

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. February Newsletter



What's Happening in February!



President's Message

Dear GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club Members:

The month of February historically represents a period of purification, renewal, and the transition from winter to spring. It is known as a month of love, cultural observances, seasonal transition, and health awareness. On February 2nd we will celebrate Ground Hog Day, hopefully predicting a quick move into spring. On February 14th we observe Valentine's Day, as well as February being Black History month and American Heart month. Coco Plum Woman's club will be hosting Luis Aguirre on February 5th, and at the February 11th business meeting we will be holding our Arts & Crafts Competition. The ADM meeting and District Arts and Crafts Competition will be held on February 25th, followed on February 26th by our Club Social with a paint party activity. February offers great activities. Let's all have fun while we show respect and love to each other. The Festival of Tables was a beautiful fund-raising event, chaired by Margaret Sarafoglu. There were 92 members and guests in attendance. Each table was a work of art, creativity and offered some very good food prepared by members. Congratulations to Coco Plum members for another resounding success.

Always in Community Service,

Annie Goodrich-Sorgie

Annie Goodrich-Sorgie, President,
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
"Building Bridges of Friendships Through Community Service"

February Birthdays



Margo N.	5th
Jena S.	8th
Nancy L.	19th
Edith H.-C.	24th
Sally R.	27th
Colette T.	28th
Yolanda W.	28th



ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to



make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

Chairman, Aminta Konawicz

The Arts & Culture Committee has really enjoyed preparing for the **February 11th** Arts & Culture Competition at Coco Plum's historic clubhouse. Many members have already entered, and more are expected since members have shown a lot of interest in choosing from possible categories of art and crafts. After the judging of entered works, there will be a ribbon ceremony to honor blue ribbon winners, as well as to recognize the efforts of all participating members. The committee very much appreciates these efforts. A reminder that the Arts & Craft Competition categories are on display in the boardroom, as well as have been sent to all members by email. Please call (305) 934-4299 or email amintarealtor@gmail.com for additional information.

With love for the arts,
Aminta Konawicz, Chair



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety,



and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.

Chairman, Sara Warren

We had a committee member meeting in January to discuss our plans for the rest of the year. Scheduled events will be sent out in the next Newsletter.

The next two Honor Flights at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport are **Saturday, April 11 and Saturday, May 30**. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

I came across something I thought some of you might be interested in. The town of Davie will host The Moving Wall, a powerful replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that bears the names of 58,000 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Wall will be free and open to the public 24 hours a day, **April 24-26, 2026**, at the **Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, 4201 SW 65th Way, Davie, FL 33314**.

Sara Warren, Chairman

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in this CSP are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.



Charlene Feldner and Barbara Wexler, Chairmen

A child who reads will be a child who thinks.

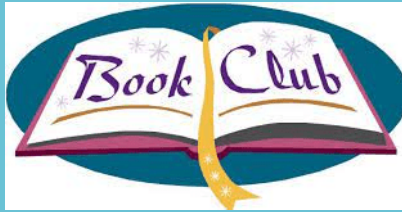
Time to join us for the Max River Walk!

The date is Saturday, March 7, 8:30AM at Baptist Hospital.

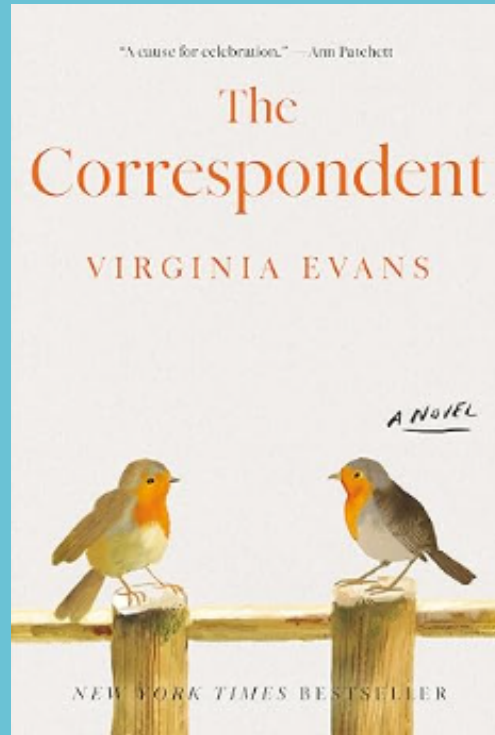
Be one of "The Grandmas Against Hazing" by joining the walk.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Fund Raiser on **Wednesday, March 25, at 11:00 AM!** Grab your boots and join us for a fun time of line dancing, followed by a great barbeque and game of bingo! Tickets are \$75.00. The proceeds are to be used for 3 college scholarships to be given to deserving young women in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Our book club was informative and enjoyable where we continue to discuss and learn about new books while getting to know our fellow members more. Our next **book club will meet on Tuesday, February 17, in the board room at 10:30 AM.** We are reading ***The Correspondent*** by Virginia Evans.



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Everyone is welcome. Please join us!



ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative and many scientists warn that we are at a tipping point. There is no time like the present to act.



Chairman, Libby Mahaffey

Remember the three "Rs" - REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!

The committee would like to encourage all members and their friends to join us at the clubhouse on **Thursday, February 5**, to meet Channel 10's celeb journalist, Louis Aguirre. We are gathering at 10 a.m. sharp in the ballroom to learn more about Louis' career and his passion for caring and promoting good stewardship for our one and only planet! The deadline for RSVPs has been extended so reach out to Donna Falana (DFalana@Bellsouth.net) or any member of our Committee to let us know you can attend. We want you to be there to let Louis know his community acknowledges his work to save our environment.

