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President's Message

I can't believe that my first year as president of the Coral Gables Woman's Club is almost here. It has been a very busy year for me as your Club President. I couldn't have done it without the dedication and hard work of you our wonderful members.

This past month brought many rewarding events for me. I attended the Gilded Lilies Luncheon to benefit Easter Seals with Pam Schaefer, Barbara Lapsley, Carmen Suarez and Maryanne Etkin. Pam introduced me to her friend Marilyn March who's the Director of Marketing and Events for Easter Seals. While speaking to her I found out that they are partnered with the GFWC. There are many things we can do to help them and I will be passing this on to our Home Life Chairman, Sabrina Perez-King for us to do in the future. I also attended the Coral Gables Senior and Middle School Achievement Breakfast along with Gloria Burns, Claire Frances Whitehurst and Mayra Dominguez. The Club made a \$1,000 donation to this event which honors middle and high school students for their outstanding contributions to their schools and community.



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Dates to Remember in April

April 6 - Meeting 6:30 social, 7PM meeting

April 10-16 National Crime Victims Rights Week

April 20 - Karaoke Night Fundraiser for Dental Clinic and Operation Smile! 7PM

April 24 - EASTER

April 27 - Board Meeting

April 28-May 1 - Spring Convention - Orlando

1001 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33134

President's Message Cont'd

I am looking forward to another year as your president and what the future holds for the Coral Gables Woman's Club. With the commitment and dedication of our wonderful members, I am confident that the 2011-2012 Club year will be amazing and the Coral Gables Woman's Club will bloom and grow.

In Peace, Love and Unity,

Linda



Treasurer's Report



On February 3, we transferred \$30,000.00 from the Checking account to the Money Market account, which will earn us \$1.40% per month.

As of February 28, \$64,988.30 in the Business Gold Money Market.

Thank you,

Nancy Desmangles nancy_desmangles@yahoo.com



Book Club

Barbara Lapsley - Barblaps@bellsouth.net

I think each time we get together we learn something new about each one of us. That was fun going around the room and having everyone tell their story about our years of working.

12 of us attended this time and only 5 had finished the book, some did half and hope they will continue to read "The Devil in the White City".

Our next book is "Room" by Emma Donoghue hosting will be Patti Hendon on April 18th (Monday)

The month of May will be "A Land Remembered" by Patrick D. Smith and Iris Torres-Rivera will be hosting at her house.

In June get ready for "The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty" by Anne Rice, writing as.....A.N. Roquelaure. Carmen will be hosting this so get reading! (I think we have enough to keep us all reading during the summer months). I think Carmen said this is a series so we can keep reading them.



Arts



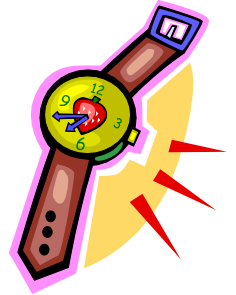
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I would like to partnership with the “American Mural Project”. The American Mural Project is a non-profit organization focused on creating the largest collaborative piece of indoor artwork in the world. The piece, when finished, will be a 3 dimensional-painting 120 feet long and five stories high-so large that a special building is being created for it! It will be made of a wide variety of materials, including honeycomb aluminum panels, fiberglass, ceramic tiles, fabric, marble, and blown glass.

The **GFWC members** can support this project by: helping spread the word about the project and **collect old non-working watches** from membership. These thousands of watches will be encased in resin and intertwined together to form a huge watch link running throughout the mural.

We will give the names of individuals who donated watches. As a Partnership Program, it is also our job to raise money for this project, therefore members are asked to send a \$1 donation along with the watch. Club members may donate more than one watch to dedicate to a fellow clubwoman or past clubwoman who may not have a watch to contribute.



Conservation Corner

Claire Frances Whitehurst - ofeliabeltran@bellsouth.net



Here are a few ways to be a great conservationist. Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full, you'll save of 1,000 gallons of water a month. Turn off water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.

On Saturday, April 9 in an effort to restore our South Florida ecology, Xavier Cortada, an artist and a friend, has developed a Mangrove Reforestation Program. We will meet at the Coral Gables Congregational Church in parking lot across from the Biltmore hotel at 8:30 am. This will be a family friendly event, ages 7-89!

