

KENDALL GAZETTE

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Connecting Communities

As we usher in 2021, we reflect on the many generous acts



Miami Rescue Mission of Miami-Dade and Broward received incredible community support during this past holiday season. From serving hundreds of homeless with Thanksgiving meals, distributing turkeys and food to hundreds of families through their food drive. Weeks later, they held a Christmas Drive-Thru Give-Away, giving out thousands of toys, non-perishable food items, water, prepared meals, and mini Christmas trees as well. They prayed with each family as more than eight churches from Broward and Miami plus 70 volunteers helped us make this all happen in the safest way possible. Amazingly, more than 6,000 new toys were given to over 700 low income families in our South Florida area.

In other charitable outreach efforts, Coral Gables Hospital staff came through again for Coral Gables Dental Clinic kids. For many years now, Coral Gables Hospital's CEO Cristina Jimenez and her staff personally donate gift cards that the Coral Gables Woman's Club gives to each of their patients during the holidays. Typically, they also have a big party, but COVID issues made that impossible this year; so, the gift cards were even more important for the children of the working poor. With just a few weeks notice, the hospital staff managed to collect \$535 in \$15 gift cards for the children. For an overworked staff that are heroes in their own right, their generosity was even more appreciated by Dental Clinic Director Dr. Iris Torres and Club President Ruth Martinez, who was able to thank the staff in person.

In more good news for the Coral Gables Dental Clinic, 1st Empire Elite Financial and EZ Title Services joined forces to sponsor Coral Gables Woman's Club's Gringo Bingo on Dec. 15 and will also be sponsoring the event in February.

The December event raised more than \$1,000 for the club's free children's dental

clinic. The event, hosted every month by Clutch Burger, was held outdoors on a beautiful evening. Of course, COVID protocols were placed. As always, it was a fun gathering with lots of great prizes. Among the many attending were Walter Alvarez, Kim Davison, Ruth Martinez, Dr. Brittany Holliday, as well as Eli Jimenez, VP of Center State Bank, whose bank is sponsoring Jan.y 12 Gringo Bingo.

More on that in next issue.

Finally, Gloria Gab LIVE Show resumed Dec. 15 with Junior Orange Bowl Past President and long time JOBC Basketball Chair, Chuck Little.

Despite the challenges of COVID concerns, the Jr. Orange Bowl Classic was held the last week in December with schools participating, both boys and girls, from Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The boys championship had to be canceled because of COVID but the girls teams provided a great finish with Pompano Blanche Ely playing a tight game and defeating Miami Christian School by 6 points.

As of this writing, the JOBC Golf Invitational is in full swing with some record breaking golf. Kudos to the JOBC chairs, members and volunteers for continuing to make the best of a challenging season and to JOBC President Steven Gonzalez who was my guest for Gloria's Gab LIVE on January 11. Look for the show at cnews.net.



JOBC GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONS - POMPANO BEACH BLANCHE ELY



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PICTURED WITH GIFT CARDS FOR KIDS COLLECTED FROM CORAL GABLES HOSPITAL STAFF ARE (L-R) DENISE HERNANDEZ-FIGUEROA, CNO; MARIA CRISTINA JIMENEZ, CEO; RUTH MARTINEZ, CORAL GABLES WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENT; HENRY CAPOTE, CFO; AND JOSE MOLLINER, COO.



Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Until next time, keep making each day count, share an act of kindness every day and stay safe.

