hume away, Tara Bakatselos covering for her but not present at this meeting. A piece of mail came from Bank of America stating they didn't pay a suspicious $1500 charge. We need to see who holds the credit card associated with it to figure out if this needs to be paid.
Welfare – Kristina (See Welfare Report) There was one emergency request and one individual request.
Corresponding Secretary – Janice B. reports thank yous went out for $3000 Community Foundation Grant and MIA shoes who donated over 400 pairs.
Unfinished Business –
-Easter baskets went well. Pam M was a great bunny for the Easter parties.
- Golf Tournament - Everything is on track. Discussed having each member write their own thank you's for donations they have collected and not expect the Corresponding Secretary to do it.
New Business –
-Nominating Committee has selected officers for the vote at the general meeting. Louise P. made a motion to approve the slate of officers and Valerie T. seconded the motion, motioned carried by vote of the board.
- Ann's books will be collected at the General Meeting, bring three new books.
- Sign-up sheets are going around for the General meeting locations and hosts, plus for TNT.
- TNT 2027 will be early again on February 2 with theme "A Work of Heart"



- Laura attended the Hope Floats fundraiser for Tomorrow's Rainbow.
- LYC is having a Farmers Market on Sunday, May 3 and has invited CAC to have a bake sale booth. Funds will go toward operating expenses. A committee is needed to organize this and Sue Black will be the lead. Decision is made to do limited items.
Parliamentarian- Louise has reviewed the By-laws and there are two changes. Article III – Membership, Section 2, B, Auxiliary Membership, page 33

Children's Aid Club
Virtual Board Meeting
Minutes by Becky Ford

April 14th, 2026
Google Meet

Auxiliary members are required to pay dues, are encouraged to participate in our fundraisers, to attend meetings, participate in discussion, serve on any committee and be a liaison. They may not make or second motions, vote or hold office.
Article VII – Nomination and Election, Section 4, page 41
(Section 1, Article V.) should read (Article V, Section 1.)
Motion to accept the changes made by Pam M. Second by Valerie T. and motion carried by vote.
Budget Meeting- Annual Budget meeting was held. See the spreadsheet shared by the committee. Valerie T made a motion to approve the budget, Janice B. seconded the motion and the budget was approved.
Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Louise Proffer with a second by Valerie T. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by Becky Ford, Recording Secretary

Special Note from Welfare - Organizations! by Belinda McDonald

CAC's fiscal year ends July 31st and some organizations still have money left in their budget. Let's make sure every cent is spent to help the kids!

Bennett Elem	$ 711.97	Blessed Sacrament	$1,460.40
Broward Health	$1,250.00	CDTC	$1,110.97
Croissant Park Elem	$1,000.00	Cross Creek Elem	$ 466.46
Cypress Elem	$2,627.08	Donor's Choose	$1,983.31
God's Little Lambs	$2,238.66	Henderson Health	$2,419.97
Hope Women's Ctr	$1,187.00	Mary Ann's Closet	$2,641.77
Northside Elem	$1,076.49	Our Father's House	$2,366.88
Pace Center	$2,905.54	Pompano Middle	$ 541.70
Seagull Alternative	$1,199.64	The Little Schoolh.	$1,395.05
Whispering Pines	$ 615.62		

There is **$4,309** left in **Tiny Blessings** grant money, that must be spent by July 31st. Submit a requisite form to Welfare If your organization needs a bundle or any components of the bundle: 1) Car seat, 2) Pack-n-play 3) wipes 4) diapers 5) formula

The Gore Grant spending deadline is June 30th. The organizations that were awarded money from this grant are on track with expenses.

Children's Aid Club
General Meeting
Minutes by Becky Ford

April 21st, 2026
The Point of Pompano

Call to Order at 9:37 am by Vice President, Pam Markus

Devotional read by Linda Ianelli – "Not everyone is meant to change the world….."

Approve Minutes from March with a motion by Heather Knight and second by Caroline Courtney. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership – Valerie took roll call. Reported she and Janice Bloomfield met with Marie Blaison a prospective member. She is not ready yet for active membership but would like to help when she is able. It was mentioned that member Rachel Pope is confined to home recovering from surgery and to send cards. Also, Angie Bizzarro who fractured her leg is doing well and in rehab.

