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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,
September has been a busy month for our members. Our general meeting was about Autism. **Christy Hernandez**, our **Education Chairman** invited **Mirtha L. Regueiro**, Special Education Program Specialist from Blue Lakes Elementary School, Autism Intensive Communication Academy to speak on the subject. She answered the many questions members had and a donation was made to the school on behalf of the club. The Wine and Cheese Party hosted by our **2nd Vice President, Barbara Lapsley** welcomed our new members. Food was provided by the members and as always was delicious. We played a game that helped us to get to know each other. It was a lovely evening.

Some of us attended the Kick-off Luncheon for the Arthritis Walk on November 13, 2010. One of our own, **Mireya Kilmon** the Walk's Co-Chair spoke about her own experiences with Rheumatoid Arthritis, which was very moving. We as a club have made a donation of \$1000 and will participate at the Walk as a team. **Charo Bolanos** is our Captain and if you haven't already registered please contact Charo @ Charobolanos@aol.com and she will send you the link. To round the month out, there was **Christy Hernandez's** baby shower, the book club meeting and of course, Fall Board.

As always, a group of us attended the annual **GFWC Florida Fall Board** convention. In attendance were **Pam Schaefer, Claire Frances Whitehurst, MaryScull Brown, Barbara Lapsley, Mayra Dominguez, Mitzy Jenner, Alicia Andino** and myself. We carpoled to Orlando on Friday for the three day weekend. I'm happy to say we had some first time attendees Aly and Mitzy along with past attendees attend the convention.

We had the opportunity to attend workshops to learn about the different **Community Service Programs available** (previously know as Departments) along with the other areas to help our club do the best we can. At the Luncheon "**May the Federation Force be With You**" we became Jedi Federation Knights, our mission was to learn how to build a better club. The theme of the weekend was "**Saluting Our Veterans**". The dinner was "**Stars and Stripes Forever**" which honored Florida Club Woman Veterans and our own **MaryScull Brown** was one of these honorees. We were all so proud of her as she walked in the procession. Sunday was another day of workshops and concluded with the "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" luncheon. We learned many new and exciting things which we will be sharing with each chairwoman and all of you. It has truly been a busy but rewarding month and I look forward to October and all it has to offer.



In Peace, Love, and Unity,

Linda

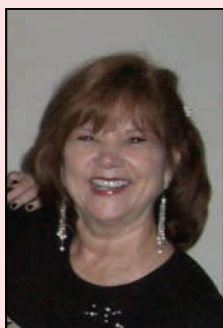


Mireya Kilmon
First Vice President
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Ladies,
Don't forget to sign up for our Arthritis Foundation Walk to be held on November 13 at Crandon Park. Enlist friends and co workers to walk with us. Sign up at www.miamiwalk.kintera.org - under Coral Gables Women's Club Team. You can start raising money by sending emails right from that site to friends and family members that will donate for you to walk.

Thank you.
Mireya Kilmon



Barbara Lapsley
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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Our New Member Wine & Cheese party held on September 15th was a huge success with 34 people attending. The food and desserts were absolutely fantastic. Our five new members received the clubs notebooks and a membership pin.



We had fun playing a game and getting to know each other and had many, many laughs. On Friday September 17th, we left to Convention in Orlando. Our new member, Aly Andino came and had this to say,

“As a new member and participant of the GFWC 2010 Annual Fall Board, it was a pleasant experience from start to finish. There I found woman like myself, excited and enthusiastic about this important event. We had a chance to express our gratitude to veterans who were present and in spirit. I was able to take classes and workshops such as: Public Issues, Leadership, Home Life, Reporting and Conservation. I learned what our Federation stands for and how we can better serve our community. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to grow amongst you.”

The Coral Gables Woman's Club is very fortune to have this enthusiastic member.

Barbara Lapsley
Second Vice President



Dorothy Thomson
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CITY LIAISON REPORT

The new GFWC Woman's Club sign has been installed at the intersection of Ponce de Leon and E. Ponce de Leon Boulevard. It reflects the updated verbiage of our club and a refreshing color, in contrast to the former brown hue.

Dorothy Thomson
City Liaison

TREASURER'S REPORT



Below is what our bank accounts total as of August 31,2010:

The Amtrust Checking Account, has a total of \$113,624.05 with \$42.91 in interest earned. The Amtrust Gold Money Market has a total of \$34,917.89 with \$15.21 in interest earned.

Nancy Desmangles
Treasurer



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DENTAL CLINIC REPORT



DENTAL CLINIC REPORT 8/1/10 thru 8/31/10
 Patients Seen-----58
 New Patients-----4
 Dental Procedures-----187
 Dollar Amount of Services Rendered-----\$21,111.00

Iris Torres-Rivera
Dental Clinic Director



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SECOND DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear members,

You only have October, November, and December to add up all your activities, donations, monies, and service to be included in the 2010 report. I attended the 2010 GFWC Fall Board workshop in Orlando. Saturday and Sunday morning were filled with one workshop after another.



