



Connection

"Friendship through Service"

BOOK SALE AND BAKE SALE JANUARY 28TH

10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Pan-American School, San Antonio de Belén (300 meters south of El Rodeo Hotel & Restaurant or 400 meters south of Panasonic on the Road between San Antonio de Belén and Santa Ana).

The deadline for donations will be Thursday the 26th. No books will be accepted on the day of the sale. We accept anything we can sell in all languages -- book, magazines, DVD's, games, CD's, puzzles, etc.

The drop off locations will be
Escazú -- Sandra Krause, 2288-3310
Santa Ana -- Mary Alice Lesko, 2203-1385
Cariari -- Kathi/John Garrison, 2589-2037
San Isidro de Heredia -- Flavors Café, 2268-5612

If you can help with sorting on Friday the 27th or with the sale on the 28th or with both, please let Kathi Garrison know.

If you can help with the bake/sandwich sale, contact Mary Alice Lesko

If you love to make signs, let Kathi Garrison know. We will need some for the street in front of the school.

See page 7 for map

January 2012

Dear members,

After reading pages 1 and 2, I am sure you will agree that 2012 is going to be a wonderful year. Members can attend a multi event at the Pan Am School on January 28th. There will be thousands of books and magazines for sale. Stop and enjoy some delicious homemade treats and a cup of coffee with friends. The newest and highly successful interest group, the Professional Women, have an interesting speaker scheduled. Mark this morning on your calendar.

The wheels are in motion for the September 1st Fundraiser and the Board and Advisory are onboard. The idea for the auction of painted chairs was presented by member Joan Dewar who has taken charge of the project. The steering committee has met several times and a crew of very enthusiastic workers has already gathered some chairs, talked to artists and worked on initial communication. This promises to be a spectacular event that will involve not only our members but our Costa Rican neighbors, friends and artists. Please help by talking about this project and encouraging the community to participate.

Neighborhood Gatherings, formerly known as Barrio Teas, are scheduled for February. Plan to attend and invite neighbors who might enjoy meeting others and perhaps becoming members of WCCR.

The March Luncheon will be our first major gathering and official general meeting of the year. General meetings will be scheduled in March, May, July, August, October and December. We will keep you up to date, so please read Connections every month and participate in events. Don't be left out because this is a year of change and we need your participation.

Roslyn Beswick, President

JANUARY 28TH WCCR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING 10:00 am To 12:00 noon at The Pan-American School – See page 9 for details.



IT'S A 'FUN-RAISER'
WCCR NEEDS YOU!



Mark the evening of September 1st for WCCR's annual fund-raising event, this year to be held at the wonderful Museo de Niños in San José. A new, exciting and **FUN** addition to the Silent and Live Auction format is:

AN AUCTION OF SENSATIONAL CHAIRS!
Chairs of all types, stools, benches - anything sit-able,
painted/decorated by artists from within WCCR
and the community of San José

*Previews of the eclectic collection will be held in August (venues TBA)
and opportunity for advance bidding)*

- 1) **Look around your office, home, in the garage and ask all of your friends for their chairs**, old or new, that they can offer to support WCCR's education programs! Ask your dentist, your amigos at the gym, and especially any used-furniture stores! If you know any celebrities tell them how much prestige their chair would lend to the event! We need to round up as many as possible by the end of January!
- 2) **Ask any artist friends** if they will lend their support in decorating a chair. Perhaps they even have a chair to donate! Perhaps you are an artist, too? If so, we'd love your participation.
- 3) **Make Use of the Invitation letter or Artist Invitation letters** especially created in Google Docs to back up your request. The letters explain why we need their support and give a quick description of WCCR's education programs.

Press Ctrl and click on the appropriate link below, then

Use the Google Docs Tool Bar to Print directly or Download to save to your file

Chair Invitation

English: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AxHi7rcskRNbhqy48Rs7s8o3VGN4MIs6tFAFIPNRSZI/edit?hl=en_US#

Spanish: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bm8D9LA02AYJbPNJ1mH2iIHfz0cbAhsTkOWLtLH2kFM/edit?hl=en_US#

Artist Invitation

English: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-rviMscN4cgo6jD3Cd7uO_IYOFolyZzN9RyEFDoxPDE/edit?hl=en_US#

Spanish: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qXqudDvIsUQKJCdgb3rZrMyYI2z8d4fdRejvLb3zeBw/edit?hl=en_US#

- 4) **Report Resulting Chair Donations & Artist Support** to Sylvia Prince at 2588-0937, e-mail wprinces@att.net. She will need to know:

