



# Coral Gables Woman's Club *Coral Vine*



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## *P*RESIDENT'S *M*ESSAGE

Dear Members,

I look to April with mixed feelings. First I am very excited about our upcoming elections and the slate of wonderful and dedicated women who have stepped up to the plate to run for Executive Board positions. And of course, I feel a little sadness in knowing that my tenure as President is coming to an end - although I have to confess that I am looking forward to getting rid of those keys.

When I first joined this Club in July 2007, I didn't even know that the clinic existed. I was amazed that this small group of dedicated women was able to offer such a wonderful service to the community. At that moment, this Club captured my heart, and I am hoping that each and every member can feel that same sense of wonder and accomplishment, and make the commitment necessary to make sure that we can continue to offer this needed service to so many deserving children. I am so excited about the endless possibilities that the future holds for our Club.

This month ten of our Board Members will be attending the GFWC Florida Convention, including myself. Conventions are always a wonderful opportunity for us to learn and grow as we share with other Federation club members from throughout the state. This convention is also particularly exciting for us because we have two wonderful club members who will be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

I want to congratulate Linda Hartwell who was chosen to represent District 11 as this year's LEADS candidate and Debra Adam who was chosen as District 11 Volunteer of the Year. This is a great honor for our Club. Both of these members have a chance to be chosen at the convention as to represent the State in their respective nominations, and as you all know they are both very deserving - so keep your fingers crossed.

Lastly, I am hoping that the Club as a whole will be receiving many awards for all the hard work that all the members have done. I want to thank all the Board members and Department Chairs that worked so hard to complete and submit the reports to the State.

Love you all and God Bless, *Charo*



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## **REMEMBER - APRIL 1st WE VOTE FOR OUR NEW 09-10 OFFICERS!**



**Nancy Desmangles**  
Treasurer  
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## TREASURER REPORT



As of February 28-Bank Statement

**Amtrust Checking** balance of \$18,560.90 with \$44.78 interest (reminder that we earned for the whole year 2008 \$911.24, with an interest rate of 1.243 %).

**Amtrust Money Market** \$67,514.87 with \$189.06 interest (total interest for last year \$1435.85 with an interest rate of 1.736%)

**Young Stovall Money Market** \$31,990.09

**April Hall Rentals** - Hall 1009 is rented all weekends of the month of April  
Hall 1001 is rented 3 days

Donations are not arriving yet for our fundraiser. Have you sent out your letters?

**REMINDER – DUES ARE DUE!!!**  
**Our year starts May 1st- Membership renewals are due May 1st!**



**Iris Torres-Rivera**  
Dental Clinic Director  
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## DENTAL CLINIC DIRECTOR REPORT

DENTAL CLINIC REPORT 2/1/09 thru 2/28/09

Patients Seen.....	71
New Patients.....	5
Dental Procedures.....	196
Dental Treatment Rendered.....	\$21,461.00

**PLEASE BRING IN TOYS FOR OUR CLINIC TOY CHEST!!**

## THIRD DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear Members,

Spring has sprung and April Showers quieted the lion's roar of March. As we ready to send off our delegation to the 2009 State Convention, we are so proud of our LEAD representative of the Club and District, **LINDA HARTWELL**, and our Volunteer of the Year for our Club and District, **DEBRA ADAM!** We thank each of them for their gifts of talents, loyalty and commitment. God Bless you both! **Big Hugs**

Be sure you get your hours and activities to Pam. She has a great method of recording our members volunteer hours and financial support done in the name of our club. Thank you for helping her do a huge, very hard job. Pam you are super nova!

**Special Kudos:** to a special person who is keeping our records straight, thank you **Sandy Schaefer** for stepping in and keeping up with all of us girls! It's not easy!

May God Bless each of you through this month of spiritual enrichment, and we look forward to a wonderful rest of the year.



**Claire Frances Whitehurst**  
Third Director  
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# Coral Gables Woman's Club President's Reception

**Barbecue** **Hoe-Down** **Drinks**

Come join us for a night of fun as we honor our president. Bring your significant other too!!!