It was wonderful to see MaryScull Brown walk down the aisle at the banquet saluting the Military as she waved acknowledgement to the applaud and the cheers. The whole theme of the banquet was red, white, and blue. These beautiful colors were everywhere. The workshops were outstanding and I will tell you more about them at the next general meeting. It was an honor to receive the yellow t-shirt "A day of service" for participation in a

day of service on behalf of the charity, Give Kids the World. I thank each of you for all that you do to serve the GFWC Coral Woman's Club in support of our dental clinic.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Second Director



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Sabrina Perez-King
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HOME LIFE REPORT

Hello Ladies,

The fall is fast approaching and we have a lot of wonderful events in which everyone can participate. I will be representing the Club at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk on Oct. 16, 2010 at Bayfront Park. I'd love to have as many of you with me as possible. A few of our club members have been affected directly with breast cancer and we all know how rapidly the numbers have been increasing over the years in the general population.

I will also be hosting our General Meeting on October 6, 2010 on Personal Finance and General Health and Fitness. I do look forward to seeing all of you there. I'm sure that everyone can benefit from this presentation.

Sabrina Perez-King
Home Life Chairwoman



Claire Frances Whitehurst
Chaplain/Conservation
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CHAPLAIN REPORT

For many years, I have used a "Collect For Women" as part of my invocation. This was used by Mary Stewart, written for the General Federation of Woman's Club. During my term as Chaplain, I have either used the whole portion or used parts in my invocation. For this issue, I would like to use:

Let us take time for all things. Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, faith forward and unafraid.

God bless each and every one of our members.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Conservation Chairwoman

CONSERVATION REPORT

The GFWC Florida Conservation workshop was outstanding. There are so many exciting things that we can do individually and as a club in collaboration and partnership. Do you know what a conservation tree is? I would like to have our club start one. One opportunity to help is by planting trees. Why plant trees? We plant trees for future generations. The trees we plant clean the air, beautify the neighborhoods, provide home for wildlife, conserve energy, and help keep the atmosphere in balance. Let's beautify and plant a tree at our club, in our community, in your garden. More later...

Goal 1: Enhance our environment for healthier living

Goal 2: To bring GSWC to the forefront by way of developing partnerships with conservation programs with the community.

If you think you know what a conservation tree, be the first to tell me at our next general meeting and you'll get a prize. Help me to name our pine tree that I brought back from the conservation workshop. PRESERVE, PROTECT, PROVIDE!

Claire Frances Whitehurst Conservation Chairwoman



PRIMEWATCH REPORT



October is Trick or Treat month and we want to think of safety for the children and adults in our neighborhoods. If you are walking, carry flashlights and wear something white that will show in the dark. If you are at home and there is knocking at your door, it's better to already have your treats outside with the door locked. If you are driving, sadly Halloween is a dangerous night. Excited trick or treaters may forget the rules of the road and be oblivious to the hazards. We, as motorists, must be vigilant.

Keep especially alert at ATMs, on the road, at the mall, and going to and from your car. Keep safe. Happy Halloween!

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Crimewatch Chairwoman



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October is NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

I am excited to say we have coordinated a poster contest for the children in our dental clinic with the help of our Dental clinic Director Iris Torres and my partner in Crime (no pun intended) Claire Frances Whitehurst. The children will draw posters to be scanned and sent by me to the National Crime Prevention Council.

Each child entering a poster will receive a sticker and a DVD featuring McGruff - The crime prevention spokesdog. We need the following items for this project so please bring them in to our OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING!

- Drawing sketching books
- Crayons
- Coloring pencils, Watercolors and Pencils



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TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

The National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign, with McGruff as its spokesdog, is one of the most successful public service advertising campaigns in history.

Each tax dollar invested in the Campaign's public service advertising generates between \$90 and \$100 in donated advertising airtime. The Campaign has garnered \$1.4 billion in donated media support over the years and is one of the most successful campaigns of its kind ever. In 1998, the Campaign garnered more than \$128 million in donated media support - more than three times the average of national public service advertising campaigns. More than one in five adults acted on McGruff's messages at a net cost to taxpayers of just 2.9 cents per person, according to an independent evaluation.

The Campaign is constantly evolving, and McGruff and NCPC will continue to tackle new issues that threaten the safety and security of people and their communities - just as always.

See NCPC and McGruff's latest crime prevention campaigns and learn how you can protect yourself and your loved ones from crime. Please go to www.ncpc.org for more information.

Mireya Kilmon
First Vice President



Gloria Burns
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PUBLICITY REPORT

You know it's Fall when you take a look at all the outreach this Club is doing in the next few months. Thank heavens we have all these wonderful new members who are eager to serve the community and help us out as we serve the community.

I am Community Newspaper's Team Captain for the Miami Dade Heart Walk to be held at FIU's Modesto Maidique Campus (11200 SW 8th St.) the morning of October 30th, to benefit the American Heart Association. Fun begins at 9 a.m. and the Walk starts at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Community Newspapers is a sponsor and will have a big tent at the event. Our Club has been invited to join them for a great morning for a great cause. We are also welcomed to bring our children or grandchildren as trick or treating will be part of the kids activities for this day of fun for all. There will be food, entertainment and, of course, you are encouraged to come dressed in costume. This will provide me and the paper with some good publicity photos. Please sign up today by going online to miamidadeheartwalk.org. Mireya Kilmon, our Queen of all Queens, has volunteered to help anyone who has trouble with signing up online as she is a pro at these Walks and knows the program.

