

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. June 2022 Newsletter



What's Happening in June!



President's Message

In The Company of Leaders

I am looking forward to the next two years serving as your president. Thank you for your confidence and support. Together with the leadership of fellow club members, we are destined to making a meaningful impact in our communities

The GFWC State Convention was a start. The nine members attending including myself were Sue Nichols, Sara Warren, Patricia Rivas, Annie Goodrich-Sorgie, Vera Cooper, Jena Staly and Aminta Konawicz, plus Anita Jenkins representing both on the club level and state level.

The early morning starts filled with business meeting activities reminded me of the importance of having a structured process in place when conducting club business. And the value of the Parliamentarian as the advisor to the president.

Participation in the Strategic Planning session provided valuable resources, starting with the fact that forming a Strategic Plan is a long term goal. It includes a focus on internal communication to increase effectiveness, technology training and public awareness to expand our brand. And how to achieve financial stability both in the short term and the long term, plus the development of a club leadership plan through education and training.

Membership is an important component within a Strategic Plan. Providing membership with goals and focus important to them strengthens our club. That ranges from an increase in social activities, new member orientations, and direct communication to club membership to keep them informed.

We have a fun-filled, productive year ahead of us. This is our club. We can take the initiative and develop a plan to meet our goals.

While we worked during the convention, we also took time to relax and enjoy each other's company. I learned a lot of interesting fun facts. I would recommend that we take the time to learn more about each other. We have a great group of leaders. And I am looking forward to getting to know all of you.

Respectfully,
Carol Nobles
President
"Let's Plan To Make A Difference"

June
June Birthday Celebration!

Charlene F.

Pat Saunders

Carol R.

Linda S.

Joyce W.

Ann R.

Barbara W.

Margarita B.



Installation of the 2022-2024 Administration

President Carol Nobles asked Elizabeth Fisher to officiate the installation of the New Executive Board and the Directors of 2022-2024. Her theme was "Birds" (since Carol loves birds). Carol's niece sang some of Carol's favorite songs. Her voice was outstanding! We see why Carol wanted to have her sing. Many pictures were taken, please enjoy them.

Our guest speaker was Charlene Feldner, daughter Rae Ann Gruver. She spoke on behalf of the Max Gruver Foundation, which she and her husband, Stephen, created after their son died from a hazing event at LSU in 2017.

Click here for more information
[The Max Gruver Foundation](#)









**Welcome our newest member to
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
Margarita Botero**



GFWC SPRING CONVENTION - MAY, 2022

Spring Convention was very good and a lot of fun.

District 11 took home 1st place and Overall Favorite in the "Trashion" fashion show!

Anita Jenkins made the blue dress and yellow shawl out of plastic grocery bags. Linda Joseph, from Miami Woman's Club, made the yellow hat, Linda Hartwell from Coral Gables Woman's Club made the wine cork shoes and Gloria Burns and Linda Hartwell from Coral Gables Woman's Club made the wine cork purse. Virginia Yermoli, District 11 Director, from Coconut Grove Woman's Club made the flowers on the blue dress. Barbara Hassall from Hialeah Woman's Club made the tabtops necklace and earrings.



The picture directly below is Coco Plum ladies admiring Evelyn

Chesney's painting at the Arts and Crafts Exhibit at Convention.



Card Party Fundraiser

The card party was a lot of fun with all the ladies playing cards and games. The 3 ladies pictured to the right were the representatives from Patches. They were so thankful for this "fun" fundraiser. They enjoyed themselves and glad we raised money for this special place.

For more information about Patches, please click on the link below.

Patches PPEC



WREATH AT MIAMI MILITARY MUSEUM

Each item on the Missing Man Table represents the emotions and feelings reserved for those who did not come home. The ceremony symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. All Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to serve and fought for our freedom with honor.

The symbolism of the Missing Man Table: The table is round, to show our everlasting concern for our missing men.

The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.

The single red rose; displayed in a vase, reminds us of the lives of these Americans and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith while seeking answers.

The red ribbon symbolizes our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate; captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.

The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

The glass is inverted, symbolizing their inability to share a toast.

The chair is empty, the seat that remains unclaimed at the table.

In honor of Memorial Day, GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club purchased a wreath that has been hung at the Miami Military Museum above the Missing Man Table.

**A plaque has been ordered to read:
Dedicated to the Men & Women in the Military
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club
Memorial Day 2022**



**Thank you Past President
Sue Nichols**

The Board celebrated Sue's last Board meeting with a delicious cake.



MISSING NAME TAG?



Sue Nichols is placing an order for new name plates for our new members. If you have lost or misplaced your name plate, please let Sue know and she will order one for you. They are \$12 each. Contact Sue at suenichols13@aol.com



Heike Leibkuchler
is
still not feeling well.
Please keep her in your
thoughts and prayers.

thinking of you!

SUMMER TRAVEL..... STAY CONNECTED

As you travel over the summer and take pictures, feel free to share with your club sisters some of your favorite highlights of your vacation!

Email them to: jjmia65@bellsouth.net and they will get in the next monthly newsletter!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!



Calendar Events

6/25-29: GFWC Annual Convention
New Orleans, LA.

9/14: General Membership Meeting

9/23-25: GFWC Florida Fall Board of
Directors Meeting

10/20-23: GFWC Southern Region
Conference - Jekyll Island, GA

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

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