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May /2008

Dear Debbie,

To say that last month was a busy one for Sierra Club Miami Group would be an understatement. Many Earth Day Celebrations were held all over Miami-Dade County all month long. Sierra Club Miami Group volunteers manned tables at UM Earth Alert - "The Green Life", Miami River Day at Jose Marti Park, The Sr. High Research Project at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Earth Fair at Wild Oats, Baynanza Clean-up Morningside Park, Earth fest at Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center, The 4th annual NBC6/Telemundo 51 Health & Fitness Expo - "Going Green" Pavilion at Miami Beach convention center, Earth Day Celebration at the Barnacle, we had our Outings Sponsored Pic-nic at A. D. Barnes Park, and we fought to save the Everglades by asking Miami-Dade County Commissioners to Vote No to allowing 2 parcels to develop past the UDB (Urban Development Boundary) Line and by asking the the Army Corps of Engineers to Build-the-Skyway instead of the 1 mile option at a public meeting at FIU.

We could not do all the above without an amazing group of volunteers. Thank you, for giving the Sierra Club Miami Group the most precious gift of all, your time. We hope in return you have a happier heart.

## General Meeting - Green Awards

**May 12th - 7:00 PM - Coconut Grove Sailing Club - 2990 South Bayshore Drive**

18th Annual Sierra Club Miami Group

## Green Awards and Speakers from FIU.

Here are this year's award winners:

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6th Grade Gifted Students & Sponsors  
Kitchka Petrova, James McNair, Stephanie Davis,  
Nora Gay-Betton, Carmen Oletta, & Robert Trujillo  
Ponce de Leon Middle Community School

2

Michelle Elkelin Faull  
Catharina Bernabei, Teacher  
Braddock Senior High School

3

YES Club  
Eugenio L. Machado, Sponsor  
Ponce de Leon Middle School

4

WMMS - Environmental Club  
Lisset Perez-Munoz, Sponsor  
West Miami Middle Community School

5

The Dream in Green Team  
For their Creating an Eco-Friendly Environment for the Community  
Fienberg-Fisher K8 Center

6

Liannys Capote  
WMMS - Environmental Club  
Lisset Perez-Munoz, Sponsor

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Vanessa Baztan  
WMMS - Environmental Club, President  
Lisset Perez-Munoz, Sponsor  
West Miami Middle Community School

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Green Team 2007-2008  
Ann Donaudy  
Gifted Program  
Flagami Elementary School

9

Art II Students  
Margaret Mahoney  
Miami Country Day School

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2nd/3rd Grade Team

Deborah Levene  
Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School  
STATES PARADES; GOING GREEN

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Project PRIDE

Lisset Perez-Munoz, WMMS Environmental Club Sponsor  
Dr. Suzanne Koptur, FIU, Dr. Joyce Maschinski & Donald Walters  
FTBG

West Miami Middle Community School

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Lil Peppi

Creator and Performer of Grassroots Music and Video  
"Mother Nature's Crying"

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Nancy R. Sale

Butterfly Bonanza

Lillie C. Evans Elementary School

Thank you to our Speakers

**A huge thank you to our speakers who take time out of their day to come to our meetings and share their knowledge.**

Thank you Augusto Casamayor, CEO of AC Graphics for a wonderful informative presentation last month. Don't forget to ask for certified paper when you go shopping for paper!

**Special Thanks for Festival Volunteers**

by Maria Papazian - Education Chair

A special **THANK YOU** to those members who volunteered to table events: Amy Werba (Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Fairchild Challenge Middle School Research Poster Contest); Gisela Ullrich, Stephen Mahoney & Jim Gross (Native Plant Day); Mike and Debbie Matthews, Cal Acosta and Marta Acosta (rained-out Everglades Awareness Concert); Allen Harris (UM The Green Life); Andres Mejides, Allen Harris, and Joe (Earth Fair at Wild Oats); Mark Oncavage (Miami River Day) Paul Michel and Coky Michel, Mike Robinson and Debbie Matthews (Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Fairchild Challenge Senior High Research Project Contest); Mark Oncavage (Baynanza at Morningside Park); Debbie Matthews, Paul Michel, Coky Michel, Carolina Herlle, Gisela Ullrich, and Allen Harris (Earth Fest at Biscayne Nature Center); Mark Oncavage (Killian Senior High Earth Day Celebration); Gisela Ullrich, Noel Cleland, Steven Hanshu, Allen Harris, and Sarah Cohn (The 4th annual NBC6/Telemundo 51 Health & Fitness Expo).

