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**RE:** June 2025 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Summary

## **ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

Time, that fleeting commodity, slips away and without a whisper major changes occur without our thinking about it. Joanne Meagher is no longer the Chair of the Merrick House Governing Board. After 17 years of membership on the Board and ultimately serving as the Chair of the Board for 7 of those years she has “Termed Out” as they say. However, all is not lost, she will continue to be one of our longest active docents and I am sure she will lend her considerable wisdom and expertise regarding all things Merrick House to those who follow in her, figuratively, large footsteps. Well done, Joanne, well done!

As to “normal” special events at the House, on June 15, 2025, the bicycle group Bike/Walk Coral Gables, some 30 strong, visited the House as part of their tour of “Old Coral Gables” in honor of the Centennial and George’s (GEM) birthday. The House was open, but no formal tours were given.

This was a very quiet month as to events but also, no real special issues of major concern. There were some items donated which will have to be vetted by the Board, i.e., a drying rack, a Jacobean needlepointed chair, a Victorian ladies shield to protect from the direct heat of a fireplace and a 1920s ceramic moistener for packing tape.

## **TALLIES AND RECEIPTS**

Visitors = 109 (including 30 Bike/Walk group, not categorized) 79 regular visitors = 36 Adults; 31 Seniors; 10 Students; 2 young children. **Sales:** 4 boxes of Tom Spain-created note cards sold at discount due to condition \$22.00. **TOTAL RECEIPTS:** \$353. (Including note cards.)

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