



# Coral Gables Woman's Club *Coral Vine*



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## *P*RESIDENT'S *M*ESSAGE

It is the first mild day of March.  
Each minute sweeter than before . . .  
There is a blessing in the air . . .

— William Wordsworth



As you can see below, the New Slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 Year has been selected! The reason this is in this publication is because according to our by-laws (which is in your yearbooks), says that it needs to be in the Newsletter and posted 30 days in the Clubhouse before the election. We will hold our elections at the April 1st meeting.

Even though it looks like there is no opposition for any of the positions, there can be nominations taken that night from the floor. So if anyone is interested in running for **any** of the positions below, we **WILL** welcome you to do so!!!

I want to thank the nominating committee, **Nancy Desmangles, Neha Ragosti, Ana Lam, Sabrina Perez** and **Pam Schaefer** for contacting everyone to see if they were interested in pursuing any of these positions. Being on the board is a privilege and such a wonderful opportunity to learn the ins and outs of running the club and the dental clinic.

And as you can see I will still be on the board. As past president I automatically become First Director (this is the only non-elected position) and my job will be to serve as Chair of the Budget and Finance committee. That means I will prepare the proposed budgets for the club and present it to the board for approval, preside at any business meeting when necessary, be chair of the May installation meeting, perform any other duties assigned by the president of board of directors.

Let me explain the how the voting will work...

1. The election will be held on April 1st-Wednesday
2. Members **MUST** be present to vote
3. Nominations will be taken from the floor, no speeches
4. If only 1 nominee election will be made by voice
5. If more than 1 nominee in category by ballot-with Majority vote electing-if tie there will be a run-off
6. Each officer shall be elected separately.

Love you all & God Bless,  
*Charo*

## **SLATE of OFFICERS 2009-2010**

President	Pam Schaefer
1st Vice President	Linda Hartwell
2nd Vice President	Debi Wilborn
Treasurer	Nancy Desmangles
Recording Secretary	Michele Collier
Corresponding Secretary	Debra Adam
Dental Clinic Director	Iris Torres Rivera
1st Director	Charo Bolanos
2nd Director	Barbara Lapsley
3rd Director	Claire Frances Whitehurst

**Congratulations!!!**



**Nancy Desmangles**  
Treasurer  
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# TREASURER REPORT



## Treasurer report for January 2009:

We closed the Suntrust account with a balance of \$272.11. During this past year and a half, this account was used only for our credit card charges. With the new merchant, Transfirst, we will only use the Amtrust operating account for that purpose.

**The balance in the Young Stovall Money Market as of January 31,2009 is \$31,989.74; the Amtrust operating account \$16,597.33; the Amtrust Money Market \$67,425.08.**

I encourage you all to send out your donation letters, it takes a lot of money to run the dental clinic. So far our fundraising donations have been very low and we've had to return some money. **The clinic needs our effort and our help!**



**Iris Torres-Rivera**  
Dental Clinic Director  
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# DENTAL CLINIC DIRECTOR REPORT

DENTAL CLINIC REPORT 1/1/09 thru 1/31/09

PATIENTS SEEN-----68  
NEW PATIENTS-----0  
DENTAL TREATMENT RENDERED-----\$19,007.00

The Clinic welcomes Dr. Fanny Jarquin, she joined our staff in February. She will work 2 Fridays and 2 Saturdays a month.

Please bring small toys for our toy chest to give our patients after a difficult procedure.

Here are pictures of some of our kids as a reminder of why we need to go out and continue to raise the money to treat these beautiful children.



**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Third Director  
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# THIRD DIRECTOR REPORT

Welcome to March-hard to believe how time flies, have **YOU** turned in your hours to Pam?? Remember it's not just whatever you do, volunteering etc, you have to do it as a member of the CGWC. So get working and report your hours to Pam at every meeting.

## CRIME WATCH

The residents of Coral Gables have been asked to please report any problems you may have at your home or with your cars, because it's important to remember...**NO REPORT, NO CRIME! NO CRIME!**...there can be no record in bulk in problems and the City of Coral Gables, Police and Fire can do nothing without reports!!!

