

THE SCOOP NEWSLETTER

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From exciting events and proud moments to must-know topics that spark our passion for service, the GFWC Miami Springs Woman's Club newsletter keeps us connected, inspired, and always in the loop.

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Thankful For You Message from your President



Milly Pérez-Crespo

Dear Members,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each one of you. Every event we host, every project we champion, and every hand we extend reflects the true spirit and heart of who we are as a club.

Thank you for showing up with such passion, creativity, and kindness. As we look ahead to the holiday season and the coming new year, may we continue to carry this beautiful spirit of gratitude, connection, and purpose.

It is an honor to serve alongside each of you, and I am profoundly thankful for the vibrant, caring community we continue to build together.

Wishing you and your families a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

HELLO GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the greatest strengths of our club is the incredible women & men who make it special, and what better way to celebrate each other than by learning a little more about our members. In this fun “Getting to Know You” section, we’ll feature rapid-fire questions that reveal passions, favorites, quirks, and stories that bring us closer together. Enjoy meeting the amazing people who serve beside you!



MEET ORTIZ KATIE

Where did you grow up?

Homestead (Redland to be exact)

Early bird or night owl?

Early bird all the way.

Sweet or Savory?

Savory typically. But I do love a good sweet!

What’s your go-to comfort food?

Snack-Creamy peanut butter,meal-risotto,
sick meal: Chicken Tortilla Soup

What’s a hobby you enjoy in your spare time?

Tinkering in the garden, reading, time outdoors either snorkelin or bike riding.

Dream vaction -ticket’s paid, where are you going?

Bike tour of vineyards in Europe or hiking the Camino de Santiago.

If you could instantly learn any new skill, what would it be?

I would love to be more mechanically inclined but I possess no such gene.

Morning must-have:

Nespresso is my guilty pleasure. I do not function without high octane coffee.

Currently binge-watching:

Only Murders in the Building. Love it!

What’s always in your bag/purse?

Sunglasses, reading glasses, lip balm, iPad/phone, inhaler, gum, water bottle, sunblock, fruit

What song gets you or got you on the dance floor every time?

AC/DC You Shook Me All Night Long and Bilirrubina by Juan Luis Guerra

One word your friends would use to describe you:

Chaotic

First concert you ever went to:

New Kids on the Block - LOL

Biggest fashion trend you lived through & kind of miss?

Loved the 90s brightly colored track suits. There was something so cool about putting them on after a good swim practice.

One celebrity you'd love to have lunch with:

No one really. Would much rather have it with a friend.

What's a quote or saying you live by or love?

No worries!

You're in a bookstore - what section do you head to first?

Love historical fiction but I'm really not tied to one genre.

If your life were a movie, what's the title?

Chaos with Katie

What's your love language? (Words, gifts, acts, time, touch)

Baking - cookies are my specialty.

You get one superpower - what are you choosing?

Stop time - too many details I missed in life and would love to replay them.

Which era would you time-travel to for a day?

2005 - I would give anything to have more time with my middle son AJ.

**Participants are randomly selected. You could be next!
Thank you Katie, and thank you for co-chairing the Garden Club !**



After our Monday, December 1st
Membership Meeting...
We're having a Secret Holiday
Gift Exchange!

To participate, bring a nice,
wrapped, **NEW gift** (\$25 max).
Please don't put your name on it.



Wear your ugly Holiday
Sweater or Pajamas!

Warning: Enter the Gift Exchange at Your Own Risk
This is a ruthless game of festive thievery. Gifts will be stolen, friendships may be
tested, and dramatic sighing is encouraged.
No emotional attachment until your gift has survived 3 steals, at which point it is safe to
love.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Painting Classes** continue **every Tuesday at 10 AM** and provide a peaceful, inspiring space to learn from talented local artists. For information, contact our Arts & Culture Committee Chair, Joyce Yocum, at (786) 554-2275 or email her at, DJYocum@comcast.net

December

MON 01
7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
6:30PM Social/7:00PM Meeting/7:45PM Secret Gift Exchange

WED 03
7:00 PM
BackPack Packing Day
6:30PM Unloading/7PM we pack!