Personal note: I will be writing an article about our little “Pine Tree” that I brought back from Convention. Many thanks to **Carmen Suarez** for nurturing it! *Continued pg 6*





Thank you for your support. Look for this logo!

Please continue to bring in your Box Tops for Education at any meeting for our ongoing collection to help local schools turn them into cash!



Education

Christy Saxon-Hernandez - christy0427@msn.com

On the topic of support, many teachers are registered for items they need for their classrooms on Adopt-a-classroom.org.

Some have specific desirables, but others need assistance with basics like copy paper and rewards for students, especially at this final stretch of the school year.

If interested, please go to the website and locate a classroom you'd like to help, whether it is your child's, a friend's, or a room at the school you once attended!

Please let me know if you participate in this project for reporting purposes.



Home Life

Sabrina Perez-King - Sabrina@premiumcleaners.com



In March some of our members attended the Easter Seals Luncheon at the Coral Gables Country Club. GFWC has a partnership with Easter Seals. There is a chapter here located near UM Jackson. We can go anytime and have a tour of the facilities. Easter Seals is dedicated to helping people live as independently as possible for as long as possible. Through programs such as adult day services, in-home support and services, job training etc. They make it easier for older adults to play a vital part in their communities. Over the next decade, Americans aged 65 or older are expected to number 70 million. Because of this we will see a broader demand for services to help them and Easter Seals is a great place to start.

Public Relations

Happy Spring to one and all. With St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break behind us, we look toward Passover and Easter and lots of Club activities. For me, that means lots of opportunities to spread the word on our Club's good works. Please be sure to send me photos and information on Club activities, especially those to which I cannot attend.

International Outreach

Mayra Dominguez - mayradominguez001@comcast.net



Namaste my beautiful, great ladies,

ON BEHALF OF **MITZY AND MYSELF**: The CGWC women are the greatest!!!!!! We had our International Outreach Bingo fundraiser to benefit the **Red Cross efforts in Japan** and it was a FABULOUS event. We had a Bingo party with international dishes, wine and price items donated by the Club. We had, as always, great set up and decorations by our honorary Committee member **Carmen Suarez**. There was a small turn out but we still raised over **\$200.00!**

Thank you, thank you to all who participated, donated and helped, especially **Barbara Lapsley**, YOU ROCK!!!



Public Issues-Blame it on the A-A-A-Alcohol



Mireya Kilmon - tessie13@aol.com

APRIL IS DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH, an annual public awareness campaign that encourages local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

I wanted to bring it to your attention and challenge you to be aware and challenge yourself to pledge one day a week to not drink that day. Try to find ways to manage stress better, maybe exercise or pick up the phone and call a friend.

If you know someone that has quit drinking, send them a card to congratulate them on their accomplishments this month.

While communities are faced with a number of substance abuse issues, underage drinking continues to be among the most pervasive one, with nearly 11 million underage drinkers today.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 51.6% of Americans age 12 and older had used alcohol at least once in 30 day prior to being surveyed; 23.3% had binge (5+ drinks within 2 hours); and 23.3 percent reported drinking heavily (on 5+ occasions). In the 12-17 age range, 14.6 % had consumed at least 1 drink in the 30 days prior to being surveyed; 8.8 percent had binge; and 2% drank heavily. For more information visit...

www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/townhallmeetings/ap/Map_2010.aspx



Conservation

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As a member of the CGWC I was invited to attend a Business Owner's Association of Coral Gables to attend their meeting and luncheon where they discussed the beautification of our central roadways and to see the Gardenscape of Miracle Mile. The guest speaker was Arva Parks who spoke about Conservation, Beautification and the beauty and vision of Coral Gables and the surrounding area of Dade County.

I also attended the MIMO Conference Miami Beach-conference on Miami and Mid-Century Modern Architecture and Landscaping Luncheon. Awards were presented.



