

February 2011

*Come and meet
some of your
neighbors at
the last 2 teas*

February 9

Moravia

10-12 noon

February 23

Cariari

12-2 pm

Directions: Pages
4 & 5



Ladies and amigos,
mark your calendars
for Women's Club
annual kickoff
luncheon on March
9th, 2011, at the
Auroa Holiday Inn,
San José.

Event starts at 11
a.m.

Cost of the luncheon
meeting is

¢10,000.

President's Letter

Dear Members:

January started out with a lovely tea hosted by Mary Alice Lesko. It was such a tranquil and pleasant setting that some members didn't want to leave after the tea. There were many familiar faces, but also some new ladies came to get acquainted. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful bocas. I am sure that it is a Women's Club tradition to try to outdo ourselves with better food each time.

There are 2 teas remaining, in Moravia and Cariari. Please come and join us.

We are also trying to update and improve the newsletter. We have had a few glitches, so please excuse any problems you may have encountered with opening the attachments. If you have any problems please e-mail [newsletter @wccr.org](mailto:newsletter@wccr.org) and we will send it to you in a different format.

Pat MacKinnon

A Night at the Museum

Saturday, May 14, 2011

7:00 to 10:00 pm

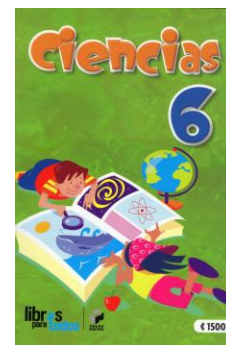
The recently renovated Museum of Costa Rican Art is opening its doors for the Women's Club! The landmark building, international airport terminal in La Sabana, was inaugurated in 1940. Guided tours of the museum, delicious food, music, silent and live auctions of hotel getaways, restaurant dinners, gift certificates from stores, airline tickets, artwork and much more. One hundred percent of funds raised will be devoted to our charity projects.

CONDOLENCES – to Margarite Paduano and family. Margarite's spouse passed away on January 15th.

READING IS FUN REPORT – TEXT BOOK REPORT

Anne Kreupeling, Reading is Fun Chair

La Nación Text Book Project proved a great success. We made our initial payment of ¢1.770.000, to cover 7 rural schools: Calle Liles near Poás, Sta. Margarita de Naranjo in El Rosario del Naranjo, Escuela Ujarras in Sarapiquí, Mercedes Sur and Escuela Jigueral both in the Puriscal area. Another 2 schools were added to this group: Escuela El Poro near Puriscal and Escuela Altos del Roble in Guanacaste. These schools were funded independently by ladies living in those communities, however the order and processing of the books was done through the Club.



Money still kept coming in! The second installment was paid to La Nación. This time, because of the late date, we left the choice of schools up to La Nación; they knew which schools still needed books. Six small schools in the Domatical area have been selected: Centro Educativo Domenical, Centro Educativo Domaticalito, Centro Educativo Escaleras, Centro Educativo Puerto (all near Bahia Ballenas), plus Centro Educativo Rincón and Centro Educativo Portereros in Sierpe. The total amount donated to La Nación was ¢2,680,000, of which the Club provided ¢1.000.000, the rest came from donations from members of the Club, friends and associations.



On January 31st Anne Kreupeling, Margie Arias, Ana Cecilia Torres, Pat MacKinnon, Elena Austermühle (shown having a refreshing drink of water) and Cindy Marshall went to La Nación's warehouse to place WCCR stickers on the inside cover of the 1,100 texts books donated by the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members approved by the Board, January 31st: Amelia Alejandro, Fran Annas, Theresa Bright, Janiva Cifuentes-Hiss, Natalie Kennedy, Margreet Postma and Phylliss St. John.

The annual **Book and Bake Sale** was held on January 22. It brought in close to ¢800,000. There were great buys from a large selection of books thanks to generous donations from members and the community. There were wonderful baked goodies from Mary Alice Lesko and friends in our Coffee Corner. Through a contact with member Vicki Chacon, *Coopedota* (a coffee cooperative in Santa María de Dota) donated Coffee and Cappuccino. Many also enjoyed shopping with Grace Woodman for paintings, jewelry, and fabric from Norma Lenkowsky's estate.

