

October 2011

President's Letter

Dear Members:

It is with deep regret that I am resigning as President. The reason for my resignation is that I am relocating to Asheville, NC, shortly. The sale of my house in a totally unexpected short time (9 days) moved forward my previously anticipated departure that would have allowed me to finish out my term of office. Michele Coté, First Vice President, will be completing my term of office. I'm sure you will give Michele the support that you have given me.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Women's Club as President and previously on the Community Service Committee.

It has been a wonderful experience to meet the many members of the Club, both expats and Costa Ricans, who work tirelessly to fulfill the Club's objective of "Friendship through Service". It has also been extremely rewarding to be able to venture out into the

Costa Rican community and meet firsthand the children, dedicated school personnel, and various other selfless individuals who the WCCR has worked with over the years. All of this will be the most treasured thing I will take with me to my new home; and I am sure it will continue to influence me in my future life.

I hope that many of you have signed up for the Women's Club Facebook page so I can keep up with you all. Also a reminder to go to the newly remodeled website www.wccr.org and sign into the member's only area to update all your information.

With friendship,

Pat MacKinnon

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011:

Income for September 2011	=	¢ 1,112,280
Expenses for September 2011	=	¢ 956,195
Year To Date Income (January to September 30)	=	¢19,219,583
Year To Date Expenses (January to September 30)	=	¢21,965,042



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See page 5 for directions.

REMINDER: Please bring the correct change for the ¢1,000 entrance at General Meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

READING IS FUN REPORT



11-27 Escuela Fray José Antonio de Liendo Y Goicoechea, Paraiso, Cartago -- ¢550,000 be allocated for the purchase of 200 recreational reading books, 2 bookshelves that display the book covers.



This is a large central school with a student population of 1,200 ranging from Maternal to 6th grade. The request is from the school library. Bonnie Murry and Sylvia Prince visited the school on September 13th. They were very impressed with the resident librarian, Leda Quirós Bonilla, who managed to carve a library room out of the gym building (an enclosed space with a door) and has proceeded to set up a process of borrow-books-to-take-home, which is growing in popularity with the students. She has also organized 'story-telling time', 'reading in the park', 'crafts day', 'book day' – all involving some parents to help with the activity. Students use the library to do their homework, research for projects, tutoring sessions, etc. The librarian hopes to have everything Dewey catalogued early next year. The library budget is very small and the school determines how it will be spent. This year there was no money for books.

11-28 Escuela Manuel Quesada Bastos, Concepción, San Ramón -- ¢600,000 be allocated for the purchase of reading books, didactic materials, games, 3 bookcases (one for each teacher) to display reading books.



This is a rural school of 150 students, pre-school through 6th grade with 5 classrooms. The total number of staff: 11, six of them full-time. The Director is strictly an administrator. The school has no didactic materials of any kind – no posters, maps, up to date textbooks, science posters, or math materials. What materials they have are mostly supplied by the teachers themselves. The way they handle the very few, old (some texts from the 1980's) books they have is not encouraging. The English teacher has been informed that any WCCR donation must be cared for in a separate bookcase that is easily accessible to the children (i.e. in an inviting and comfortable "Reading Corner"). The Reading is Fun

Committee plans to deal directly with the teachers. The Committee will include this school for a donation of texts books in the 2012 school year.

Sylvia Prince

POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORSHIPS

I am delighted to have been asked to help maintain our Scholarship Sponsorship (Beca) program, and thank Roslyn Beswick and Anne Sobel for their many years of dedicated efforts in developing and managing the entire Scholarship program.



There are 40+ individuals and foundations involved in supporting our high school and post-graduate students in their studies. We're excited about the opportunities that these young Costa Ricans are exploring with their continuing educations.

We currently have 28 post-graduate and 15 high school students in our joint programs; all of the high school and a majority of the post-graduate students are being supported by individual (or foundation) scholarships. The requirements are high for these young people: in addition to all of them being required

to maintain 85% GPA, the college students must also perform 90 hours of volunteer work (first year), 40 hours (second year)...giving them a sense of community and social responsibility.

Becas to post-secondary students are approximately \$800/year. Some of our sponsors are generously donating this amount, others have donated half a beca, while many are gifting \$250 (the amount of a high school beca) for the year..... Whatever the amount, it is appreciated most especially by these deserving young Costa Ricans. Some of our sponsors have made their gifts in the name of others (ie: a donation as a birthday or special day gift on behalf of another) or as a donation in memory of a loved one.

