

# District II - GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club



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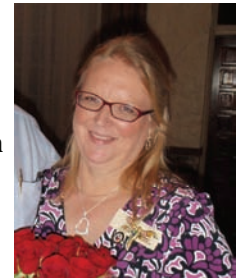
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you believe it's already August? Even with no official meetings in July we as a club members have still keep busy.



We carpoled and all headed to Homestead for our book club meeting which was hosted by **Sabrina Perez-King**. Another successful Bingo Event hosted by **Mayra Dominguez** and **Claire Frances Whitehurst**, was held during a Wednesday afternoon with delicious desserts and fun for all attending. **Barbara Lapsley**, our new Clubhouse Director has been busy cleaning and organizing the closets and cabinets. **Pam Schaefer** and **Claire Frances Whitehurst** attended Summer Planning with our new State President, **Teddy Hulse**. I look forward to hearing all about the new administration's ideas and goals. I myself, attended "JASM" (Juniorette Annual State Meeting) in St. Petersburg. This was my last official duty as a member of the Juniorette State Advisory Committee. It is so wonderful to be around so many enthusiastic, talented and giving Middle & High School Girls. It's amazing all the activities and community service projects these girls have accomplished. The weekend was especially enjoyable for me as I was able to work with these amazing girls and as a bonus, visited with my son who lives in the St. Pete area. And of course we had our Board Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our Department and Committee Chairs are planning many charitable and community projects for us in the upcoming months which makes it important for us to read our newsletter and e-mails so we can be up to date on all that is coming up. With this in mind, I will be asking each of you to select a committee you would like to be on. This doesn't mean this will be your only focus, as a committee member you will be helping the chairman with her program and any events she may have. Remember you are still free to participate in any event the club has, the more members that participate in each event the more successful it will be as we are "**Lucky Little Dragonflies Rising to Better the World**". We are all working for our number one commitment-**The May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic** along with other great causes.

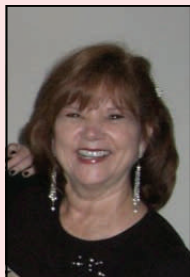
I hope you all have found time to vacation, relax, and have fun with family and friends over the summer break. Now is the time to get back in the swing of things to work hard, play harder and have fun while doing good for the community.

In Peace, Love and Unity,

*Linda*

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## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Hope you all are enjoying your summer so far. Our first meeting is Wednesday, August 4th. The meeting will be chaired by the Education committee. So far we have 44 paid members this year. Something to think about:

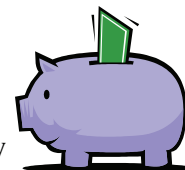
What A Woman's Club Should Be:  
A place where kindly thought is cherished,  
Where high ideals are fed and nourished,  
Where Charity, in all its beauty,  
Is felt to be a sacred duty,  
Where peace and harmony abound,  
And members meet on common ground.

**Barbara J. Lapsley**  
Second Director



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## TREASURER'S REPORT



Last month (June), we closed the Young, Stovall and the Amtrust Money Market accounts. All the monies were transferred to a new Amtrust Business Gold Money Market. \$31,994.27 from the Young Stovall and \$2,875,62 from the Amtrust Money Market were transferred to new Amtrust account.

Here is a bank report for the month ending on June 30:  
Business Checking with interest:\$101,053.95  
Business Gold Money Market:\$34,880.64

Hope you are all having a great summer!

Your treasurer,  
**Nancy Desmangles**  
Treasurer



**Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera**  
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## DENTAL CLINIC REPORT



DENTAL CLINIC REPORT 6/1/10 thru 6/30/10  
PATIENTS SEEN-----60  
NEW PATIENTS-----4  
DENTAL PROCEDURES-----192  
DOLLAR AMOUNT OFSERVICES RENDERED-----\$18,441.00

Please bring toys for our toy chest!  
**Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera**  
Dental Clinic Director

## SECOND DIRECTOR REPORT

It was a great pleasure to attend the summer planning session of the GFWC held in Vero Beach. It was well planned and executed. Every minute was packed with information and every workshop was constructed and presented for all attending.

Our state leadership is in very good hands. Goals include taking care of our state headquarters, supporting individual clubs, and their community. I am overjoyed that there are no longer departments. We have returned to the original concept of the Federation's community service. The new reporting process will be much easier. The six departments are now community service programs – GFWC and GFWC Florida have a Collaboration chairman and a Partnership chairman for each community service program.