Ways and Means – Belinda had no new report. Club has been busy with Golf Tournament and preparing for a Bake Sale at Lauderdale Yacht Club. Liaisons are reminded that Gore Grant funds need to be spent by June 30. Tiny Blessings bundles need to be spent by July 31. The Episcopal church would like a video report of how the money was used. Pam M. and Jacalyn M. are working on this.

Treasurer – Barb is away on travel. Tara Bakatselos is covering in her absence.

April General Meeting Devotional:

Not everyone is meant to change the world, and that is okay.
Some people are here to love it quietly.
To be kind. to help others.
To care for animals.
To grow beautiful things
To bring peace where there was pain.
The world notices loud success but gentle souls matter too.
The ones who listen, who help without praise, who love without attention,
they may never be famous, but they make life feel safer, kinder, and better. And that is a beautiful way to live.



Welfare – Louise and Belinda (Kristina absent today). Organizations are busy spending their budgets before the end of the year. There was one emergency request: Johnson Family – My Safe Harbor, All Saints Soup Kitchen-Marsha Tesler for $498.24. Motion to approve by Linda Ianelli with second by Lynda Stackhouse and motion passed per vote. And one Individual Requests: Noah Curiel – Gina Bono Jenkins for $451.17. Motion to approve made by Rena Udell with second by Louise Proffer and motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice B circulated thank you notes received by CAC. A thank you was sent to the Community Foundation for the $3000 grant. And a thank you was sent to MIA for the 30+ cases of shoes that were donated to CAC. For the Golf tournament, members are asked to send their own thank you notes for the donations they have collected.

Unfinished Business – Members are asked to sign up for committees for 2026-2027, Caroline has a sign-up sheet circulating.

Easter Baskets and Parties-were a success and Pam M was an excellent Easter Bunny.

CASF Golf Tournament was yesterday, 4-20-26. Pam F. read a thank you note from Gina for all the hard work. The raffles sold over $7000. They ran out of cigars. Next year think quality over quantity for raffles and members should work together to get quality items. Michelle H. suggested to get the raffles to a visible area, this year they weren't very visible to encourage sales.

Children's Aid Club General Meeting Minutes by Becky Ford

April 21st, 2026 The Point of Pompano

New Business:

Here is the slate for the **Board of CAC 2026/27**: Valerie T. made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2026-2027, Linda Ianelli seconded the motion and the motion carried.



President	Laura Balistreri
Vice President	Belinda Mc Donald
Recording Secretary	Becky Ford
Corresponding Secretary	Heather Knight
Treasurer	Barbara Hume, with Tara Bakatselos assisting
Membership	Janice Bloomfield
Ways and Means	Pam Markus
Welfare	Kristina Bryn

Budget 2026-2027 – Belinda presented the proposed budget of $300,000 for FY 2026-2027, see spread sheet. The Welfare committee would like to do a Feeding Families campaign again in the fall. Linda Ianelli made a motion to pass the proposed budget, Valerie Taylor seconded and the motion carried.

Bylaws Changes were approved by a motion from Rena Udell and seconded by Belinda McDonald and motion carried. The changes are:

1) Article III – Membership, Section 2, B, Auxiliary Membership, page 33

"Auxiliary members are required to pay dues, are encouraged to participate in our fundraisers, to attend meetings, participate in discussion, serve on any committee and be a liaison. They may not make or second motions, vote or hold office.

2) Article VII – Nomination and Election, Section 4, page 41 (Section 1, Article V.) should read (Article V, Section 1.)

Shoe Donation Pickup! Pick up is complete and shoes are distributed

LYC Farmers Market May 3 from 11:00-3:00 – a group is formed to handle this small-scale bake sale.

Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027 – sign up sheets are out now.

Ann's Book Drive – books are being collected now

TNT 2027 Assignments – TNT will be Feb. 2. Sign up sheet is circulating and members are encouraged to sign up and try something new.

Social – Fran is talking with Seminole Casino about a nice lunch, she requests a helper to plan something fun for members. Belinda McDonald volunteered.



Adjournment at 11:07 am.

Minutes submitted by Becky Ford, recording secretary.