We would like to expand our sponsorship program, and I invite anyone interested to please contact me (linleela@gmail.com or 2249 9071). Lists of the students, the schools they are attending and courses they're studying are available.

Linda Manoll

2011 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



The first point to make is that the students are attending school and getting ready for the end of year exams when hopefully they will all graduate in December. For next year we will have only two students, and we will get their forms to them in the next few weeks.

To make a smooth transition to the Post Secondary Scholarship Program, Mary Jo Miller has been visiting High Schools with me, getting to know the students who are leaving and who are potential candidates for the Post Secondary Scholarships. On these visits we have been able to give the application forms to these students and the counselors and make sure that they understand what is required to earn a scholarship from the Women's Club.

Anne Sobel, Co-chair

2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES –The Board of Directors approved maintaining the membership dues at ¢10,000. In order to be included in the 2012 Directory, your dues must be paid by December 15, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP – NEW AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Members, if you missed getting your 2011 WCCR Directory, stop by the membership table and pick yours up. Your 2011 dues must be paid in order to receive a Directory.



There were no new members in September.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Newsletter – newsletters@wccr.org



Women's Club of Costa Rica Book Sale -- The WCCR will be collecting book donations for a book sale in early 2012. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Reading is Fun and scholarship programs. So start gathering. Books can be brought to the General Meetings. Drop off locations will be announced in the near future. If you would like to volunteer as a drop off location or require additional information, please contact Kathi Garrison at kathigarrison@sbcglobal.net.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Phyllis St. John
Photo, Vicki Skinner



A group of about 35 WCCR ladies gathered at the fabulous MYA restaurant in Plaza El Obelisco, Escazu, where Chef Ali DePaz charmed us with a wonderful breakfast including a yogurt topped French toast, fried potatoes & sausage and mixed fresh fruit. Yum! Put MYA on your list of restaurants to visit. It's a welcome change from your typical restaurant as they only serve tapas- they offer a great variety of unique New World Cuisine tapas all specially prepared by Chef Ali. Reservations at- 2288-0569.

Miguel Antonio Rodríguez Alpízar, Sustainability Project Manager for Recycling at Dos Pinos, was our guest speaker. Dos Pinos began its efforts in recycling in 2005 and is now a prominent leader in recycling and sustainability. Miguel provided a power point presentation on the current status of recycling and a look to the future.

There are limitations in what can be achieved with only a three person department. Many containers and distribution centers are provided around the city and the country, but many more are necessary to advance the efforts to recycle. Speaking engagements to schools, professional organizations and corporations help spread the word, along with the added visibility provided by the presence of their tradeshow booth and their attendance at fairs, festivals and other events.

Dos Pinos manufactures furniture from recycled materials. A showroom of furniture can be seen and purchased at the Dos Pinos plant. Last year the company donated 2,000 desks made out of recycled materials to schools across the country and they will increase the donation this year.

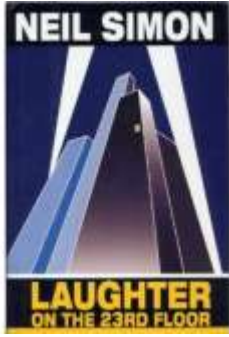
Some Facts about the benefits of Recycling:

- Recycling protects and expands manufacturing jobs and increases competitiveness.
- Reduces the need for landfills and incineration.
- Prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials.
- Decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.
- Conserves natural resources such as sustaining the environment for future generations.

Some Reasons to recycle.

- 1 recycled tin can will save enough energy to power a TV for 3 hrs
- 1 recycled glass bottle will save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes
- 1 recycled plastic bottle will save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours
- 70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials.
- It takes 24 trees to make one ton of newspaper
- Plastics take 500 years to decompose
- Tetra Pak's (juice and milk containers) take up to 30 years to decompose
- Production of panel boards from aluminum and polyethylene makes low cost housing materials including walls and roofs
- Manufacture of desks, tables & chairs, recycling containers, dog houses, office, home and patio furniture, shelves from recycled panel boards

If you would like more information on distribution centers, Dos Pinos role in recycling, or would like to volunteer contact Ing. Miguel Antonio Rodríguez Alpízar, Sustainability Project Manager, Dos Pinos
migrodriguez@dospinos.com Phone: 2437-3546



Hot Off The Press!
 WCCR will be sponsoring
 Little Theatre Group's Neil Simon's Play
LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR
 Sunday, November 20th, 2:30 pm
 With a Boca Reception at 1:30 pm
 Teatro Laurence Olivier, next to Sala Garbo
 Ave 2 & Calle 28
 Tickets: ¢7,000
 You can purchase your ticket at the
 October General Meeting

CLUB CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please Note: WCCR's policy is to allow guests/non-members to attend any two meetings of WCCR prior to joining.]