COLLABORATION- these are programs and projects that clubs initiate independent of any GFWC relationship while meeting the needs in their community.

PARTNERSHIP - these are programs and projects that a club carries out on behalf of national level organizations with whom the GFWC has a formal relationship or partnership. These partners have developed programs especially designed for GFWC clubs. GFWC partners are selected by GFWC on the national level for their commitment to providing programs and members benefits that are unique and target GFWC clubs.

I will give each program chairman a list of their partnerships and the collaboration with the GFWC – Florida.

Congratulations for a fun-filled bingo and dessert event in July.

**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Second Director

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

As the summer rapidly passes so many of us have so much to take care of. We also want to hold our President in our prayers of appreciation for her leadership. May each one of us in our own way give thanks for all we have and the choices we have ahead. Remember a friend in need is a friend indeed.

**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Chaplain

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## CONSERVATION REPORT

Community Service program is going to be very exciting. The red, white and blue is going to fly all year long for us. Remember to turn off all the lights when you leave a room.

**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Conservation



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# SCOUT MASTER REPORT



**Robin Burr**  
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Last July, we had our first Eagle Project from Troop 7 scout, Geronimo Fernandez. This past March and May we had two more Eagle Scout Projects to benefit our club, as performed by Dalmiro Desiano and Alexander Tames.

Dalmiro's project consisted of landscaping both the west side of the Coral Room and the east side along the Dental Clinic. Both these areas were barren and in need of improvement and he did an excellent job of putting in beautiful flowers and lovely bushes to enhance the property and really dress up these two areas, as well as hide the large white propane tank from view. While the landscaping is fairly new, by the end of the rainy season, the plants should be grown in and offer some wonderful foliage. Dalmiro did have to improve the soil on the side by the Dental Clinic by adding some rich black dirt to the soil as it was very sandy. Dalmiro did an excellent job and the results are evident when you take a look at our building now.



Dalmiro Desiano

Alex decided to add to Dalmiro's project by mulching both of the areas that Dalmiro had previously planted, as well as adding some additional flowers for color. Alex also pressure-cleaned the entire east side of the building from the front all the way to the back of the Dental Clinic. The results are obvious with a nice clean facade.



Alexander Tames

Both Dalmiro and Alex went to their final District Board of Review on Tuesday, July 13, and were awarded their Eagle Rank for their efforts. Both had to produce a complete Eagle project report as well as produce photos and give extensive details of their work. They were asked numerous questions regarding their projects as well as their life ambitions and goals which lasted well over an hour for each. Congratulations to both of them on a job well done! Thanks for Troop 7's support of our club over the past year with these 3 beneficial projects.

**Robin Burr**  
Web and Scout Master

# CRIME WATCH REPORT



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A growing concern with law enforcement is the mail and phone scams taking place which tell people that they have won a great deal of money. Callers are told that they just have to call a number and answer a few questions. THIS IS A SCAM! Be careful when you answer the phone and you're talking to someone about a prize you may have won. Law enforcement informs us not to give any information over the phone nor acknowledge that you are the person they have called. This is a major scam taking place all over the country.

Also, car jackings are still #1 in law enforcement. Please do not carry more than 1 credit card at a time. It is suggested that women do not carry big purses. These are big green lights for robbery.

**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Crime Watch

## PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT

BP OIL spill - This is a big public issue for our Gulf Coast. Here is the latest as of July 21, 2010.

Since the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, killing 11 people, the most significant progress has come from the experimental cap placed over the well on July 15 that has halted the flow of oil.

THE ISSUES—Many issues have arisen since the experimental cap was put in place: including the apparent power struggle between BP officials and Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, in charge of the response, including: the availability of Remotely Operated Vehicles -- submersible robots that roam the seafloor with video cameras and tools -- to respond to seeps; the types of sensors BP uses to gather data from the well site; and "to make sure on a routine basis they were doing seismic and acoustic testing, and that resources were available to respond quickly." Kent Wells, BP's senior vice president, said at a briefing Monday, July 19 after Allen spoke that the company's meetings with federal scientists have been spirited and constructive.

Source—Both national and local written news reports.

