

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



What's Happening in December!



President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**TEDDY BEARS for COPS FOR KIDS!
TEDDY BEARS**

NEED BY DECEMBER 8th!

Please bring them NOW to the boardroom no later than
December 8th!

**DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE DECEMBER
MEETING, IT WILL BE TOO LATE!**



**GFWC Coco Plum
Woman's Club
is helping**

Cops For Kids

*We are collecting Teddy Bears
Please bring them to the
Boardroom*

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY Dec. 8

JOIN US FOR OUR

Our annual Holiday Party

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US

17
DECEMBER

AT 5:00 PM
1375 SUNSET DR.
CORAL GABLES, FL 33143

COST \$25 PER PERSON

RSVP SUE NICHOLS
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December Birthdays

Norma C.	1st
Betty Sue S.	7th
Jeanne S.	10th
Peggy V.	19th



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.

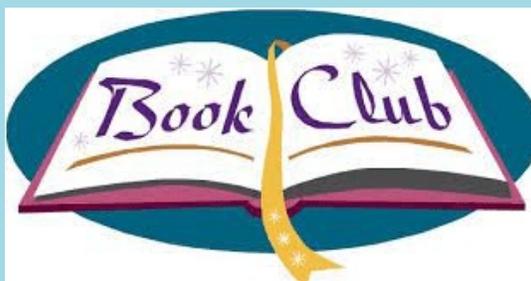
Chairmen, Charlene Feldner and Barbara Wexler



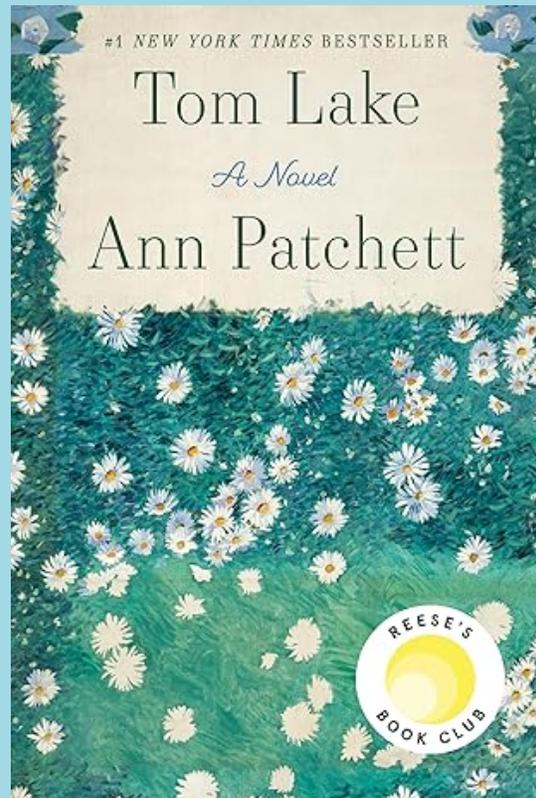
Book Crates for Kids



NEEDED ARE CHILDREN'S SMALL GAMES
THAT FIT IN CRATES.
CHILDRENS CARD GAMES
OLD MAID - UNO - GO FISH
Bring to the boardroom no later than Dec 8th.



Our next Book Club meeting is
Tuesday, January 19, 12:30 pm
in the Boardroom. The book we
choose is Tom Lake by Ann Patchett.
BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
some do, some don't.



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

Thank you Barbara Moller, Norma Cooper, Yoli Woodbridge, for coming to the Opera Cavalleria Rusticana at the Moss Center.



Founder & Artistic Director: Raffaele Cardone

PRESENTS:

Cavalleria Rusticana and *Suor Angelica*
Lyric Drama in One Act
Music by Pietro Mascagni



MLO CHORUS & ORCHESTRA
Chorusmaster: Pablo Hernandez
Conductors: Beverly Coulter and Leo Walz
General and Artistic Director: Raffaele Cardone

November 4
SATURDAY 8PM

&

November 5
SUNDAY 4PM



THE MOSS CENTER
DANIEL & MARIO CUBA TRUMP, ARTS CENTER

December 8

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

For the holidays, we will be making small flower arrangements to take to Perdue Nursing Home.