WED 17
7:00 PM
Book Club Meeting
December Pick: Winter In Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand
Co-Chairs: Mayte Dovale & Jamel Pérez-González

SAT 20
TBD
Woman's Club of Historic Overtown - Toy Giveaway
City of Miami (Historic Negro) Black Police Museum
480 NW 11th Street Miami, FL 33136

January

MON 05
7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
6:15 PM Social / 7:00PM Meeting

SAT 17
10:00 AM
**MSWC's 10th Annual:
Health & Wellness Community Fair**
10:00AM - 2:00PM

SAT 24
10:00 AM
First Garden Club Meeting
10:00AM

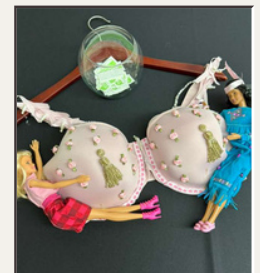
Glam Bra CONTEST

Earlier this month, our club sparkled with purpose at our annual Glam Bra Contest, where creativity and compassion came together to raise awareness of breast cancer. Each beautifully designed bra told a story, honoring survivors, remembering loved ones, and supporting those still fighting. Thank you to everyone who participated, voted, and helped amplify the message of early detection and the power of community support. Together, we continue to shine a light on hope and strength. Thank you Joyce Yocum for your dedication & ❤️! All proceeds went to support:



METAVIVOR

Metastatic Breast Cancer Research, Support and Awareness





NOVEMBER 14 AT 10:30 AM
2025

GFWC MIAMI SPRINGS WOMAN'S CLUB

200 Westward Drive
Miami Springs, FL 33166

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize the Annual District 11 Meeting. Your dedication, time, and teamwork made this gathering truly special, and none of it would have been possible without your commitment to excellence and service. Every detail, from planning to execution, reflected the spirit and strength of our club.

It was an honor to welcome Sara Dessureau, GFWC Florida President, and Racquel Sturgis, GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs, to our Miami Springs Woman's Club. We also extend our deepest appreciation to District 11 Director Ruth Martinez for a job beautifully done during her time in leadership, and we warmly congratulate our new District 11 Director, Shirley Pardon. We look forward to supporting her in this next chapter.

Thank you for all you do.





SUITED FOR SUCCESS



Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to Valerie McCarty & Inge “Cookie” Lange for organizing the Dress for Success clothing collection, and to everyone who generously donated professional attire and accessories for this important cause. Your contributions will help empower women & men who are entering or re-entering the workforce, providing them with the confidence and resources needed to achieve economic independence.

Dress for Success is a global nonprofit dedicated to supporting individuals through professional clothing, career development tools, and coaching, helping them thrive in work and in life. Through your generosity, we are helping open doors, strengthen futures, and uplift people in our communities.



Thank you!



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Warm Clothing Drive, and a special thank you To Gloria Rodriguez for organizing this meaningful effort.

Thanks to your kindness, we collected new and gently used warm clothing for low-income families in need in the Northeast region, where winters can be especially harsh. Your compassion brought warmth, comfort, and hope to families facing challenging circumstances, and truly reflects the spirit of giving that defines our club.

Thank you for making a difference, one coat, one sweater, and one act of love at a time.