Chairs

- Name of chair donor
- Type of chair
- Where/when it can be picked up or delivered
- Telephone number and email address

Artists

- Name of artist
- Has chair or needs to be provided one
- Telephone number and email address



Joan Dewar, Chair Auction Committee
2444-8796, dewar@casadewar.com

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2011:

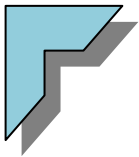
Income for December 2011	=	¢ 1,731,500
Expenses for December 2011	=	¢ 484,796
Year To Date Income (January to December 31)	=	¢22,131,074
Year To Date Expenses (January to December 31)	=	¢27,057,272

Net Income (Loss) at Year-end (¢ 4,926,198) (approximately \$9,600 US)
Note: This loss for 2011 was anticipated in the 2011 Budget

Total Cash and Bank: ¢26,547,895 or \$52,570.27 US

The loss shown (approximately \$9,699) was anticipated in 2011 Budget presented to the Membership in December 2012 and was actually lower than projected. Sufficient reserves are available, as seen in the "Cash and Bank" figures, to continue to support our Community Service and Scholarship programs, and we hope to have a successful year of fundraising, with the help of all our members.

Respectfully submitted, Elena Austermühle, Treasurer



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Have Fun! Get Involved! Meet People!

Watch this space for events/programs where help is needed. You may find one of particular interest and want to assist with it to help support WCCR's mission. An estimate of the time commitment, skill levels if any, locations, etc. will be highlighted along with contact information.

January 15th -- Chair Auction - a request for all WCCR members to search for/solicit chairs!!! See more details on this exciting event on Page 2 of this issue of Connection.

January 28th Book Sale, Pan Am School -- drop off locations are required, volunteers to sort books before the sale, volunteers to assist during the sale as cashiers and to help our customers and to act as a cleanup crew. If you'd like more information, please contact Kathi Garrison at kathigarrison@sbcglobal.net.

January 28th Bake Sale, Pan Am School -- volunteer bakers and persons to staff the event are needed. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Alice at malesko2000@yahoo.com.

January to April 28th .. PWG Women Empowerment Day Planning Committee -- Volunteers needed to help plan activities for April 28th, Women Empowerment Day with world-famous speaker Gloria Feldt. A professional workshop and gala event are being planned and we need ladies to help with event coordination, sponsorships, catering, entertainment, media placement and more. Please e-mail Stacey.Auch@gmail.com with interest.

AND

PWG is seeking a volunteer to work with a Costa Rican English conversation group specific to medicine. The person does not need to be an MD. E-mail Martha Rollins for info, rollinsmartha@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

READING IS FUN – PROJECTS 2011

Reading is Fun projects -- include library books, school supplies, didactical materials and library furnishings (bookcases, tables and chairs)

Textbook projects

Textbook third party donations

Project Name	Location	Number of Students	Description	Amount Spent	Donation
Esc. Calle Liles	San Rafael Poás, Alajuela.	51	Textbooks	306,000	
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Esc. Santa Margarita	Naranjo, Alajuela	82	Textbooks	492,000	
Esc. Ujarrás	Ujarrás Sarapiquí	42	Textbooks	252,000	
Esc. Mercedes Sur	Puriscal	52	Textbooks	312,000	
Esc. Mercedes Sur	La Legua, Puriscal	50	MEP books, dictionaries	207,515	
Esc. Jilgueral	Puriscal	20	Textbooks	120,000	
Esc. Altos de Robles	Guanacaste	34	Textbooks - third party donation		204,000
Esc. El Poro	Puriscal	24	Textbooks - third party donation		144,000
Esc. Rincón	Pérez Zeledón	10	Textbooks	60,000	
Esc. Potreros	Puntarenas	10	Textbooks	60,000	
Esc. Dominical	Pérez Zeledón	49	Textbooks	294,000	
Esc. Dominicalito	Pérez Zeledón	57	Textbooks	342,000	
Esc. Escaleras	Puntarenas	5	Textbooks	30,000	
Esc. Puerto Nuevo	Puntarenas	20	Textbooks	120,000	
Esc. De Atenc. Prt. Llorente de Flores	Heredia	30	Textbooks	180,000	
Assn Cultural Indigene Teribe, Potrero Grande	Buenos Aires, Puntarenas		Library books, games, dictionaries, bookshelves	320,000	
Esc. Paso Marcos, Simirak Indigena	Río Pacuare, Limón	50	Cabecar/Spanish Dictionaries	162,250	
Esc. Eleodoro Rodriguez	El Sitio, Alajuela	93	Text & library books, game, posters, eye glasses, uniforms	678,572	
Esc. Bello Horizonte	Sta. Cruz, Guanacaste	13	Text books & didactical materials	145,095	
Esc. San Miguel	San José de la Montaña, Heredia	86	Text & library books, game - WCCR & third party donation	439,225	210,000
Centro Educativo Juan Santamaría	Horquetas, Sarapiquí	560	100 books, tables, chairs, Kinder bookcase, scanner	527,810	
Esc. Quebradillas	Piedades Sur, San Ramón	39	reading books (Spanish & English), didactic materials & classroom supplies, dictionaries, bookcase, acrylic boards	360,594	
Esc. El Carmen	Piedades Sur, San Ramón	18	Reading books (Spanish & English), didactic materials & classroom supplies, dictionaries, bookcase	148,735	
Esc. Fray José Liendo y Goicoechea	Cartago	Library	Reading books, bookcases	520,000	

