

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. April 2024 Newsletter



What's Happening in April!



President's Message

Dear Coco Plum Members:

One of the most important things that we can do as Members of our great Club is to

keep it always moving forward. We can do this by participating in our Community Service Programs, in our In-House Committees, our fundraising events, bringing in new members, and participating in the election of new officers. April 10th is our Election of Officers for the 2024-2026 term. I hope everyone will come to this very important Business Meeting and VOTE!

Although my term of office may be short, please know I am here for all of you Members. And, I know all of you will continue supporting this office and our Club.

Yours in Federation,
Sally Perlman, President

2024-2026 Nominating Committee

**The 2024-2026 slate for the Officers and Directors as presented by
the Nominating Committee is listed below.**

We will vote at the April 10th meeting.

Please plan to attend.

President – Annie Goodrich-Sorgie

Jena Staly

First Vice President (Programs) – Norma Craig

Second Vice President (Membership) – Sally Russomanno

Third Vice President (House) – Sue Nichols

Recording Secretary – Jan Gordillo

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Czaja

Treasurer – Joyce Windhorst

Financial Secretary – Barbara Wexler

Director – Pam Ciravolo

Director – Anita Jenkins

Director – Betty Quinn

Director – Aminta Konawicz

Sara Warren, Chairman, Nominating Committee

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Marielle M. 4/2

Sally P. 4/14

Libby M. 4/20

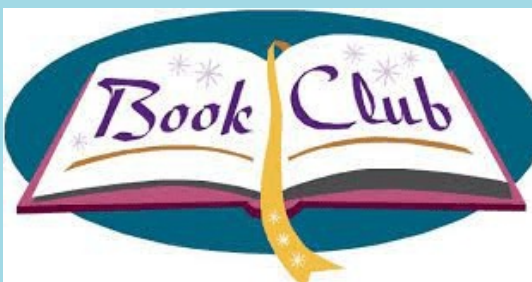
Sandie M. 4/27

Laura P. 4/30

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

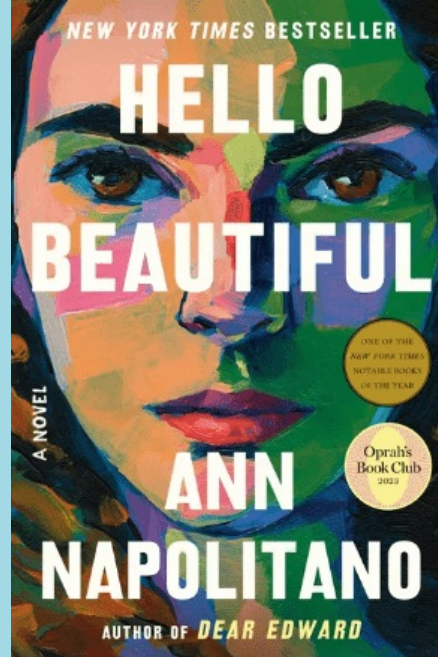
Overview of this CSP - GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in this CSP are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries and the love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

Chairmen, Charlene Feldner and Barbara Wexler



Our Book Club will be meeting in the Board Room on **Tuesday April 16th**. Please note a different time - 10:30am

We are reading ***Hello Beautiful*** by Ann Napolitano. It is available through Libby at the library. Please join us, everyone is welcome! We have had some lively and interesting discussions.



LUNCH & BROADWAY

Education and Library ladies are very excited about our fast approaching fundraiser event for our scholarship fund. Join us on **Wednesday, April 24th at 11am** in our beautiful clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

Students from FIU New Musical Theater Program will be entertaining us with Broadway show tunes. Proceeds will support our Max Gruver scholarships and our historic clubhouse. Because of all your continued support, this year we will be able to award scholarships to three very deserving young women.

