

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. August 2023 Newsletter



What's Happening in August!



President's Message

Dear Coco Plum Friends,

I came across this quote and thought how it spoke to me about the work we have undertaken to secure the structural integrity of our clubhouse.

"There is much that a renovation can teach us about respect and empathy, the weaving of our needs into those of another—even if the other is made of wood. Perhaps especially so. A house is a quiet partner; you have to listen carefully." By Erica Bauermeister

Our clubhouse is our quiet partner. Providing a place to come together as a community of volunteers for the good of others.

While there is always more needed to be done to maintain our clubhouse, we are at the

finish line with our roof replacement. Congratulations. We have a lot to be proud of.

I am headed to Virginia for the later days of July. Back for a few days in August, then off to the wine country of Sonoma, in California. I am sorry to be missing some of the club activities.

In September, the GFWC Florida Board meeting will be held in Orlando. This would be a great opportunity for us to attend and strengthen our knowledge of GFWC and move our club forward. The dates Coco Plum will plan to attend are September 22, 23, returning on the 24th. If you would be interested in attending please let me know.

The new club year is quickly approaching. I am looking forward to a year of camaraderie and more milestones to come.

See you in September!

Carol Nobles

“Let’s Plan To Make A Difference”

August Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

Judy A. 8/6

Norisa G. 8/12

Sue N. 8/13

Caroline J. 8/15

Laura S. 8/17

Sandra W. 8/25



**Wear your Tea Hats!
You are invited to attend**

*Ann's 14th Annual English High
Tea!*

August 16, 2023 2-4pm

**GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
1375 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables Fl 33143**

Donation: \$ 50.00

For reservations call Kim Schain 305-322-4626
or email schain2@aol.com

Payments are sent to Kim Schain
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GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.
The proceeds will go to support FIU homeless students

**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

Hope you are all staying cool☐!

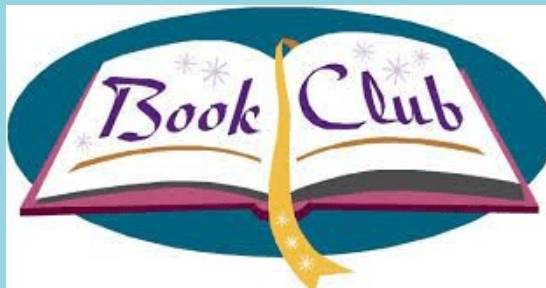
We are gathering school supplies for our students at Redondo Elementary School in Homestead. They are now at Summer Reading Camp and we hope they are using our Little Free Library.

Please try and join our Book Club. It is great meeting with fellow members, not only discussing our chosen book but getting to know each other. Some bring lunch or a snack. I have to say we also laugh a lot. We will meet August 10 at 12:30pm. The book is "Small Mercies" by Dennis Lehane. This is the same author, who produced the book and movie, "Mystic River".

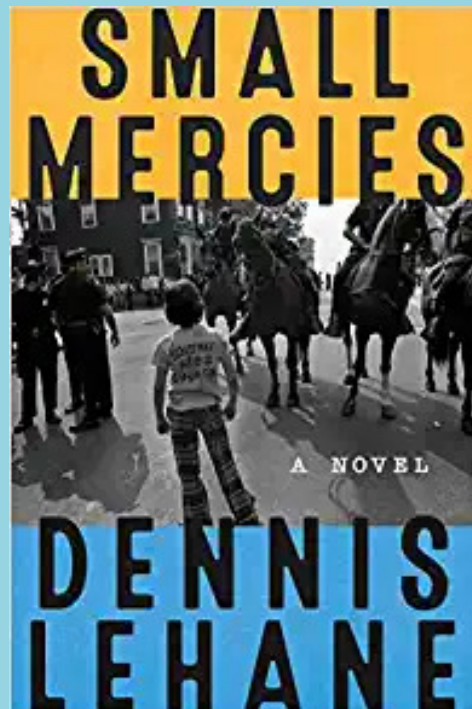
Donna Falana and Charlene Feldner donated books to the library to **Jackson Memorial Perdue Medical Center**.

