

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc.

July 2020 Newsletter



What's Happening in July!!



President's Message

Happy summer. It's going to be a long hot summer and it seems we will continue to be in isolation (or should be) for some time as COVID-19 is on the rise again. Since travel is not in the cards, we should think of activities we can continue and stay safe during the summer and into the Fall if necessary. We will air on the side of caution in planning events.

We are continuing a few community activities with masks and limited contact. Jena, Anita and I delivered five 21 lb. food boxes to three group homes for her special Olympics participants, Donna Falana delivered books

and colored pencils to Perdue Nursing Home, Sara Warren delivered clothes and miscellaneous items to "One More Child" and Anita made scarves, hats and cowls for Christmas at Sea and masks for hospitals and doctors. Thanks for continuing community service.

The club finances are good for now as we received a donation from the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs which is being dissolved. Funds were distributed to those clubs in District 11 which are designated a 501c3. Our club was given clearance to reopen and a wedding was scheduled for July 11th but now this has been rescinded and our clubhouse is closed again. What a disappointment as Rosie worked so hard to follow the safety guidelines. During the summer, we are doing some upkeep to the clubhouse and lawn. Jena, Joyce & I laid sod with Fernando and Caesar and the men spread marble chips in the back where we pull in to cover the mud holes. It looks fabulous and the grass is growing nicely.

See our articles on our next activity for Team Trivia and our next community project for school supplies for "One More Child". Stay safe and stay well until we see each other again.

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July Birthday Celebration!

Pat S.

Evangeline M.

Nadine L.

Donna L.

Julie C.



Coco Plum was decorated for the 4th of July!



Bone up on GFWC History, Coco Plum and US History and join us for Team Trivia

We will do this on a **Zoom call on Thursday, July 23 at 7 PM** with a glass of wine or your favorite beverage. Sign up on either a Red Team or Blue Team (that means you need to wear a red shirt or a blue shirt) to participate.

Jena will send a Zoom call email to those who reply that they want to participate.

The winning team will receive a home baked surprise with the losing team helping me to bake. RSVP by July 21st so Jena can send out the Zoom call.

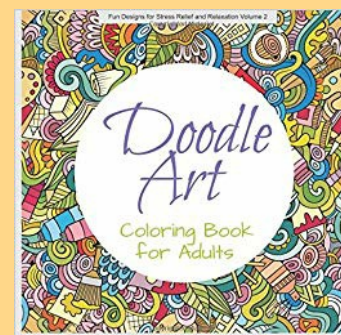
GFWC FLORIDA PRESIDENT'S PROJECT



Our emphasis will be on all special needs from Autism, Alzheimer's, Arts for All, Special Olympics, Cancer Patients, Rescue Animals, Scholarships, Diabetes, Heart Health, Transplant Programs, Disabled Veterans both physically and mentally, help for our First Responder's or any special need that calls out to our community.

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.



Donna Falana delivered coloring books and colored pencils to Perdue Nursing

Home. The patients really enjoy them. Thanks to everyone for donating.

Evelyn Chesney, Committee Chairman

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.

We would like to start collecting more adult and children's books. Also children's games and puzzles. Our project this year is to purchase a "Little Free Library" and put one or more around Miami Dade County. The cost of them vary between \$300-\$500. Members can also make a donation towards the purchase of these libraries. Donations can be mailed to Joyce Windorst. See below examples of the libraries. We can make, color and decorate what ever way want to!

Thank you again for all you do!

Committee Chairmen, Charlene Feldner and Barbara Wexler



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.



As you all are aware this is an important election year. Let's not forget women fought for us to have this right. Miami Dade County has mailed all residents a form for you to return, requesting a mail in ballot. If you do not receive this mailing there are two other options for you to use. Go online to www.iamelectionready.org and select "Vote By Mail" or by calling the Vote by Mail Section at 305-499-8444.

Should you request a mail in ballot and decide you want to vote in person you can. You simply take your mail in ballot with you to the poll where they will revoke it. Should you have any questions or concerns or if I can help you in any way please let me know.

Committee Chairman, Pat Rivas

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.



Committee Chairman, Carol Nobles

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.

"One More Child" was formally known as Florida Baptist Children's Home. Their campus is at 7748 SW 95th Terr. They serve children and families through their campus care, anti-trafficking efforts, single moms' program, and family support service and more.