**Message from your Conservation Chair**

The final County Commission meeting for 3 permits outside the UDB was April 24th in the Miami-Dade County Commission chambers.

One of the UDB busting amendments was withdrawn right before the meeting. The other two were passed. Rebeca Sosa was the swing vote against us. She was expected to "Hold The Line." Mayor Alvarez and State and County staff recommended not moving the UDB as they are concerned with the potential environmental impact as well as traffic and sprawl concerns.

Kudos to Carlos Gimenez, Sally Heyman, Dennis Moss and Katy Sorenson who logged the dissenting votes and also to Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

## Appeal Letters Sent out Last Month

Last month, all Sierra Club members in Miami should have gotten a letter last month from your local Executive committee asking for a donation. We are facing some rather grueling issues in South Florida this year and we asked for your support in funding our efforts.

If you have already responded, thank you so much. If you put it off or are wondering why bother, please give it some thought. We are going to have to be a watchdog for FPL and their plans for two new nuclear reactors, since our county commission decided to just say yes to everything. Now that two holes have been punched in the Urban Development line by the county commission, we are bound to see more and more developers asking for land out there.

Your local Miami Group would love to offer scholarships, awards and funds to sponsor more environmental projects by Dade County students. All of this takes money. We would love to hear from you. If you have lost your letter and return envelope you can send a check to Sierra Club Miami Group, PO Box 43-0741, Miami, FL.

Thank you from the  
Sierra Club Miami EXCOM Group

**DIAL #DEP TO REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES**

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*--DEP and Floridians team up to protect the environment--*

**TALLAHASSEE** - Floridians now have a new tool for protecting the state's natural resources. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently announced that most cell phone customers

in [Florida](#) can dial #DEP to report environmental crimes, including illegal dumping of hazardous materials, construction debris, oil drums and biological waste.

"#DEP helps officers respond quickly and efficiently to environmental crimes and emergencies," said DEP Division of Law Enforcement Director Henry Barnet. "DEP's law enforcement will now have additional eyes on the roadways and in the field to help spot and easily report major crimes against the environment."

#DEP is an emergency line for reporting environmental crimes only. The program will allow for statewide consistency in the way Floridians, particularly motorists with cell phone only access, report environmental crimes. State Warning Point staff will answer calls and forward information to DEP law enforcement personnel or emergency responders for investigation.

Last year, DEP's Bureau of Emergency Response responded to more than 2,100 incidents, with more than 90 percent of those referred to DEP from the State Warning Point. DEP's Bureau of Environmental Investigations conducted almost 350 criminal investigations in 2007, resulting in 133 arrests.

To help educate and inform the public on environmental crimes as well as DEP's law enforcement activities, the Division of Law Enforcement this week unveiled a new Web site. The site highlights the Division's bureaus of Emergency Response, Environmental Investigations and Park Police as well as the Training Center. Now available online is emergency contact information, tips on recognizing and reporting environmental crimes, career profiles of DEP law enforcement employees and "notes from the field" spotlighting real on-the-job situations faced by DEP officers.

DEP's Division of Law Enforcement is responsible for statewide environmental resource law enforcement, providing law enforcement services to [Florida's state parks and greenways and trails](#). Division personnel investigate environmental resource crimes and illegal dredge and fill activities, and respond to natural disasters, civil unrest, hazardous material incidents and oil spills that can threaten the environment.