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From San José, take the highway north towards Guápiles/Limón
 Drive 20 minutes to the SAN ISIDRO EXIT
 Turn LEFT
 IMMEDIATELY TURN RIGHT onto the parallel road
 Go uphill about 1.5 km staying RIGHT, pass Finca Providencia
 At the 2nd Y, go RIGHT.
 Go 200 m to a gray cement wall, turn RIGHT
 SIBU is the 1st house on the left with a black iron gate



PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWS:

The Professional Women's Network of the Women's Club of Costa Rica is hosting its next Meet & Greet event October 20th 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Bell' Italia, Plaza Paco, Escazú.

Take advantage of individual business introductions, socializing and networking to make the right contacts to achieve your personal and professional objectives here in Costa Rica.

A structured activity will further help attendees make the best connections.

Attendees will receive 20% off a specially selected tapas menu.

ADMISSION: FREE

Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=bxww8yn6&oeidk=a07e50emyj66bf18b9c>

PWN is also looking for a professional mentor for one of our scholarship students. If you are interested please email pwn.wccr@gmail.com.

PWN is also seeking volunteers for the 2011 – 2012 planning committee. Please email pwn.wccr@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with planning meetings, speakers, community outreach, mentorship or communications.



For our November 9, General Meeting, we have been invited to meet at the main building of La Nación in Llorente de Tíbas. In the past two years, we have forged a strong working relationship with-La Nación by buying books from their "Libros para Todos" series, the beautifully done, inexpensive books for elementary school children, that Reading is Fun provides to schools. La Nación also published an interview with Anne Kreupeling in a Sunday edition and they display our logo on the text books donated by WCCR and in the newspaper. Our speaker will talk about the development of the "Libros para Todos" series, the support it has had from many organizations and its impact on public schools. Arrive at 9:30 for coffee and for the program at 10:00 a.m. ***If you plan on attending, I will need your name and cedula or passport number for security reasons, I will need this by November 2nd.*** Email the information to walkerpauline@gmail.com Call Pauline at 2268-2182 for questions.

DIRECTIONS: From San José, take the highway north towards Guápiles/Limón, take the first exit to the right (sign will say Llorente) go to the top of the ramp, take a left follow road until you see La Nación on your right.

If you are coming from the west go to Paseo Colon and continue to the end where the road turns right and then left and turns into Ave 2. At the corner across from the big cathedral at the Melico Salazar Theatre turn left. Go 4 blocks and turn right on Ave 7. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Calle 3. You continue on this road past the Radisson where the highway to Limon begins.



December 7th General Meeting at 11:00 am – luncheon hosted by the Past Presidents at the Zamora Estates (www.zamoraestate.com) in Santa Ana, a tropical paradise of plants and flowers, located behind the Bacchus Restaurant. Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting for ₡10,000.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Little Theatre Group of Costa Rica will be hosting a Halloween party (horror movies and a costume contest) on the Saturday, October 28th at 7:30 pm. People are asked to bring hors-d'oeuvres (bocas, in LTG slang), and will be charged a small fee for entry

The next theatre production will be **Laughter On The 23rd Floor**. It will be running for three weekends, from the 18th of November until the 4th of December. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For reservations call 8858-1446 or visit www.littletheatre.org

Show and Sell Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Sponsored by: Newcomers Club – Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Cariari Country Club. Craftspeople from all over the country will offer artwork, handicrafts, ceramics, jewelry, accessories, etc. for sale just in time for your holiday giving at prices well below what you'd pay in stores. Booths are 15,000-colones. Please share this with any artists and craftsmen you know. Contact Jaime Akin - CostaRicaPoro@yahoo.com / 2416-1111

NEW TRAFFIC CAMERAS – web site for infractions: <http://www.infraccion.co.cr>

- Article 130: speed at 120 km/h. Amount: ₡ 308.295,00
 - Article 131: 20 km/h or more above the permitted speed limit. Amount: ₡ 308.295,00
 - Article 150bis: the MOPT will notify offenders through La Gaceta and a national newspaper.
 - Article 254: a penalty of 0 to 3 years in prison for persons who drive at a speed exceeding 150 km/h.
- Source: Articles 130,131 and 150bis of the transit and article 254 bis of the Penal Code Act.