There are many hands (and backs) that need to be thanked for this event: Roslyn Beswick for hauling, sorting, listening and hanging in there till the bitter end; Virginia Beswick for making book sorting easy and fun; Joan Hankins for being everywhere; John Garrison for your patience and support; Jeannine Hurd, Margie Arias and Elena Austermühle for putting out books and packing up books and all the customer service in between. Thank you Mary Jo Miller, Stacy Auch, Chrissie Long, Caroline Palmer, Kelly Knaub, Katya DeLuisa, Mark Valois and Michele Cote, for seeing the need and jumping in.

A special thanks to the Pan American School for, not only the use of their facility, but for the huge amount of help we received from the school's maintenance crew. And of course, we would not have had the shoppers, had it not been for Elle Alexander, communication team extraordinaire, who managed to get the word out, even while on vacation in Canada.

Thank you,
Kathi Garrison

The **Professional Women's Network** has many professional growth opportunities in store for 2011. The group will focus on 5 areas: Women in Leadership; Networking; Mentoring & Shared Professional Experiences; Professional Development; and Community Outreach.

The year started with the first Women in Leadership speaker event, Social Entrepreneurship, held January 22 with over 50 women in attendance. Everyone learned about the many challenges involved with starting and maintaining a nonprofit in Costa Rica.

In February there will be 3 different networking opportunities. PWN will initiate the 'Showcase Series' with 2 events to allow members to publicize their organizations while encouraging greater networking and support for our members' work. To share your organization or events for a future showcase please email Christina 'Chrissie' Marin at christina.l.marin@gmail.com. And there will be another networking only event.

Showcase Events

Art City Tour - Downtown Yoga, Wednesday, February 9

Come explore the revitalization of downtown San José with a full evening of culture. Be a participant in the next *Art City Tour*, and wander through the historic neighborhood of Barrio Amon to see over 20 gallery spaces and museums. To complete the evening, enjoy a yoga class in the brand new 'Downtown Yoga' before, during or after the art tour.

US Expat Stacey Auch opened the studio to bring yoga to the community-at-large via affordable membership options and more than 15 different class styles to choose from. In addition the studio is a cultural center and will display and sell the latest art and fashion from contemporary Costa Rican designers and artists. Come join the hundreds of participants at this memorable event

Time - 4:15 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM

Where - 150 meters north of Parque Morazan

Cost - Special event pricing €2,000 per class

RSVP – 8926-9867 downtownyogacr@gmail.com Call or e-mail for directions or options for parking

RAHAB Foundation Tour, Saturday February 12

Tour the San José headquarters of the Rahab Foundation, a center for victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation. See the work that the foundation is doing to help women climb out of the sex industry.

Time - 11:00 AM

Where - Meet in front of **Tin Jo** (calle 11, av. 6-8 or from the Casa del Tornillo, 100m east, 125 m north)

@ 10:45 AM to walk over together.

Cost - Donations Welcome!

RSVP - 8334-6122 Christina.L.Marin@gmail.com Call or e-mail for directions or options for parking.

Meet & Greet Networking Event

Please Join Us For Happy Hour! The 2nd event in our Meet & Greet networking series. It's simple, come meet professional women in the corporate, NGO, academic, consulting and services worlds.

Bring lots of business cards!

Henry's Sports Bar – Escazú, Thursday February 17th, 2011, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Admission: FREE

Save the Date for March 19 for our next Women in Leadership Speaker, We'll also be inaugurating the Shared Experiences & Mentorship Programs

We are currently compiling the results of the member interest survey conducted in January. We will use your feedback to plan our professional development workshops and shared experiences groups. In addition we will be soliciting interested members to join our mentorship program. We look forward to your participation. For more information on PWN email Phylliss at pwn.wccr@gmail.com.

PWN has been developed specifically for women of all nationalities to encourage personal and professional development through networking with other professional women and to develop programs to contribute to all women in Costa Rica. PWN is an English speaking group and beginner level English is welcome. For more information email pwn.wccr@gmail.com.