Crime Watch

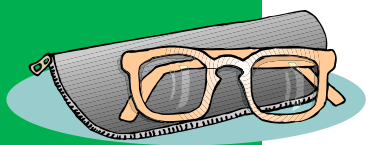
Claire Frances Whitehurst - ofeliabeltran@bellsouth.net

Representing our club, I attended the City of Coral Gables Commission meeting honoring the outstanding law enforcement officer and the outstanding parks and recreation co-director. I was also invited to the swearing in of the new chief of our city.

I also attended Miami Woman's Club program on International Woman's Day Celebration to hear guest speaker, our state District Attorney, Katherine Fernandez Rundle, who spoke on leadership and about 100 years of Woman's Power and Safety.

I also attended the Los Amigos Del Youth Center fundraiser. This is a center for the youth to go to be safe, downtown. Run by the Archdioces of Miami.

Remember...please read lasts months newsletter about home invasions. There are more and more break ins of cars because things are left visually to see. They drill a hole underneath the handle of your car and voila! It opens!



One Sight

Ana Lam - analam1@aol.com



Please remember to bring in your old eyeglasses for this great project. Ask your friends and family and where ever you get your eyeglasses from if they would like to help us help others with this wonderful program.

Casino Night

Pam Schaefer - Hapygoddes@aol.com



I want to thank each and everyone of the club members that participated in our Annual Casino Night. This was our best fundraiser yet! As of the February treasurer statement, Casino Night has **NETTED \$24,653.00!!** We are waiting for 2 more promised checks from Publix for \$2,500.00 and Baptist Health Foundation for \$1,000. So that will make our total **\$28,153!!!** For our May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic!!! YEE HAW!

Barbara Lapsley will be the new chair for next year, please mark your calendars and start asking now for March 3, 2012!!! The new theme will be

"HIGH ROLLERS TO HOLLYWOOD"!

KARAOKE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

To Benefit

MAY VAN SICKLE

CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC

&

OPERATION SMILE

Wednesday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner

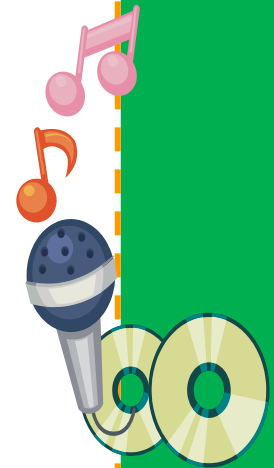
Come and Sing out to your hearts content

Each song you want to sing will be a donation of \$2.00

Songs you want others to sing \$1.00

Many thanks to Stephen Kilmon for offering us his services

RSVP to Pam Schaefer 305-667-1722 or 305-607-1722





A Wish for you...

May your skies be filled with sunshine each day your whole life through. May health and happiness be yours day-in and out anew. May each rainbow that you seek to find not be sought in vain. May God walk always by your side and light the way for you.



Our Thoughts & Prayers
Are Always with You!

Club Members

Cathy Blanton

Lou Popp

Claire Frances Whitehurst

District 11 Members

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About Coral Gables Woman's Club



Past Presidents-Barbara Lapsley, MaryScull Brown, Cathy Blanton, Dorothy Thomson, Claire Frances Whitehurst, Charo Bolanos and Pam Schaefer.

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The GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the oldest volunteer organization of women in the world.

The CGWC is a social and community service organization that represents a wide spectrum of women of all ages. In existence since 1923, the Club is comprised of professionals and homemakers from Coral Gables, South Miami, Miramar, Homestead, and North Miami.

Our common bond is a commitment to making Miami a better place to live through helping other organizations with community projects.

In 1939, the Club founded the May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic which provides free dental care for underprivileged children ages 5-18 in Miami-Dade County. We depend on grants and host an annual fundraiser to help support the clinic.

We focus on 6 other community service projects that encompass Arts, Conservation (ex: Humane Society), Education (Friends of the Library, Book Club, Mentoring), Home Life (health, finances), International Outreach (Operation Smile, Heifer International, Save the Children), Public Issues (Veterans/Military, Sew much comfort) and Domestic Violence.

We have a lot of areas to choose from. Check us out! We'd love to have you join us!

We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month.

6:30pm social, 7:00 pm meeting