Camera locations::



MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

RESCUED DOGS SEEKING LOVING HOMES -- Healthy, spayed and friendly! See pictures of us at: http://saronggoddess.com/Other/Ds-Things-For-Sale/17134473_BdCT8t#1321137191_bSJRzP8
Diane Globerman 8-377-0060

HOME FOR RENT, in a very special garden above Barva de Heredia on 2 hectares, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished with all appliances, lots of light, cabinets and closets, private phone line, very secure. Cable and internet available. \$650 per month Dianne Rowley or Chuck Jennings, 2266-0123

CONDOMINIUM FOR RENT IN SANTA ANA, 2,000 sq. ft., located in Residencial Prados del Oeste, 200 meters west, 500 meters north of the Musmanni bakery. The two-level condo has 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, living room-dining area, and "cuarto de pilas" with a washer and dryer, a kitchen with granite countertops which includes a stove and refrigerator. There is a spacious terrace with a small-maintenance yard, covered carport area for two cars. Gated community with a 24/7 security guard, direct intercom to the guard and an alarm system in the condo, pool and club house. Close to all amenities. If interested, contact Cindy Marshall at 2244.3330 or at cindyparis2000@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE, beautiful one-story house in Bello Horizonte, Escazú, 4,800 sq. ft., .close to all amenities. Fully restored four bed/four bath with maid's room. Landscaped garden full of flowers. This house is very light and bright with huge glass windows. Former owner converted the garage to a billiard room with teak floors....ideal for a children's' playroom or artist's studio. Pictures:

www.pbase.com/phxphrank/smith_house&view=slideshow. Contact: Tony and Liz Smith, onionsincr@yahoo.com 2288-6451

FOR SALE – single storey home about 200m², total property 862m². Large living/dining with vaulted wooden ceiling, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, maid's room currently an office, rancho in landscaped back yard. Except for a few items, fully furnished. In a gated community with tennis court, pool, club house. Grace Woodman-Fernandes at gracewccr@gmail.com or 2249-1208, 2232-5016, <http://www.realtorcostarica.com>.

BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT FOR SALE US\$ 425.000, offered by Marie Hermann-Legueu: Alto de Las Palomas, Santa Ana, San José. Approx. 300 m² / Approx. 3.228 ft². Great view. Central AC + floor to ceiling windows throughout. Vestibule with half bathroom. Large social area with marble and hardwood floors. Family room. 3 bedrooms en suite + views. Two of them with walk-in closets. Master bathroom has Jacuzzi + independent shower + bidet. Modern kitchen with granite counter top + pantry. Laundry area. Maid's quarters with separate bathroom. Four-car garage 24 hr. security. Call Oscar Murillo: [\(506\) 8995.0844](tel:50689950844)

FOR SALE FROM VICKI SKINNER 5 Ceiling fans including 2 NICE ones with remote & 4 lights, the BEST electric massage chair you'll find in CR (even does your calves), Tico-style portable Massage Table, 8 hour Backup Battery/Surge Protector, Strong Power-Strip, Closet Heater Bar (helps combat mold), EASY to install basic inside intercom system with LOTS of wire, a bunch of dimmer switches & night lights, your DVD player not working with your TV? Converter that will make that happen, 1 twin size memory-foam topper, BROKEN Powerbook G4 Laptop with 15" monitor (good for parts), a bunch of unique jewelry & many other Unique things! <http://Things4SaleCostaRica.com> / 8-378-6679

PLAYA GRANDE BEACH VILLA -- Beautiful, 3-bedroom villa with shared pool located 1 block from the beach in Playa Grande (a quiet oasis just north of Tamarindo). 10% goes to scholarship funds. REALLY workable with rates till December 15!!! Also available for Christmas and New Years (7 night minimum). <http://VillasCostaGrande.com> Diane Globerman 8-377-0060



For Sale from the **Estate of Norma Lenkowsky, 2 Bing & Grondahl Blue Birds Figurines Denmark Mint**, valued at \$120 each. The factory marks on the bases indicate that these were probably made between 1914 and 1915. There are several Danish porcelain pieces still available. To purchase these charming birds or for information and pictures of other beautiful and unique items available, contact Grace

Woodman at gracewccr@gmail.com, 8369-7992. *Remember all proceeds go to our Reading is Fun and Scholarship Programs. All reasonable offers will be considered.*

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