



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – January 2023

The 100 Ladies of Deering has already had our first Coffee Sunrise at the Deering Boat Basin (1/10), Out To Dinner at Cafe Portofino (1/10), January General Meeting (1/19), as well as many Committee Meetings.

We are gearing up for two major upcoming events. Our first signature event of the calendar year, Vintage Valentine's Luncheon, will be on the Deering Estate, Wednesday, February 8. We are also beginning to plan for the Chef's Demo Tent in addition to the Bubbles by the Bay booth for the Seafood Festival.

We are also in the final countdown for an exciting new event organized by the 100 Ladies of Deering Outreach Committee – a narrated history tour of Miami from the water. Paul George, PhD, will be conducting a tour focusing on the Deering family contributions to the development of Miami and broader history of the region. This event is open to the Deering Foundation Board of Directors and guests – tickets can be purchased using this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/IslandQueenCruise> or calling the DEF office. Unique to this tour, we are offering pre-sale copies of the 100 Ladies of Deering Coffee Table Book, *Legacy* with a special signed bookmark. *Legacy* is almost in production and we expect to have copies in Miami in time for the Seafood Festival.

Finally, we have had a change to our Board. Meg Wallace is stepping down from the Vice President position, and Ann Machado has already stepped into the roll. Ann has a long history of leadership within Miami/South Florida, and we look forward to her contributions to the 100 Ladies of Deering.

Respectfully submitted,

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