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Pictured back to front: Robin Burr, Linda Hartwell, Barbara Lapsley, Michele Collier, Pam Schaefer, Vicki McGroarty, Cynthia Phelan, missing from photo: Mayra Dominguez, Nancy Desmangles and Iris Torres Rivera

MEMORIES FROM FALL BOARD

As your First Director, Newsletter Editor and Past President I decided it was appropriate to write about our journey to Fall Board. We had 10 members attend. **Mayra Dominguez** a NEW member and our new International Chairman! **Nancy Desmangles**, Treasurer; **Cynthia Phelan**, Recording Secretary and Conservation Chairman; **Robin Burr**, Website Chairman; **Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera**, Dental Clinic Director; **Vicki McGroarty**, President's Aide and Entertainment Chairman; **Linda Hartwell**, 1st VP, Juniorette Advisor and State Juniorette Advisory Committee Member; **Michele Collier**, 2nd Director and State Elections Committee Member; **Barbara Lapsley**, Corresponding Secretary and FFWC President's Project Hope Chairman; and myself the State Club Communications Newsletters/Yearbooks Chairman.

We all carpoled to start our journey to Orlando together. Our day started early Friday morning, September 12, 2008. Upon arriving at our destination we started the day off registering at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on International Drive, waiting in line for our rooms, quickly unloading the suitcases to run to the 1st meetings of Fall Board, First Time Attendees, State Chairmen and Hope Chairmen, thank goodness we had our tennis shoes on! Those that didn't have early meetings were assigned to different workshops that started at 5:15, so no rest for the weary! Much was learned by all. Everyone was so excited just from the 1st few hours of the 1st half day! Friday was a special day for one of our members. It was **Michele Collier's** birthday, so we had a special dinner together and gave her a "surprise birthday party" in our room. We had a great time. And always remember "What happens at Fall Board-Stays at Fall Board"!

Saturday we were up bright and early for breakfast and off to more workshops making sure that we had a member represented at every available workshop (Education, Membership, Arts, Parliamentary Procedure, Leadership, and Everything You Want to Know about Juniorettes). We all met for the Heifer International Luncheon "The Gift of a Goat". The guest speaker **Beatrice Biira** told us about her goat, a gift from Heifer International. What a wonderful story of how she was able to achieve her lifelong dream of going to school because of a goat named Mugisa (which means luck). Her story is beautifully captured in the children's book **Beatrice's Goat** by Page McBrier and Lori Lohstoeter. The workshops and Board of Directors Meeting resumed until 5pm. Once again we had someone attend each available workshop (Conservation, Fundraising, and Heifer International). That night we all got to dress up in our Western wear for a "Heifer Hoe-down". We had a great time at dinner! Entertainment was provided by the Fancy Feet Cloggers. After dinner we got together with members from the rest of our District where **Mary Wingett** our District Director presented **Barbara** and **Michele** our immediate past District Director and Junior District Director, respectively with a gift for each. What a fun time!

Sunday, up bright and early again. Off to more workshops (Reporting, Club Presidents/Treasurers Meeting, Web Design/Club Communications, Public Relations, International Affairs and Programs). As Club Communications Chairman I was in charge of a workshop, meaning Fall Board attendees come for your expertise. Mine happens to be Newsletters/Yearbooks. It was a first time for me.

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Nancy Desmangles
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TREASURER REPORT



Here is the general ledger for the month of August 2008:

- Suntrust account balance: \$326.62
- Young Stovall money market: \$31,809.60
- Amtrust operating account : \$57,788.00
- Amtrust Money Market account : \$66,910.90

I just got back from the Fall Board Convention. Once again a lot was learned. I think more members should find the time to attend a convention; you do not have to be on the board to do so. You get to learn about all the things in which a volunteer club is involved. It's a good experience.

For those of you who have not paid your dues, please mail the check or send your credit card information to me 110 Sidonia Avenue, Apt 112, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

DENTAL CLINIC DIRECTOR REPORT



Dr. Iris Torres-Rivera
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August 2008 Report

Patients seen -----	38
New Patients-----	2
Number of Procedures-----	90
Dollar value of AI Dental Services Provided-----	\$10,705.00

The Dental clinic was closed August 18 thru September 8.
The clinic opened September 10.