Website: <http://www.wccr.org/text/sigs/pwn.shtml>, Twitter: <http://twitter.com/PWNWCCR>,
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Professional-Womens-Network-Womens-Club-of-Costa-Rica/134514626592466?ref=ts>.

CLUB CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professional Women's Network (PWN) – events listed above

Honoring the Arts 2011

Please join us at our East side Neighborhood WCCR Tea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH At the Home of Su Pardo --10:00 am-12:00 pm

All members and their guests are welcome. Traditionally a time of renewal and reunion, this is a perfect opportunity to renew your membership and visit with old and new friends. **Members: Please bring a sweet or savory boca to share.**



Please Carpool -- Su Pardo: 2235-2424

From San José:

1. Take Avenue 2nd all the way through San José towards San Pedro (EAST)
2. Merge onto Avenue Central at KFC
3. Go through 5 stop lights to the traffic circle, La Hispanidad, with 3 tall water fountains.
4. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ around the circle.
5. Get on the Circumvalación road going towards Guadalupe
6. At the next traffic circle (huge CR flag in center), go $\frac{1}{2}$ around & continue towards Guadalupe & Moravia. (Pass Hipermas on your right)
7. When the road ENDS, turn RIGHT
8. The street will curve, KEEP TO THE RIGHT
9. Go through 2 stop lights, passing the Hospital Hotel La Católica (on right) & El Tribunal de Justicia (on left)
10. At the 3rd STOP LIGHT, turn LEFT
11. At the 1st STOP LIGHT, turn RIGHT
12. At the 1ST STREET, TURN LEFT (There is a guard house and gate here)
13. Follow the street around to house #109 on left

Please join us at our North side Neighborhood WCCR Tea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD at Laurie Blizzards, Cariari B&B (noon-2:00) – 2239-2585.

From Juan Santa María International Airport, head for San José (follow signs) approximately 2 miles. Pass exit to Hotel Marriott. You will see water towers on your right. Just after the overpass, bear right to Cariari (Real Cariari Mall on left).

***Directions for everyone** Go straight on access road past Herradura and Doubletree Cariari Hotels. Turn right at Fresh Market sign (old AM/PM Store). Go straight past Country Club approximately 200 yards. Road curves to the right, house is on the left just before bridge (less than one mile from Fresh Market. If you reach the footbridge over the road, you have gone too far.

From Lindora Road going towards San Antonia de Belén Go to the end, turn right at Panasonic. Continue all the way through Belén towards the Cariari Mall. Just past Amanco on right, there are 2 lights close together. Just past the 2nd light (EPA on the left hand corner), get into the far right lane and veer right (don't go over the overpass) and continue with the directions above.*

From San José going towards the airport (on autopista)...Get off at the Cariari Mall exit. At the stop light, turn left. Get in the right hand lane. Go over the overpass in the far right hand lane. Turn right at the EPA corner. Go all the way around the bend to the autopista and under the overpass. **Get off immediately** on the first exit after the overpass. Follow the directions above*

From Heredia Go past the Cariari Mall and get into the right hand lane. After the overpass, turn right at the EPA light. Go all the way around the bend to the autopista and under the overpass. **Get off immediately** on the next exit after the overpass. Follow directions from above*.



Please plan to attend the WCCR's first meeting of 2011. The focus of this luncheon will be meeting with old friends and making new friends.

Buffet Luncheon, Cash Bar

Wednesday, March 9th, 11:00 am

Aurola Holiday Inn, San Jose, 17th floor, Salon Augusto el Grande

Avenida 5, Calle 5, across from Parque Morazán

*Free Parking at nearby lots: el Herdocia, El Aurola & Avenida 7
(ticket validation at event)*

¢10,000 per person. Tickets are available from Board and Advisory Committee members, at the February 9th and 23rd teas or by contacting Ann Reid, annreid52@gmail.com, 8804-5224.

Advance Ticket Purchase Only. No table reservations.