Project Name	Location	Number of Students	Description	Amount Spent	Donation
Esc. Manuel Quesada Bastos	Concepción, San Ramon	150	Reading books (Spanish & English), didactic materials & classroom supplies, dictionaries, bookcases for ea classroom (3) + K bookcase and rug	541,500	
Esc. C.E. Guadalupe-Tarrazú	San Marcos, Tarrazú	182	reading books, bookcases, didactic materials	800,000	

TOTAL **26 ORGANIZATIONS**
1678 STUDENTS

60% - Reading is Fun projects

4,661,876 colones

40% - Textbook projects

3,114,000 colones

Sylvia Prince, Chair, Reading is Fun



**GIFT-GIVING MADE EASY!
HOSTESS GIFTS WITH SPECIAL MEANING!**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LEARNING!!!!
WCCR GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR TEXT BOOKS!**

**What better way to honor your friends and family,
whether it be as a Birthday gift,
Valentine's Day greeting
or even a simple Hostess Gift?**

Incredibly, it had been estimated that more than 285,000 children and youth in Costa Rica have been attending class without a text book in their hands! Over the last 2 years, the Women's Club has joined the campaign, launched by La Nación, to provide textbooks to as many children as possible attending state primary schools.

The project, with the cooperation of many companies and thousands of individuals, managed to provide 42,345 children with a set of text books. The Women's Club is proud to have been able to donate these text books to 486 primary school children..

Please help us with your personal donation or purchase a Gift Certificate! One set of 4 books costs only ¢6.000. Think how many gift solutions you can solve while helping a child to learn! Donations will be collected through January and February, 2012 and at the Neighborhood Gatherings. For information on making a donation, please contact Anne Kreupeling at gumbolimbo@hotmail.com.

WCCR's textbook donations will concentrate on the rural or poor neighborhood schools with whom we have been working in our **Reading is Fun** program. Already, we have requests from five schools for text books for 307 pupils this year, with many more expected.

As a bonus at no extra cost, La Nación has added two more sets of books to this year's package, two for 1st grade and two for 3rd grade, to help the children learn to write correctly (3rd grade for the transition to cursive).

For additional information about La Nación's program: www.librosparatodoscr.com

Thank you for all your support.

Anne Kreupeling, Chair, Text Books
Artwork provided by La Nación

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

From the beginning of this coming term there will only be two students participating in the Program for 2012. Alvaro of CTP (technical and professional high school) de San Carlos is in his final year and Julia of the CTP José Daniel Flores Zavaleta in Santa María de Dota is in year 10. She is the daughter of the double amputee whom we have promised to help for this year, giving her time to obtain help from IMAS or Avancemos which is more to her advantage.

In 2011 end of year results, Alvaro obtained a GPA of 91.69% and a 91% in all the basic subjects set by MEP. He says that he would like to go to University and specialize in electronic design. Julia who has just finished 9th Grade had a GPA of 90.36% but obtained 85% in the basic MEP subjects, however scored well in her technical subjects 93.35%.

I will be interested in knowing which of our graduate students in 2011 will be selected by the Post Secondary/University Committee to receive our WCCR Becas for 2012 and how well the established university students will perform this year. The University Program is continuing to support our high achieving High School students.

Anne Sobel, Chair

MEMBERSHIP – NEW AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

There were 4 new members in December:

AZAR, RITA , HALL, LINDA, HOWLE, LESLIE AND LALLY,.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Colleen Bute Bennett and David Bennett on the birth of their first child, Madeleine Isabel, born July 2nd at 9:53 am. All are adjusting well to their new relationships!

Helen Dunn Frame for being published in the Weston Magazine Group. To view her article, "Getting a Foothold in a Costa Rican Lifestyle" on page 210, go to www.westonmagazinegroup.com.

