

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. December 2021 Newsletter



What's Happening in December!



President's Message

Happy Holidays to all Coco Plum members and friends. I hope December finds you well and enjoying the season. The holidays are a season for giving and thanks to all of you, we have been very busy living this motto.

In November, we had a special visit from our Florida GFWC President, Dianne Forester and our Corresponding Secretary, Candice Jackson as the District Luncheon was held in our clubhouse. We all enjoyed meeting and hearing what is going on in the State. In November we supported the Veterans and

held a major fundraiser noted below.

The Lilly Pulitzer Luncheon/Fashion Show fundraiser for One More Child was extremely successful. Thank you to Annie and her committee and all who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success. I am very proud of our members and their dedication to giving back to their community. We will present a check to One More Child at our December 8th meeting.

At our December meeting, please remember to bring Teddy Bears, Dolls, Cars and Toys for Cops for Kids Annual Christmas Party in Homestead. Also, please bring a small vase or glass jar that you might have in your house as we will each create a small flower arrangement for Perdue Nursing Home. If you don't have a vase or jar, we will provide one.

And last, but not least, Barbara and Charlene's committee will make totes with books for the Migrants after our meeting. We are a busy club and there is something for everyone.

2021 has flown by and we have had a very successful year thanks to all of you who came out and supported the club during these difficult times. Your support and dedication are very much appreciated.

Sue

*December
Birthday Celebration!*



DECEMBER

Birthdays

Norma C. Peggy V.

Betty Sue S.

All we want for Christmas is...
Teddy Bears, Dolls, Cars and Toys!

Please bring them to the
DECEMBER 8th - CLUB MEETING
COPS FOR KIDS





Please join us at our Annual Card & Game Party

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

Thursday, January 20, 2022

10:30 am – 3:00 pm (Lunch at 12 Noon) \$ 25.00

For reservations please call - Sally Perlman: *305-978-7231 or
305 271-7009 or sallyperlman@icloud.com

Bring your friends, your cards, or board games, and get your
table of 4 together and join us for a wonderful day.

Whether you play Bridge, Canasta, Dominoes, Mahjong, or board games,
this is a wonderful time to get together.

Lunch will be provided by the members of Coco Plum and is always delicious.



GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.
A portion of the proceeds will go to Feeding South Florida

FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

Annie and her Committee did an outstanding job! Thank you for all who helped in so many ways! It takes a lot of club members to make a successful fundraiser and WE DID JUST THAT! Thank you to The Coco Plum Catering & Design for the delicious food and the music was outstanding! A portion of the money raised will



go to One More Child.



On behalf of Coco Plum Woman's Club, home baked cakes, cookies and special bars were delivered

to the South Miami Police
Department on GFWC World
Kindness Day.



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

Thanks to everyone, the Education and Libraries Committee will once again be bringing our library crates full of wonderful books to all the children in the Title I After School Program in Homestead, Florida during the week before Christmas. Santa's elves have been busy doing great work!

The planning committee is very busy with all the preparations for first ever Brunch & Broadway fund raiser to be held on Saturday, April 2, at our beautiful Coco Plum Club House. Mark your calendar now to support the Education and Libraries Committee's Max Gruver Scholarship Fund.

Thank you, Joyce Windhorst, and your church, for once again donating money to Coco Plum's Education and Libraries Committee so that we can put another Free Little Library in our community. It will be in the Marshall Williamson Park in the City of South Miami.

Remember, we placed our first Little Library at the Title I after school program in Homestead. We continue to replenish that with books.

Lastly, another interesting project has come to our attention. We will be collecting new or used post cards to support the eighth-grade classes in Danville, Iowa. In 1939, a Danville teacher started a pen pal project to connect her students to other students around the

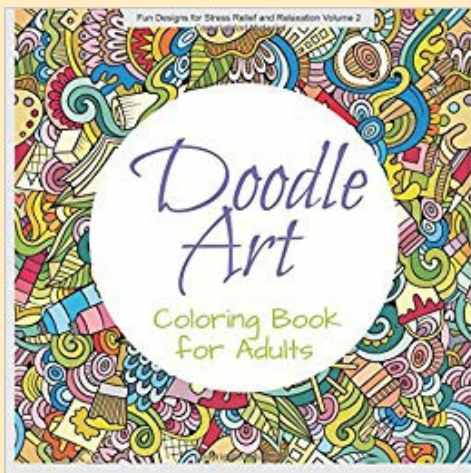
world. One student connected with a girl in Amsterdam named Anne Frank.