Please bring toys for our treasure chest it is now empty.

THIRD DIRECTOR REPORT



Claire Frances Whitehurst
Third Director
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As Third Director, Chairman of Crime Watch, and Past President, it is a joy to **Welcome** all of our new members and returning members to the 2008-2009 club year.

You are special and we look forward to many opportunities you will have to share your talents, interest, and ideas.

Every member has an important role in the success of our club locally, statewide and nationally.

The GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club has a long and proud history of community, outreach activities and has touched the lives of hundreds of children who have come through the doors of our Dental Clinic and continue to come.

Get ready for a GREAT year of fellowship and service. 3 cheers and welcome to All!!!

1st Vice PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Ladies,

We just got back from Fall Board. What a wonderful time had by all. Much information was gathered. It was a full weekend of learning and sharing ideas. I have some wonderful and fun ideas I will be bringing to our upcoming meetings and hope you will all attend.

In October we have many available events for members. Please check the **Mark Your Calendars** section of our newsletter to see what you would like to participate in. Remember you don't need to participate in every event however, our meetings are very important as this is the time when you can get information, ask questions, and get to know each other. We will also have a program or project at the meetings for you to get involved in and enjoy.

At the November 5th meeting we will break out into department groups so our Chairman can get to know their committee and brain storm some ideas for the year. Don't forget to think about what committee you would like to join. (Arts, Home Life, Education, Conservation, Public Affairs, International Affairs, FFWC State Project Heifer International, GFWC Project Domestic Violence) Check your Membership Directory for descriptions of each department. There will a second meeting in November on the 19th to pack the toiletry bags for the **Agape Woman** and to make the food baskets for our **Dental Clinic Families**. This is always a fun time where we work together with our Junioresettes. The Junioresettes will be walking in the **Alliance for Lupus Research Walk for Us to cure lupus** on November 2nd. Anyone interested in walking with us please let me know.
In Federation Love,

NEW MEMBER CHAIR REPORT

We had a wonderful turn out of members & guests for our Wine & Cheese Social last Wednesday night. Thank you to all of you, who came out to support our club. I truly appreciate it!

A special thanks to all my "helpers", **Susie, Debra, Mayra, Pam, Barbara, Gloria & Robin**. These club members help make our event successful. Thank you also to one of our newest members, **Kathy Terry**, for all of her e-invites. Many guests that night were her guests. And a special thanks to our **Terry Cook**, for the beautiful decor & wonderful food that evening.

Our guests enjoyed hearing about the CGWC. We had three of the guests join that same night, with several going home to fill out the application and a few others will be attending our Oct. 1st club meeting. The topic being October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I hope more of our membership will be present for the Oct. 1st meeting.
Again, thank you to all. I look forward to seeing you soon.

ARTS DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are looking for a Leader that is interested in chairing this position and encouraging members to create and contribute to arts education and activities in all communities through music, dance, drama, visual arts, school art exhibits, student art exhibits, art education, art, music, drama scholarships, support local theater groups, sponsor ads in playbills, lots more!
Ask about it!!!



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Debi Wilborn
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Domestic Violence Project will be partnering on Saturday, October 4th from 11am-4PM, with Williamson Cadillac and The Women's Alliance and Suited for Success to collect women's suits for needy women in transition. I will be a special guest. This will be a special day dedicated to Women. There will be free manicures and massages, refreshments, food and some great raffle prizes. Please drop by the dealership any time between now and then to drop off your suits.



I also want to thank the club members for their support in my recent journey and quest for the crown of Mrs. Florida International 2009. I am happy to report that I was selected for the top 10 semifinalist and then made the scores to finish as the 5th Finalist. I also won People's Choice Award. It was an amazing experience and it might not be my last!

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN REPORT

A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Debra Adam** for accepting the Education Chairman position! This positions' objective is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning by encouraging members and others to foster and support educational opportunities in their communities with programs like....**WE FOCUS ON LITERACY!!!**

WE SUPPORT LIBRARIES, BOOKS FOR BABIES, CELEBRATE NATIONAL AUTHORS' DAY on NOVEMBER 1, SUPPORT EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY, SCHOLARSHIPS.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) - an honorary education society, promotes a love for reading and encourages self-improvement. ESO hopes to encourage clubwomen in pursuit of higher education, to stimulate home reading, encourage the use of public libraries, discussion groups.

