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RE: September 2025 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Summary

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Just a couple of small issues this month: 1) Noise from the connection box in "Helen's" room closet was dealt with and stopped. 2) Condensation issues generating from AC vent over the piano; AirTrol visited one time but the issue returned. The repairman requested the piano be moved so that the vent was more accessible. The piano has been protected with a plastic sheet and some towels. 3) The security badge to replace the one which had been stolen was generated. It took two times to get a badge that worked properly.

On September 16, we hosted a TV Journalism class from U of M (13 students + instructor, Andrea Brady) I was interviewed as though the students were doing a standup newscast centered on the House and the centennial activities. (More difficult than it sounds from the interviewee's side.)

Then, on September 22, the student reporters, Jake Baum and Sumner Bradley, came from the university's tv station, UMTV, to do a real interview. This also focused on the Merrick House and the City's Centennial Year. This activity was on another day from the journalism class and was to result in a clip on the UM station. (Also, difficult)

TALLIES AND RECEIPTS

Visitors=50 (34 Adults, 9 Seniors, 6 Students over 12 and 1 child under 6.) Sold 1 poetry book, 1 small box of note cards and 2 post cards. Conducted 14 tours.
Total receipts=\$257.00.

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