

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



What's Happening in March!



President's Message

Dear Coco Plum Friends,

While this will be my last President's Message for my term as club president, please be reminded that my message remains the same. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the membership.

To quote Walter Lippmann, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."

I am confident that the new leadership will strive to continue the work. As declared in the Coco Plum Woman's Club Mission Statement; "Making a meaningful impact in the service of others in the communities where we live and work."

And, the Coco Plum Woman's Club Vision; "Create an environment to increase membership of like minded volunteers working together to provide solutions."

We have achieved several milestones, one of which I am very proud of, the increase in

membership. We have a new roof and an upgrade to our electrical system is in progress. Our house is in good order.

I will close with a quote from Bonnie Jean Wasmund; "People will forget what you said and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Thank you Coco Plum, for the memories.

Carol Nobles

"Lets Plan To Make A Difference

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Heike L. 3/5

Pat K. 3/7

Diana M. 3/12

Liz L. 3/14

Donna F. 3/18

Rosie H. 3/26

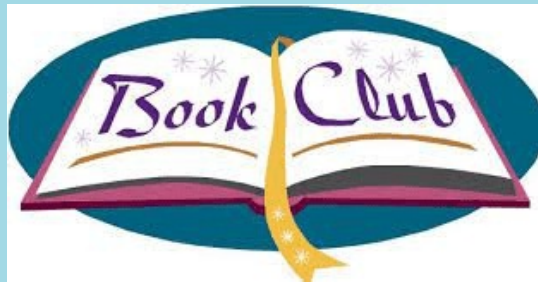


EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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



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

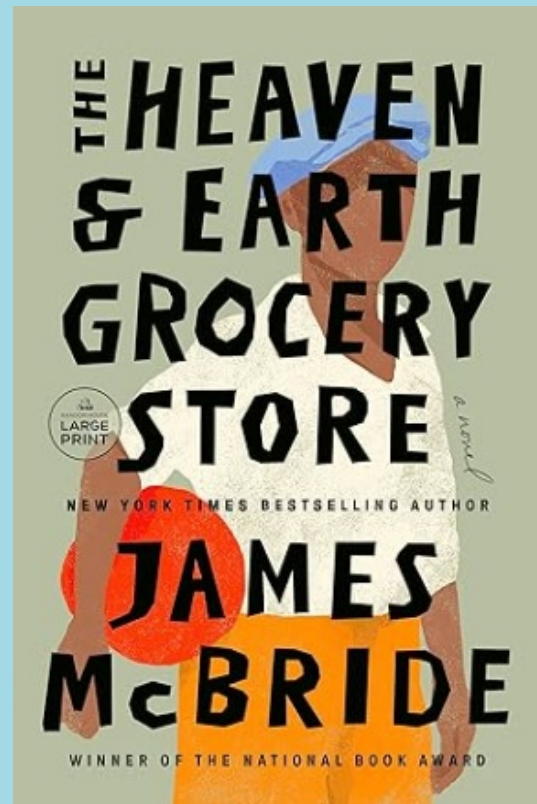
Still time to read our latest selection ***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*** by James McBride.

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.

If you are reading a good book right now, come share with us for our next selection!



We are transferring our Little Free Library to another park. Our second Little Free Library has been generously donated and will be painted by Joyce Windhorst. Location to be determined.

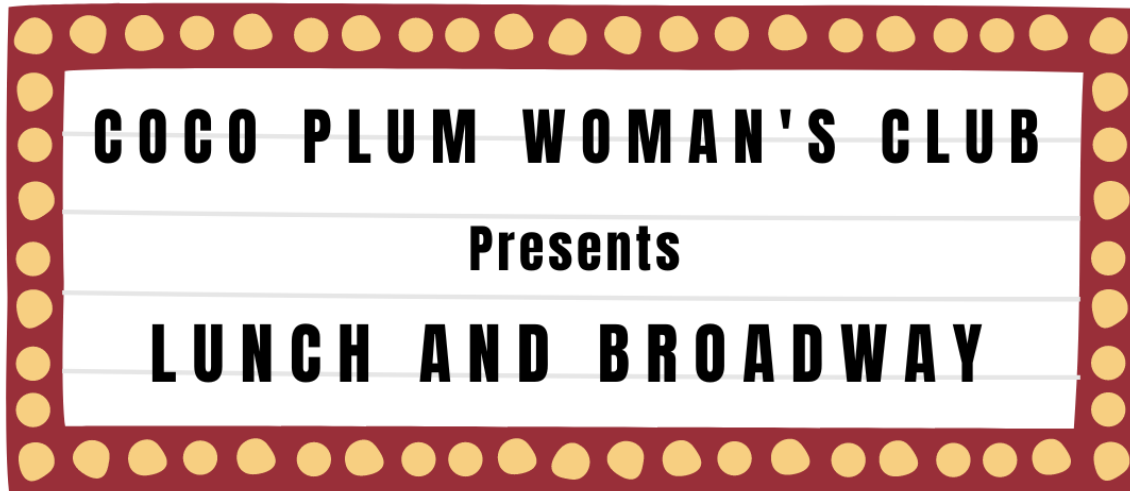
LUNCH & BROADWAY

Education and Library ladies are very excited about our fast approaching fundraiser event for our scholarship fund. Join us on Wednesday, April 24th at 11am in our beautiful clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

Ads for the program for this event are due to Jan Gordillo by April 1st. Any questions, please call Jan at 305-804-7068.

Thanks in advance for all your support!

Thanks, Barbara and Charlene



Save the date
Wednesday April, 24 2024



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PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE - MAX GRUVER SCHOLARSHIP

ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITIY 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.



We had 37 Arts and Crafts entries. Thank you to all members that entered the competition. We had 8 Blue Ribbons that will go to the District Competition, Congratulations Donna Falana, Aminta Konawicz, Betty Quinn, Kim Schain, Sandie Margoluis, Joyce Windhorst, Yolanda Woodbridge and Anita Jenkins. Good luck in our District Art Show.



Past Presidents photographed with 2-112th Birthday cakes to celebrate GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club Birthday.

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!**

We're excited to be welcoming Ron Magill of Zoo Miami as our presenter for our **March 13 meeting**. Invite your friends to the March meeting to hear Ron Magill's presentation, and remember to wear your animal prints.



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 has a fundraising activity planned at the meeting. The proceeds from the fundraiser will go to GFWC Florida for the purchase of water purification 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



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

Max is the grandson of a member, Charlene Feldner. Coco Plum members 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](#)

Membership Report

Coco Plum Woman's Club 2022-2024 administrative term is coming to a close. I am happy to report that our membership number was 55 at the beginning of the term and is now at 73, with two prospective members being presented to the Board of Directors on Friday March 1, 2024 for approval.

April is the final meeting for installing new members, before our May luncheon and Installation of officers. If you have someone that you have been thinking of proposing for membership, please submit the membership application by April 1, 2024; to ensure that the notice to members will go out in a timely manner and have time for our members to comment before presentation to the Board of Directors on April 5th, 2024. Looking forward to receiving many applications to close out 2022-2024 term with a bang by bringing in many, many new members.

Always in community service,

Annie Goodrich-Sorgie
2nd Vice President



CONGRATULATIONS!
Jena Staly was elected as District
11 Volunteer of the Year 2023



Calendar Events

- 3/1: Board meeting
- 3/2 Max Gruver Walk 8:30am
- 3/5: Book Club: 12:30pm
- 3/13: General Membership Meeting
- 4/10: General Membership Meeting
- 4/24: Lunch and 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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