Balance Sheet

Children's Aid Club

As of Mar 31, 2026

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	**$83,309.38**
Schwab Investment Fund	373,705.89
Total for Bank Accounts	**$457,015.27**
Other Current Assets	
Publix Food Cards	1,500.00
Target Food Cards	1,750.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	6,250.00
Total for Other Current Assets	**$9,500.00**
Total for Current Assets	**$466,515.27**
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	$8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,056.95
Total for Leasehold Improvements	**$1,111.27**
Total for Fixed Assets	**$1,111.27**
Total for Assets	**$467,626.54**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	9,823.85
Total for Credit Cards	**$9,823.85**
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Funds - Megan's Fund	381.72
Temp Restricted Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	3,432.96
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	5,334.36
Total for Other Current Liabilities	**$9,149.04**
Total for Current Liabilities	**$18,972.89**
Total for Liabilities	**$18,972.89**
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	291,550.35
Net Income	-10,737.91
Total for Equity	**$448,653.65**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$467,626.54**



Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-March 31, 2026



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	900.48
Donations	$66,024.05
Memorial	3,774.32
Total for Donations	**$69,798.37**
Dues	3,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	26,550.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Bake Sale	2,555.00
Cruise Raffle	4,925.00
Donations	10,515.00
Live Auction	27,800.00
Piece of the Pie	150.00
Pop-Up Shop	1,920.00
Raffle Basket	12,570.00
Reservations	25,200.00
Silent Auction	21,950.00
Underwriting	101,000.00
Total for Taste 'n' Tell	**$208,585.00**
Total for Fundraising Income	**$235,135.00**
Misc. income	3,217.99
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	17,165.64
Unrestricted Grant Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	6,567.04
Total for Income	**$336,409.52**
Gross Profit	**$336,409.52**
Expenses	
Bank Charge	43.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	20,000.00
Bennett Elementary	2,623.95
Blessed Sacrament	8,180.00
BPHI	5,155.84
Broadview Elementary	1,000.00
Broward Health	3,750.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	11,173.50
Croissant Park Elementary	1,000.00
Cross Creek School	1,021.81
Cypress Elementary	2,371.62
Donors Choose.org	2,796.84

Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	10,500.00
Feeding Families	42,400.00
God's Little Lambs	4,959.44
Henderson Behavioral Health	7,524.94
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	16,757.07
Easter	27,304.12
Thanksgiving	30,379.54
Total for Holiday Baskets	**$74,440.73**
Hope Women's Center	6,616.03
Individuals	
Baez Family	420.00
Colson Family	400.00
Curiel Family	2,785.17
Florence Louis Family	2,355.00
Foux Family	512.95
Griffith Family	2,815.00
Harris Family	50.00
Johnson Family	498.24
Rivera Family	500.00
Santiago Family	2,540.00
Total for Individuals	**$12,876.36**
JJCF	9,000.00
Light of the World Clinic	6,000.00
Markham Elementary	502.18
Mary Ann's Closet	2,739.87
Memorial Donation	1,170.32
Northside Elementary	3,734.54
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	6,200.23
PACE	3,944.49
Pompano Beach Middle School	3,458.30
Sanders Park Elementary	502.18
Seagull Alternative School	1,800.36
The Little Schoolhouse	5,537.53
Tomorrow's Rainbow	22,150.00
Whispering Pines School	713.18
Total for Charity	**$285,844.24**
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	3,109.00
Total for Contract Services	**$3,109.00**

Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Decorations	1,222.09
Invitations	724.00
Live Auction	16,680.00
Main Course and Food expense	22,901.30
Miscellaneous	300.00
PayPal fees	1,207.97
Program	1,006.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Silent Auction	6,690.00
Sound System	995.00
Supplies	203.76
Taste & Tell Bank fee	5.00
Total for Taste & Tell	**$52,935.12**
Total for Fundraising Expenses	**$52,935.12**
Misc	1,254.22
Office Supplies	280.49
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	329.25
Total for Operations	**$329.25**
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Total for Other Types of Expenses	**$508.03**
Postage	30.00
Post Office Box	244.00
Socials	239.15
Sunshine	804.99
Warehouse Expenses	66.34
WebsiteURL fees	1,209.60
Yearbook	300.00
Total for Expenses	**$347,197.43**
Net Operating Income	**-$10,787.91**
Other Income	
Purchase Discounts	50.00
Total for Other Income	**$50.00**
Net Other Income	**$50.00**
Net Income	**-$10,737.91**