**Remember....Be Alert! Be Safe!!!**  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!



# ARTS CHAIRMAN REPORT

Our fine Arts Day was February 4th. I want to thank everyone for their wonderful entries!

Congratulations to all who entered and a big hand to our winners!

All 1st place winners will compete with the other winners from District 11 Clubs at the District 11 Fine Arts Luncheon on February 25th. Good Luck to All!

<u>Member</u>	<u>Category/Description</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kathy Terry	8-Jewelry-Other	1st
Gloria Burns	22-Knitting-Clothing	1st
Kathy Terry	23-Knitting other than clothing	1st
Pam Schaefer	25-Crochet-afghans,blankets,bedspreads	1st
Kathy Terry	32-Needlepoint-canvan	1st
Gloria Burns	45-Quilting	1st
Linda Hartwell	59-Holiday Ideas	1st
Mireya Kilmon	90-D Photo-Portrait	1st
Debra Adam	90-D Photo-Portrait	2nd
Debra Adam	90-35 Photo-Portrait	2nd
Carmen Suarez	91-D Photo-Natural History	1st
Sandra Rodriguez	91-D Photo-Natural History	2nd
Pam Schaefer	91-D Photo-Natural History	2nd
Debra Adam	91-35 Photo-Natural History	2nd
Mireya Kilmon	92-D Photo-Scenic	1st
Pam Schaefer	92-D Photo-Scenic	2nd
Carmen Suarez	92-D Photo-Scenic	3rd
Debra Adam	92-35 Photo-Scenic	1st
Mireya Kilmon	93-D Photo-Feature	2nd
Carmen Suarez	93-D Photo-Feature	2nd
Pam Schaefer	93-D Photo-Feature	3rd
Debra Adam	93-D Photo-Feature	2nd
Debra Adam	93-35 Photo-Feature	2nd

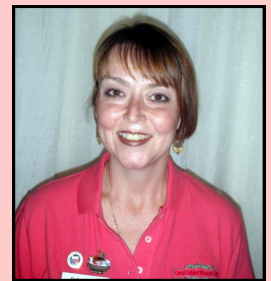


**Linda Hartwell**  
1st Vice President  
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**Acting Arts Chairman**

# EDUCATION REPORT

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

As a new Chair, reporting was a completely new and challenging experience for me! I had no idea how much work we all put into this – but I sure know that we do so voluntarily as a Club *because* our Club is SO incredibly rich with incredible, intelligent, generous and talented women (not to mention damn beautiful)! Thank you Pam for all you do – no one really knows just how much time you spend on this; and, this year you still did it even given the loss of your dear dad for which ongoing condolences are offered. Debi Wilborn, you saved me from buckling and giving into those pints of Haagen-Dazs at the nearest Publix by spending so much time with me, both on the phone (how long was that call?... ) and in person! Linda, you are an incredible reporting genius, and oh so helpful! Charo, thank you for insisting I go to the Reporting Workshop and for your help! And, Claire, thanks for being such a wonderful consultant! I'd also like to thank all of you fine women of the Club (especially my superb committee including **Diana de Armas, Mayra Dominguez, Ana Lam, Nicole Matchette, Rachel Pigott, Neha Rastogi, Pam Schaefer & Kathy Terry** for everything you do – both within our fine Club and outside along with your other endeavors! I just know we're going to win some awards this year because WE are WINNERS!



**Debra Adam**  
Education Chairman  
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**Debi Wilborn**  
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## HOME LIFE REPORT

### Giving the Gift of Sight— Collecting Old Eyeglasses/Sunglasses

Our club member **Ana Lam** is helping a friend's son with a school community service/graduation project. We all know how **precious** the **gift of sight** is, and that is why this project is an important one. I am asking our club members, along with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to collect and donate any prescription eyeglasses or prescription sunglasses to the needy.

Often we go to the eye doctor, get our new glasses and then tuck away the old ones. These old unused glasses are just perfect for those that live in areas where eyewear is not available or not affordable.

How about doing a little "spring cleaning" this March to find those, you have tucked away. Tell those you know about our "**gift of sight**" project. You will be surprised how many people would love to help. I have posed a flyer I made at the office already asking for the eyeglasses. I cannot wait to see how many we can collect!

