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President's Message



HAPPY LABOR DAY!!! - Means END OF SUMMER

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable for women to wear white.

In U.S. sports, Labor Day marks the beginning of the football seasons. NCAA teams usually play their 1st games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their 1st games the Thursday following Labor Day.

As summer ends and with everyone back from vacations, school starting, and everyone getting back into their regular routines as we all have them I would like you all to make the CGWC part of that **ROUTINE**. As members of this Club you all know that you committed to help us help others. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings both the General and the Fun Nights. Please remember the General Meetings are important to attend as this is where you will get information about upcoming events, general information about the club and a short program. Fun Nights are just what it says FUN!!! Please remember without all of you, there would be no GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club.

Our chairmen are all working hard at coming up with wonderful ideas for their programs. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meetings. Check the "MARK YOUR CALENDARS" section for the times and dates.

In Peace, Love and Unity *Linda*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1st Meeting - SEPTEMBER 7 - 6:30 pm. Social - 7:00 pm meeting

Bring a dish to share!

NEW MEMBER WINE & CHEESE - September 21 - 7:00 pm

Annual District Meeting - Saturday, October 1 - 9:30 am

Come and meet FFWC President Teddy Hulse and Pres. Elect Pat Zazzarino!

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Treasurer's Report



As of the date of July 31 our Amtrust bank statement reads:

Our Business Gold Money Market's balance is \$65,085.30. Interest earned this month is \$14.80 and for the year \$126.57 for year to date.

Our Business Checking Account's balance is \$66,074.00 with interest for the month of \$16.10 and \$95.06 for the year to date.

(Please make note that there are outstanding checks for which the total is not deducted from this balance). That total will show in my Treasurer's report not reported in this month's newsletter.



Arts

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Hi Ladies,

Welcome back to an exciting time of the year when all the fabulous art festivals come to town! Art allows us to express and create our imagination!

I would like to invite everyone to participate and support our community by attending to art shows, gallery walks, performing arts, movies, entering poetry, creative writing, and photography contests, arts & crafts workshops, Karaoke, dance lessons, and decorate bins for the club house for special projects such as recycling materials, supporting our troops and others in need, and the American Mural Project watch collection! Our partnership this year is the American Mural Project which is a nonprofit organization that is creating the largest indoor artwork in the world. The Sharon's Women's Club in Sharon, CT. is organizing this project. Our part is to collect as many watches as we can and for every watch donated we send a \$1.00 for each one to be placed in the artwork!

I will start collecting at our general meeting in September! Please bring any watches you wish to donate along with your dollars! This is an ongoing project and as of now there is no deadline. The world is a blank canvas until people like us paint a beautiful picture to make it a colorful place!



Conservation News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! OK, I really haven't lost my mind - but it has always seemed to me that the New Year begins at the end of August- beginning of September. I guess it has been too many years of being a student, parent (couldn't wait for them to go back), and teacher. September represents new beginnings and I guess it always will to me and many of you.

So here we are beginning another new year of exciting activities. The Conservation committee has a number of wonderful projects which needs your willing hands and hearts.

Project One – Recycling As a club we are always saving things for others to recycle. Eye glasses, bras, box tops, watches, ink cartridges, cell phones to name only a few. We need to create an attractive and easy to use recycling center at the club, so we will all be able to make our donations at each meeting and not need to remember who is collecting what item. Bins, baskets or cardboard boxes might be an idea, but we need your creative input and talents to bring this project to light.

Under the topic of Recycling – we have had a meeting with our Carting company – Waste Management, and they will be helping us to start recycling our garbage here at the clubhouse. This will also include the catering companies that provide services to the rentals. This activity will need for all of us to be aware of what is recyclable and what is not and how to dispose of these items. During our September 7th meeting I will discuss this program and explain Single Stream Recycling. It's really is pretty cool!!

Project Two – Humane Society-KIND In collaboration with the Humane Society , the club membership would adopt an entire school by donating a wonderful magazine called KIND which gives kids information about animals and pets. This magazines focus is on caring and kindness to our animal friends. I will bring copies of the magazine and applications for schools.

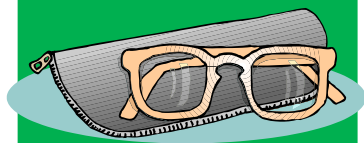
Project Three – The Environment This project is already taking shape with the purchase and installation of a new water pump to pump well water (pre-existing) for irrigation. Our gardener is planting and tending to our lovely gardens which support a xeriscape concept. (Xeriscaping and xerogardening refers to landscaping and gardening in ways that reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation.) We have also installed programmable thermostats for our air conditioning systems which not only helps our bottom line, but also reduces our energy needs.

See you September 7th for our New Year beginning meeting!!!





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



Education

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Public school is in full gear, and so is our contribution to F.S. Tucker Elementary. We were able to donate over 160 composition notebooks to the school. This gives all students the opportunity to continue on their path of reading and writing.

The book club continued to meet during the summer, and shared some exciting times. Christy Saxon-Hernandez was able to collect money from book club members while Patty Hendon collected school supplies from Bingo night. Patty and Christy teamed up and were able to purchase 31 backpacks filled with school supplies to fill and bring to the children at the Community Partnership Homeless Shelter in downtown Miami.