To report environmental crime, most wireless customers can now dial #DEP. Callers can also report environmental crimes to the Environmental Crimes Hotline at the State Warning Point by calling [1 \(877\) 272-8335](#) or [1 \(877\) 2-SAVE-FL](#). General environmental inquiries should be directed to DEP district offices during business hours.

For more information on DEP's Division of Law Enforcement, visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/law](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/law).

**Florida Celebrates International Year of the Reef**

*DEP's Coral Reef Conservation Program helps educate and raise awareness of Southeast Florida coral reefs*

**MIAMI** - Leading up to the International Coral Reef Symposium this summer, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Coral Reef Conservation Program is encouraging public awareness of coral reefs and their impact on Florida's marine environment, the commercial and recreational fishing industry and the economy. Recognizing the importance of South Florida's reef ecosystem, Florida is the site of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, July 7-11, 2008, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Taking place during the International Year of the Reef 2008, the International Coral Reef Symposium convenes every four years as a major scientific conference to provide the latest knowledge about coral reefs worldwide. Natural scientists, resource managers and users, conservationists, economists, and educators meet together to advance coral reef science, management and conservation. Sponsored in part by the Symposium as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the International Coral Reef Initiative, the International Year of the Reef is a worldwide campaign to raise awareness about the value and importance of coral reefs and threats to their sustainability

"Coral reefs are specialized habitats that provide shelter, food and breeding sites for numerous plants and animals," said DEP Director of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas Stephanie Bailenson. "DEP is proud to join the world in celebrating International Year of the Reef 2008 and the commitment to responsible efforts to ensure the health and vitality of these precious treasures."

DEP's Coral Reef Conservation Program is raising public awareness by sponsoring two 30-second Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about coral reefs. Airing in both English and Spanish, the PSAs will run throughout 2008 on local television and radio stations in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The program has also produced a video on coral reef protection for area visitors as well as educational DVDs for teachers that provide more than 150 activities for students. In addition, an advanced coral reef training workshop will be held in 2008, as a follow-up course for teachers who participated in previous workshops.

Furthermore, the DEP Coral Reef Conservation Program is providing monthly identification classes on corals, reef, fish and marine invertebrates as well as coral reef protection tips on their Web site. Tips include:

- Use navigational charts to locate coral reefs.
- Anchor to mooring buoys or in sand.
- Stash your trash - do not dispose of trash, or other debris on

or near reefs, and use pumpout stations to dispose of vessel wastewater.

- Don't touch coral. Coral is made of a hard skeleton, but coral polyps are fragile.
- Avoid trolling for fish above a reef.
- Be a smart consumer. Check out the Blue Ocean Institute's sustainable seafood guide online at <http://www.blueocean.org/Seafood/> to familiarize yourself with sustainable fisheries.

"The Coral Reef Conservation Program is dedicated to providing these educational activities and useful tips so the public will take action and commit to providing for the health and future of coral reefs," said Chantal Collier, manager of DEP's Coral Reef Conservation Program.

An extensive, beautiful coral reef ecosystem stretches more than 100 miles along the Southeast Florida coast, from Miami-Dade to Martin County. These reefs are part of the third longest reef system in the world and are one of the greatest natural resources in Florida and the United States. Coral reefs are specialized habitats that provide shelter, food and breeding sites for numerous plants and animals. Reefs form a breakwater for the adjacent coast, providing natural storm protection.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coral Reef Conservation Program heads the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative, a coalition of more than 70 state, local and federal partners working to protect Florida's coral reefs. The Initiative is a local action strategy to identify and implement priority actions needed to reduce threats to coral reef resources, including research, monitoring, education and best management practices.

For more information on DEP's Coral Reef Conservation Program and the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative, visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral) and [www.southeastfloridareefs.net](http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net).