April's Board & General Meeting. Reporting Period 3/1/2026 to 3/31/2026

Organizations:	
Bennett Elementary	$ 162.95
Broadview Elementary	$ 1,000.00
CDTC	$ 529.32
Croissant Park Elementary	$ 500.00
Cypress Elementary	$ 307.56
Donor's Choose	$ 1,477.42
God's Little Lambs	$ 19.25
Henderson Health	$ 607.14
Hope Women's Center	$ 590.00
Jessica June	$ 2,250.00
Northside Elementary	$ 168.68
Seagull High School	$ 342.29
The Little Schoolhouse	$ 167.63
Tomorrow's Rainbow	$17,000.00
Whispering Pines	$ 640.23
Total:	**$25,762.47**

Tiny Blessings Grant	
Henderson Health	$854.30
Hope Women's Center	$333.40
Mary Ann's Closet	$381.64
Total	**$1,831.79**

Gift Cards on hand at 3/31/2026:

Publix Cards:	
150 $10 cards at $9.70.	$. 1,455.00
Walmart Cards:	
415 $10 cards	$ 4,150.00
42 $50 cards	$ 2,100.00
Target Cards:	
175 $10 cards	$ 1,750.00
TOTAL CARDS:	$ 9,455.00

Special Requests: Markam & Sanders Park Elementary - $1,004.36

Gore Grant

Blessed Sacrament	$ 3,500.00
CDTC	$ 3,500.00
Jessica June	$ 3,500.00
Our Father's House	$ 3,165.64
Tomorrow's Rainbow	$ 3,500.00
Total:	**$17,165.64**

Total Disbursement for March 2026 = $45,764.26

Emergency Requests:

Johnson Family – My Safe Harbor, All Saints Soup Kitchen-Marsha Tesler

This family came to Marsha from Father Bob at All Saints Soup Kitchen. Joann Johnson is a grandmother who is currently taking care of her 18-year-old granddaughter and her nine-month-old great grandson. She has raised and cared for her granddaughter since she was a baby. Joann's husband passed away about two years ago and was managing financially until the baby was born. She was evicted from her apartment in February and lived at the church. My Safe Harbor provided her with a week at the Plaza Hotel on 441 in Ft. Lauderdale. She is looking for a place to stay and has applied for rental assistance. She is also looking for a part time job which is difficult because she walks with a walker due to a hip situation. Her emergency need at this time was to pay for one week hotel, storage unit and phone bill. All were approved by the board

Total $498.24

(Needs to be ratified at the April meeting)

Individual Requests:

Noah Curiel – Gina Bono Jenkins

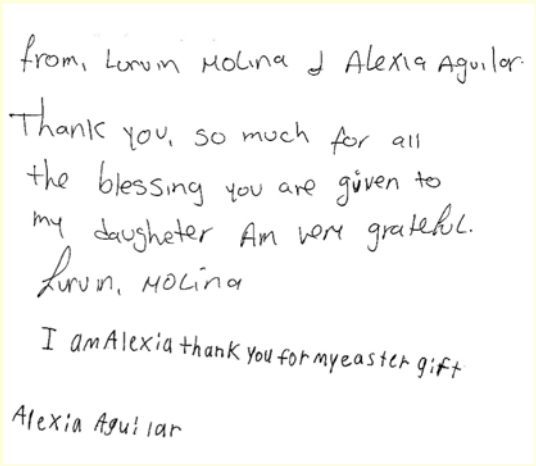
When Noah came to our attention in October of 2025, he was 17 years old and living with a foster family personally known to Gina. We helped him with all his dental care and an additional $300 to help the foster family with his needs In November he turned 18. At the general meeting in February Gina gave us an update on Noah. He was getting ready to move into a facility that houses young adults. He needed help in acquiring small items for the kitchen as he was sharing it with three other boys. He also needed items for his bedroom in addition to personal items. At the general meeting in February membership voted to assist him with up to $500 on items he needed. Gina was kind enough to take him to Walmart to make the purchases. He is settled and is doing quite nicely working on his GED and working at Mission BBQ making some money.