Stay cool and hope to see you at Book Club and our Annual Tea on August 16!

Chairmen, Barbara and Charlene



Next book club meeting:
Thursday August 10 at 12:30pm at our
Clubhouse in the boardroom.
BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
some do, some don't.





Donna with Nurse at Jackson Memorial Perdue Medical Center



Charlene with Nurse at Jackson Memorial Perdue Medical Center

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



Aminta Konawicz is one of the Soprano singers in the Miami Lyric Opera. Many club members got together for dinner then ventured to The Moss Center in Cutler Ridge to attend the *Opera Lucia de Lammermoor* and watch Aminta perform. The performance was wonderful and a good time was had by all.





Members and friends enjoyed **Rock Painting** this summer. Members brought delicious sweets to eat and we had wonderful conversations with music in the background. The rocks that were left, will be placed around the Miami area with our GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club name on the back! We plan to do this again!



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

We hope everyone's having a good summer, and staying cool in this heat. Remember the three "Rs" - **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!**



Last August, Coco Plum joined other concerned GFWC members in the Plastics-Free Florida Initiative (PFI) founded by Woman's Club of Coconut Grove, a coalition of residents, civic associations, educational and faith based institutions across the state united in the fight to reduce the pervasive plastic pollution in our environment. PFI received the inaugural GFWC "President's Pick" Award. Plastic bags, while not the only single-use plastic waste, are a six-ton-a-year polluting element (only 9% recycled) which becomes ocean litter killing millions of sea turtles, birds, fish, and other ocean mammals. Also, according to the recent PBS documentary "We Are All Plastic People Now" (available on Amazon Prime and PBS Passport), scientists warn of health consequences for humans since micro-plastic particles and plastic chemicals which potentially cause cancer, dementia, neurological disorders, perhaps even obesity, now are being found in human bloodstreams, even in the unborn in utero. Billie Jean Baldwin, founder of PFI through Woman's Club of Coconut Grove, will speak at our September meeting to provide members with a more informed understanding of PFI and ways in which small changes we make, such as carrying reusable grocery bags when we shop, can manifest as easy, meaningful plastic pollution reduction.


September 13th Meeting Speaker: Plastics-Free Initiative Coalition.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INAUGURAL




**National Day
of Service**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit | www.GFWC.org | #GFWC23NDS

Help Us to End Hunger in the United States By
Volunteering, Donating, or Organizing a Community Service Project



Be on the lookout for more details to come!

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

Be on the lookout for our fundraising walks coming soon!

We have FINALLY FINISHED RE-ROOFING!

This was a huge job while working with The Coco Plum Catering and Design's schedule of events and the Woman's Club events, Infinite Roofing could not have been more professional and accommodating with us! We are so happy with the re-roofing job! Please come by and see how beautiful our old historic house looks now!



**Volunteers are needed to
decorate the tables at our
Monthly General Membership
Meetings.**

Volunteers

Needed!



If you are interested, please
contact
Jena Staly 305-794-0996

Summer Social - with a birthday surprise!







After 43 years of service, South Miami Chief of Police Rene Landa has announced his intention to retire at the end of August.

Chief Landa has been with South Miami Police Department since 2010. He has served as Chief since 2014. He has supported Coco Plum Woman's Club for many years. We extend our gratitude for his service and dedication and wish him the best of luck.



thinking of you!

Sally Perlman - healing from surgery

Diana Martin - healing from her broken foot

Anita Jenkins - healing from her broken toe

Linda Joseph (Miami Womans Club) husband passed away



Calendar Events

- 8/10: Book Club 12:30pm
- 8/16: Ann's Annual High Tea 2:00pm
- 9/1: Board Meeting
- 9/13: Club Meeting
- 9/22-9/24: GFWC Fall Board Meeting
- 9/30: Day of Service

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

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