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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. Our club's party was a great way to close out 2009. We had 90 guests at our Italian themed Christmas Party! The best attendance we have had yet! It made me feel very proud to walk into a room full of people that wanted to spend quality time together and share the meaning of the season.

The clubhouse was breathtaking and full of Christmas cheer and warmth. I want to thank Ana Lam for the majority of the decorations, Mayra Dominguez and Cece Stevenson for theirs as well. I would like to thank Vicki McGroarty, Barbara Lapsley and my daughter Sandy who helped us transform our clubhouse to a Christmas wonderland. I also want to thank Barbara Lapsley for doing a wonderful job organizing the food that everyone brought .

I cannot thank you all enough for all the delicious food we had. It was a mouth-watering feast! Thank you to Iris and Ralph Torres that found the DJ who played perfect music throughout the night. We celebrated our dental clinic doctors and staff and I want to thank you all for participating in buying presents for our dental clinic children. This is what Christmas is about...making children's dreams come true! We also welcomed 10 beautiful women into our club. Thank you, Debi Wilborn, for making it an extra special installation.



I also want to say a few words about our Christmas Board Dinner. I am sorry for those members that could not attend. We had a blast! I want to thank Vicki McGroarty for stepping up to the plate, (literally) to find us a place to have our dinner in. In addition, she also decorated the room beautifully! We had a great time with our Secret Santa gifts! I also want to thank the Board members for the wonderful gift certificate you gave me.

The beginning of the New Year is a time for new beginnings. It is a good time to start fresh, and do things that would make someone else smile. Make a pledge to make at least one person happy. You will see the difference it can make in your lives. New Year has a message for each of us; and that is to let go of the past and embrace life as it comes to you. You will be happier and merrier that way. That brings me to New Year Resolutions, and we all know they are nothing but short-term annual goals that help us to improve and break out of bad habits. One resolution I hope you will make #1 this coming year is to go out and get major donation prizes for our auction and to help bring in a lot of monies for our Casino Night for our dental clinic children.

The New Year is a time for celebration of love, of life, of friendship. It's the time to thank God for wonderful friends, and to bring to their lives as much magic as they bring to ours...So here's celebrating our friendship and praying that its magic continues forever. Happy New Year!

Pam





Linda Hartwell
First Vice President
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Ladies,

Starting this month, we will no longer offer dinner prior to our general or social meetings. We will have 4 members assigned to bring appetizers, set-up and clean-up for each meeting/social. A guidelines sheet is being worked on and will be sent to all members once finalized. When requested the dates will be ordered based on a first reply basis to make it fair.

We have done this before in the past and it worked well. Many of the ladies would decorate tables according to the season or event held. You will be working with 3 other members giving you the chance to get to know one another and form new friendships. Happy Hosting!

Linda Hartwell
First Vice President



Nancy Desmangles
Treasurer
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report for the month of November:

Amtrust Operating Account:\$20,437.91
Amtrust Money Market:\$5,858.90



During the month of November we collected \$15,069.00 in rental income of both halls in comparison to last month's \$14,915.00.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

Nancy Desmangles
Treasurer



Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera
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DENTAL CLINIC REPORT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR
FROM THE MAY VAN SICKLE DENTAL CLINIC STAFF!



Iris Torres-Rivera
Dental Clinic Director

THIRD DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear members,

Can you believe that is now 2010? A brand new year and I'm asking everyone to start fresh. Leave everything behind and begin a wonderful year ahead. A warm and loving welcome to all of our new members. Congratulations for a beautiful Installation Holiday Dinner.

Now is the time to start recording your activities for reporting purposes. Keep in mind that reporting begins January 1 and ends December 31. 12 months of recording your donations, community service, everything that you attend as a member on behalf of the Woman's Club counts towards your reporting. This is how our club earns awards in each of the 6 categories and extends its service to the community. I suggest you get a little book and keep the activities you do, money used, and mileage involved and add it up monthly so that the recording is ready to turn into to the individual chairman. I want to personally thank you for all you do on behalf of our wonderful Coral Gables Woman's Club. You are the stars that make us shine throughout the community. Happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director

“Recording your participation in a little book helps to keep your time tracking organized.” says Whitehurst.