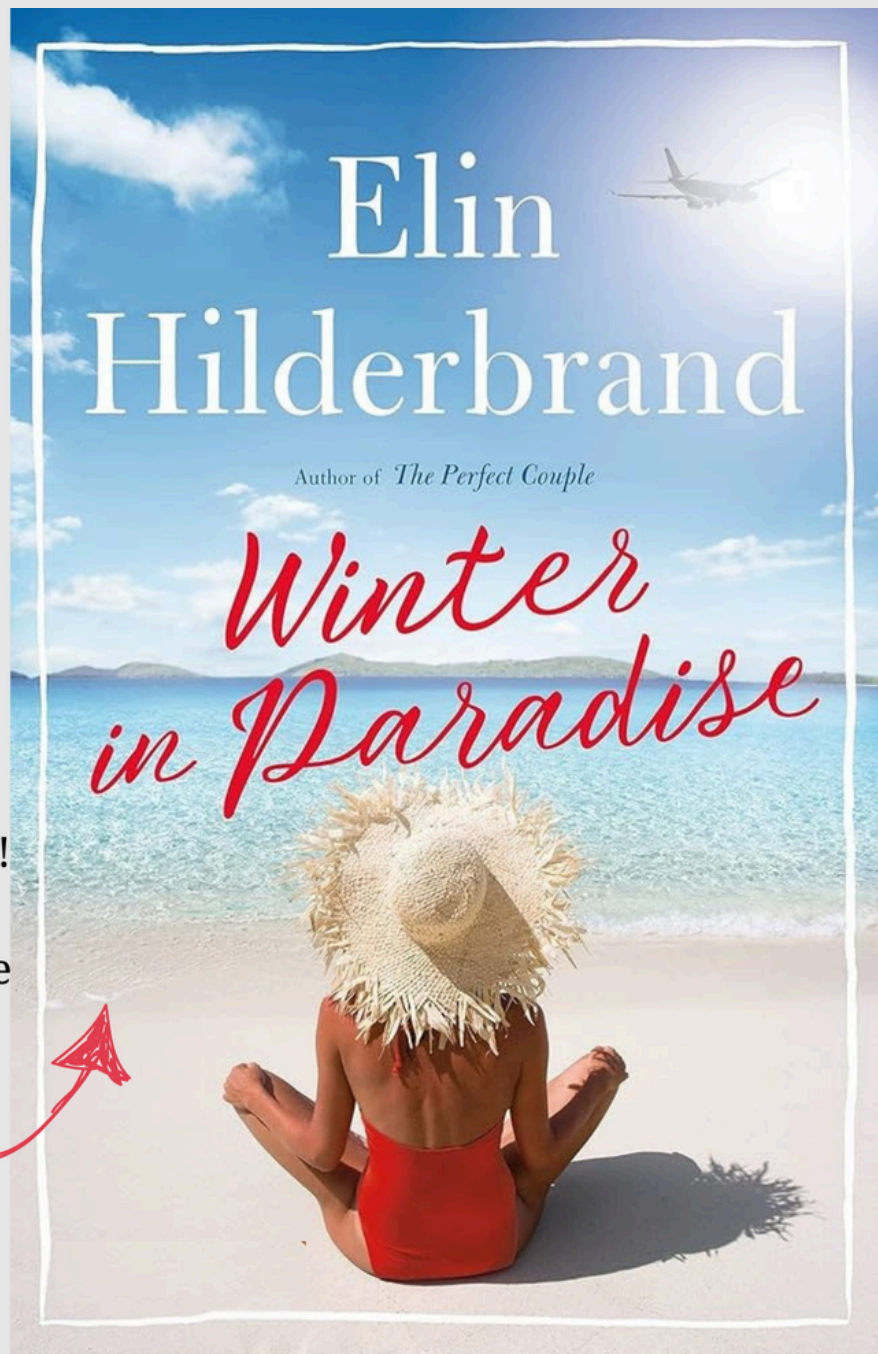




DECEMBER PICK

Open and FREE to the community!
Read it, and join us on
Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm, at the
Miami Springs Woman's Club,
200 Westward Drive.

Let us know you're coming.
RSVP at MSWomansClub.com
It's a good time!



PICTURE FROM OUR

OCTOBER
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BOOK CLUB GET TOGETHER!

10th Annual



MIAMI SPRINGS
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**HEALTH &
WELLNESS**
Community Fair



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
10AM - 2PM

at the Miami Springs Woman's Club
200 WESTWARD DRIVE
MIAMI SPRINGS

MEMBERS!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT: ELIZABETH FISHER

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*Taking root Saturday, January 24. 2026 at 10:00am
Be part of the bloom!*

Open to all members of the community,
regardless of Woman's Club affiliation

Interested?

Send us a note: MSWOCclub@gmail.com