Total spent: $451.17

(This was approved by all members and does not need to be ratified at the April meeting) March Total: $949.41



Light of the World Clinic! Tiny Blessing Bundle



Tiny Blessings Bundle for Broward Partnership for the Homeless!







Dear Barbara, Lynda, Carole
and the rest of the Club members,

I hope you are doing well as we navigate the second quarter of the year. I wanted to let you know how much we value Children's Aid Club's (CAC) generosity and share the meaningful impact you are making on local children enduring cancer. Since I created the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation twenty-two years ago, we produce an Annual Collage of the faces behind our mission. Our 2025 Collage is now complete, and we would be honored for you to have a first look at the many children whose lives have been touched. With the support of CAC, 396 children and family members received Emergency Financial Assistance and Supportive Care in 2025. Each of these children has a compelling story.

With sincere appreciation,
Sandra Muvdi, MBA|President/CEO
Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation



Cypress Elementary rewards Straight 'A' students!

THE LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE delivers their Easter Baskets to the lucky recipients! Each bag is overflowing with sweet treats, activity books, and, of course, a toothbrush & toothpaste!





PACE Center for Girls celebrates Easter with a hunt for Easter eggs filled with candies.















A visit from the EASTER BUNNY to The Little Schoolhouse!



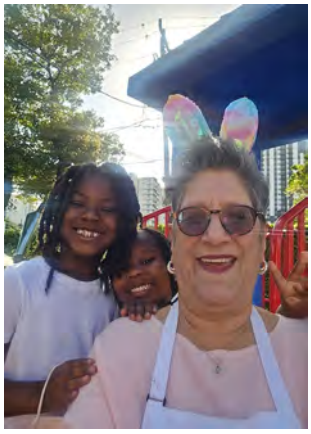




















Spring blooms at Broward Partnership for the Homeless! Thanks to Vanessa Diaz-Font for creating such creative opportunities with Arts and Crafts Projects













North Side Elementary Science Fair!





Lucas walked into the library like any other second grader—quiet, unassuming—until the Librarian noticed his shoes. The fronts were carefully stapled shut. She knelt beside him and gently said, "We need to get you a new pair of shoes." He shook his head. "Oh no… these were my big brother's. When he grew, we cut them so his feet wouldn't hurt."

In that moment, her heart sank. Those shoes weren't worn—they were shared, stretched across two childhoods, carrying more than footsteps.

The popular brand MIA shoes donated nearly 450 pairs, arriving in every size, filling two extra-large SUVs. Thanks to Gina Bono-Jenkins and Laura Balistreri for the delivery! Boxes upon boxes made their way into the hands of our partner organizations, especially schools. At Cypress Elementary (above), guidance counselor Janelle Gordon stands beside one of those boxes—overflowing with shoes, including the sweetest slipper-style pairs for girls.







THANKS TO Ore Franzese and Stan Leshko, Regional Sales Manager at MIA SHOES for the amazing donation of shoes! We appreciate YOU!









BENNETT ELEMENTARY'S Amy Rubin is so grateful for all the shoes!

Looking Ahead....

TNT 2027

Our signature fundraiser luncheon will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 2027 at Lauderdale Yacht Club.

If you haven't signed up for a specific job at next year's TNT, please contact Pam Markus, Stylin' Teamleader for more information.

Request from MENU: Over the Summer, please keep an eye out for superb new recipes for the menu! We need delicious ideas for appetizers and deserts too!

Thank you!

2026 - 2027
CAC General Meetings

All meetings are on the THIRD Tuesday each month except for November and December are on the second Tuesday due to the holidays.

Dates	Location	Hostess	Hostess
September 15, 2026	*Laura Balistreri's Home*	Michele Holtzheuser	Jeanne Dixon
October 20, 2026	*Henderson Behavioral Health Center*	Belinda McDonald	Valerie Taylor
November 10, 2026	*Tomorrow's Rainbow*	Becky Ford	Ghislaine Martin
December 8, 2026	*Powell Warehouse*	Kristina Bryn	Randa Flinn
January 19, 2027	*Powell Warehouse*	Heather Knight	Linda Ianelli
February 16, 2027	*Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC)*		
March 16, 2027	*Sea Ranch Lakes?*		
April 20, 2027	*Equine Assisted Therapies*	Janice Bloomfield	Vanessa Diaz-Font
May 18th, 2027	*Hawthorne Village Clubhouse*	Pamela Markus	Rena Udell
Important Dates:			
Monday, February 1st	Taste 'N Tell (Set up)	Lauderdale Yacht Club	ALL CALL
Tuesday, February 2nd	Taste 'N Tell Luncheon	Lauderdale Yacht Club	ALL CALL

Back-up Hostess for any date: Louise Proffer and Laura B.