Saturday,  
April 25, 2009  
7:00 PM

Linda Hartwell's  
3640 SW 185th Avenue  
Miramar, FL 33029



RSVP:  
April 21, 2009  
Linda Hartwell  
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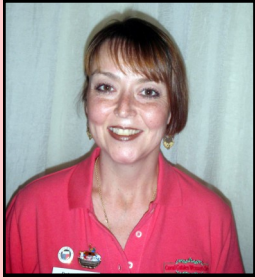


**Linda Hartwell**  
1st Vice President  
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Acting Arts Chairman

## ARTS REPORT

February 25, 2009 was the District 11 Fine Arts Luncheon held at our beautiful Clubhouse. On February 24<sup>th</sup> the clubs registered their 1<sup>st</sup> place entries. As the District 11 Arts & Crafts Chairman I was there to oversee it all. I want to thank my wonderful helpers **Patty O'Neill Fossler, Pam Schaefer, Debra Adam, Claire Frances Whitehurst, and Arlene Weyrick** of Whispering Pines Woman's Club. There were many wonderful entries, 63 to be exact. The **Coral Gables Woman's Club** received **1<sup>st</sup> Place for Best Overall Club** with 62 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> went to the **Women's Club of Homestead** with 61 points and the **Miami Springs Woman's Club** came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 50 points. All the individual 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will go on to the State Fine Arts Show at Spring Convention in April. Below is the list of our entries and placement in the show.

Member	Category/Description	Place
Kathy Terry	8-Jewelry-Other	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gloria Burns	22-Knitting-Clothing	Honorable Mention
Kathy Terry	23-Knitting other than clothing	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pam Schaefer	25-Crochet-afghans, blankets, bedspreads	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kathy Terry	32-Needlepoint-canvas	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gloria Burns	45-Quilting	1 <sup>st</sup>
Linda Hartwell	59-Holiday Ideas-Floral	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mireya Kilmon	90-D Photo-Portrait	1 <sup>st</sup>
Carmen Suarez	91-D Photo-Natural History	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mireya Kilmon	92-D Photo-Scenic	1 <sup>st</sup>
Debra Adam	92-35 Photo-Scenic	1 <sup>st</sup> Best In Show
Mireya Kilmon	93-D Photo-Feature	1 <sup>st</sup>



**Debra Adam**  
Education Chairman  
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## EDUCATION REPORT

### RFB&D

learning through listening



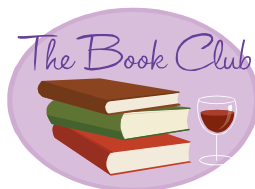
**TED ADELMAN FROM RECORDING FOR THE BLIND & DYSLEXIC SPOKE ON MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>!** The illustrious Ted Adelman from *Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic* presented to us at our festive March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting! I'd like to thank the Education Committee (including **Diana de Armas, Mayra Dominguez, Ana Lam, Nicole Matchette, Rachel Pigott, Neha Rastogi, Pam Schaefer & Kathy Terry**) for voting to have this incredible organization present; I'd like to thank **Linda Hartwell** for her scheduling approval; and, I'd like to thank everyone in attendance for your clear interest and attention that night! Not only that! Thank you, **MaryScull Brown** for bringing in that beautiful basket for the raffle; and thanks to all of you fine women who bought tickets! Proceeds went to RFB&D, along with a generous \$100 check given by our President, **Charo Bolanos** on behalf of the Club! I thought that Ted was going to faint upon receiving this ~ he extends his sincere thanks to the Club! These funds come at a "great" time as budgets, not surprisingly, have been cut drastically for this worthy and much-needed organization. Please visit [http://www.rfbd.org/Florida\\_Unit.htm](http://www.rfbd.org/Florida_Unit.htm) for more information. I know you ladies are busy, busy, busy, but this is a fabulous volunteer opportunity which does offer a great deal of flexibility as far as your time goes! I adore volunteering there, and you will too! Please don't hesitate to call either Ted Adelman or Kathy Fisler in person at 1-800-535-0552 (this is a direct number to the studio, located dangerously close to The Big Cheese!

#### UPCOMING PROJECT FOR OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Tucker Elementary School** is near and dear to us at the Coral Gables Woman's Club! In addition to submitting an application for a GFWC Florida Department Grants Application for printers, we hope to be following up on that with a Bunko Night & Art Sale! Brainstorming is in the works and we are all excited about this. Tucker is in desperate need of printers and we are going to do what we can to help them with this! In this unfortunate time of budget cuts, the School needs our assistance as they only have 3 printers for 23 classrooms and have NO funds to buy more!

#### UPCOMING ORIENTATION FOR PROJECT L.E.A.D.

The first day of the next "New Tutor Training" will be Saturday, March 28th from 9am to 5:30pm and will be followed by an "Advanced Training Session" once those trained have begun tutoring an adult student. As you must know by now, I have been tutoring a functionally illiterate woman via the Public Library System of Miami-Dade's literacy program, Project L.E.A.D (Literacy for Every Adult in Dade). It is challenging and oh so rewarding! To learn more about this incredible volunteer program, click on <http://www.mdpls.org/services/outreach/lead.asp#1>. You may also contact Abby Myeress, the Program Manager (who spoke at our January meeting), Melissa or Vandell at (305) 375-5323.



