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To: Slesnick, Donald

Subject: Bio for Judy Pruitt

Mayor Slesnick, yes, I am interested in a position on the Historic Preservation Board of Coral Gables.

Here is a brief bio:

Degrees: B.A. in English from Hendrix College, a private liberal arts college in Arkansas

M.S.E. in English and Education from State University of New York

My love of teaching began immediately following our first home in Rochester, N.Y. where I taught high school English. I was fortunate to see the world when my husband's job took us to Madrid, Spain; Melbourne, Australia; and London, England. There, I did volunteer work serving on my children's private school boards, editing a school newspaper in London, and serving as chairman of the training committee in the first overseas Junior League, the Junior League of London.

After returning to Rochester, N.Y., I served as marketing director of a small training company called Wordsmart and provided training for corporations in Rochester, such as Eastman Kodak, Xerox, General Motors, Bausch & Lomb.

When we transferred to Miami, I saw Coral Gables and was surprised to see the "old world" features. We found our home, built in 1938, in Coral Gables.

Fortunately for me I was offered a ticket to a Villagers' house tour the year I moved here in 1993; I joined the Villagers the following year.

The Villagers led me into the world of preservation. After several years of active membership, I was elected President. I was then asked to be on the board of Dade Heritage Trust. After serving various offices on the board, I was elected president of Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) and served in that position for two years.

As president of these organizations, I initiated "tag" lines underneath the names of the organization so people could better understand each group. The Villagers' tag line is "Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of Historic Sites" and the tag line for Dade Heritage Trust is "Preserving the Past, Enriching the Future."

I have also been an active member of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and have served on that board. I have attended many Florida Trust conferences and several National Trust conferences and learned much about historic preservation and the value of what we have in Coral Gables.

Dade Heritage Trust provides docents for the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and, currently, I provide tours at the Biltmore once a month for DHT.

I love the history of Coral Gables and would be honored to serve on the Historic Preservation Board of the city.