**Mireya Kilmon**  
Public Issues Chairwoman



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## DISTRICT 11 REPORT

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 7th at 11am for our District 11 Summer Work Shop.

Heike, Claire Frances and I will be sharing our Summer Planning information with you. It is a pot luck luncheon, so please bring something to share.

Also please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9th for our Annual Fall Tour Meeting. Our FFWC President, Teddy Hulse will be doing a "Mini" Leads program for us! Registration from 9:30-10 am.

Please let our President, Linda Hartwell know if you will be attending either of these meetings.

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## PUBLICITY REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are having a great summer. Despite our break from club meetings, look for our Club in the news. Mireya Kilmon was featured as a Gables Great in the Community Newspapers - *Coral Gables News* and, of course, the GFWC CGWC was mentioned. Also, in that same paper look for a photo of Iris Torres and Mitzi Jenner at Bingo night with an article on the event.

Also, many thanks to Miami's Community Newspapers for continuing to run our banner ad for the Clubhouse rentals on their web page. Last month, the site got 1.8 million hits. Please make sure to subscribe to Community Newspapers to keep abreast of our local news. Go online to [www.communitynewspapers.com](http://www.communitynewspapers.com). Click on Subscribe. Also, you can find old articles by clicking onto Archives.

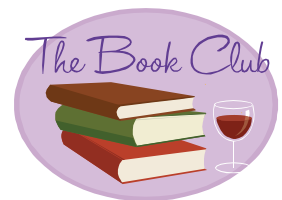
On a sad note, our friend, Neighbors columnist Bea Moss, recently passed away. She was a big supporter of our programs over the years, helping us publicize our Club activities through the Miami Herald Neighbors. Bea was someone who helped mentor me thirty years ago when I first starting doing PR for our CGJWC. Her patience and passion for our community were legendary. She was a very special person and will be missed. Her daughter, Christina Mayo, continues her column and, for that, we are most grateful. Please keep Bea and her family in your prayers.

Love,  
**Gloria Burns**  
Publicity Chairwoman



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## BOOK CLUB NOTE



Our next book club meeting will be August 16th (Monday), at the home of Carmen Suarez. We have chosen to discuss: "*The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*" by Stieg Larsson. Some of us have all ready finished this book and will read the second in the series, "*The Girl Who Played With Fire*" by the same author. Start reading and we'll see you at "Casa Carmen".

Here are some recommendations from our book club readers. Maybe other members will read the following books.

- Catching Fire
- Devil in White City
- Water for Elephants
- World Without End
- Queen's Fool
- Let the Right One In
- Heretic's Daughter
- Cookbook Collectors

Shadows of the Wind ----- by Carlos Ruiz  
A Land Remembered----- by Patrick Smith

**Barbara J. Lapsley**  
Second Director

# MARK FOUR CALENDARS



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## August

## *Children's Eye Health & Safety Month*

**August 4th**  
**August 16th**  
**August 18th**  
**August 28th**

General Meeting  
Book Club Meeting at the home of Carmen Suarez  
Fun Night hosted by the Education Department  
Board Meeting

Summer is going really fast and soon school will be starting again. We have missed all of you during July but hope you are having a great summer and look forward to seeing you in August.

Love,  
Mireya Kilmon

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## EDUCATION REPORT



Ladies,  
Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader? Do you like to draw? Are you good with words? Whether your answer was YES or NO to these questions, your teacher hostesses have something fun set-up for you in their "club classroom!"

Come and get into the back-to-school spirit on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm by playing a variety of games at the Education Committee's 'Fun' draiser.

Donate \$10 for a bookmark at the door, collect stickers playing at our "centers," and once filled, drop it into our raffle to win great prizes! Please RSVP to Christy0427@msn.com by Aug. 16 so that your "teachers" Christy, Patty, and Susie can "plan" appropriately for their "students." Proceeds will go to Books for Babies and a local community project. See you in class August 18<sup>th</sup>!

**Christy Saxon-Hernandez**  
Education Chairwoman



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**Birthday Wishes**

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**August Birthdays**

**August 24: Patty O'Neil Fossler**

**August 25: Barbara Lapsley**

**August 27 - Molly Adams**

**Please remember to wish these members a happy birthday!**



**Our thoughts are with you!**

**Molly Adams**

**Pat Clarke**

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

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**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.