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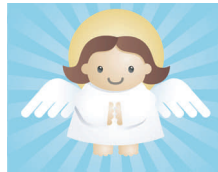
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April is called the Angel of the Months...



This is how I feel about each of you. You are truly angels, working miracles every day. I cannot tell you all enough how proud I am to be associated with a wonderful group of women.

Just when you think something is not going to work, it all comes together beautifully because of your efforts. I am talking about our most amazing and fun **Gables Gold Rush Casino Night**. People just cannot stop talking about how nice it was! They cannot wait for another one!

I want to thank a few special people: **Charo Bolanos** for stepping up to chair this event at the last minute. I know what it is like to put together this function and girl...you did good! **Mireya Kilmon**, thank you for being her co-chair. **Linda Hartwell**, thank you for your vision. It really looked like we stepped into a saloon and gambling hall. **Vicki McGroarty**, your dessert committee made delicious things! To all the members that sent out your letters and collected auction items, thank you! Because of all of your efforts, we were able to raise approximately **\$20,000.00** for our May Van Sickle Dental Clinic.

We also made additional monies for our dental clinic serving beer and food for John Martin's St. Patrick's Day event. We had a ball and raised \$4,300 in one evening! A special thank you to the following who helped out...**Yoli Woodbridge, Jo Burke, Charo Bolanos, Patty and Chuck Fossler, Phil Yanan, Robin Burr, Gloria Burns, Mayra Dominguez, Aminta Konawicz, Linda and John Hartwell, Ana Lam, Susie Tilson, Vicki McGroarty, Martha Black, Sandy Rodriguez, Marianne Grunwaldt**, and my kids, **Sandy and Greg and Danny Perez**. We worked hard, but we had a ball!

This is also the month where you all vote for the new incoming executive board. Please attend our first meeting in April to cast your vote! Anyone is welcome to nominate a member from the floor, no speeches. This is an exciting time for our club and it is a great time after the election to let the "new" president know if you would like to chair a committee. If you have any new ideas she would love to hear from you.

As you know, I filled this position for one year only so that we could start the new board when the new Florida Federation starts in April 2010-12. Believe me it has ALWAYS been a privilege for me. This year was very different for us because of the economy. We have had to change the way we have always done things. But, sometimes change is good. We have survived and because of your efforts, we can continue "Giving the Gift of a Healthy Smile".

Love,

Pam



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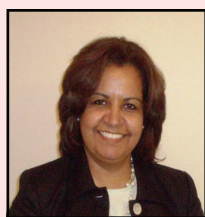
TREASURER'S REPORT



Report for the month of February 2010:
Young, Stovall Money Market has a balance of \$31,992.92.
Amtrust Operating Account has \$45,756.64.
Amtrust Money Market has \$2,869.05

A \$3,000.00 transfer was made from the Amtrust Money Market to the Amtrust Checking account on February 2. We have been doing well cutting back on unnecessary expenses. A BIG thank you to all who contributed on these cut backs and for the hard work on Casino Night fundraising.

Nancy Desmangles
Treasurer



Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera
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DENTAL CLINIC REPORT

Thank you to all the members who participated in the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser.

Dental Clinic Report February 2010:
Patients Seen-----53
New Patients-----6
Dollar Value of Dental Services----\$17,508.00

Iris Torres-Rivera
Dental Clinic Director



Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director/Chaplain
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THIRD DIRECTOR REPORT

Spring has popped out all over with new life in abundance. Time sprung ahead and perhaps, snow, ice, cold will all pass very soon. To each of you in my beloved CGWC my heart and whole being is filled with your loving cards, personal visits, and telephone calls. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. I cannot wait to be healed and up and running. Voltaire said that "Poetry is the music of the soul,". You are certainly the music and poetry of my soul. Thank you. Thank you.

Congratulations on the successful arts and crafts event and luncheon. As well as the winners of ribbons. Now on to state and let's bring some titles in. Great job, Linda Hartwell and helpers. You did good, girls!