The Coco Plum membership has been doing a stellar job of collecting unrecyclable plastics, and we have been taking them to the Department of Sustainability in the City of Coral Gables. We do this out of our sense of duty as good citizens in our community, and it does not go unnoticed. The GFWC Coco Plum Women's Club

was mentioned as a major contributor to this plastics campaign at the City's last Commission hearing!

In the meantime, if you have something you want to recycle and can't find a repository, check out the new website RECYCLEPEDIA.Com because your answer just might be there.

Warm (literal!) wishes from the Environment Committee.

Libby Mahaffey, Chair, Norma Craig, Donna Falana, Helene Valentine, Pat Kyle, Margaret Saragoflu, Claudia Martonffy, Ines Mander & Marion Weiss

DON'T TRASH OUR TREASURE

Louis Aguirre

**Anchor: WPLG-Local 10 World News, Reporter,
Environmental Advocate**

Louis has been with local ABC Channel 10 News for almost a decade and is a multiple Emmy-award-winning journalist. Louis has worked for "Extra", "A Current Affair", and as a co-host of Fox and Friends.

The Environment Committee members of GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club on Sunset Drive are excited to have him speak about his career and his advocacy for the environment through his weekly specials titled "Don't Trash Our Treasure!"

10:00 AM FEBRUARY 5, 2026

**GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
1375 Sunset Drive Coral Gables**

**RSVP to Donna Falana at Dfalana@Bellsouth.net
before February 1, 2026.**



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HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Overview of this CSP - The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Chairman, Diana Martin

The Health and Wellness Committee would like to give a special thank you to our guest speaker at our January 14th business meeting, Daniela Camacho, Care Team and Community Engagement Coordinator for Glory House Miami whose mission is to rehabilitate survivors of human trafficking. Glory House staff provide services and programs to help prepare and re-introduce survivors into their communities through survivor advocacy. The presentation was informative, helping to create more awareness and support to help these survivors. Also, thanks to the Coco Plum members for having generously donating all the toiletries which will be used to support the women survivors served by Glory House.

Diana Martin, Health & Wellness, Chairman

GFWC Florida Signature Program

On January 14, 2026, the Coco Plum Woman's Club recognized Human Trafficking Month with a guest speaker from Glory House of Miami. Daniela Camacho, Care Team Community Engagement Coordinator, presented the membership at our business meeting with an overview of their work with survivors of human trafficking. Glory House is an undisclosed location where professionals help survivors with guidance and emotional support as they navigate their transition to new lives of freedom. Ms. Camacho was very grateful to the Coco Plum members for their donation of over 200 full-size toiletry items for the women at Glory House. Just Coco Plum's way of giving back!



Sally Russomanno
Chairman

Social Committee



Telephone Committee

**MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE HAS THE INFORMATION YOU NEED,
TO ANSWER WHEN YOUR CALLER CALLS!**

Many of us do not answer our phones when we do not recognize the caller. Be sure that you have the information for the head of your committee - that is name, phone and email. And put that in your phone's CONTACTS. (On I-Phones, I know a separate list can be made. Probably other types of phones also have this option.)

IF YOU ARE THE HEAD OF A COMMITTEE:

Make sure that all the members of your committee have your contact information.

IF YOU ARE A CALLER ON THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE:

Be sure that you remind your callee of your information. Let her know you need her to answer your call! If you miss a meeting, do read the minutes of the meeting. They are sent out to everyone soon after each meeting for approval. Jan's minutes are very good, and everything is there in black and white.

Margot Natsui, Chair of Telephone Committee

Fundraising Report

The Fundraising Committee is very excited to report on the resounding success of The Festival of Tables on Wednesday, January 28th. This event was vibrant and exciting with every table having a unique theme, from formal to casual and everything in the middle! Spectacular table settings, phenomenal food presentations, as well as great fun and camaraderie, highlighted the event. Proceeds will benefit the THRIVE Clinic at the University of Miami which provides a survivor-centered approach to multidisciplinary healthcare services for survivors of sex trafficking.

Betty Quinn, Fundraising Chairperson









Grant Committee

Historic preservation of GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. has been a focal point of the Grants Committee. Our organization has been selected

to receive a grant from the Villagers Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. The grant funds will be applied to the house renovation costs for the light fixtures and scones throughout the facility. Thank you to the grant committee for all of their hard work and dedication to seeking opportunities to maintain and beautify our club house. The following members are on this committee: Betty Quinn, Sue Nichols, Barbara Moller, Yolanda Woodbridge and Yazmyne Eterovic. If you have any grant opportunities you would like the committee to apply for, please feel free to contact Kristen Quinn at (786) 338-0145 or q.kristen1124@gmail.com

Membership Committee

Happy February! Happy Valentine's Day! February is the month of love and hearts! Let's all open our hearts and think of a special woman who would love to join our club of friendship and service. Please ask me for an application anytime.

Remember our motto: "We are sisters serving and playing together "

Sally Russomanno, Membership Chair



Calendar Events

- 02/05: Guest Speaker Louis Aguirre @ 10am
- 02/06: Board Meeting 10:30am
- 02/11: General Membership and Arts & Craft Competition @ 10:30am
- 02/14: Coco Plum turns 114 years old, Black History Month, Valentines Day,
- 02/17: Book Club 10:30am
- 02/19: Health Wellness Speaker One Heart @ 10:30am in the craft room
- 02/25: ADM and D11 Arts & Craft viewing and meeting at Coral Gables Woman's Club time: 10am
- 02/26: Social Paint Party @ Coco Plum 11am

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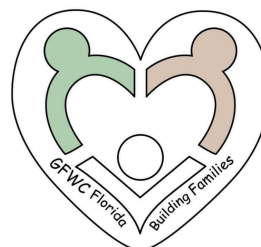
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