Our member, **Kathy Terry** has already turned in 30 pairs! Thank you, Kathy! I will be collecting the eyeglasses over the next few weeks and giving them to Ana. You can continue to collect and bring in eyeglasses to our next several meetings. Thank you for your wonderful club spirit and support!

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## THERAPY DOGS

I would like to urge our doggie-owned members to consider a wonderful way to volunteer your time AND share your dog.

If your dog is at least a year old, people-friendly, dog-friendly and under reasonably good control Therapy Dogs Inc <http://therapydogs.com/> is looking for reliable and considerate volunteer teams!

You can volunteer a couple of hours every couple of weeks and make an ENORMOUS difference in a shut-in's life. Folks that don't get many visitors and/or are dog lovers thrill to receive a doggy visit. I know, I did it for over 15 years. I highly recommend it as a way for you and/or family members and friends who are community spirited to enjoy an unusual volunteering experience all around South Florida.

I can forward your requests for info or you can contact my friends directly:

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## WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

Our own **Nicole Matchette** walked on February 22nd to help find a cure for autism and to raise funds for autism research and heighten public awareness. Autism is the second most common development disorder in the United States affecting one in every 150 children born today. Despite some promising discoveries, the cause of autism is unknown and a cure does not exist. Research is crucial. Every 20 minutes another child is diagnosed with autism. Not only must we find ways to improve the quality of life for children and adults with autism, but we also must find a cure, and soon! If you can, please help make a difference in the lives of the more than 1 million Americans living with autism today. It's easy to donate! Just follow this link to Nicole's personal web page and help in the efforts to support Autism Speaks: <http://www.walknowforautism.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=285608&u=285608-242278648&e=2123846919>



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT



## BUNCO A SUCCESS!!! \$714.00 Raised for UNICEF & HEIFER INT'L

Namaste my beautiful, great ladies! On behalf of Barbara and myself, you women are the greatest!!! We had our fundraiser in conjunction with Heifer International on February 18th and it was a FABULOUS event! We had a Bunco party with an array of international dishes, wine and auction items donated by **Aminta, Ana, Andy, Barbara, Carmen, Charo, Claire-Frances, Debi, Debra, Diana, Iris, Linda, Mayra, Michele, Nancy, Neha, Pam, Sabrina and Susie**. We had, as always, great set up and decorations by **Terry Cook**. There was a wonderful turn out and quite a few non-club members participated with the possibility of some becoming members in the future! Special thanks to **Pam** for all her auction and prize items. Also to **Vicki** who quickly stepped in to help when needed. In total, we raised **\$714.00** that will go to **UNICEF's Prevention of Maternal Transmission of HIV and Heifer International**, our FFWC President's project led by our **Barbara Lapsley** for District 11. Thank you, thank you to all who participated, donated and helped. **YOU ROCK!!!**

On a slightly more somber, but exciting note, please remember that **March 22** is **Tap Project Week**. Just donate a dollar for your glass of water at any participating restaurant- or by yourself, and you will provide a child with clean drinking water for 40 days for every dollar raised.

This is a UNICEF project that started in New York City and this year will include Miami. I will be keeping you updated as we recruit restaurants to participate. If you know of any restaurants that are amenable to help the less fortunate, please let me know so I can contact them. The participating restaurants may be featured in Zagat, Opentable.com and any other press release. To find out more about this important project you may visit their website at [www.tapproject.org](http://www.tapproject.org).



**Mayra Dominguez**  
International Affairs Chairman  
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## JUNIORETTE INSTALLATION

On February 5th we installed our new Juniorette President and new members. I want to thank all who attended. It was a wonderful evening. Desserts were provided by the Juniorettes and the CGWC provided the sodas. The girls made the center-pieces that adorned their logo and motto "Juniorettes lend a helping hand." **Terri Cook** did a wonderful job of setting up the hall with Juniorette's colors of turquoise and black. Thank you, Terri. **Claire-Frances Whitehurst** gave a lovely devotional.

**Rachel Crawley** was installed as the 2008-2009 President. Her installation was postponed so her brother **Neil Crawley** who was on leave from Afghanistan could attend. **Barbara Lapsley** spoke on behalf of the club on how proud we were to be in his presence and how much we appreciate his commitment to our country and all it stands for.