Christopher Boykin

Awareness and Appreciation Project Coordinator

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Conservation Program - [www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral)

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International Coral Reef Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale - July 2008 - [www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs/](http://www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs/)

International Year of the Reef - [www.iyor.org](http://www.iyor.org)

## Message from Carl Pope

### "Greener Lifestyles"

Promoting the use of environmentally sustainable products and helping people find ways to make their lifestyles "greener" is integral to our mission of protecting the planet. But finding ways to do that on a large scale - the kind of scale that can really make a difference - has not always been easy. That's where Green Works comes in. Green Works cleaning products are made from natural, renewable resources such as coconuts, lemon oils, etc. They are made with biodegradable ingredients and are 99% petrochemical free. They contain no phosphorus or bleach. They do not use aerosol and did not involve animal testing.

Green Works makes affordable, natural cleaning products available to millions of Americans. The launching of this product line provides the Sierra Club with an unprecedented opportunity to influence the buying behavior of millions of people who have never really had access to these kinds of products before. It will give a giant kick-start to the market for safe, green, affordable household cleaning products - already sales have been very successful and have shown great signs of growth. Green Works products will ultimately be found on the shelves of approximately 24,000 stores, giving most of the public access to these cleaners, and they are priced from 30%-50% lower than the price of other natural products currently available.

This month you will start seeing our name, logo and the statement that "Green Works is a proud supporter of Sierra Club's efforts to preserve and protect the planet" on the labels and packaging. These products offer a way for tens of millions of Americans to get involved in doing something good for the planet - as well as directly support Sierra Club - all through their everyday actions as consumers. The financial support from the Green Works product line will help Sierra Club continue our conservation efforts, including the protection of America's clean air, clean water, wildlife and special places.

The bottom line is that these products are environmentally conscious, affordable, work well, and will be available to millions of people. They can help alter consumer behavior overall and will support the good work of the Sierra Club. This was a chance to use the power of our name to help take natural cleaning mainstream. We believe that makes it a great opportunity for Sierra Club...and the planet.

Carl Pope  
Sierra Club Executive Director

## Stop Getting Unwanted Catalogues in the Mail

Want to stop Receiving those unwanted catalogues...

\* Please use Catalog Choice for those unwanted catalogs you receive in the mail. We established our service to be title-specific. To decrease the chances of your name being rented, sold, or exchanged by catalog companies, consider the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service at [www.DMAChoice.org](http://www.DMAChoice.org). This service will remove you from DMA member prospect lists. In response to Catalog Choice, DMA recently dropped the credit card verification and fee requirements. Please avoid using Catalog Choice for catalogs you've never received.

These are challenging financial times for merchants. There is no legal imperative for merchants to honor your opt-out requests; we depend on the merchant's good faith to respect consumers' mail preferences. Some mailers are reluctant to remove valuable customer names from their mailing lists without a confirmation directly from the customer. If you are a catalog customer, some mailers may reach out to you with a phone call, an email, or a post card. Others may send you a catalog to see how you respond. If you buy from that catalog, it is unlikely that the mailer will remove you from their mailing list.

We stand by our mission to reduce the mailing of unwanted catalogs. Our approach is to continue working collaboratively with the catalog industry to embrace voluntary measures to reduce unwanted mail by honoring your mail preferences. This requires a relationship of trust between Catalog Choice and mailers - and this takes time. We ask for your continued patience and support. So stick with us and tell a friend. The larger our voice, the more progress we can make together.

<http://www.catalogchoice.org/pages/merchants>

Sincerely,  
The Catalog Choice Team

### MIAMI GROUP OUTINGS

#### MIAMI GROUP OUTINGS INFORMATION

Our outings are listed as Leisure, Moderate, or Strenuous. Be realistic about your physical condition and the degree of challenge you enjoy. Come ready to paddle, bicycle or hike and share the work. There are no passengers on our outings, only participants. Family trips are open to everyone. Once you have made a reservation, we ask that you make a serious commitment to attend the trip. Cancellations are detrimental to our program. Our outings leaders are unpaid trained volunteers. Camping trip fees typically include food, transportation, canoes and

campground fees. Trip participants need to furnish their own tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, and personal gear. Because of changing costs, outing fees listed may be changed at the opening of the trip.