The following women will be receiving their respective membership pins during the luncheon:

35 years: Laura Montes de Oca

30 years: Julieta Aymerich

25 years: Gloria Lehmann

15 years: Susan Liang

10 years: Vanessa Calvo, Lili Hale, Anne Kreupeling, Martha Lemay, Fran Moncrief,

Carolyn Reilly and Pilar Saavedra Vela

5 years: Lisa DeFuso and Helen Dunn Frame

ONE DAY TOUR TO MONTEVERDE – Excursion includes round trip transportation in a new air conditioned bus, breakfast, lunch, visits to a hummingbird garden, cheese and coffee factories by train and to Santa Elena, an English speaking guide. Be prepared to hike in the garden to see the waterfalls. Maximum 15 people. Leaves at 7:00 am and returns at 8:00 pm. Non-refundable payment of \$85 will be due three days before the tour date, which will be determined by the response. Call Nidia Viquez at 2293-4276 for more information and to sign up.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

“Naturaleza y Crinza” – exhibition in water color paintings by member Maya Devi Menon (2228-8115, 2228-8008, ayamram@gmail.com) – January 31st to February 26th at Centro Cultural la Sabana.

Little Theatre Group presents *Steel Magnolias*: Running from February 11th for 3 weekends at Laurence Oliver Theater, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2:30 pm
For reservations call 8858-1446 or visit www.littletheatregroup.org

Monday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. onwards is the monthly Open House. You will have another chance to see a preview of our latest stellar production *Steel Magnolias* but with different cast members this time. The preview is just a taster for the show, which premieres Friday 11th February and runs for three weekends. Don't forget to make your reservations.

After Open House, Noel Montagano will be holding auditions for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Cast is for two couples about 10-15 years apart in age. If you are interested in auditioning, come along and try out. If you can't make Open House, Noel will hold call-backs and another audition on Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the TLO.

Costa Rican National Symphony Orchestra 2011 Season Tickets: 12 concerts March 18 to .November 27 at the National Theater, Fridays at 8 pm & Sundays at 10:30 am. Get 6 or 12 concert series. Deadline for season tickets – February 17. Program & Prices: Grace 2249-2319, 8369-7992, gracewccr@gmail.com.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

USED WHEEL CHAIR NEEDED -- call Nidia Viquez 2293-4276

COUNTRY HOUSE FOR RENT -- in San Luis, Santo Domingo, Heredia for \$550/month. 12 minutes from San José by car. Bus to and from San José stops in front of the gate. Three bedrooms with closets, one bath with hot water, living room, dining room, small kitchen, space for washer and drier hookup, telephone, internet. Grocery store, hardware store, vegetable stand, cafes, etc. right down the road. Price includes water and gardener for the landscaped property. Telephone, electricity and internet/cable service not included. Friendly neighbors in a tranquil environment with many birds and wild life. E-mail martha_rollins@yahoo.com or call cell phone 8828-2785.

CARIARI HOUSE FOR SALE: A 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths home is for sale in Bosques de Doña Rosa, Cariari, a very secure and friendly neighborhood. This is the perfect home for a retired couple or a single person. Contact hankins.joan@gmail.com. Finders fee to any WCCR member whose referral results in a successful sale.

FOR SALE 1862m lot in Vista de Oro, Escazú, 400 m above CDS, in the heart of the neighborhood. Views, zoned for 3 homes in condo. One of the lowest per meter & per home site prices in Escazú - \$110m/best offer and financing available! A real deal!!! Diane Globerman 8377-0060, 2289-9880

ENJOY THE BEACH & SCHOLARSHIP FUND WINS TOO!!! Diane Globerman has generously offered a 50/50 split on all income generated from Women's Club members over the next 6 months. Prices start at \$130 a night for a couple up to \$300 a night for up to 10 people!!! Not only is the split a super donation but the villas and the locations are 5 star destinations at 3 star prices!! (Ask Anne and Roslyn - they've been there!!) So choose between Playa Grande and Playa Langosta, and we all win!! www.villascostagrande.com Diane at 8377-0060 or 2289-9880

Deadline...for next month's Connection: **Tuesday, March 1, 2011** Please submit **COPY READY:** news, classified ads, reports, member information, community events, etc. Contact: newsletter@wccr.org