DECEMBER 7TH LUNCHEON

Photo by Joan Dewar



Opening the lunch at the Zamora Estates, Michele Côté thanked all the members and guests. She also thanked the Past Presidents for their wonderful arrangements and beautiful gifts, which were given throughout the afternoon as door prizes, by the luncheon chair, Bonnie Murry.

Michele Côté passed the gavel to incoming President Roslyn Beswick who introduced the 2012 Board of Directors.

2012 Board of Directors (from left to right) Anne Kreupeling, Cyndy Vorih, Pauline Walker, Mary Jo Miller, Cindy Marshall, Elena Austermühle, Michele Côté, Margie Arias and Roslyn Beswick (President)

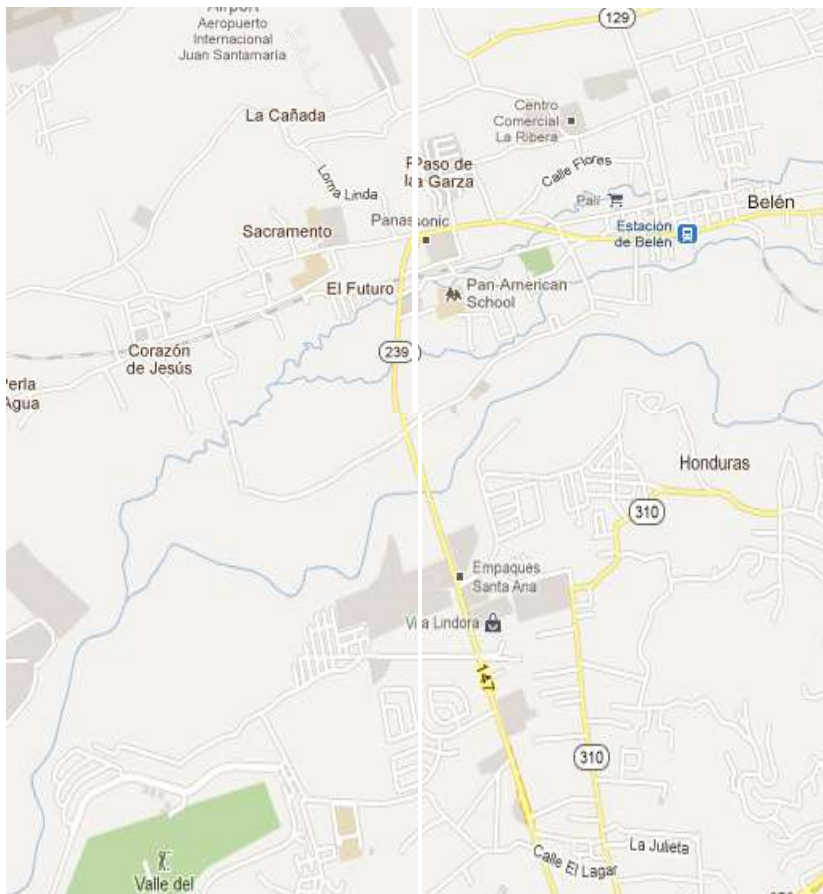
Zamora Estates prepared a delicious meal, several Amigos Asociados were on hand to pour wine and Cyndy Vorih prepared the beautiful table decorations and gift wrapped, homemade, delicious treats for everyone.

Note: The gavel was given to Norma Lenkowsky, 1984/85 President. Norma gave it to Bonnie Murry when she became President. Now Norma's gavel will be passed on to each incoming WCCR President.

CLUB CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

JANUARY 28TH – MAP TO PAN-AMERICAN SCHOOL





LEAP INTO 2012 NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

Please join us at our East side Neighborhood WCCR Coffee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 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 visit with old and meet 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 Wal-Mart 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th at Hotel Terrazas de Golf, hosted by Cecilia Esquivel de Arias – North

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29th at the Zamora Estates, hosted by Cyndy Vorih and Ana Brenes de Zamora – West

Don your lei for a **HAWIIAN FEAST - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th** 1:00 pm, Colonia del Prado, Ciudad Colón. Chefs: Cyndy Vorih & Grace Woodman. ¢15,000 donation toward WCCR projects. Contact Cyndy 2282-9532, wvorih@gmail.com or Grace 2249-1208, 8369-7992, gracewccr@gmail.com



Ladies and amigos mark your calendars for Women's Club annual kickoff luncheon on March 14, 2012, at the Aurola Holiday Inn, San José. Event starts at 11:00 am. The cost of the lunch will be ¢10,000. Tickets are available from Board and Advisory Committee members and will be available at the February Gatherings (See pages 7 & 8 for details). For additional information, please contact Nelleke Bruyn, Ticket Manager (2279-3553, bruynn@yahoo.com) or Pauline Walker, Program Chair (2268-2182, walkerpauline@gmail.com).