We can start a BOOK CLUB! Or have a BOOK EXCHANGE at our Meetings!

AARP Foundation will award scholarships for eligible women over 40 years old!
Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund is a fund just for women!

HOME LIFE REPORT

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please get involved, make a difference & help fight cancer! Plan to attend our Wednesday night **October 1st** meeting at 7 p.m. We are having a guest speaker from Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation. Also, our club is participating in (2) October Miami Walks this year!!! "Making Strides" American Cancer Society on **Sat. Oct. 4th**, Bayfront Park, Downtown Miami at 8 a.m. and Susan G. Komen, "Race for the Cure" on **Sat. Oct. 18th**, Bayfront Park, Downtown Miami at 8 a.m. I will be chairing & attending the "Making Strides" event on Sat. Oct. 4th. Charo will be chairing & attending the "Komen Race for the Cure" on Sat. Oct. 18th.

Please plan to join us on one of these walks or make a contribution to one of the foundations. Our team is: Coral Gables Woman's Club. You can visit the web sites to join or make a contribution. Making Strides: www.cancer.org/stridesonline Susan G. Komen: www.komenmiaftl.org Thank you for your support

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT

NAMASTE Ladies,

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Annual Fall Board of Director's meeting in Orlando. It was enlightening and a pleasure to meet all these hard working, driven women sharing a common purpose: to help others. I attended several workshops and they were very informative and helped me to be clearer on my role as a member and as a chair. I am very excited to be the Chair for International Affairs and look forward to contribute to all the great causes the Federation is involved in, among others: *Clowns without Borders*, *Care and Plan USA*, *Operation Smile*, *World Food Day*, *the Tap Project*, *Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF* and the *Campaign to Prevent Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV*. Of course we are also involved in *Heifer International*, our Federation President's Special Project. Most of these programs are part of the United Nations efforts to help populations in need through two of the departments: UNICEF and UNIFEM.

I have great hopes that we can continue to help more people beyond our borders and continue bringing our CGWC to the spotlight. To be considered for a GFWC award the deadline for donations is April 30, 2009. **LET'S GET TO WORK!**



Mayra Dominguez
International Affairs Chairman
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 29th Dine at Chili's and all profits go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®.

October 1st General Meeting
6:30 pm Dinner (rsvp to Vicki McGroarty vlmcgroarty@aol.com)
7:00 pm Meeting-Guest Speaker, Tara Allen from Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research

October 4th Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Bayfront Park, 8:30 am
Team Captain, Debi Wilborn

October 15th Board Meeting, 6:00 pm- Juniorette Meeting, 6:30 pm
Speaker for the Alliance for Lupus Research,
pack Operations Christmas Child Boxes

October 18th Komen Race for The Cure, Bayfront Park, 8:30 am
Team Captain, Charo Bolanos

We will be having a New Members Orientation Meeting, Tentative dates October 8th or the 22nd

November 2nd Junioresettes Walk (CGWC members welcome to join us)
Alliance for Lupus Research Walk with Us to cure lupus,
Coral Gables City Hall, 9:00 am
Team Captain, Linda Hartwell

November 5th General Meeting,
6:30 pm Dinner (rsvp to Vicki McGroarty vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net)
7:00 pm Meeting, Department/Committee Breakout

November 19th General Meeting
6:30 pm Dinner (rsvp to Vicki McGroarty vlmcgroarty@bellsouth.net)
7:00 pm Meeting, Packing Toiletry Bags and Food Baskets
Juniorette Meeting, 6:30pm help with above

November 24th Board Meeting, 6:00 pm



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WEB MASTER REPORT

Dear Members,

It was my privilege to attend the Fall Board in Orlando this past weekend with our wonderful Club and it's members. Our own Pam Schaefer was putting on a seminar about Newsletters, Yearbooks and Web Sites so I decided to attend, especially since I heard there is going to be a web site contest amongst clubs this year and wanted to find out more about it.

