

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



What's Happening in September!



President's Message

With summer almost in the rear view mirror, and fall just around the corner, these last few months have been exciting and challenging at the same time. Thankfully, with the support and guidance of the Executive Board and fellow club members, I have learned a lot. And, I am still learning as I go about the responsibilities of a Club President.

To quote Dorothy Leeds, author, "Success is turning knowledge into positive action."

Learning about the history of our club and the historic nature of our club house architecture, has instilled in me a sense of pride. As members of Coco Plum, we have a chance to ensure that the legacy of our work, will continue.

Our club needs to grow. Not only in the number of members, we also need to grow in the way we conduct club business. Let's welcome the chance for our club not just to survive but to thrive. Change gives us new opportunities.

Coco Plum Woman's Club is a group of talented and creative members. Share your ideas. Be an involved member.

As most of you know, our club house roof needs to be replaced. We have a responsibility to ensure its structural integrity. It is a costly endeavor. We need to raise funds to cover this cost.

What can you do? To start, participate in our Club's fundraising activities. Proceeds from Ann's Annual Tea Party being held on August 31st, are to benefit the Coco Plum Restoration Fund. Invite others in the community to join us for this event. If you are unable to attend, consider a charitable donation.

A Poem for Tea

When the world is at odds
And the mind is at sea
Then cease the useless tedium
And brew a cup of tea.

There is magic in its fragrance
There is solace in its taste
And the laden moments vanish
Somehow into space.

The world becomes a lovely thing
There's beauty as you'll see
All because you briefly stopped
To brew a cup of tea.

tea-enthusiasts.com

Looking forward to a great year.

Carol Nobles
President

September Birthday Celebration!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Jeanette P.

Pat R.

Christine M.

Barbara M.

Nancy F.

Ardyce G.

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

As we start another fun year of continuing with our many projects we would like to invite members to join us. We will have a sign up sheet at our September Meeting.

We work with MDPS Title 1 after school project working with children in Homestead. We also try to work with the entire family. We again need some gently loved books for children! **Think of the book as one you would give as a gift! We need elementary age books grades 1-6!**

Our Scholarship, with the guidance of the Coral Gables Rotary Club we select a senior female from Coral Gables HS. The scholarship is presented in conjunction with the Max Gruver Foundation.

We are also in the process of re-establishing our **Book Club.**

The group will meet to discuss a book that has been decided by the group to read. If interested please let Barbara or Charlene know!

Learning something new is wonderful for all of us and strengthens our minds. Looking forward to reading, sharing and hopefully once again interacting with our little friends in Homestead.

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

Art is a wonderful way of communicating our feelings and emotions. This year we have planned many amazing Art and Culture adventures just for you.

After going to see the **Opera Carmen, Sunday, September 11, 2022** where I am performing as a Soprano, we will be full of expectations in knowing their culture in music, feelings, dancing and way of perceiving life.

With pleasure we want to invite you to join our journey to a Gypsy story.

Come and enjoy Panamanian author Rocio Vargas Herrera review her book "Echos of my Clan", a gypsy story.

Did you know that gypsies love polka dots, well they do. So, we can dress with any polka dot dress, shirt, scarf, or any similar thing on Wednesday, October 12 at our Book Review.

Let me know if you have any Poem, Drawing, Painting or story from any of your trips that will enrich our Gypsy journey and bring it to our luncheon.

SEASON
2022

Miami Lyric Opera

Founder & Artistic Director: Raffaele Cardone



PRESENTS

CARMEN

Music by Georges Bizet



SAT, SEPTEMBER 10, 8 PM

SUN, SEPTEMBER 11, 4 PM

FEATURING

CARMEN	FRANCESCA AGUADO
DON JOSÉ	PHILIP ALONGI
MICHAELA	NATHALIE AVILA
ESCAMILLO	OSCAR MARTINEZ
ZUGNIGA	MIKHAIL SMIGELSKI
MORALES	ENRIQUE ESTRADA
FRASQUITA	SAMANTHA RILING-LOPEZ
MERCEDES	ELIZABETH DIFRONZO
REMENDADO	ROLANDO VALDEZ
DANCAIRE	GABRIEL MENENDEZ
DANCERS	JOSE JUNCO AND CRISTINA MASDUEÑO

MLO ORCHESTRA & CHORUSES

CHORUSMASTER	PABLO HERNANDEZ
CONDUCTOR	JEFFREY ECKSTEIN
GENERAL DIRECTOR	RAFFAELE CARDONE

Admission \$37, \$47 • Tickets on sale at Box Office or online at
<https://smdcac.org/events/carmen-bizet>
For more information please call: 786 573 5300
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SOUTH MIAMI-DADE
CULTURAL
ARTS CENTER



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.

Chairman, Donna Falana



We will be promoting the **plastics-free initiative** founded by Billie Jean Baldwin of Coconut Grove Woman's Club. I will place flyers on the tables with information about the initiative.

We will have a speaker in **January** from **Pelican Harbor** to tell us about their facility, and what they do, and their rescued birds.

In **April** we will have a speaker from **Connect to Protect with Fairchild Garden**. See you at the tea party.

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

Our **November luncheon** meeting will be held at the **Miami Military Museum** on November 9th starting at 11:00. Our speaker will give a presentation on Women in the Military. Lunch will be provided by Panera Bread. **More details will be given later.**

During the year the Committee will participate in the following:

1. Letters to Veterans participating in the Freedom Flights thanking them for their service.
2. A Citizenship program for children sponsored by The Children's Trust.
3. Collecting items needed by 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 am excited to share with you upcoming events and meetings that promote health, awareness, education and prevention programs that sponsor meaningful activities that help to improve the quality of our lives. We will kick off our first event **September 17th for the St. Jude's Walk** in honor of childhood cancer awareness month. Need volunteers for this committee!
Looking forward to an amazing year!!



JOIN US:
Walking around Baptist Hospital Pavillon
For the Children at St. Jude
at 8:15 AM
Saturday, September 17th

Donations: CHECKS - can be made to:
GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club and brought to the
General membership meeting or mail to Joyce Windhorst.



St. Jude Walk/Run

GFWC Florida Communication & Public Relations and Technology Presents

Learn from Home!

GFWC Florida offers live & recorded webinars

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
Limited to 100**



Facebook Webinar
Wednesday, Sept 7
LIVE
7:00 pm EDT



GFWC FLORIDA WEBINARS

1st Wednesday of each month
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Eastern time

7 September
topic
FACEBOOK



5 October
topic
LEADERSHIP



2 November
topic
REPORTING



2022

Schedule

Registration

GFWC Woman's Club of Hialeah, celebrated their 100th Anniversary by having a Bunch and Installation of New Officers last Saturday, August 27, 2022. The event was at the Hialeah Park Race Track. It was a beautiful day with many clubs from District 11 celebrating with them. Congratulations for 100 years!







Please keep Linda Simpson's husband, Curtis, in your thoughts and prayers.

thinking of you!



Calendar Events

- 8/31: 13th Annual English High Tea Party
- 9/14: General Membership Meeting
- 9/17: St. Jude Walk at Baptist Hospital
- 9/23-25: GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/12: General Membership Meeting
- 10/20-23: GFWC Southern Region Conference - Jekyll Island, GA
- 10/26: Annual Fashion Show

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

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