*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving is our current read and we will be having our next meeting on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. **If you'd like to join us, just send me an email!** As always, remember that you do *not* have to be a member of the Education Committee to be in the Book Club. The Book Club meetings are not only the intellectual and stimulating dissection of the book at hand; they're also fabulous for getting to know each other, not to mention sharing great food and drink!

## HOME LIFE REPORT

Hi CGWC ladies,! Now don't be foolish and miss our April 1st meeting. Make sure you come out to VOTE!!! Please plan to attend. It will be life changing! Since we will be starting our new year May 1st it is a PERFECT time to bring new prospective members! We are fortunate to have guest speaker, Ken Trachy, from the U of M, Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency.

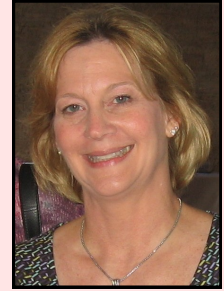
The Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine has the unique responsibility in South Florida for recovering organs and tissue for transplantation. They are in collaboration with all hospitals, educating healthcare professionals and the community about donation and transplantation. They also provide comfort and support programs for bereaved donor families. Currently there are more than 100,000 men, women and children with life threatening organ failure illnesses waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. More than a thousand individuals are waiting here in South Florida.

With everyday passing another 132 individuals are added to the national waiting list, one every 11 minutes. Sadly everyday, 18 individuals die before an organ becomes available. Thousands of more individuals need their sight and health restored. With organ donations these individuals independence can be regained through various eye, bone, tissue and skin transplants. **One organ donor can save and improve the lives of more than 50 individuals.**

Every person has the power to donate life. People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Donation is considered only after all life-saving efforts have been exhausted and death declared.

All major religions support donation as an unselfish act of charity and compassion. To designate yourself an organ, eye, and tissue donor by joining Florida's donor registry or for more information, contact Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency at 1-800-232-2892.

As you can see by the information above this is an important meeting you won't want to miss. Don't be "foolish" & miss out, our meeting is "April 1st" at 7 p.m. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to attend as well. See you then.



**Debi Wilborn**  
Home Life Chairman  
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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT

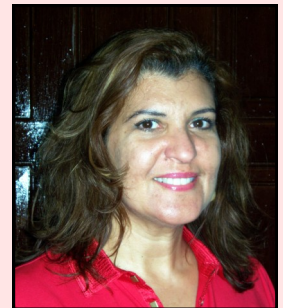
### A Night in Bollywood

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend "A Night in Bollywood," a fundraiser to benefit **Sunil's Home Orphanage** in India. This orphanage was the indirect recipient of our Club's generosity when we donated \$500 to the Miami Christian School Garden Project. The school in turn donates proceeds from the garden sales to the orphanage. The origins of the orphanage is a beautiful story that shows, as we club women know, that everything we do, no matter how small has a huge impact in our surroundings. Sunil's Home provides food, shelter, medical care and education to 40 children. But thanks to people's generosity, they raised over \$70,000 which will allow them to complete a second floor to house more children and to provide educational scholarships.

### World Water Week

As you know, I have been actively participating in the UNICEF's Tap Project ([www.tapproject.org](http://www.tapproject.org)) which is part of UNICEF's efforts to help the over 900 million people without safe drinking water. 4200 children die every day due water-related diseases and lack of clean water is the second killer in childhood. The premise of the project is that restaurants ask their patrons to donate \$1 or more for the tap water they usually enjoy for free. **One single dollar can provide a child with safe drinking water for 40 days.** **World Water Week is March 22-28.** Please visit the restaurants and mention the Tap project to continue raising awareness to this amazing program. Our Coral Gables Woman's Club donated \$100 to this wonderful project!

NAMASTE my beautiful ladies and may your divine spirit continue growing and your light shine the path of everyone you encounter.



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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT



Camillus  
House

FOR OUR MIAMI HOMELESS



In mid-February, **Debi Wilborn** brought a trunk full of huge bags of clothes to be donated to our Miami homeless. She had told her family and friends about Camillus House and they, in turn, gave and gave along with her. These bags included pants (some brand spanking new), long sleeved shirts and other warm items for both men and women! Debra Adam took the clothes to Camillus early on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, just when the newest cold snap was setting in. Thank you, **Debi W!** And, thank all of you wonderful and generous ladies for all of your donations! Debra A. asked the men emptying her trunk if they'd mind a picture ~ as you can see they were happy to have their picture taken and were quite animated about the whole thing! Notice the new sneakers on their feet – a company (don't know which one...) donated 10,000 pairs which were delivered to Camillus the Wednesday before!