Well, to my surprise, the lady who was scheduled to speak on web sites, Sara Castelli, (who is the GFWC Website Chairman) was having some trouble with her vision and was unable to attend at the last minute, so Pam and Mary Check Cason (she is head of GFWC Public Relations) asked me to help them out, spur of the moment. I was honored to speak on, "How to build a web site for your club," and it was amazing to me when I asked for a show of hands to see that still, only half the Woman's Clubs in the audience have their own web sites. I spoke for about 20 minutes touching on everything I could possibly think of in order to get started. I think everyone was impressed with the amount of information I provided as several came to me after the seminar and asked questions and gave me some compliments. It was a wonderful experience and I want to thank Pam for the opportunity and her confidence in me!

Remember check our web site frequently to stay up-to-date!
www.CoralGablesWomansClub.com

Give me your feedback on our site as I plan to enter that contest!

PUBLICITY REPORT

Chairs, please send me information on all your committee activity that we need to publicize. I know various committees are participating in charitable events on weekends that I may not be able to attend. If you will take photos and e-mail them to me at galburns@aol.com, we can get additional press. By promoting our activities, we can attract even more wonderful new members; so, please keep me posted.

You are a great group of women and applauding your efforts to help others and our community is a pure pleasure. Keep up the good work.

CASINO NIGHT MARCH 21st 2009!

TICKET SALES

We know times are tough - so we've come up with a plan for our **MEMBERS ONLY**. If you buy your tickets before **December 1st** can get them for \$50.00!!! So what does that mean? It means that because YOU are a member that you can purchase your ticket for \$50.00, only YOU not your spouse or significant other, only for you! Everyone else's ticket will still be \$75.00.

AUCTION

Please go out and solicit for auction items now please. Same thing as last year. Ask for an item everywhere you shop! They are not saying no to you! We need to get the items now!

Memories from Fall Board Continued....

Club Communications/Web Design and Public Relations were held together as one workshop. I met Mary Check Cason who is head of Public Relations for the FFWC. She is such a dynamic person! What a perfect position for this wonderful lady. She made me feel like I knew her for years! My partner Sara Castelli, the Webmaster for the FFWC was under the weather and could not attend Fall Board. I was to present her part of the workshop...well thank GOODNESS for ROBIN BURR!!!! She saved my life!!! Robin took over that portion of the workshop and I can't thank her enough. You know everything happens for a reason! Robin thank you again! And I know the ladies of the FFWC thank you!

In Federation Love,
Pam Schaefer



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JUNIORETTE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Juniorettes Lend A Helping Hand

Operation Christmas Child-A Project of Samaritan's Purse

The Juniorettes will once again be making boxes for Operation Christmas Child at their October 17th meeting. Your help in providing these items would be greatly appreciated. Just one item per member would help. Check your local Dollar Store. Please bring to the October 1st meeting or you can drop off on October 17th. Your support of the Juniorettes is greatly appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child, the unique worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse. Each year, we share God's love with millions of poor, sick, and suffering children by hand-delivering shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, candy and other gifts. With your help, we can bring the Good News of God's love to millions of hurting children and their families.

Suggested Gifts:

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

REMEMBER ITEMS MUST BE ABLE TO FIT INTO A STANDARD SIZE SHOE BOX.

DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Used items

War-related items: toy guns, knives, etc.

Chocolate or perishable food items

Liquids: shampoo, liquid soap, lotion, bubbles, etc.

Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.

Breakable items: mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who brought School Supplies the Juniorettes packed over 60 bags to donate to Tucker Elementary School.



Rachel Crawley
 Juniorette President

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

HEALING CORNER

October 1-

Pat Clarke



October 14-

Elizabeth Ann Parker



October 3-

Kathy Terry



October 19-

Andy Young



October 11-

Jo Burke



October 29-

Cindie Ruiz



October 14-

Aminta Konawicz



Wishing that each day brings you strength and a happier, healthier you!

- Molly Adams
- Janet Barone
- Cathy Blanton
- Claire-Frances Whitehurst



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Barbara Lapsley
District 11
President's Project
Hope Chairman

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT REPORT

Give the Gift of Hope



Take part in a growing tradition by giving gifts that help those in need. Just in time for the holidays, instead of material gifts, choose gifts from a flyer that I will pass out at the October 1st. meeting.

I will also be selling the Ark pins for \$5.00.

Our goal for District 11 is to purchase an ARK for \$5,000.00