CONGRATULATIONS and 3 cheers for a fantastic CASINO night. What a great time my guests had. They were so appreciative for the warm greeting and welcome they received. They also told me about the delicious food, great music, and the fun at blackjack. Guess what! I even got to bid and won my bid! Yay!
God bless each and every one of you this Easter and Passover. I send blessings to each of you this holy season. This is a time to appreciate the lives of our family and friends so dear. God Bless you.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director

LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Hi ladies,

I wanted to let you know about some great upcoming events for female entrepreneurs and those looking to sharpen their leadership skills. Both events are hosted and produced by Michelle Villalobos, a phenomenal marketing guru. I have been to several of her events and they're fabulous every time! They are so good I knew I had to share. I have listed the event details below with links to register. Both events feature relevant topics worthy of your time.

Feel free to contact me or visit <http://www.michellevillalobos.com/> for more details on these and additional events. I hope to see you there.

How To Communicate More Powerfully... Without Being A Bit%

The Secrets of Success Series with Michelle Villalobos

Dates/Time: April 13th - 4 pm to 7 pm

Location: Gotham Steak, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach

4441 Collins Avenue

Miami Beach, FL 33140

Price: \$37.00 (Before April 30th)

RSVP: <http://www.TheEmpoweredWoman.info>.

Join Michelle Villalobos for a fun, interactive workshop on how to express yourself to both men and women more powerfully... without turning people off. The workshop is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, then networking, cocktails, and fabulous gifts courtesy of the Fontainebleau and our sponsors afterwards!

The Empowered Woman Summit!

Meet hundreds of other smart, ambitious and successful women at "The Empowered Woman Success Summit," featuring educational workshops, top-notch panels, assisted networking, and a fabulous expo.

Dates/Time: June 11th & 12th - 9 am to 5 pm

Location: Coconut Grove Women's Club

2985 South Bayshore Drive

Miami, FL 33133

Price: Expo (free)

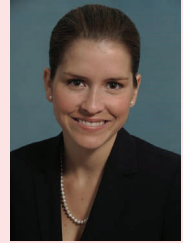
VIP Pass (\$25)

RSVP: <http://www.empoweredwoman.info/>

Our mission is to help professional women learn, achieve and connect.

The expo is free (register here) but for the royal treatment, consider a VIP All-Access Pass (\$25/day). VIP pass-holders receive priority entrance to the workshops (since there is limited capacity), a VIP gift bag, an invitation to the pre-event cocktail party with the speakers, and access to the "media meetings" where you'll have a chance to sign up to pitch yourself, your business, your cause or your idea to the editors in attendance.

Sandra Rodriguez
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Ana Lam
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CONSERVATION REPORT

Hi lovely ladies,

April 22 is Earth Day. It was designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for our Earth's environment. It's a global holiday to celebrate the wonder of life on our planet. Let's make a pledge to take action everyday to do something environmentally positive so that future generations can enjoy our planet as much as we have been able to do.



In celebration of Earth Day...

You are cordially invited to attend our April 7th meeting.

We are going to be embellishing picture frames to donate to senior citizens or to veterans.

Please bring reusable and recycled items such as marbles, pebbles, stones, old or broken jewelry, nails, nuts, bolts, screws, wine corks, feathers, paper clips, bottle caps.

The condition doesn't matter. The more unusual, the better.

Picture frames, paint and brushes will be provided.

We can also keep working on the Artful Bra project with some of the recycled materials so we can enter them in the contest at convention. Let's have a night of creativity and fun!

If this isn't enough to make you want to attend,

the wonderful ladies from the Conservation committee promise to provide some of the best comfort food in Miami especially for you and cooked with love!

Spring is here ... come out and play!