Debra has been in contact with Edward Boland from Camillus who seems to be in charge of almost everything there! She let him know how much our Coral Gables Woman's Club cares about the shelter and the homeless it cares for, that we have just been donating away and that we have an ongoing sock and clothing drive going. He asked that I send on his sincere thanks to the entire CGWC on behalf of Camillus House and the homeless of the shelter!

### **CLOTHING FOR ADULTS IS WELCOME, & KEEP THOSE WONDERFUL SOCKS COMING!**

Remember, the socks do not have to be brand new, just free of holes! As far as clothing, they're in need of used anything and everything! Debra Adam will have a special bag at each meeting for your most-appreciated donations. There are many other ways to donate to Camillus House, such as volunteering to make monthly casseroles, to serve meals or simply sending in monetary donations. For more information on Camillus House and the various ways to donate, please check out their website at [www.camillushouse.org](http://www.camillushouse.org). Or, feel free to contact Debra Adam at [debraadam@bellsouth.net](mailto:debraadam@bellsouth.net) or (305) 793-5719 for any information about Camillus House.

## WEB MASTER REPORT

On March 4th I submitted our web site to the GFWC web site competition for 2009. Here is the 250 word essay I wrote as part of the required submission:

"Our Club's web site was created and launched in June of 2000. The web site is used for communication amongst our members in order to keep everyone up-to-date and informed of all events within the Club. Our Club is a community service organization that represents a wide spectrum of women of all ages and has been in existence since 1923 with a common bond to make Coral Gables and the surrounding area a better place to live. The web site documents our Club's rich history over these past 85 years. The officers are all listed with the ability to contact them. There is information on how to join the club, the various departments are explained and the department chairs are listed. There is information about the May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic, the primary beneficiary of the club's fundraising efforts, with the ability to make an on-line donation. We have a calendar with our meeting dates and a map of how to find our building, as well as our newsletters posted on the site. We also rent our facility out for weddings and special events and we have an entire section dedicated to this purpose as well. The Club's web designer is a professional and the club pays for hosting fees at a 50% discounted rate. Almost all of the design work and maintenance is done pro bono. There was an initial set up fee and a discounted fee when a major redesign occurred because of the merging of our Junior Club with the regular Club in 2007, and thus the merging of the two separate web sites into one."

Cross your fingers. Maybe we will receive some type of "award" which we will be able to proudly display on our web site for all to see.



**Robin Burr**  
Web Master  
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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

## GET WELL CORNER



Vicki McGroarty

April 2



Sabrina Perez-King

April 5



Mayra Dominguez

April 9



Charo Bolanos

April 18



Nicole Matchette

April 19



Ceres Campbell

April 21



Esther Paya

April 26



Wishing you good things, restful things, everything that helps you feel better each day

- Molly Adams
- Janet/Nat Barone
- Cathy Blanton
- Jo Burke
- Lou Popp
- Claire-Frances Whitehurst

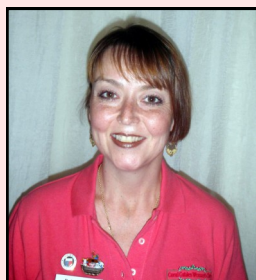


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For learn more in about GFWC Florida or the GFWC Federation...

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[www.gfwcflorida.org](http://www.gfwcflorida.org)

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**Debra Adam**  
Education Chairman  
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Dearest Fellow Volunteers,

I'd like to express **my sincere gratitude** for being chosen to represent the Coral Gables Woman's Club as "**Volunteer of the Year for District 11.**" We at the CGWC are **all** volunteers in our wonderful community; and we can all be proud to be a part of this generous and giving organization of substantial women! We can all brag, rightfully so, about our membership and comradeship, about the friendships we have made, and about the work in the community that we have done and continue to do together, as the incredible team that we are!

Since a defining moment in my life, my mission has been to help others and to be involved with organizations that do indeed help people ~ the Coral Gables Woman's Club fit the bill perfectly! Volunteering has given me way more than what I have put in ~ I know that you all know that feeling as volunteers yourselves. I lovingly credit my wonderful husband, David, in my mission ~ the man wholeheartedly supports me to do volunteer work on a full-time basis and has done plenty of it himself prior to Kraft.

I'm proud to belong to the CGWC ~ it's a club filled with women who have devoted all of their spare time for many years (some their entire lives) to helping those less fortunate. It is an honor to know each one of you extraordinary women, and I will proudly represent all of **us** at the Coral Gables Woman's Club this year at Convention! It's for **US!!!**

Most Sincerely, *Debra Adam*