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Children's Dental Clinic  
founded in 1939

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# Coral Gables Woman's Club

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## President's Message

### Lucky Little Dragonflies Rising to Better the World

As my 1<sup>st</sup> year as your president comes to an end, I want to look back at all that we have accomplished over the year. Our meetings were filled with fun as well as being informative. We learned about fire safety, the environment, Autism, finance, learned how to play craps for our Casino Night, made toiletry bags for the Agape Woman's Center, Thanksgiving Baskets for our Dental Clinic Families and learned to dance salsa just to name a few things. Our participation in functions outside the meetings was also amazing as we walked for Breast Cancer and Arthritis, attended luncheons for Easter Seals, Friends of Orphans, the Fireman's Luncheon which supports Here's Help and A Safe Haven for Newborns, The Woman's Alliance Group also supporting A Safe haven for newborns and the Dade County Federation of Woman's Club Annual Fiesta Luncheon. Once again we supported Smart Ride and their theme of "music." We went as the Village People and won best Pit Stop. Our involvement didn't stop there. Eight of us attended GFWC Florida's annual fall board and ten attended their Spring Convention received the following awards.



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## Dates to Remember in June

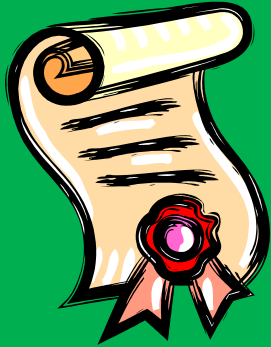


June 1 - Summer Planning Meeting—6:30 p.m. VERY IMPORTANT that ALL MEMBERS Attend

June 22 - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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# President's Message Cont'd



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Conservation-Collaboration
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Home Life – Collaboration
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Home Life – Overall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Int'l Outreach – Partnership
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Int'l Outreach - Collaboration
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Int'l Outreach – Overall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Public Issues – Partnership
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place President's Project
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Membership
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Public Relations
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Yearbooks
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fundraising
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Newsletters
- Honor Score

## DONATIONS FOR 2010-11

- \$1500** Smart Ride for AIDS
- \$1000** Arthritis Foundation
- \$1000** Firefighters to benefit  
Here's Help & A Safe Haven of Newborns
- \$1000** Coral Gables Community Friends of Education Jr/Sr Achievement  
Breakfast & the Elementary School Achievement Breakfast.
- \$790** FFWC Contributions
- \$750** Susan G. Komen
- \$500** Friends of Orphans
- \$500** Woman's Business Alliance Luncheon to benefit A Safe Haven for  
Newborns
- \$300** UNICEF
- \$250** District 11 member medical exp.
- \$200** Guided Lilies Easter Seals Luncheon
- \$200** American Cancer Society Relay of Life
- \$200** District 11 for the President's Project
- \$100** Museum of HistoryMiami
- \$750** Venetian Pool Aquatic Club
- \$500** Coral Gables Comm.Fnd.
- \$300** Operation Smile
- \$300** MVS Dental Clinic

And last but certainly not least Casino Night made over \$25,000 to benefit The May Van Sickle Dental Clinic. You ladies are truly amazing. We are those "Lucky Little Dragonflies Rising to Better the World" I look forward to another year of working, learning and having fun together as your President and friend.

In Peace, Love and Unity

*Linda*



# 2010-11 Member of the Year Award

The **Barbara Rosenthal Sherry Wheeler Award** is presented to the member that for that Club year who showed all the qualities of an excellent leader. This award started with the Coral Gables Jr. Woman's Club and was continued when they merged with the Coral Gables Woman's Club. In the past, this award has gone to many great women, many of whom have gone on to become president. Some of these wonderful recipients are still active members of the club.

**Gloria Burns 1985-86**

**Barbara Lapsley 1991-92 & 2001-02**

**Vicki McGroarty 1996-97 & 1997-98**

**Carmen Suarez 1998-99**

**Patty Brewer 1999-2000**

**Pam Schaefer 2004-05, 2007-08**

**Linda Hartwell 2006-07**

**Debi Wilborn 2008-09**

**Charo Bolanos 2009-10**

This year's 2010-2011 Barbara Rosenthal Sherry Wheeler Leadership Award went to **Mayra Dominguez**.