Ana Lam
Conservation Chairwoman

CGWC Conservation Committee

- Ana L. Lam
- Marianne Grunwaldt
- Denise Camps
- Nancy Desmangles Mireya Kilmon
- Mayra Dominguez
- Diana de Armas
- Sandra Rodriguez
- Rosmarie Downing, Volunteer



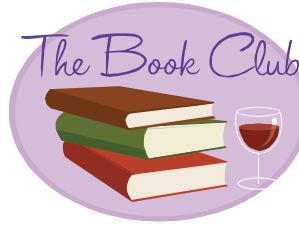
Claire Frances Whitehurst
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PRIMEWATCH REPORT

Chief Kiel has called me a number of times to keep me posted on Crimewatch efforts. The police continue to ask us to be alert wherever we go and never hesitate to call the police department in your area. This is how they keep a statistical report on incidents that arise. Be alert and keep a look out for your neighbors. It's neighbors watching out for neighbors that make the difference.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Crimewatch

BOOK CLUB NOTE



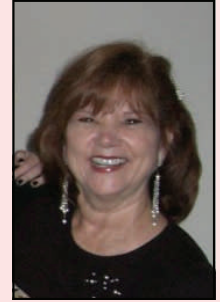
When was the last time you thought about survival tactics? Hunted for your own food? Became a kind of gladiator for the entertainment of those in power? Did you have these worries when you were a teenager? This month's book club selection, *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins raised all these questions. And this is supposed to be a young adult novel. Welcome to the 21st century!

This is the first book in a series of three and most of us book club members are hooked! We just can't wait to find out what happens next with our heroine, Katniss. Thanks go to Michele and Courtney Collier for hosting our book club meeting in high style and with great food.

Switching gears, next month's book is *In The Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Las Mariposas, or The Butterflies were the code names of Minerva, María Teresa, and Patria Mirabal, three sisters who were key members in an underground movement to overthrow Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. If you are not a member of this book club you are missing out on great fun, food and friends. Read on!

Carmen Suarez
Writer

Barbara J. Lapsley
Second Director



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EDUCATION REPORT



The dreaded FCAT tests are finally over for the students in Miami-Dade County. Now the teachers and students can relax and enjoy school for the next nine weeks!

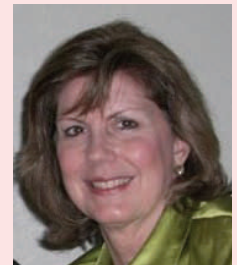
Recently, I was privileged to represent the Coral Gables Woman's Club at an Achievement Breakfast for elementary students from Miami Christian Academy, Gulliver Academy, Coral Gables Elementary School and St. Thomas School held at the Hyatt Hotel in Coral Gables. The students were chosen by their teachers because of their good grades and exemplary citizenship. Our own Gloria Burns was instrumental in arranging this breakfast and making it memorable for the students and their parents. The CGWC was one of the sponsors and will participate in the Middle and High School Achievement Breakfast in April.



I have been busy applying for grants for our dental clinic and the Dade Community Foundation is awarding our clinic \$10,000.00 on March 22 at a grantee breakfast. Well, that is all for now. Let me leave you with a thought.

Is anyone interested in participating in a Rummage Sale in the clubhouse before summer?

Susie Tilson
Education Chairwoman



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Gloria Burns
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PUBLICITY REPORT

What a great way to complete the club year with a fabulous, fun and profitable night! Congratulations to all who participated in our Annual Casino Night fundraiser. We have already received lots of good press on the event and, best of all, we raised lots of money for our dental clinic. Many thanks to Community Newspapers for giving us a deal on the banner ad on their website, to Gables Home Page, to Robin Burr and the Chamber for the added publicity as well. We saw lots of new faces at the affair and, consequently, more people are now familiar with the good work the Club does in operating and funding the May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic.

Now that the Casino Night is over, we continue to get exposure for our clubhouse rental on the Community Newspapers web page. Go online to www.communitynewspapers.com to view our CGWC banner ad and while there, you may sign up for a free online subscription.