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS:

JANUARY 28TH MEETING: THE POWER OF REFERRALS – 10 EASY WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR BUSINESS IN 2012

January 28th at WCCR Book and Bake Sale Pan-American School, 300 m south of El Rodeo Hotel & Restaurant, San Antonio de Belén Heredia, Costa Rica, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Directions on page 1, map on page 7)

REGISTER HERE: <http://pwgjanuary2012meeting.eventbrite.com/>

Join the Professional Women's Group as we explore the process of referrals. Each time we recommend a restaurant, a hairdresser, a movie, we are giving referrals. When we purchase something, we are more likely to ask friends than turn to advertising.

When you pay attention to the process, you will easily find that you do this each and every day. When you add in a system, and a way of tracking your referrals given and received, the amount of business will jump accordingly.

Beth M. Anderson is an entrepreneur, the owner of OrgTrack.com, and an internationally recognized expert in word-of-mouth referral networking, known as The Conscious Networker. Beth is an active participant in several on-line networking communities, and credits her success to the lessons learned through her participation in the world's largest organization of weekly face-to-face business networking meetings, BNI, Business Network Int'l.

Price:

First Time Non PWN:WCCR Guest - ¢1,000

PWG:WCCR Member -¢ 2,000

Repeat Non PWG:WCCR Guest - ¢4,000

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

Please save the date for our Women Empowerment Day with world-famous speaker Gloria Feldt, April 28th, <http://www.gloriafeldt.com/>. Events are being planned and we need ladies to help with event coordination, sponsorships, catering, entertainment, media placement and more. Please email Stacey.Auch@gmail.com with interest.

Stay tuned for more information on our new programs for 2012: Mentorship Program, Coffee with Strangers, Professional English Conversation Groups, Women in Leadership, Professional Development Workshops, and Scholarship Fundraising.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2012 COSTA RICAN NATIONAL SYMPHONY SEASON -- The 12 concert series are at the National Theater on Fridays at 8:00 pm & Sundays at 10:30 am. Season Tickets Sale: January 2 – February 17, 2012. Reserve now. Tickets Information: Grace Woodman, 2249-1208, 8369-7992, gracewccr@gmail.com

**It promises it to be a magical evening!
Cornell University Wind Ensemble
Benefit Concert
Wednesday, January 18, 7:00pm**

This is CU Winds' 4th performing and service tour to Costa Rica. To date, Cornell has worked with over 350 Costa Rican student musicians and donated over 200 instruments to local music schools. This year, the ensemble is joined by six of SiNEM's (Sistema Nacional de Educación Music) best student musicians.



Bringing artistic awareness to at-risk populations, facilitating a cultural exchange through music, donating instruments, and encouraging positive accomplishments to help lower rates of violence and delinquency in the country.

The Concert Program

J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor; Danzon No. 2 by Arturo Marquez with guest Costa Rican musicians; "Riffs" by American Jazz and Classical composer Jeff Tyzik, with guest drum soloist Colleen Clark; Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana'; plus lots of toe-tappin' favorites.

The Asociación Caritativa Canadiense is delighted to be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the CU Winds' closing concert to continue its work with schools in poor neighborhoods throughout Costa Rica.

Wednesday , January 18th, 7:00 pm
Zamora Estate, Santa Ana, 300 mt behind Bacchus Restaurant
Tickets : c10,000 - bocas and a cash bar
Please reserve at: 2293 5118 or roslyn.beswick@gmail.com

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

SHOPPING EXPERTISE REQUIRED – I will be in Costa Rica, arriving on January 16th, for a short time. Our house between Jaco and Orotina is nearing completion. I will be shopping for furniture and am willing to shop in the San José area. I need recommendations on where to find furniture with a casual/tropical feel similar to furniture found in the Pottery Barn or Pier 1. Any recommendations would be greatly appreciated, please contact Lori Antman at lantman@sbcglobal.net or 8870-1462.

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 story 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.

BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT FOR SALE 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 Marie at 228-8881.



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.

The Women's Club of Costa Rica is a philanthropic organization supporting education, primarily through scholarships and development of school libraries for children in Costa Rica.

Friendship through Service!

Deadline...for next month's Connection: **Wednesday, February 1, 2012.** Please submit **COPY READY:** news, classified ads, reports, member information, community events, etc. Contact: newsletters@wccr.org