Mayra is **Energetic, Enthusiastic and Eager** a born leader, always stepping up to the plate for whatever we need. Her willingness to help and/or lead doesn't stop at the Coral Gables Woman's Club. At a United Way fundraiser, she helped by cooking for a food fair with an expected attendance of 300 people and helped by recruiting volunteers to participate in Special Olympics and other activities as a part of the fundraiser. As a psychotherapist, she works over 15 hours per week doing pro bono work with domestic violence victims, abused teenagers and the elderly. She also volunteers for the Dominicanos para el cambio Foundation that seeks to provide impoverished students in a school in the Dominican Republic with all their school supplies.

Mayra joined our club in 2007 and in less than four years has continued her "passion" of volunteerism to the fullest. She has served as International Chairman for the past 3 years and was instrumental in getting restaurants to participate in the TAP Project in Miami. Mayra trained three restaurants and in essence helped raise of \$8,500 for the 2009 campaign. She has supported all club projects since she started, attended all district meetings, Fall Board in 2009, 2010, & 2011 Spring Convention 2009, 2010 & 2011 and worked endless hours helping raise over \$20,000.00 with our major fundraiser working as co-chairman on the silent auction committee. She organized and runs our monthly Dollar for Delegates Bingo Parties. She was elected Recording Secretary in 2010 and has performed her job wonderfully. Mayra has the potential and willingness to take on even higher leadership positions. Her membership in the GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club has increased her leadership and knowledge of the Federation and has certainly benefited our members, our club and our many community projects.

**Energetic, Enthusiastic and Eager...YES...those are words that best describe her.** She will continue to devote her life to helping those less fortunate, a dedicated GFWC Florida Federation volunteer/leader.

***Congratulations Mayra Dominguez!!!***



**2010 MEMBER  
OF THE YEAR  
MAYRA  
DOMINGUEZ**



“Barbara Lapsley

2010

NEW MEMBER  
of the YEAR”

AWARD WINNER

Maryann Etkin



## 2nd Vice President

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## BEST NEW MEMBER OF 2010-11

Maryann Etkin recently moved to Coral Gables from Ridgewood New Jersey. She is married to Richard, and has two daughters and two grandchildren. Maryann was an elementary school special education teacher. In Ridgewood, she was a member of the Jr. Women's Club and enjoyed volunteering for numerous events and fund raising activities. We are truly blessed that you made that move from New Jersey, Maryann.

Maryann found us on our website and joined in November. From the very beginning, she was always helping with whatever we were doing. January was crunch time for our biggest fundraiser, “Casino Night,” and she went full force and was one of the top fundraisers among new members and even made more money than some of our active members. On Casino night, she was there until the end of the night, helping with the clean up.

Maryann just joined the club's book club last month, and signed on with us to share great books, amazing food, and most of all bonding with the girls.

Maryann, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, I'm responsible for helping new members understand all aspects of our club. I hope you will be a part of this great clubs history, and you have joined the other 14 members who have been recipients of “*The Barbara Lapsley Best New Member Award*.”

Congratulations!

## Treasurer's Report



Nancy Desmangles [nancy\\_desmangles@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy_desmangles@yahoo.com)

We received on May 18, the United Way of Miami Dade quarterly donation. Total amount is \$191.88. Payees are **Carmen Suarez** contributed \$140.06 and her co-worker named **Rosario Fiallos** \$51.82.

These ladies donate on a regular basis through work (Enterprise Technology Services Dept.).

Thank you Carmen and Rosario !

# Dental Clinic Report



Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera [iristorres@bellsouth.net](mailto:iristorres@bellsouth.net)

## Dental Clinic Report April 2011

Patients Seen-----36

New Patients-----4

Dollar Value of Dental Services----\$13,254.00

**The MVS Dental Clinic staff received their CPR certification.**



## Arts



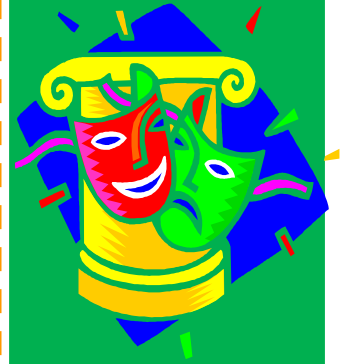
Patty Hendon-patticake603@gmail.com



Hi ladies! The Adrienne Arsht Center has some great shows coming to Miami! Remember the songs like "Aquarius", "Let the Sunshine in", & "Good Morning Starshine"? Well, the Broadway show HAIR will be in town on May 31-June 5.