Also check out CN's South Miami News and Coral Gables News, Miami Herald and other publications who are running post event articles and photos on our event. As always, please save any articles you find in the Herald as our info usually runs in the Neighbors editions for Pinecrest and the Gables.

Additional thanks to Alberto Romeu for providing publicity photos. He is at every event donating his services year in and year out and we are most grateful. I know we had some others there helping as well and to all, a big thank you.

May you all have a blessed Passover and Happy Easter.

Gloria Burns
Publicity Chairwoman

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT

My beautiful ladies,
4,200 people die EACH DAY from lack of clean water. This is the SECOND largest KILLER of CHILDREN under 5. You should be asking, 'how can I help'? Here's how:

TAP PROJECT - World Water Week is underway! There are now nearly 90 public events taking place nationally to support the UNICEF Tap Project and more than 1,000 restaurants participating in the campaign. Please support the Tap Project by dining at a local participating restaurant:

- Sushi Samba - 600 Lincoln Road-Miami Beach,
- Indigo Restaurant at the InterContinental Miami - 100 Chopin Plaza
- Maya Tapas and Grill - 809 Lincoln Road
- News Cafe - 800 Ocean Drive
- Vlada Lounge Miami - 3215 NE 2ND AVENUE

Please make sure you become a fan of the Acqua di Gio Facebook page (www.facebook.com/acquadigio). Giorgio Armani will donate \$1 for each new fan added during the month of March.

Mayra Dominguez
International Affairs Chairwoman



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International Affairs
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MARK FOUR CALENDARS

April

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

April 7th Wednesday 6:30 pm Social Time (Hostesses Ana Lam & TBA)
7:00 pm General Meeting/Conservation Program
Ana Lam, Chairman

April 9th - 12th Friday-Monday FFWC Spring Convention

April 21st Wednesday 6:30 pm Social Time (Hostesses Debi Wilborn & TBA)
7:00 pm Membership Recognition Party

April 28th Wednesday 6:00 pm Board Meeting

May

National Month For: Physical Fitness and Sports, Bikes, Mental Health, High Blood Pressure Education, Asthma and Allergy Awareness, Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention, Arthritis, Better Hearing and Speech, Mother's Day to Father's Day and National Family Month

May 5th Wednesday 6:30 pm Installation Dinner
Charo Bolanos, 1st Director

May 19th Wednesday 6:30 pm Social Time (Hostesses Mayra Dominguez & TBA)
7:00 pm International Affairs Fun Night

May 26th Wednesday 6:00 pm Transition Board Meeting
Outgoing & Incoming

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:

For General Meetings Please RSVP to Debi Wilborn, debiCGWC@aol.com, 305-338-0778
If you **will or will not** be attending Social and/or the Meeting by the Monday before the meeting.

For the Board Meeting Please RSVP to Pam Schaefer, hapygoddess@aol.com, 305-667-1722
If you **will or will not** be attending and if you need to be on the agenda by the Tuesday before the meeting.



Linda Hartwell
First Vice President
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Birthday Wishes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

April Birthdays

- 2-Vicki McGroarty
- 5-Sabrina Perez-King
- 9-Mayra Dominguez
- 18 - Charo Bolanos
- 21 - Ceres Campbell
- 26- Esther Paya
- 27-Christy Hernandez-Saxon
- 30- Marian Iglesias
- 30- Patricia Peart

Please remember to wish these members a happy birthday!



Our thoughts are with you and are wishing you encouragement!

**Molly Adams
Cathy Blanton
Claire Frances Whitehurst**

To learn more about GFWC Florida or the GFWC Federation...

Visit the State Website:
www.gfwcflorida.org
GFWC website
www.gfwc.org



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

ABOUT GFWC CORAL GABLES WOMAN'S CLUB (DISTRICT 11)

The Coral Gables Woman's Club 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 and other neighboring communities. 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 for underprivileged children. It is located in our clubhouse and is the primary beneficiary of our fund-raising efforts.