Claire Frances Whitehurst
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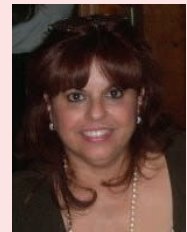
ARTS REPORT

Dear members,

Every year the GFWC Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs has an Arts and Crafts Exhibit at their Spring Convention. It all starts at the club level! We will have our Art Fair at the February 17th meeting. You may enter as many categories as you like, but only one item per category. I will e-mail the vast list of these items which should have been made or taken in the 2009 year. All 1st place winners will go onto the District Fine Arts Fair being held on February 24 and be judged with all the other clubs 1st place entries in our District. These 1st place winners will go on to compete in the FFWC Convention Arts and Crafts Exhibits 2010 at Spring Convention. I look forward to seeing all your wonderful work.

Ladies, please take a look at the categories. I'm sure there is something you've done that you can enter. For more specific information for your entry you can reach me at diana.dearmas@sci-us.com. May you all have a blessed year enriched by the Arts!

Diana De Armas
Arts Chairwoman



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“A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.”

Joshua Reynolds



Ana Lam
Conservation Chairwoman
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CONSERVATION REPORT

Dearest Beautiful Ladies from the CGWC:

As we begin a new year, I want to thank everyone for your friendships. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to work with such wonderful, warm and caring ladies. I look forward to working together and making our club shine in our community again this year. May this year be full of hope, good health, love and prosperity.

I would like to send a special "Thank You" to my special friend, Robert Martinez from OXXO Dry Cleaners (So. Miami) for picking up the toys donated by the Chamber of Commerce at the Biltmore and delivering them to our clubhouse on such short notice.

In addition, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to one of my best friends, Regina Downing and Dr. Richard Thomas from Pearl Vision at International Mall for generously donating their time and effort to the kids from our dental clinic. They along with One Sight provided our kids with 21 free eye exams and eye glasses. It's truly amazing when people work together what can be accomplished. You guys rock!

Our eye glass recycling project is still on. We have received about another 200 pairs of RX eye glasses from the community. If any of you have children or grandchildren that need community hours at school, let me know if they are interested in participating in this project and we will sponsor them.

With love and gratitude,
Ana Lam
Conservation Chairwoman



Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director/Chaplain
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SAFETY REPORT

2010 - a year to be more watchful of where you go, your surroundings, your home, and your neighbors. Because there are many people out there watching for the opportunity to use you to bring harm. Keep safe and be alert.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

To every member may the blessings of family, good health, faith, love, and service opportunities be yours in this new year of 2010. Keep the words "kindness, caring, and helpfulness" as part of your daily life.

God Bless You All.

Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

Dear members,

Another year leaves us and we have a new one ahead of us with much to do. It is exciting that we have new members which were installed at our Christmas Dinner meeting and so many volunteers opportunities. Our work is never done! I wish you a prosperous and productive year as a member of our sisterhood.

On November 19, 2009, a bill to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The FVPSA Reauthorization Act of 2009 (H.R. 4116) revises the requirements for and reauthorizes the FVPSA at increased levels. This act is the only federal funding source dedicated to domestic violence shelters and programs. FVPSA's reauthorization offers victims hope as it will allow domestic violence programs to continue and end the vicious cycle of violence.

"Our work is never done," reminds Mireya Kilmon.

Reauthorizing the FVPSA will do the following:

- Allow communities to continue to provide life-saving services to domestic violence victims and their children including emergency shelters, crisis lines, counseling, and advocacy; Assist underserved communities;
- Help break the cycle of violence.

What We Can Do:

The General Federation of Women's Clubs can band together by flexing its legislative muscles and encourage Congress to pass this life-saving bill.