The Actor's Playhouse will be home to Alfred Hitchcock's play "The 39 Steps" now - June 5, Wed. - Sat. at 8pm & Sun. 2pm. Also, "See Jane Run" will come to town Wed. July 13- Sun. Aug. 14. I will check on availability dates and group discounts and put out an email to see who is interested. So, Let's get out and go to dinner and a show!

Happy summer to all.



## Book Club

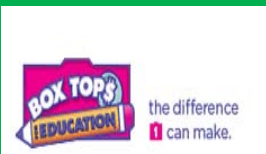
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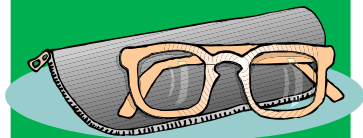
Thank you Iris Torres-Rivera for hosting the meeting for the fabulous book "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith. This was a Historical Fiction story that is a MUST read for those born in Florida and even those that weren't. The food, conversation and wine were fantastic as usual.

Our next 2 meetings are: July 11, Hosted by Carmen Suarez "Sleeping Beauty"; August, (date to be announced) hosted by Maryann Etkin, "The Paris Wife".





*Thank you for your continued 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!*



## Conservation News



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### ON-GOING STRUGGLE FOR THE EVERGLADES

Tamiami Trail (US highway 41) cuts through Shark River Slough, one of the Everglades' deepest and most important water passageways. Scientists say flow must be restored by elevating Tamiami Trail if Everglades restoration is to succeed. The Everglades Skyway Coalition supports the National Park Service's proposal to build 5.5 miles of bridging in addition to a one-mile bridge now under construction. These bridges, which we cumulatively refer to as the "Everglades Skyway," are key to returning the historic water sheet flow through parched Everglades National Park and into Florida Bay. The Skyway will be beneficial to wildlife by reducing habitat fragmentation and preventing road kill. The project will create jobs and increase tourism while raising Everglades awareness at the same time. Best yet, the cumulative 6.5-mile Skyway will serve as a visible symbol of Everglades restoration. The Everglades Skyway Coalition believes that Everglades restoration cannot happen without the full 6.5-mile Skyway.

## Education

Lisa Merheb –Chairman



A warm welcome to “NEW MEMBER” Lisa Merheb who has agreed to chair the Education Committee. Can't wait to help with your ideas! F.S. TUCKER 5th Grade ELEMENTARY Graduation Party will be on Friday, May 27th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us!

## One Sight

Ana Lam - [analam1@aol.com](mailto:analam1@aol.com)



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

# Home Life



Sabrina Perez-King - [Sabrina@premiumcleaners.com](mailto:Sabrina@premiumcleaners.com)

Hello Ladies,

It was great seeing so many of you at the District Meeting this month. By now, all of you should know that I'm heading up the Federation Fitness Challenge starting June 1 through March 15, 2012. I am extremely excited about this opportunity to become the healthiest club and district in the state. To all of you that plan on participating, please sign your release forms (the document was attached to the email that I sent last week) and email me the requested statistics so I can create the file that will be submitted to federation. I do look forward to seeing all of you join. I know we can see great benefits from this project.

**Let's kick some butt ladies!**

## Pennies for UNICEF

Please bring the pennies laying around your house, your car, your desk and at the end of the year we will convert them into bills to send to UNICEF.

# International Outreach



Mayra Dominguez - [mayradominguez001@comcast.net](mailto:mayradominguez001@comcast.net)

This last April we attended Spring Convention and one of the workshops was about International Outreach where our fantastic Smart Ride Chair, Carmen Suarez, spoke about Smart Ride, what it is and what our Club does to contribute and help raise funds for this event. Smart Ride is a 165 miles bike ride from Miami to Key West to raise funds and awareness of HIV/AIDS. Our participation was instrumental in our Club winning an award for International Outreach. Thank you Carmen for your wise leadership of 9 other wonderful, intelligent, compassionate but strong willed women.



