

# *GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. May 2024 Newsletter*



## *What's Happening in May!*



## *President's Message*

Dear Coco Plum Members:

Your President and four other members, Anita Jenkins, Jena Staly, Aminta Konawicz and Yolanda Woodbridge just returned from the GFWC Florida Spring Convention. We had a wonderful experience attending all the meetings where many awards were given out and attended the installation of the new President. We also voted in the Election of the new State Executive Board. The President for 2024-2026 is Sara Dessureau. We also had time to meet many other club women from the State. All of us should be so proud of our Club as we received Award Certificates for our Honor Score, LEADS Graduate Certificate to Pam Ciravolo, and Category 4 Second Place for outstanding accomplishments to our Education and Libraries Community Service Program chaired by Barbara Wexler and Charlene Feldner. In

the State Art Contest, we won several ribbons. Anita Jenkins has been appointed to the State Page Committee. Appointed to the GFWC FL as Webmaster, our very own Jena Staly.

Congratulations to everyone!

Yours in Federation,

Sally Perlman, President



## **2024-2026 Officers and Directors**

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Director – Pam Ciravolo  
Director – Anita Jenkins  
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# May Birthdays

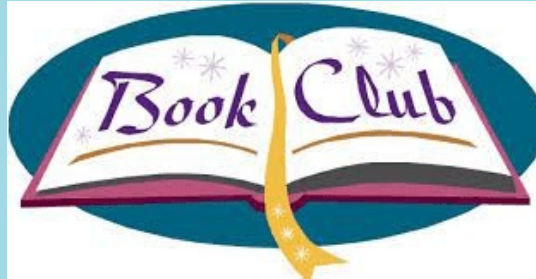


## EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**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 May 14th**. **Please note a different time - 10:30am**. We will be discussing **The First Ladies**. Everyone is welcome. We had a great crowd last month!



Photo is the Book Club members enjoying the discussion of a previous book.

## ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITIY SERVICE PROGRAM

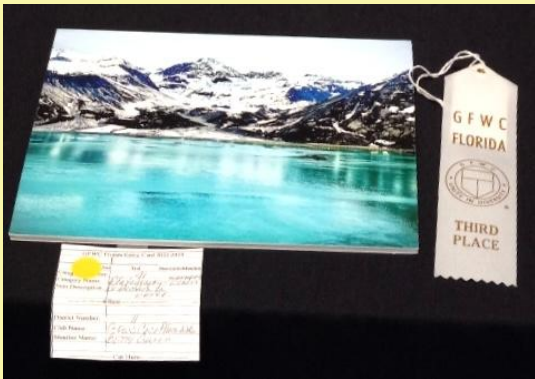
The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and

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.

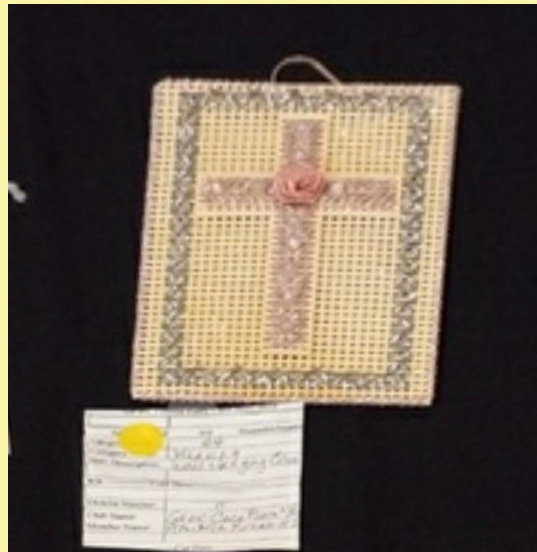
Chairman, Aminta Konawicz



### Comments from Aminta



**Photography Natural Wander:  
Reflection in Water  
Betty Quinn  
Third Place**



**Weaving: Wall Hanging Cross  
Aminta Konawicz  
Third Place**



**Painting Pastel: Coco Plum Logo  
Aminta Konawicz  
Honorable Mention**



**Beadwork Other than Jewelry:  
Santa Claus Face  
Donna Falana  
Third Place**

# 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!**

For our **September** meeting, we are asking members to donate any nice costume jewelry and purses for our "Purses and Pearls" sale. Be prepared to complete the price tag with the dollar amount you believe is fair for the item. The sale will be conducted after the speaker's presentation. We would like for the proceeds to benefit the new Zoo Miami Animal Hospital building fund.

## 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

On April 13th Sue Nichols, Kim Schain, Joyce Windhorst and I attended the Honor Flight Homecoming at Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. It was an amazing experience and I highly recommend anyone that is able to attend do so. (The next three flights this year are June 1, September 7 and October 26.) There were roughly 70 veterans on the flight with the majority of them Vietnam War vets and a few Korean War vets. It was wonderful to see so many young people acting as chaperones for the veterans and also many in the crowd welcoming them home. It was evident the veterans appreciated the crowd cheers, posters, flags and well wishes. Many had tears in their eyes. We all felt a little teary eyed especially hearing one of the Vietnam veterans say it was the best day of his life.



Thanks to the generosity of our members we were able to deliver approximately 100 bags of toiletries to Veterans at the VA Hospital. They were extremely appreciative. A special thanks to Yolanda Woodbridge for distributing the bags to the veterans.



## 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

I would like to give Marlene Guerrero a special thank you for her informative presentation on Pelvic Floor Dysfunction at our April meeting.



We can all benefit from this program.  
Knowledge is key!

Stay well and safe,  
Diana Martin, Health and Wellness  
Chairman

## Lunch and Broadway

Thank you to all our fabulous Lunch and Broadway Committee and all the guests for making this day such a success! Three Miami-Dade County students will benefit from our generosity! Way to Go Coco Plum Woman's Club.

Barbara Wexler and Charlene Feldner









## Calendar Events



5/3: Board Meeting  
5/8: 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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## **GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club Executive Board and Board of Directors 2022-2024**

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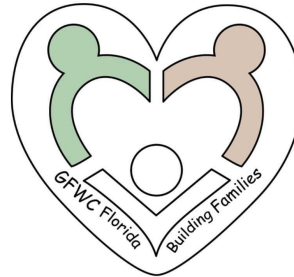
**Past President**  
Sue Nichols

## **Directors 2022-2024**

Barbara Wexler  
Charlene Feldner

Margaret Sarafoglu  
Pam Ciravolo

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