If you have any small vases you would like to donate please bring them.

Contact Sue N. If you have any questions call 305-488-4663



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!**

TOP 5 LITTLE-KNOWN REASONS WHY THE RICHMOND PINE ROCKLANDS ARE SPECIAL

Before greater numbers of people settled in what now is Miami-Dade County in the late 1800s-early 1900s, approximately 160,000 acres were covered by native jack/yellow pines which grew, for the most part, on the higher portions of what locally we know as the Miami Rock Ridge or Cutler Ridge along our eastern ocean shoreline. Since the higher elevations, however slight, were, of course, favored for development, presently only 5% of the once vast pine rocklands remain in small patches here and there.

One of the largest remaining bits near Zoo Miami, Richmond pine rocklands, has become the last refuge for our endangered native birds, butterflies, moths, spiders, beetles, snakes, and a burrowing land tortoise.

Lately, this small, remaining vestige of Miami-Dade's Rocklands, which provides a last toehold of survival for our native species, has been proposed as the site for an amusement park. So far, Miami-Dade's Commissioners have tabled this proposal, but if past history has taught us anything, we can be assured the development company making the proposal will be back.

Be aware of the cost to our environment in the loss of native species if such development is allowed.

1. The Richmond tract contains the world's populations of three federally endangered plant species: Brickell Bush, Deltoid Spurge, and Tiny Polygala. Learn more about these species in the Richmond Management Plan (p.20).
2. The Richmond tract is the only place in Miami-Dade where you might see an Eastern towhee - a pretty bird with a distinctive trill. Learn more at "All About Birds" (Cornell bird lab).
3. Richmond is a hotspot for two rare native snakes: the Eastern coachwhip and the Rim rock crowned snake. Learn more at the Florida Museum of Natural History online site.
4. Richmond is a hotspot of invertebrate diversity, with many rare species extremely difficult or impossible to find elsewhere in South Florida. Among these are the Apache jumping spider, Bartram's scrub hairstreak butterfly, Florida leafwing butterfly, and the Punctured tiger beetle. Learn more online.
5. Richmond is where the temperate and the tropical growing conditions converge. It's both the southern-most and the northern-most known populations of numerous native plant species. This is part of the reason that the Richmond pine rocklands are so biodiverse as they are located in a transition growing zone caused by varied soil composition and temperature fluctuations. Watch the news to learn more regarding land management plans for this invaluable rockland habitat.

SAVING THIS PATCH OF PINE ROCKLAND IS IMPORTANT!

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



**Caballero Rivero Palms
Woodlawn Funeral Home and
Cemetery, 27100 Old Dixie Hwy,
Naranja, FL 33032
Ceremony begins at 12 noon,
followed by laying the wreaths.
Lunch at Shiver BBQ
(if you wish to join).**

Ladies from GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club welcomed the Honor Flight and met up with Carol Renick and friends from GFWC Palm Beach Woman's Club.



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

NEW DATE!

Miami | alz.org/MiamiWalk

12.16.23
Save the Date

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Time:
Event Begins at 8am
Ceremony at 9am
Walk at 9:30am

FIU - Riccardo Silva Stadium
Miami, FL
[Map it](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Walk to End Alzheimer's Dec 16 at FIU Riccardo Silva Stadium
Contact Carol Nobles for more information**



CAMP BOGGY CREEK has an urgent need for 2024



- Colorful twin bed set - fitted sheet, flat sheet and pillowcase set! (No comforters please)
- Kid friendly
- Boy and girl style or just fun patterns

PLEASE, NO SOLID WHITE SETS, the kids see them in the hospitals.

Please bring them anytime to the board room and I will get them to Camp Boggy Creek.

~ Thank you, Jena

Harvest Moon Jazz Concert Photos





Calendar Events

- 12/8: Board Meeting - 10AM
- 12/8: Last day to bring Teddy Bears to the boardroom
- 12/13: General Membership Meeting
- 12/16: Alzheimer's Walk
- 12/16: Wreaths Across America
- 12/17: Coco Plum Holiday Party

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

[Click to CALENDAR](#)

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and

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