# Public Relations



Gloria Burns - [gloriagalburns@aol.com](mailto:gloriagalburns@aol.com)

Thank you all once again for nominating me for District 11 Volunteer of the Year. I am most honored and humbled by this award. I really enjoyed Convention where our District certainly shined thanks to our hardworking clubs and our District Director Pam Schaefer. Of course, Linda Hartwell's shirts really made our District stand out as well. As for recent press for the Club, look for CGWC in the following recent newspapers with articles that covered Convention and the Firefighters Luncheon. Go [www.communitynewspapers.com](http://www.communitynewspapers.com) and check archives. Again, Committee Chairs, please keep me informed on activities you have planned so that we can discuss PR options.



# Public Issues

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June is National Safety Month - Please go to the National Safety Council for more information

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

There will also be an online CPR/ First aid 4 hour course that you can take for free on the website starting on June 1, 2011 - Please email me for anyone that goes to the website to get more info and let me know if any of you take the course on line National Safety Council is on a mission to prevent unintentional injury and death by educating and influencing people to adopt and maintain safe and healthy practices in the workplace, on our roads and highways, and in our homes and communities. Unintentional injuries and deaths in the United States are at unacceptable levels. Motor vehicle crashes, falls and overexertion remain leading causes of preventable death and injury.

Unintentional deaths reached an estimated 128,200 in 2009, compared with the revised 2008 estimate of 125,800. The 2009 estimate – the highest on record – is 47% greater than the 1992 total of 86,777 – the lowest annual total since 1924.

The cost of unintentional injuries to Americans and their employers exceeds \$693 billion nationally, or \$5,900 per household, and causes great suffering among individuals and their families.

[Sign-up](#) and download the materials provided for each weekly theme to help spread messages of prevention about:

- Preventing Overexertion
- Teen Driving Safety
- Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls
- On the Road, Off the Phone

Summer Safety

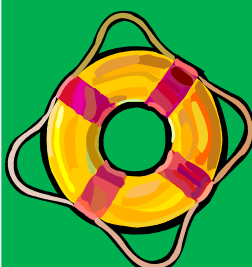
The goal of National Safety Month is to raise public awareness of safety. June also is an appropriate month to focus our efforts on public safety, as the summer season traditionally is a time of increased unintentional injuries and fatalities.

Additional NSC summer safety and health [fact sheets](#):

- [Canoe Safety](#)
- [Inline Skating Safety](#)
- [Playground Safety](#)
- [Safe Bicycling](#)
- [Setting up Your Child's Swing Set](#)
- [Skateboarding Safety Tips](#)
- [Summer & Alcohol Safety](#)
- [Sun & Heat Exposure](#)
- [Surviving the Hot Weather](#)

Using Fireworks Safety

June is also National Hunger Awareness month



# BE SAFE

# Crime Watch

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## VACATION TIME!

Are you planning a vacation or a short trip? Here are some helpful hints to assist you in protecting your home while you are away:

DO NOT advertise you are going to be away. Upon your return, let everyone know you had a wonderful time.

Call the police and request a house check for your home while you are away. You will need to let them know if anyone will be on the property during this time such as your lawn service, a repair service, cleaning service, etc. Provide the company and individual(s) names and contact numbers. Provide information as to whether or not a vehicle or vehicles will be parked in your driveway, and give a description of the vehicles including the tag number(s). Advise if your lights are on timers, and provide the name and telephone number of a local emergency contact.

It is recommended that you do not stop your newspaper or the mail. Ask your neighbor or a close friend to pick up and hold your newspapers and mail until you return.

Have timers on lights in different rooms for morning and evening hours as if you were home.

Be sure all doors and windows are locked as securely as possible. Be sure the garage doors are secured and the power to the automatic garage door opener has been turned off.

Make sure all porches, entrances, and outside areas are clear and visible from outside and well lighted. Trim any foliage that obscures your doors or windows. Secure all loose tools - do not leave tools or ladders outside.

DO NOT leave your key under the door mat, in or under a flower pot or your favorite rock.

Place any item(s) of extreme value in your bank security box or place them in a safe place in your home while you are away.

DO NOT leave a message on your telephone answer machine advising you're out of town or away for awhile.

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEYS are offered by the Coral Gables Police Department's Community Affairs Unit. The survey highlights the areas of perimeter, exterior and interior security, including lighting, landscaping, windows, locks, and alarms. Emphasis is placed on integrating the use of these components to achieve a safer home environment.





Our Thoughts & Prayers  
Are Always with You!

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Lou Popp

Claire Frances Whitehurst

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