If you are interested in a trip, call or e-mail the trip leader and ask for details or come to the signup table at the general meetings. Reservations open at the general meeting three months in advance of the trip. At the leader's discretion, reservations close one week before the date of the trip. Please sign up early for planning purposes. All reservations must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit. Make all checks payable to Sierra Club Outings. Please write the name and date of your trip on your check and include your phone number. Deposits are \$10 on trip fees of up to \$100 and \$20 on trips over \$100. Fees on trips of \$15 or less are to be paid in full with your reservation. Full payment is due 30 days in advance of the trip. Please send all payments to the trip leader.

If you must cancel, call the leader or assistant leader as early as possible. If you cancel 30 days or more in advance, your deposit will be refunded. If you cancel less than 30 days in advance, you lose your deposit. If you cancel 7 days or less in advance, you will forfeit all fees at the discretion of the leader.

## **2008 - 2009 Miami Group Outings Schedule**

### **July 2008**

**July 13 - Canoeing 101.** Learn the basics of handling a canoe in a safe manner. Fundamental paddling (bow and stern) and elementary rescue techniques taught in a one day short course. Lunch is included. Leisure. Limit 16. Cost \$20 member, \$25 non-members. Leader: Jim Gross, 305-665-2401, e-mail: [JMGross3013@aol.com](mailto:JMGross3013@aol.com). Asst: TBA (C)

**July 19 - Moonlight Culinary Canoe.** (Fund Raiser) Enjoy an evening under the full moon on Biscayne Bay, with the delights of good company, delicious food, exquisite wine and a skyline view. No special diets. Rain or shine. Leisure. Limit 18. Cost: \$45 members, \$50 non-members. Leader: Ken Smith, 305-758-3121, e-mail: [kpsmith@gate.net](mailto:kpsmith@gate.net). (C)

## **Environmental Meetings and Happenings Around Town**

Governor Crist Announces 2008 Climate Change Summit  
~ Investing in Florida's green technology to be focus ~

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Governor Charlie Crist today announced the 2008 Serve to Preserve Florida Summit on Global Climate Change.

The conference will be held June 25-26, 2008, at the Intercontinental Miami. Building on the foundation for Florida's energy future began at last year's summit, the 2008 summit will

focus on stimulating economic development in clean technologies as well as "greening" Florida's business community.

"Florida's businesses continue to demonstrate that there is gold in green, and climate-friendly energy sources - like ethanol and solar energy - are bringing new prospects for our state," said Governor Charlie Crist. "Encouraging companies to do business the green way as well as building a strong market in renewable energy technologies in the Sunshine State will strengthen our energy and economic future and protect our natural environment for generations to come."

Building on the policy framework of the executive orders signed at the 2007 summit, this year's summit focuses on developing Florida's renewable and alternative energy industries. By encouraging companies to invest in our state's energy future, Florida will transform its energy marketplace to enhance fuel diversity, lessen dependence on foreign sources of oil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2008 summit will bring together industry leaders, policy makers, academics, scientists, environmentalists and the business community to explore opportunities for expanding Florida's renewable and alternative energy marketplace and greening our business community.

Since last year's summit, Florida's "green" economy has grown significantly. Progress Energy along with Biomass Gas & Electric of Atlanta recently announced a partnership to build in North Florida the largest waste-wood biomass plant in the nation, converting waste wood to electricity. FPL Group, one of the largest utilities in the country, has a number of solar and wind energy projects across Florida, including a \$2.4 billion investment in a 300 megawatt solar facility. Also, during the Governor's trade mission to Brazil last year, a \$183 million agreement was signed between Renewable Fuels of Tallahassee LLC and Controlsud International Group to build a system that converts trash into energy in Tallahassee.