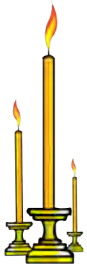


PRAYER CORNER:

RACHEL POPE: Her recovery from surgery is going well. She welcomes notes and letters at this time: 800 Lakeside Circle#511, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Angie Bizzzarro's Thank you for the healing prayers!

Dear CAC Sisters,
Thank you for the beautiful orchid from CAC! The club has been a blessing in my life, and I am incredibly grateful to all the wonderful women that I have gotten to know and work with since 2014. I cannot thank you enough and look forward to being able to see you again.
Remember that you matter and look after yourself.
With love,
Angie



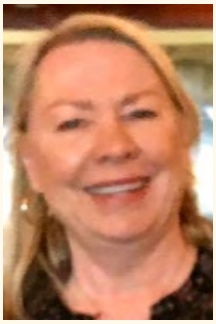
Happy Birthday

Congratulations to all the Summer Birthdays!

May Birthdays



Pat DeSanctis
5/1



Sue Miller
5/2



Mary Ellen Metwalli
5/4



Valerie Taylor
5/18



Andra Webb
5/21



Polly O'Neill
5/28



Jenny Boyenga
5/29



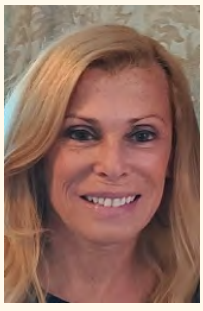
June Birthdays



Kathy Mitchell
6/4



Ghislaine Martin
6/5



Marsha Tessler
6/17



Becky Ford
6/21



Vanessa Diaz-Font
6/22



Rebecca Solomon
6/29



Sharon Glavey
6/29

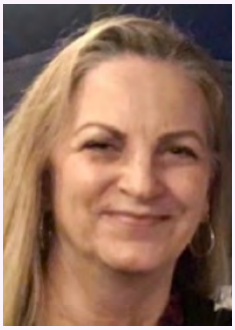
July Birthdays



Fran English
7/6



Allison LaRocca
7/6



Debra Rowand
7/22



Laura Balistreri-Ahmed
7/25



Janice Bloomfield
7/23



August Birthdays





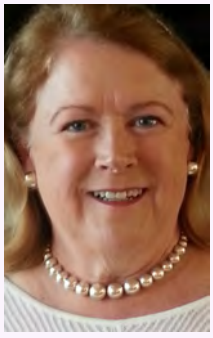
Randa Flinn
8/12



Belinda MacDonald
8/15



Carole Falkanger
8/16



Rena Udell
8/31



Tara Bakatselos
8/30



Monica Blackwood
8/29

MAY Calendar 2026 *Children's Aid Club*

Thursday, May 7th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)
Mother's Day Jewelry Boutique 2:15 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Friday, May 8th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)
Mother's Day Jewelry Boutique 10 am
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

Sunday, May 10th



Mother's Day!

Tuesday, May 12th

Board Mtg Via Google Meet at 9:30am
Link will be emailed the night before.



Friday, May 15th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)
Summer Birthday Parties 10 am
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

Tuesday, May 19th

General Meeting: 9:30 am
Powell Warehouse
1851 SW 2nd Ave., Unit 10
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Wednesday, May 20th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)
Summer Birthday Parties 2:15 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Save the dates:
Next Board Meeting (virtual) Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 9:30am
Next General Meeting is Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at Laura B.'s home at 9:30am
TNT - Tuesday, February 2nd, 2027

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the newsletter this year! I am deeply grateful to all who took the time to read it and share your feedback with me. A very special thank you to Barbara Hume for diligently proofreading every issue. Creating a newsletter isn't an easy task but can be incredibly rewarding *if* the newsletter is both useful and enjoyable for its readers.

— Pamela Markus
Editor

Have a Wonderful Summer
See you in September