Engaging governmental officials is the best way to further GFWC's leadership efforts in domestic violence awareness and prevention.

As Domestic Violence Awareness is GFWC's Signature Project, starting in the 2010-2012 Administration, it is imperative for clubwomen to contact their representatives to ensure that this bill is passed and monies are available. We need you to call your Representatives today and encourage them to co-sponsor this vital piece of legislation, H.R. 4116.

Log on to http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml to find your representative. Your calls make a difference! Contact me for specific talking points to use when making these calls.

Good luck and let's break the cycle of violence.

Mireya Kilmon

GFWC President's Special Project Chairwoman





Gloria Burns
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PUBLICITY REPORT

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas.

Please check out our latest mentions and photos in *Coral Gables News* and in the *South Miami News* by going online to communitynewspapers.com. Click on the appropriate paper and go to page 4 to bring up my "Gloria's Gab" column. You may also find past articles in archives. If you would like to e-mail any of these to friends, just click on the box that asks you if you want to send to a friend and enter your info. This is a great secondary way to promote our club; so, please do this whenever you have time. Wishing you all many blessings for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Gloria Burns
Publicity Chairwoman



Pam Schaefer
Casino Night Fundraising &
Auction Chairman

CASINO NIGHT REPORT

Dear Members!

We had our annual Casino Night Kick-Off in November and unfortunately, it was not very well attended. I have sent out a few emails but have only gotten a response from a few members. The club will be more than happy to pay postage to send out your fundraising letters. HOWEVER, I need to have the names and addresses you would like me to address them to, then at the meeting on January 6, you could put the letters in the envelopes. I will also email you the letters and you can print them yourselves, but I need to know if you would like me to do that for you or not.

Regarding auction items, we need to have quality items for our guests to bid on. Start now by asking the stores you shop at, ask friends that have businesses (Ex. salons, spas, massages, retail store items, art jewelry, anything people would buy). Everyone has their own circle of influence. Now is the time to start asking and sending out all the letters. **Our Casino Night is March 6, 2010.**

Active and tenured members have a minimum fundraising requirement of \$250.00. New members have a minimum of fundraising requirement of \$100.00. As you all know, I do not like the word "minimum". We are here to help raise lots of money for our May Van Sickle Dental Clinic. Tickets for this fun event are only \$25.00. So start asking now. We need bodies at this function!!!

Pam Schaefer
Casino Night Chairwoman



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BOOK CLUB NOTE:

Our next book will be "*Loving Frank*" by Nancy Horan. The Book Club will meet on January 18, 2010, at the home of Mrs. Barbara Lapsley. Prepare to be entertained while reading about the passionate life of one of the world's most gifted architects, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Barbara J. Lapsley
Second Director/ FFWC District 11 President's Project

MARK FOUR CALENDARS

January

National Month For:

Mentoring, Volunteer Blood Donor, Birth Defects Prevention, Eye Care Month

- Jan. 2nd, Saturday** Junior Orange Bowl Parade
- Jan. 6th, Wednesday** 6:30 pm Social Time (hostesses to be announced)
7:00 pm General Meeting, Focus on Education, Chairman, Susie Tilson
- Jan. 7th – 10th, Thurs-Sun.** Smart Ride
Chairman, Carmen Suarez
- Jan. 20th, Wednesday** 6:30 pm Social Time (hostesses to be announced)
7:00 pm Fun Night TBA
- Jan. 27th, Wednesday** 6:00 pm Board Meeting (hostesses to be announced)

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, hapygoddes@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.

HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



2009 New Member Inductees with
Pam Schaefer, President & Debi Wilborn, Second VP



Cupcake Tower donated by
Maite de Para, Mighty Fine Cakes



Linda Hartwell
First Vice President
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Birthday Wishes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



January Birthdays
Janet Barone—5
Marianne Grunwaldt—5
Diana de Armas —17
Pam Schaefer—24

Please remember to wish them 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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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.