

*GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc.
May 2023 Newsletter*



What's Happening in May!



President's Message

As I write this message, I am also preparing for the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs spring convention. I am grateful to represent Coco Plum as your president along with Jena Staly, 3rd Vice President, and Anita Jenkins, Parliamentarian. Jena will also participate on the state level as the President's Project Chair. Anita is the Chaplain on the state level.

For those who may be interested in attending the fall convention, as soon as the date is known, I will pass this along. Last year it took place at the end of September.

There is a lot to learn about GFWC. And, learning can be fun.

Our May, 10th meeting will be the last general membership meeting for our club year. There will be plenty for club members to participate in during our summer break. The club newsletter will help to keep everyone up to date on events planned. Share with us within our newsletter what you did during the summer. Keep in touch. And informed. Thank you Jena Staly, for producing our newsletter, come rain or shine.

I am in awe of how much we have accomplished in this club year. While there is always more to do, we can take pride in our achievements.

"The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each member." Vince Lombardi, football coach.

Enjoy your summer.

Carol Nobles
President

"Let's Plan To Make A Difference."

May Birthdays



Happy Birthday

Yolanda S. 1st
Gabi M. 15th
Evelyn C. 22th
Sara W. 29th

Welcome New Members



Elizabeth Lane



Renee Reichling



Sandie Maroluis



Mary Anderson



Sandy Oltz



Laura McNaughton

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



Carol Nobles, Barbara Wexler and Charlene Feldner had the opportunity to attend the 35th Annual Service Recognition Ceremony. In conjunction with MDCPS Title 1 Migrant Program, 64 Migrant Students were honored. We were privileged to present one of them, Emily Hernandez-Mendoza with a \$1000 Scholarship. Emily will be attending the University of South Florida in the Fall.

Our Senior from Coral Gables High School is Ana Menéndez. She will be attending the University of Florida in the Fall studying Finance.

She is receiving a \$2000 Scholarship from GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club.
Hopefully both will be able to join us on May 10.

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.

Chairman, Aminta Konawicz

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



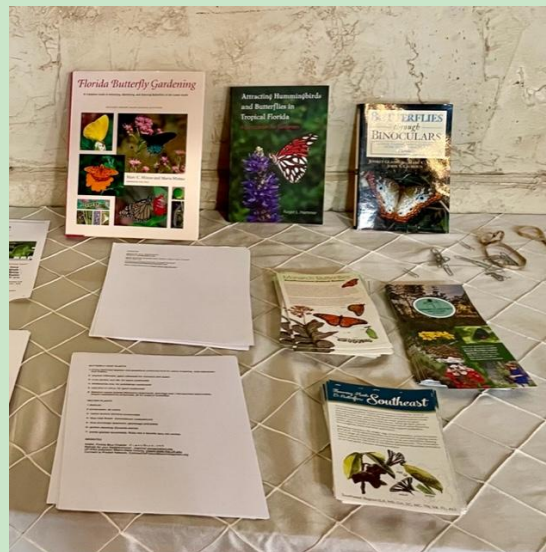
Overview of this CSP - The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative 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



We had an excellent presentation from Glenn Huberman at our April meeting. The presentation was arranged by Norma Craig. Glenn Huberman is a volunteer and instructor at Fairchild Garden. Glenn's presentation was on what to plant in our yards and gardens to attract birds and butterflies.

There will be a tour of the Doc Thomas House on May 6 at 1:00. If you are interested in going, please Email Donna Falana.



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

If you are interested in welcoming our local Heros home from their Day of Honor in DC, please contact Sara at 786-556-7650 or Anita at 305-793-9641. **We should plan on being at the Ft. Lauderdale International Airport at 7:00pm and park in the Palm**

Garage. It's recommended we wear red, white and blue and bring flags or signs of thanks for their service.



We Want You!!

COME CELEBRATE & WELCOME OUR LOCAL HEROES HOME FROM THEIR DAY OF HONOR IN DC!!

HONOR FLIGHT
ONE MORE MISSION
SOUTH FLORIDA

**★ OPERATION ★
HOMECOMING
SATURDAY MAY 6**

FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIME 8:00 PM
ARRIVE EARLY ★ ANY TIME AFTER 7:00 PM

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FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SPIRIT AIRLINES ★ TERMINAL 4 ★ DEPARTURE (UPPER) LEVEL

PARKING - PALM GARAGE
WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE!
BRING THE KIDS OUT!!
SMALL FLAGS & SIGNS OF THANKS ARE WELCOMED
BE READY FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

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WHAT NOT TO BRING: STAKES, POLES, COOLERS, BOXES OR ANYTHING THAT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR AN AIRPORT



Pictured are club donations already delivered to the Armed Forces Service Center at Miami International Airport where active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired military personnel and their families can rest while traveling.

The Center is located on Concourse E and open seven days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to work a 4 hour shift from 9 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 5 pm, contact Angel

Rodriguez,
Director at 305-409-2207

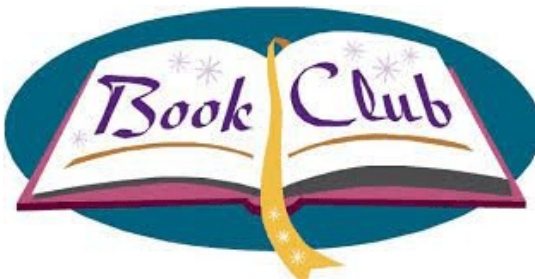


HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



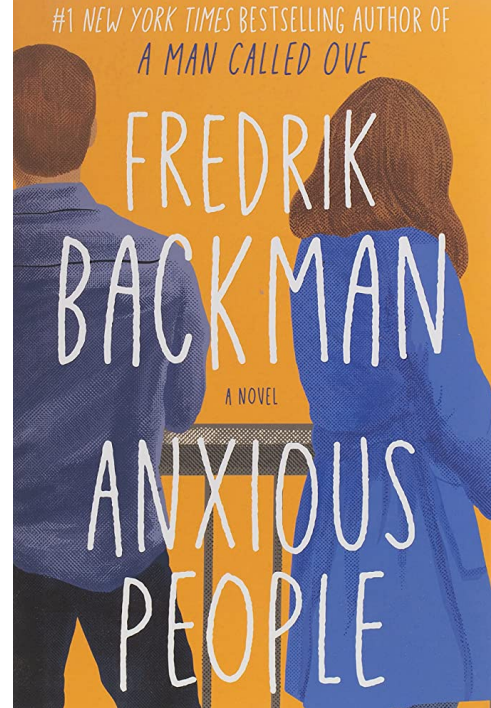
Overview of this CSP -The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Chairman, Diana Martin



The next meeting of Coco Plum's Book Club is May 9th, 12:30 in the board room. Bring your lunch if you want to

have lunch before. The book is "Anxious People", by Fredrik Backman. Come and join this fun, interesting group!



Calendar Events



- 5/5: Coco Plum Board Meeting
- 5/6: 1pm Tour Doc Thomas House
- 5/6: 7pm Honor Flight, Ft. Lauderdale Airport
- 5/9: 12:30pm Book Club Board Room
- 5/10: General Membership Meeting

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

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