Additionally, other companies are expanding conservation efforts and investing in upgrades at existing facilities to increase energy efficiency and save money while stimulating our economy. Finally, in November, Florida was home to the first carbon-neutral college football game between Florida State University and the University of Florida in Gainesville.

On July 13, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist signed a suite of executive orders to reduce Florida's greenhouse gases emissions, increase energy efficiency, and remove market barriers for renewable energy technologies such as solar and wind energy. Since the executive orders were signed, Florida has stepped onto the world stage as a major marketplace for advanced energy technologies. In addition, the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change Phase II Report, due October 1, 2008, will provide additional recommendations for strategic investments and public-private partnerships to spur climate-friendly economic development opportunities.

For more information on the 2008 Serve to Preserve Florida Summit on Global Climate Change, or to register for the conference, visit [www.myfloridaclimate.com](http://www.myfloridaclimate.com) or [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com).

**Vegan\* Potluck Dinner**

Sat, May 31, 6:30 PM

**Topic: FOOD CONNECTIONS**

*Diet affects many lifestyle, health and social dimensions. Health Science draws upon chemistry, biology, physiology and psychology to explain and recommend appropriate dietary choices. We can feel, look and age better with less pain or disease, convinced by extraordinary connections from addiction studies, brain chemistry and time-tested practical living tips.*

**Speaker:** Frank Sabatino, D.C., Ph.D., Health director, Regency House Natural Health Spa, Hallandale; certified member of the International Association of Hygienic Physicians. Trained at Palmer Chiropractic College and Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. Sabatino teaches health recovery and maintenance and guides people out of our modern maze of myth and misinformation.

**Held at:** Riviera Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (NE corner of building)

**5275 Sunset Drive (take SW 72 St. South Miami  
½ mile east of US 1, on left)**

Free to EarthSave members and first-timers - \$5 for non-members  
**Bring a vegan\* dish that serves 6-8 and your own plate & utensils**  
(\$1 eco-fee for not bringing your own place setting)

**We welcome everyone no matter what your dietary preference.**  
**\*Vegan means free of all animal products: no meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, hydrogenated oils or chemical additives.**

Not sure what to bring? We suggest organic green salad or fresh fruits.

## **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center**

Friends of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center:

Help us save the Biscayne Nature Center from threatened budget cuts! We need your voice.

We are asking for your immediate help at a critical time. We know that many of you have visited the Biscayne Nature Center on Key Biscayne and participated in our many programs from Seagrass Adventures to Fossil Reef Walks to Native Plant Restorations. You have helped us to keep Marjory's dream alive for a nature center by the sea that serves tens of thousands of children and adults each year.

Due to budget cuts, the School Board is forced to find programs to

slash, and the school program with Dade County teachers at the Biscayne Nature Center is one possibility. At a time when the threats to our marine environment have never been greater, we need to enhance student knowledge about coastal and marine ecology. Clearly, the BNC's marine science education program is one of the best in Florida and will become more important in the coming years.

Please assist us. We believe the School Board may cut funding to this program if we are silent. Take just a few minutes to write a short e-mail note (or place a phone call) to the School Board members and Superintendent Rudy Crew (contact information listed below). Tell them why you believe the Miami-Dade County education program at Biscayne Nature Center must continue. The Biscayne Nature Center serves children from the Miami area who have never visited the beach before, it serves children who have never seen a seahorse, it serves children who have never taken a hike in the woods...until we take them there.

If our children really are our most valuable asset in South Florida, tell the School Board that this is exactly the kind of program that must not be cut. The program pays dividends in the present and in the future. Marjory was wise enough to know that children who learn to love our ocean and our hammocks and our wildlife will grow up to become adults who act to preserve.

Thank you for using your voice for children, education, and environment.

Please forward to your interested friends.  
If you have any questions, please contact:  
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Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends, family and colleagues. Also, do you want to contribute to the newsletter? Share your nature photograph(jpg format please)? Email them to me, and I will put them in!

Debbie Matthews  
Miami Sierra Club - Newsletter Edition

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