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



What's Happening in February!



President's Message

Dear Coco Plum Friends

On February 14, 2024 we will be celebrating our 112th year of community service. From a humble beginning of the first meeting of eight pioneer women in the home of one of the members to our meetings today in our historical club house, we truly have come a long way.

Our history is rich in accomplishments. Take the time to learn about your club's achievements over the last 112 years. Be a part of history by being an active member. By working together and doing the work that truly matters, we build strong relationships.During the month of February, 2024, we will begin the process of the election of officers. Please refer to Article V of the By Laws for any questions you may have.

Take this opportunity to consider a leadership role within your club. New leadership can help the club to refocus.

With change comes new opportunities.

Carol Nobles President

February Birthdays



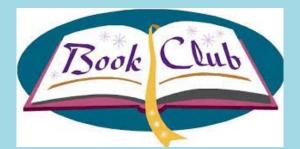
HAPPY 112th BIRTHDAY GFWC COCO PLUM WOMANS CLUB FEBRUARY 14, 1912



EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNTIY 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



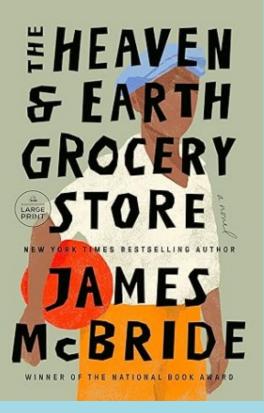
Our Book Club will be meeting in the Board Room on Tuesday March 5 at 12:30. Our selection this month will be



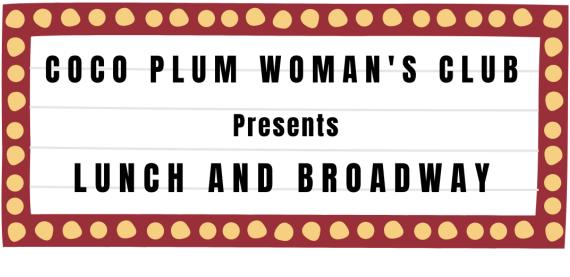
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

This book has appeared on countless lists as a must read for 2023 and continues on in 2024. We are sure the discussion will be very interesting. Please join us, BYOL (bring your own lunch) if you wish. Coffee and water are always available.





Our Second Little Free Library has been generously donated and will be painted by Joyce Windhorst. This Little Free Library will be placed in Van Smith Park 7800 SW 59th Ave, South Miami, FL 33143



Save the date Wednesday April, 24 2024



GFWC COCO PLUM WOMAN'S CLUB IS A 501(C)3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. Proceeds from this event will benefit the education & libraries committee - Max gruver scholarship

ARTS and CULTURE COMMUMITIY 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



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!

World Water Day is March 22, 2024.

GFWC Florida will be buying water purification tablets for people with water insecurity. A box of tablets costs \$40.00 and will purify 10,000 gallons. The goal is to donate 1 million gallons of clean water to people in need. The Environment Committee will decide on a method of fundraising to contribute to the purchase

of water tablets.



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 are starting to collect items for patients at the VA Hospital. I will have a basket on the table by the front door so you can put your donations in when you check in for our monthly meetings. Travel or full-size items are acceptable. Women Veterans are often forgotten; please provide items suited for females also. Below are some of the items needed most: Shampoo & conditioner, combs & brushes, soap & shower gel, body lotion, razors & shaving cream, deodorant, ChapStick/lip balm, feminine hygiene products, facial moisturizer/lotion, socks, etc.

They also enjoy receiving magazines, books, puzzles, cards. Anything that might make a hospital stay more tolerable. If you can't get out to shop, you can donate money and I will buy the items.

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



Wishing you all a Happy New Year! Sara and I were finally able to do the Alzheimer's Walk on January 14 at FIU. It was a smaller event, but it was fun! Looking forward to next year. Take care and stay safe and well.





Max Gruver Walk Saturday, March 2 at the Baptist Hospital Palivillon at 8:30am

Max is the grandson of club member Charlene Feldner. Coco Plum member walk in solidarity and in memory of Max with Charlene. Anyone is welcome to join, or just hang out in the pavilion. Come join us. We always have a lot of fun!

For more information about the Foundation click below Max Gruver Foundation

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club held a very successful Harvest Moon Jazz Fundraiser. A check for \$8,100 was presented to Patches PPEC. They provide up to 12 hours of nursing care for children ages birth to 21 Monday-Friday. The drawings on the wall in the photo were drawn by some of the children.



Festival of Tables





































Sunshine Committee

Remember those that are sick, healing or need help. If you know of anyone who is sick or needs help, please let me know. Anita Jenkins





Donna F. - leg ligament sprain Liz L. - Recovering from hip replacement

thinking of you!

Ardyce Grevior Past President 1998-2000

passed away peacefully. There will be a memorial service on March 15, at 11:00 am at Coco Plum Woman's Club in the Card Room. For more information please contact Heike Leibkuchler.





Calendar Events

2/14: General Membership Meeting (Art Show)
3/5: Book Club: 12:30pm
3/13: General Membership Meeting
4/10: General Membership Meeting
4/24: Lunch anad Broadway -SAVE THE DATE

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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