This communication has become an important piece of history and is in the Danville Museum, home of the Anne Frank letters. To keep the memory alive for future generations, the eighth graders are trying to collect 1.5 million post cards in memory of the 1.5 million children that lost their lives in the Holocaust.

Please bring your post cards to the clubhouse or get them to Charlene Feldner or me, Barbara Wexler. Thank you so much in advance!

ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - The study of art and culture enriches the human experience. Art education improves problem solving and critical thinking skills, builds focus and perseverance and nurtures creativity, confidence and collaboration. Cultural awareness promotes effective communication and profoundly increase the ability to appreciate and enjoy a variety of new people and experience.
Chairman, Donna Falana



Starting with our new club year, every month I will have a box at the front door. I will be collecting **Doodle books, puzzle books, colored pencils, and lead pencils** for the seniors at Perdue.

They love getting the books and look forward to our donations.

Since the numbers of visitors at Perdue is limited due to the increase in Covid cases, the books keep them busy and engaged.

Thank you in advance!

GFWC Florida Arts and Crafts Competition

Club members are invited to show off their artistic talents by submitting original pieces in many categories such, as recyclable material, quilting, all types of painting, cross stitch and so much more. Entries are judged at the club level where they compete for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention ribbons. 1st place winners move on to compete at the district level, and the top entries then move on to compete at the state level. Coco Plum will be having our Art Contest at our **February meeting**. So your art **MUST** be

completed by December 31 in order to enter it in the competition. See Donna for more information or log in to the GFWC Florida website below for more information: [GFWC Florida website](#)

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - 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.

Chairman, Carol Nobles



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - This project reminds 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. The 4 "broad strokes" of this effect include: Citizenship; Crime Prevention, Safety and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry and Homeless; and our Military Personnel and Veterans.

Chairman, Pat Rivas



THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Once again our ladies came through with generous donations for our Thanksgiving baskets. We delivered eight baskets and each basket had a \$25.00 gift card from Publix.

Mr. James McGant runs the South Miami Community Center. He identified eight families in need and went with us to deliver them.

Thanks so much for giving as you did. I hope you had a happy and healthy

Pat Rivas
Chairperson, Civic Engagement and Outreach

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day Salute

Anita, Jena attended a Veteran's Day Salute at the new City of South Miami Veteran's Park. Donna pedaled by on her way for a bike ride. In attendance were Florida House of Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera, State Senator Ileana Gracia and many Veteran's. The City of South Miami Police Chief, Officers, City of South Miami Mayor and some of the Commissioners and one of the local Brownie Troop. Nice tribute as the American Flag and the POW flag were risen.



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 CSP aims to



explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Chairman, Sara Warren

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sara, Donna and Sue represented Coco Plum Woman's Club and walked to End Alzheimer's!



District 11 meeting at Coco Plum

Coco Plum hosted the District 11 luncheon on November 9th. Many Coco Plum members and most of the clubs in District 11 attended. Also from the State Executive Committee was President Dianne Foerster, Corresponding Secretary Candy Jackson and Finance Officer Anita Jenkins.



CONGRATULATIONS to Virginia Yermoli, from Coconut Grove Woman's Club, who was elected as the new District 11 Director!.



NOVEMBER 10 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON

Thank you Annie for your beautiful
cornucopias centerpiece.



Mark your calendar and join in on the
Monthly Webinar!
Register in the Members Center of
gfwcflorida.org

GFWC Florida Monthly Webinar Series

2021-2022

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. ET

Register in the Member Center on gfwcflorida.org



CSPs - Hear from Top 10 & Creativity Award winner clubs

- *Sept. 4 - Health & Wellness and Environment*
- *Oct. 2 - Education & Libraries and ESO*
- *Oct. 30 - Arts & Culture and Civic Engagement & Outreach*

Dec. 4 - Membership & Retention: Terry Reese & Christa Nuckols

- *How to engage and retain members in today's world*

Jan. 8 - Communications & Technology: Laura Connelly

- *Google Drive & GFWC Florida Member Center*

Feb. 5 - GFWC and GFWC Florida: Dianne Foerster & others

- *Structure, resources, benefits of being federated*

March 8 - Grants: Elayne Bassinger and Kay Taylor

- *How to identify grant opportunities and write grants*

April 2 - Clubhouses: Candi Aubin

- *How to generate revenue and stay financially solvent*

January 20, 2022 - Card & Game Party

(Chaired by Sally Perlman)

April 2, 2022 - Brunch and Broadway

(Chaired by Carol Nobles, Barbara Wexler and Charlene Feldner)



Calendar Events

12/8: General Membership Meeting

1/12: General Membership Meeting



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

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