

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc.

June 2020 Newsletter



What's Happening in June!



President's Message

This is a very unusual time for which most of us have never experienced before. Dealing with the CoronaVirus and staying home with physical isolation is not what we are used to.

Belonging to GFWC Coco Plum probably means we enjoy social interaction and being with friends. This does not mean we need to have social isolation as we can keep in touch via Facebook, telephone calls, e-mails or a card "thinking of you".

We might even be able to have small group gatherings if we stay 6 feet apart with masks this summer.

Although the initiation of the officers will be delayed until sometime in

the Fall, the new Board will be working on projects we can work on while we experience physical distancing during the summer.

Zoom calls have become a popular source of communication which we will try for the Board. We have some ideas planned which will be shared in this newsletter.

I am happy to be your President and will count on all of you to actively participate as I need all your help. Hopefully we can get together this Fall at least by October but we will need to wait and see.

Call me anytime with your ideas and suggestions.

In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe and stay home.

I miss you all.

Sue



Thank you, Thank You, Thank you Anita!!
What a wonderful President you were during your
4 years of service.

You kept us on the path and encouraged us
to be active members.

Your participation in all aspects of the club and social function was
amazing.

We will truly miss your leadership. On to more responsibility in
your new role as

GFWC Florida Finance Officer

You are the best!!!!

We also want to recognize other club members who made a
commitment to work on GFWC State Committees:

Jena Staly is a member of the Arts & Crafts Competition Committee. Carol Renick, our non-resident member, is a member of the Juniorette Advisory Committee and the Leadership Committee.

Carol's daughter, **Stephanie Vasbinder**, is the alternative LEADS winner this year and the current Advisor for the Jupiter/Tequesta Juniorette Club of which Carol's granddaughter is a member. The Juniorette Club has grown to 25 members under Stephanie's leadership.

Congratulations to you all!



Dues are due
before June 15,
Please mail
your dues to
Joyce

June Birthday Celebration!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlene F.
Carol R.
Joyce W.
Ann R.
Barbara W.
Pat S.

JUNE

THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program focuses on both
literacy and life-long learning
in the community.



The education committee is happy to present to you the recipient of our first GFWC Coco Plum Education Scholarship in honor of Max Gruver. This award will be presented annually at our May luncheon to an exceptional female senior from Coral Gables High School.

We chose to honor Max, who was the grandson of Charlene Feldner, because he lost his life during a hazing incident his first month of college. The education committee, along with the Max Gruver Foundation is hoping to raise awareness of the dangers of hazing and teach the importance of looking out for each other and the need to step in when a situation appears to be getting out of control.

The Education Committee participated with the Rotary Club of Coral Gables in our search for a role model for academic leadership and community service excellence. After careful vetting, we were happy to choose Isabella Gonzalez – Lansing who will be attending the University of Florida. A \$1000.00 scholarship check was sent to the University of Florida Financial Office for Isabella to use toward fees as needed. A proof of enrollment was supplied before we sent the check. All of us at GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club offer our congratulations to Isabella as she begins her journey as a Florida Gator!

Thank you,

Charlene and Barbara, Co-Chairman

THE ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

We can't have enough **Doodle Art Coloring Books for adults and colored pencils!!** We made so many men and woman happy when they received their books and pencils we want to continue!!!!

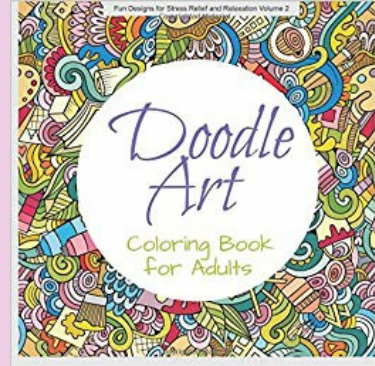
When I can, I'll be taking the Zen coloring books and colored pencils that were collected to Perdue Nursing Home. Not sure when that will be.