Continue to look for our *Club in South Miami News, Coral Gables News, Biscayne News and in the Herald Neighbors* where our Club activities are featured on a regular basis. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a free subscription to Community Newspapers newsletter that goes out weekly to 6,000 plus people and where our club activities are frequently covered. Finally, don't forget to send me information on your upcoming events in time to promote them properly.

Gloria Burns
Publicity Chairwoman



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INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH REPORT

Hello ladies, at Fall Convention we attended great workshops, especially the International Outreach Community Service Program. I believe that charity begins at home, but WHY do I want to help others outside our borders? Because:

“Almost half the world—over three billion people—**live on less than \$2.50 a day**. *How much do we spend on a Starbucks coffee?*”

- o According to UNICEF, **24,000 children die each day** due to poverty.
- o Infectious diseases continue to blight the lives of the poor across the world. An **estimated 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS**, with three million deaths in 2004. Every year there are 350-500 million cases of malaria, with 1 million fatalities.
- o Some **1.1 billion people** in developing countries **have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.**”

Mayra Dominguez
Co-Chairwoman — International Outreach



Mitzy Jenner
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I had a fabulous time this weekend at the GFWC Convention. It was a pleasure spending time with such an amazing group of women, and being part of such an impressive organization. The workshops were very educational and it was surprising to learn that the GFWC raised over \$330,000 for Heifer last year. I am thrilled to be Co-Chair for the International Outreach Community project and I look forward to use what I learned to help others.”

Mitzy Jenner
Co-Chairwoman — International Outreach

DISTRICT 11 REPORT

From Your District 11 Director and your Past President,

Come and Meet our FFWC President, Teddy Hulse!!!

On Saturday, October 9, we will have the honor of having our FFWC President, Teddy Hulse as our guest speaker at our clubhouse. She will be giving a "Mini-Leads" seminar and will be able to answer any questions you have about her new 2010-12 administration.

So please mark your Calendars and let our president, Linda Hartwell, know if you'd like to attend by Wednesday, October 6th.

Saturday, October 9, 2010
9:30 am Registration
10 am Meeting
Lunch is \$18.00 per person
The meeting will end around 2PM

Also we will be having a reporting workshop on Saturday, November 6th at our Clubhouse 11:00 am. We will be bringing in our favorite dishes to share.
Registration fee \$5.00

Words about Fall Board...."Saluting our Veterans"

I am so proud to be an AMERICAN! This weekend was all about the red, white and blue and "Saluting our GFWC Women Veterans" who served as either civilians or officers in our Armed Forces or the Red Cross.

On Saturday night, one of our own, "MaryScull Brown" was recognized for her service working as a civilian with the Naval Central Intelligence Service!

We had 21 members of District 11 attend Fall Board. 4 of them were first time attendees! They were from Cocoplum Woman's Club, Coral Gables Woman's Club, Northeast Miami Woman's Club and Woman's Club of Hialeah. We went to a lot of workshops, met other club women from all over Florida and had a great time bonding and getting to know one another. Looking forward to Spring Convention!!!

Pam Schaefer

District 11 Director

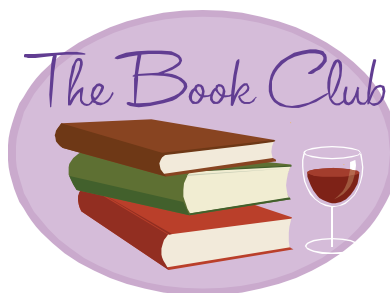


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BOOK CLUB REPORT

Our next book club meeting is October 25th at Patty's home. The book is "The Green Darkness" by Anya Seton. Our second book is "Look Ahead" by Lisa Scottoline and we're meeting to discuss that book on Sunday, December 12th at Linda's home.

Get the books and start reading!



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MARK FOUR CALENDARS

October: National Month for:
 National AIDS Awareness Month
 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 Crime Prevention Month
 National Arts and Humanities Month
 National Dental Hygiene Month
 October 3- 9 is Fire Prevention Week and of course -
 Halloween - Boo !!!



Mireya Kilmon
 First Vice President
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October 2010

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			General Meeting Home Life (Finance) Sabrina Hostess			Annual Fall Tour with president Teddy Hulse
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Columbus Day					Breast Cancer Walk Team
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Casino Kick Off			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Board Meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Halloween						
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Birthday Wishes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

October Birthdays

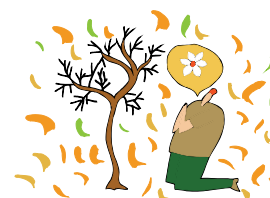
- 1- Pat Clarke
- 3- Kathy Terry
- 9 - Aminta Konawicz
- 13 - Cindie Ruiz

Please remember to wish these members a happy birthday!



Our thoughts are with you and are wishing you encouragement!

**Molly Adams
Cathy Blanton**



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

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GFWC website
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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.