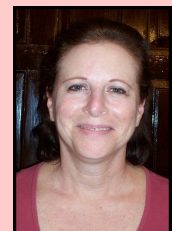
We also installed three of the five new Juniorettes, **Alexandria Cepeda, Raquel Carrasco** and **Micaela Vidrio**. Stefani Ray and Alexandra Bianco were unable to attend due to prior commitments. We welcome all our new Juniorettes to the Club.



Back Row: L-R: Pam Schaefer, Linda Hartwell, Melinda Crawley, Carmen Suarez, Alexandria Cepeda, Rachel Crawley, Neil Crawley, Micaela Vidrio, Raquel Carrasco, Claire Frances Whitehurst  
Front Row: L-R: Barbara Lapsley, Lulu, Sandy Schaefer, and Nancy Desmangles



Linda Hartwell  
Juniorette Advisor



Melinda Crawley  
Juniorette Co-Advisor



**Kathy Terry**

Public Affairs Chairman  
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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

### **CAMILLUS HOUSE FOR OUR MIAMI HOMELESS**

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, during the cold snap, Debra Adam delivered some donated, warm clothes (thank you to **Vicki McGroarty, Patty Brewer, Neha Rastogi** and herself) directly to the doors of the Camillus House Donation Center where she was greeted by those in need! The experience was overwhelming – thank you ladies!! And a huge thank you to **Debi Wilborn** who brought an unprecedented amount of clothing (2 huge bags full!) to our meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>!

**CLOTHING FOR ADULTS IS WELCOME, AND KEEP THOSE WONDERFUL SOCKS COMING!** Remember, the socks do not have to be brand new, just free of holes! As far as clothing, they're in need of used anything and everything! Debra Adam will have a special bag at each meeting for your most-appreciated donations. There are many other ways to donate to Camillus House, such as volunteering to make monthly casseroles, to serve meals or simply sending in monetary donations. For more information on Camillus House and the various ways to donate, please check out their website at [www.camillushouse.org](http://www.camillushouse.org). Or, feel free to contact Debra Adam at [debraadam@bellsouth.net](mailto:debraadam@bellsouth.net) or (305) 793-5719 for any information about Camillus House.



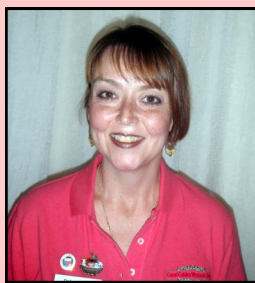
**Gloria Burns**

Publicity Chairman  
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## PUBLICITY REPORT

As always, promoting our club and the club's good works can be a full time job as members have been so generous with the time and talent. Committee Chairs, please keep me informed on the people who are assisting you in your projects so that I can give everyone the credit they deserve.

I suggest you check out [www.communitynewspapers.com](http://www.communitynewspapers.com) every week to look for mentions of our club work, especially in the South Miami News and the Coral Gables News Tribune in Gloria's Gab column. Our group shot of the ladies wearing red was recently in the paper.



**Debra Adam**

Education Chairman  
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## READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

On **March 2**, the National Education Association (NEA) is calling for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult. Even if you don't have a child at home, send or give the gift of reading!

*"The National Education Association annually sponsors Read Across America. Now in its twelfth year, the program focuses on how important it is to motivate children to read, in addition to helping them master basic skills. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss"*

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/>

## BOOK CLUB

*The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama is our current read and we are having our meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>! **Mayra Dominguez, Marianne Grunwaldt, Linda Hartwell** (thank you, Linda, for graciously offering your home!), **Mireya Kilmon, Rachel Pigott, Sandra Rocha and I** will be delving into this historically-timed book! We welcome anyone else who is interested to join in! We will be voting on the next book, which includes titles such as *The Reader, The Historian, The Tropic of Cancer* and *A Prayer for Owen Meany*. Remember that you do *not* have to be a member of the Education Committee to be in the Book Club.

# CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISING

The majority of you all know, due to the economic situation we have canceled our Casino Night, but we have NOT canceled our requirements for sending out letters for the May Van Sickle Dental Clinic. Please contact Michele Collier to get your fundraising letters and sponsor info from her. We are asking you to let her know whom you are contacting so you do not contact the same people that other members have already listed so we do not have duplications. I will be having a contest and the members who do raise the most money for our children will be rewarded. I haven't decided yet, but it will be worthwhile. So remember why you joined the club... "To Give the Gift of a Healthy Smile".

I thank you so very, very much from the bottom of my heart. I am so very sorry we cannot have our Casino Night at this time, but in the long run, it will be better for the kids, I hope. Thank you again for all of your hard work and cooperation.

## **Pam Schaefer, Ways N Means Chair**

I will have fundraising materials available at all meetings and extra functions at the clubhouse. If you cannot make it to the next meeting, but can stop by the clubhouse during a board meeting, let me know and I will have materials ready for you to pick up. I ask that you only pick up materials that you know you will need and refrain from picking up stacks of everything, because the materials are costly. Remember to follow-up your letter with a phone call sometime after the donor receives the letter. This will improve your chances of receiving a donation. Thank you for all that you do. -**Michele Collier, Fundraising Chair**



**Pam Schaefer**  
Ways N Means Chairman  
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**Michele Collier**  
Fundraising Chairman  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **MARCH**

March is Woman's History Month!- <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php>  
National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month  
National Save Your Vision Month  
National Kidney Month, National Eye Donor Month, American Red Cross Month  
National Crafts Month- <http://www.craftassoc.com/craftmonth.html>  
National Nutrition Month-<http://www.nationalnutritionmonth.org/home.asp>

March 4<sup>th</sup>                    6:30 pm Dinner (RSVP to Vicki McGroarty [vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net](mailto:vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net))  
                                  7:00 pm Meeting, Presentation of the Slate of Candidates  
March 17<sup>th</sup>                Tuesday-St. Patrick's Day-Work John Martin's Beer stands for Tips only!!!  
                                  (For Dental Clinic)  
March 18<sup>th</sup>                6:00 pm Board Meeting  
March 25<sup>th</sup>                Budget Meeting

### **APRIL**

National Kite Month, National Youth Sports Safety Month  
National Alcohol Awareness Month  
National Cancer Control Month  
National Child Abuse Prevention Month  
BSA Youth Protection Month  
National Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
National Donate Life Month (Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness)

April 1<sup>st</sup>                    6:30 pm Dinner (RSVP to Vicki McGroarty [vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net](mailto:vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net))  
                                  7:00 pm Meeting, Election of Executive Board of Directors  
                                  Speaker, Ken Trachy, from the UM Organ Donor Program  
April 15<sup>th</sup>                6:00 pm Board Meeting  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>            FFWC 2009 Spring Convention  
April 25<sup>th</sup>                Presidents Reception



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARYS

Debra Adam

March 5



MaryScull Brown

March 25



Lisa L'Esperance

March 18



HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY-  
March 17

Melinda & Randy  
Crawley

Congratulations!!!



## GET WELL CORNER



Wishing you good things, restful things, everything that helps you feel better each day

- Molly Adams
- Janet/Nat Barone
- Cathy Blanton
- Jo Burke
- Lou Popp
- Claire-Frances Whitehurst



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For learn more in about  
GFWC Florida or the GFWC  
Federation...

State Website:  
[www.gfwcflorida.org](http://www.gfwcflorida.org)

GFWC website  
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Aiii, Lassies! Let's help make St. Patrick's Day and OFFICIAL holiday! "Sign: the petition sponsored by no other than **Guinness**, the drink of St. Patrick's Day!

<http://www.proposition317.com/Gateway.aspx>

Now for the educational portion of this section...The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States! Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army. Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in other locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore, and Russia. Learn more at:

<http://www.history.com/content/stpatricksdays/history-of-the-holiday>

**UPDATE ON PROJECT L.E.A.D.** –Thank you, **Dr. Iris Torres Rivera**, for putting the discreet info tags about Project LEAD in your Dental Clinic! Next Tutor training is March 28 from 9-5:30 pm. to learn more click on <http://www.mdpls.org/services/outreach/lead.asp#1>. You can also contact Abby Myeress, the Program Manager, Melissa or Vandell at (305) 375-5323.