I'm hoping we can continue collecting Zen coloring books and puzzle books in our next club year, as they appreciate everything.



Thanks to everyone for donating.

Donna Falana, Chairman



Signature Program - Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

As soon as Florida reopens, I will try to reschedule our tour of the facility. I will let you all know. In the meantime, please be safe and healthy.

Sara Warren, Chairman



International Outreach Community Service Program and President's Project

OPERATION SMILE

A BIG thank you to every one who brought items for OPERATION SMILE

Donna Falana and I have made about 30 SMILE BAGS and will mail to Operation Smile.

International Outreach Committee
Chairman, Margaret Sarafoglu



THE HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Home Life Committee is designed to inform members of

issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

We are working on some new ideas, please stay tuned for future activities. Be safe, wash your hands and stay indoors.



Club members honoring Arbor Day & Earth Day Way to go Carol Nobles and Joyce Windhorst!



Carol is planting a Jacaranda tree for Earth Day!



Joyce is planting a Florida Dahoon Holly Tree. It's a native tree that attracts birds.

State Awards from GFWC Florida FIRST AWARD

Anita entered a short story in the Short Story category for GFWC Florida for Coco Plum Woman's Club. It won First Place.

Below is the story.

HUDSON'S MOON

On the bank of the River Nile in Egypt lived a little boy named

Akmed. Akmed lived in a village with his mother, father and little brother, Omar. Akmed loved to fish with his father on the river and to play with his friends in his village. He would wait every day outside his house at night to see the moon come up. He often wondered if there were any other little boys in the world that looked at his moon. On the other side of the earth lived a little boy named Hudson. Hudson lived in Florida, in the country with his mother, father, little brother, his horses, dogs and cats. He loved to fish with his father and play with his dogs, cats and his little brother Logan. He loved to see the moon and stars. Every night he would go outside his house and look for the moon. He would wait each night for the moon to come out Some nights he could not see the moon because there were clouds covering the moon, but when he did see the moon he would wonder if there were other little boys looking at the moon. All around the world at night little boys and girls look up at the moon and wonder if everyone could see the wonder of it and if other children around the world looked at the moon The moon is God's flashlight at night for all to see and to know that there is someone looking over us always.

The SECOND AWARD was for Junior's Special Program.

We entered our Halloween event "Safe Streets". We told about Safe Streets and how our club along with the South Miami Police Department and other organizations give the children of our community a safe way to enjoy Halloween and collect candy and other gifts. We told how many glow bracelets, sunglasses and candy were given out and approximately how many people attended. We also entered our event "Cops for Kids". Telling how we collected over 250 teddy bears and toys for Cops for Kids to give out at Christmas to homeless families. Many of the teddy bears are given to Miami Dade County Police officers to carry in the patrol cars to give to children the officers encounter due to auto accidents, homeless and children that are removed due to abuse. We can not express enough, the impact this program does for the community. Thank you, all members and friends that contributed to these events.



Club Update

Although we are not currently holding events at the Clubhouse, our caretakers and house committee under Jena's supervision are currently working on various maintenance projects for the building and grounds. Jena Staly, our House Chairman, and her committee have also been busy addressing compliance issues with COVID-19.

We are still financially strong, although we are not holding weddings currently. **On a positive note:** We hope to have our first wedding in August. All the weddings that were scheduled during the quarantine have not been cancelled, just postponed, and waiting to be rescheduled when CDC, State and local government permit events to commence.

The Board is currently addressing issues with Zoom calls. We voted to give Feeding South Florida \$1,000 as they are providing food for the numerous families who have a desperate need. Interesting fact: \$1 dollar from us is the equivalent of \$7 dollars to them as they can buy in bulk.

If you have any questions or want to talk, you can call any member of the board.

We hope you are all social distancing, wearing masks and staying home as much as possible. Stay safe, stay healthy and pray this will get better soon. We miss you all.

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit
CORONAVIRUS.GOV



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

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