Thanks in advance for all your support!
Barbara and Charlene

COCO PLUM WOMAN'S CLUB

Presents

LUNCH AND BROADWAY

COME JOIN US April, 24 2024 11am-2pm.
Tickets are \$75, that can be purchased through
Kim Schain 305-322-4626
Check are made payable to:
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club



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PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE - MAX GRUVER SCHOLARSHIP

ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITIY 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



Congratulations to our Member Artists who were awarded 19 first prize Blue Ribbons, at the GFWC District 11 Arts & Crafts Show at the Coral Gables Woman's Club. Coco Plum Woman's Club took home 12 Blue Ribbons at the District Art Show: Kim Schain, Donna Falana, Aminta Konawicz, Yolanda

Woodbridge, Anita Jenkins, Joyce Windhorst, Betty Quinn. Blue Ribbons winners advance to the GFWC Florida Arts & Craft Competition in Orlando. Thanks to our great Arts and Crafts Committee for wonderful teamwork.

Aminta Konawicz
Arts & Culture Chairman



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.



Chairmen, Donna Falana and Norma Craig

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

Coco Plum Woman's Club had Ron Magill from Zoo Miami as our presenter at the March 13 meeting. He had us totally mesmerized by telling us about his new book "The Pride of the Lion" the cub named K'waski. Many members wore animal prints.





Thanks to the generosity of Coco Plum Woman's Club members at Ron Magill's dynamic March meeting presentation, the Environmental Committee is pleased to report \$600 dollars was raised to purchase water purification tablets as part of GFWC Florida state initiative World Water to aid those without access to safe, potable water. Ron Magill's passion for his work also inspired many members to donate to his foundation which provides sustainable funds intended to support conservation efforts focused on saving wild animals in their natural habitats, rather than allowing them to be so reduced in number they can be seen only in zoos. As he says in his book, "My primary responsibility is to teach people to learn about animals so they can love and protect them." For those members who may wish to donate to his foundation, "Ron Magill Conservation Endowment". [CLICK HERE](#)
The Environmental Committee appreciates the support shown by the membership.

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

THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for their generosity in donating items for the VA Hospital. If you haven't brought in any items yet and want to bring them in April, please do so. **Still needed:** deodorant, soap, shower gel, razors or shaving cream but anything you want to donate would be greatly appreciated.

After our luncheon and meeting on April 10th, Yolanda Woodbridge and I will be in the board room sorting through the items and separating them into bags to be

distributed to veterans at the VA Hospital. Please feel free to join us.

Honor Flight is April 13:

The next Honor Flight is April 13 at Ft Lauderdale Airport. The flight is scheduled to land around 8:00pm and you should arrive at the airport by 7:00pm. Please let me know if you're interested in attending and I will arrange for a group of us to drive up together.

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 Max Gruver Foundation Walk was a success! Everyone had a good time despite getting up early! Thank you for all the support and participation in this worthwhile cause!

Click here for more information [Max Gruver Foundation](#)



Membership Report

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club 2022-2024 administrative term is coming to a close. I am happy to report that our membership number was 55 at the beginning of the term and is now at 73, with two new members presented in March.

April is the final meeting for installing new members, before our May luncheon and Installation of officers. If you have someone that you have been thinking of proposing for membership, please submit the membership application by April 1, 2024; to ensure that the notice to members will go out in a timely manner and have time for our members to comment before presentation to the Board of Directors on April 5th, 2024. Looking forward to receiving many applications to close out 2022-2024 term with a bang by bringing in many, many new members.

Always in community service,

Annie Goodrich-Sorgie
2nd Vice President



Calendar Events

4/10 General Membership Meeting
4/16: Book Club at 10:30am - NEW TIME
4/24: Lunch and Broadway-GET TICKETS NOW
4/26: Arbor Day

Click on the Calendar link below which will direct you to our website Calendar page for detailed information and flyers

[Click to CALENDAR](#)

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club Executive Board and Board of Directors 2022-2024

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Annie Goodrich-Sorgie

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Donna Falana

Corresponding Secretary
Julie Czaja

Treasurer
Joyce Windhorst

3rd Vice President
Jena Staly

Financial Secretary
Sara Warren

Past President
Sue Nichols

Directors 2022-2024

Barbara Wexler
Charlene Feldner

Margaret Sarafoglu
Pam Ciravolo

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