

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# APRIL 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Greetings! We seem to be “flying” through these last months of our 2014-2015 season! I prefer to think it is because we have had such excellent programs, a very successful fashion show with precious item sale and charitable efforts for the Salvation Army and Dress for Success. You can see some great pictures and a video of these events on our Facebook page: *The Woman's Club of Winter Park*.

For our final month, we have excellent programs discussed in this issue. I want to highlight our last meeting on April 30, which will be our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for the community. We will have free cake and ice cream, box lunch for purchase, and set up like the membership tea in the ballroom. We want friends from Winter Park and merchants from Park Avenue to know who we are and what we do. There will be flyers at the clubhouse and at the meetings all during April, so please pick up a short stack and take them to the place where you shop.

Our Preservation campaign and restoration projects are going well, with approximately \$34,000 left to raise in order to achieve our \$300,000 goal. You may have heard that “the last dollars in a fundraising campaign are the hardest to raise.” That is why I need your help in talking to your friends and letting me know of any foundations with which you are connected. The roof was completed in December, our terrace is almost complete and this year, we plan to start on the bride's room and the kitchen. As you know, Kyle will be out on maternity leave during the summer and that is when we will have fewer rentals so we can accomplish the renovations. This needs to be a group effort, so please help.

At our annual business meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, you will hear my final report, as well as the reports of several other board members. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Sandra*

## April Programs

**Thursday, April 2 – Women Artists 2pm** Stephanie Strass and her husband, Neville, are local collectors of paintings by American women of the 19th and 20th centuries. She will be with us this Thursday to show and talk about some of these very interesting works. She also has a book about her collection and will give us an opportunity to view that.

**Thursday, April 9 - Silver Tea 2pm** This will be our Annual Silver Tea for members to make donations for the upkeep of our house by placing their contributions in the silver bowl. We will have our Annual Business Meeting at this time also, with reports from the President, Treasurer, Community Service and Scholarship Chairs. Dani Michalic, Marketing Director for Lighthouse of Central Florida, will present our short program.

**Thursday, April 16 – Women and Florida’s Environment- Light Lunch 11:30am** We will have a light lunch and hear from Dr. Leslie Poole from Rollins College about her upcoming book. Many of us know Leslie and have seen her film about her trip up the St. John’s River to Cross Creek. Some of her research for the book came from our archives.

**Thursday, April 23 – Installation Tea 2pm** Join us for the installation of our newest Board members and a program from Don Philpott. Don is a full-time writer and volunteer. He has more than 140 books published on a wide range of subjects including camping, survival and the great outdoors. In 2009 he wrote the Guide to The Wekiva Basin State Parks (reprinted in 2013) - with all profits going to the park. He has had over 5,000 articles published in newspapers and magazines. He will be sharing with us about Edible Plants and the Wekiva Wilderness Trust.

**Thursday, April 30- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! Open to the Public!** Join us at 11:30am, as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with the community of Winter Park! We will have cake, ice cream, and boxed lunch for purchase.

**Please welcome our newest members!!**



Natalie Hobbs Hill  
Gabrielle Bennett  
Sarah Grafton  
Mary Michalski

The time to renew your membership has come once again! Please feel free to send in your dues anytime in April. We will be sending membership renewal forms and payment reminders in May to all those who have not paid. We have included a form in this newsletter for your convenience.

## Woman's Club of Winter Park Board Members 2015-2016

President: Cynthia Gerken  
Vice President: Judy Allen  
Ways and Means: Carol Card  
Treasurer: Nancy Miles  
Recording Secretary: Jean Rife  
House: Karen Rodda  
Membership: Chris Bush  
Charitable Giving: Nancy Vicars  
Programs: Carolyn Cooper  
Yearbook: Lauren Clarke  
Historian: Kim Mould  
Parliamentarian: Robbi Willenkin  
Finance: Churchill Thompson  
Corresponding Secretary: Jan Miller  
Scholarship: Barbara Hughes  
Grounds: Maureen Holloway

### A note from the Charitable Giving Committee:

Thank you everyone for all the clothes you donated to Dress For Success. We had 3 racks full and several bags of shoes and purses!

Our purple bag collection for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission was very successful and we also gave them a check for \$200.

Please continue to bring in snacks and clothing for Fern Creek School.



### A note from your Club Administrator, Kyle:

Dear ladies,

Thank you so much for all your kind words and excitement this year as I get ready to have my first baby! I will be in the office until July. While I am out on maternity leave, the Club will be undergoing some renovations. I look forward to returning to the Club in September and will be sure to share photos of our newest little bundle when he arrives! I hope you all enjoy your summer!

Kyle

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, P.O. BOX 1433 WINTER PARK, FL 32790**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you do **not** want your information published in directory: Phone \_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_ Email \_\_\_

Please list professional experience and volunteer interests:

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It has been our custom that each member participate 2 or 3 times each year on the Hospitality Committee for our teas: greeters, kitchen help, pourers, cookies, sandwiches, centerpiece, etc.

Please indicate your interest in other committees:

**Ways & Means:** Fall Antique Show \_\_\_ Spring Woman's Show \_\_\_ Founder's Day \_\_\_  
Bake Sale \_\_\_ Auctions \_\_\_ Bingo \_\_\_ Raffles \_\_\_

**Community Service:** Adult Literacy \_\_\_ Salvation Army \_\_\_ Orlando Rescue Mission \_\_\_  
Winter Park Housing \_\_\_ Dress for Success \_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Programs:** Music \_\_\_ Art \_\_\_ Literature \_\_\_ Travel \_\_\_ Health \_\_\_ Drama \_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunches:** Fall \_\_\_ Holiday \_\_\_ Fashion Show \_\_\_ Dinner on the Avenue \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship:** Review applications, Interview Candidates & Make Decisions \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity:** \_\_\_\_\_ Website & Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Finance Chair or Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

**Fundraising Committee** \_\_\_ **House Preservation Committee** \_\_\_ **Club History** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Committee** \_\_\_ **House** \_\_\_\_\_ **Landscaping** \_\_\_\_\_ **Legal Issues** \_\_\_\_\_

**Holiday Parade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Holiday Tree in the Park** \_\_\_\_\_

Please add check for your dues -----(\$95)

New member initiation (one time)----- (\$25)

Voluntary donation-----

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_



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[www.womansclubofwinterpark.com](http://www.womansclubofwinterpark.com) and on our Facebook page for one year!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the Preservation Project for our house so citizens of Winter Park and surrounding areas may attend social and business events and enjoy our facility for years to come. If you would like to participate, please complete the bottom of this page and send it with a check for \$100 made out to Woman's Club Preservation Project. Send digital copy of logo to [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com)

Thank you.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Woman's Club of Winter Park Inc. Preservation Fund  
P.O. Box 1433 Winter Park, FL 328790**

*You are invited to our 100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Party!  
Bring your friends and co-workers too!*



*Free ice cream and cake in our historic clubhouse.*

*Box lunches available for \$10*

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

*11:30am - 1:30pm*

*The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.*

*Just off Park Ave, corner of Interlachen and Lyman*

*(See other side for a unique opportunity)*