Stay tuned for September's library card extravaganza, where our goal is to achieve 100% library membership.

We are so excited to start the new year, and the education committee is open to any opportunity that can help our community.

With love and compassion,

Home Life

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Hello Ladies,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and stayed active while staying hydrated during the excessively hot days.

As August comes to an end, we embark on all of our exciting fall ventures. September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and I'd like to hold a Health Fair that focuses on women's health issues. Let's get a committee assembled to bring this to fruition. Stay fit, strong and healthy!

One Sight

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Please keep bringing in your old eyeglasses. I will be bringing them to the clubhouse so that members can help prepare them for donation during meetings.

International Outreach

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Dear Friends,

I'm so pleased to report that our Bingo Fun Night was a success! Not only did we have a great time, but we also collected **\$650.00** towards Operation Smile. Each operation costs \$240.00, so we almost paid for three children's smiles!!!!

I also wanted to extend a very special Thank You to **Andy Young** for her generous donation. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this evening so successful.

This coming year I would like to focus on a new program called INMED Partnerships for Children. INMED rescues children from harm caused by hunger, disease, abuse, poverty, and poor education and prepares them to shape a brighter future for themselves and the next generation.

I will have more info about INMED at our next general meeting

Looking forward to an exciting year!!!!



Public Issues

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Would you be ready if there were an emergency? Be prepared: assemble an emergency supply kit, make your emergency plans, stay informed, and get involved in helping your family, your business, and your community be ready for emergencies.

You can join the effort by following four steps:

Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed, Get Involved.

September 2011 marks the eight annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. One goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks.

Get an Emergency Kit-An emergency kit includes the basics for survival: fresh water, food, clean air, and warmth. You should have enough supplies to survive for at least three days. Review the items recommended for a disaster supplies kit or print the Homeland Security Emergency Supply checklist [PDF - 324 KB].

Make an Emergency Plan-Make plans with your family and friends in case you're not together during an emergency. Discuss how you'll contact each other, where you'll meet, and what you'll do in different situations. Read how

Be Prepared:

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Public Issues Cont'd

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to develop a family disaster plan or fill out the Homeland Security Family Emergency Plan [PDF - 521 KB] .Ask about planning at your workplace and your child's school or daycare center. The US Department of Education gives guidelines for school preparedness. Workers at small, medium, and large businesses should practice for emergencies of all kinds. See Ready Business for more information.



Be Informed- Being prepared means staying informed. Check all types of media – Web sites, newspapers, radio, TV, mobile and land phones – for global, national and local information. During an emergency, your local Emergency Management or Emergency Services office will give you information on such things as open shelters and evacuation orders. Check Ready America community and state information to learn about resources in your community.



Get Involved- Look into taking first aid and emergency response training, participating in community exercises, and volunteering to support local first responders. Contact Citizens Corps, which coordinates activities to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to an emergency situation. Homeland Security promotes emergency preparedness throughout the year via the Ready America campaign. Checklists, brochures, and videos are available in English and in Spanish online and by phone (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO).



More Information -CDC Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response National Preparedness Month Ready America campaign (US Department of Homeland Security). What's your Readiness Quotient?

Public Relations

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Thanks to those ladies who joined me the “Give Kids the World” Ice Cream breakfast fundraiser at the Westin Colonnade in Coral Gables. It was delicious and they raised almost \$2,500 for the charity combining the breakfast proceeds with the silent auction. While I missed a few who came early, I did get to sit and take a photo with Patty Hendon wearing her CGWC shirt with the Westin’s General Manager, Mike Wurster, and staff.

Also, Committee Chairs, please remember to remind me about your activities well in advance to make sure we are able to promote them properly.

Thank you all for making our community a better place.



1st Vice President

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Ladies - It is that time of year again to sign up and raise fund for our " Let's Move together" Arthritis Walk .

I have signed our team already at the web site - Osteoarthritis is one of the many 100 kinds of Arthritis and it is a focus on Health area for GWFC since it affects mostly women . Rheumatoid Arthritis , the most debilitating kind is the number one cause of disability in the USA . Did you know that there are 360,000 children with Juvenile arthritis in the USA right now and only 119 pediatric Rheumatologist to treat them??

Please sign up to walk and raise funds and encourage family and friends to join our Team for more info on Arthritis go to www.arthritis.org



2nd Vice President

NEW MEMBER WINE & CHEESE

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Please invite all your friends to come and learn about our club



2nd Director

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Welcome back to the New Year. We have Sept-Dec to add to our reports from Jan-Dec 2011. Please submit your hours, donations, and what you've done representing the Coral Gables Woman's Club at every meeting.

Crime Watch

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There has been a rise in car vandalism and break ins. PLEASE DO NOT leave ANYTHING in your car.

Keep your doors locked at home, there has been a rise in people soliciting and asking for help.

If you are interested in hosting a Crime Watch meeting in your home, please contact me.





Our Thoughts & Prayers

Are Always with You!

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