We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for the children at "One More Child" this summer. If you prefer to donate to "One More Child" for supplies rather than buying supplies yourself, we will buy backpacks and school supplies and make the kits. Just mark "One More Child" on your check payable to GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club and mail to Joyce Windhorst. Remember we are a 501c3 and your donation to Coco Plum is a tax-deductible donation. If you decide to buy supplies yourself, please leave them in the craft room by August 4th.

Committee Chairman, Sara Warren

Signature Program - Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



Overview of this Program - The goal is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against women in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

Anita made 13 hats, 10 scarves and 8 cowls and mailed them to The Seaman's Church Institute for "Christmas at Sea"" Way to Go Anita!! "

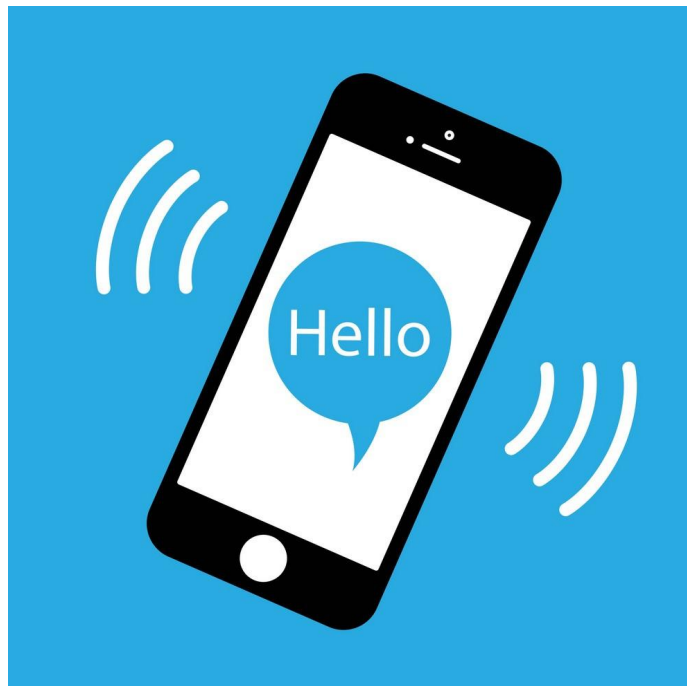
June 25, 2020

Dear Anita,
To you and all the wonderful members of the GFWC Coco Plum Women's Club, thank you so much for the 13 hats, 10 scarves and 8 cowls, which arrived in 2 boxes. We love your work and be featuring your knits on our July 22 Facebook post. The world depends on mariners, mariners depend on SCI and we depend on you.
With gratitude, Joanne



Christmas at Sea
The Seamen's Church Institute
118 Export Street • Port Newark, NJ 07114

seamenschurch.org/cas



The TELEPHONE COMMITTEE is being organized for the 2020-2021 year. A few callers are still needed for this year! Even though we are not currently having general membership luncheon meetings, we still need to have this committee ready to make phone calls when the President requests our committee to make calls!!

When we do get back to having luncheon meetings, we always need to have

an accurate count of members who will be attending. This information we get is important; the calling is not very time-consuming and frankly, it is nice to talk to members! Some members prefer to be texted and sometimes a voice message can be left.

So, if you would be able to help out, would you give me a call?

I am Margo Natsui and my one and only number is 305-335-6068. I can also be texted – or leave me a voice message and I will return your call.



Do you shop Amazon.com? We have great news for you! If you would, like many clubs do, select our club GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club as your charity while shopping on Amazon!

There are 2 changes you must do: 1. You need to lock in GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club as your charity. 2. ONLY SHOP from smile.amazon.com You can bookmark that on your phone/iPad or desk top computer.

I know what you are thinking, "So if I go to smile.amazon.com and shop the price of the product I am buying, is it going to be more expensive?" That is FALSE!! You must use smile.amazon.com to funnel a small portion from Amazon Smile Charity to GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club after completing your purchase.

If you need help call Jena 305-794-0996 and she will walk you through the process.



Calendar Events

9/25 - 9/27 - GFWC Florida Fall Board of Board of Directors Weekend - Orlando

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

CALENDAR

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