

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

APRIL 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Message



Dear Ladies of The Woman's Club,

Unbelievably, this is the last month of our programs. It has been a wonderfully busy year for the club, which began with our successful Rummage Sale and will end this month with the installation of our 2017 - 2018 Board of Directors. The upcoming programs are described in detail in these Highlights. As we end our year of programs I urge you to renew your membership in our unique club.

On April 20, we will have our annual Silver Tea along with program. This is an opportunity for you to give a tax-deductible donation to our club. We rely on rentals and your generosity to maintain and staff our historic clubhouse. If you choose to donate I thank you.

This will be my last Highlights message as the 58th president of The Woman's Club of Winter Park. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this position. At my installation two years ago, I promised to give my best effort and I asked you, the members of this club, to give your best in return. I have tried to reach out to all members, new and old, to make everyone feel welcome. It has been a time of technological change at our club. We have tried to do more with Facebook, Instagram and our website. We have also upgraded our manual bookkeeping system to QuickBooks. It has amazed me that in the past two years we have raised thousands of dollars for charity, restored our lovely clubhouse, upgraded our landscaping, and renovated our Lyman Street entrance. We did all of this working together. I hope I have lived up to my promise. I know you have given your best to all our endeavors. The Board, Committee chairs, members of each committee and all who helped with Hospitality and participated in our fundraisers have contributed to a success of our club.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I know you will join me in welcoming and supporting our new president, Judy Allen.

Cynthia

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of Jenny Fernald who died unexpectedly March 10, 2017.

APRIL PROGRAMS

Thursday, April 6th @ 2 p.m.

Bingo

BINGO! Join us April 6th at our regular meeting time of 2pm to play some Bingo and enjoy time to snack and socialize with fellow Woman's Club members and guests. It promises to be a fun time with some great prizes!



Thursday, April 13th @ 2 p.m.

"Calling All Artists"

Speaker: Sandy Womble, Local Artist and Sarah Eagan, Realtor



Calling All Artists! You're invited to attend a creative workshop with Woman's Club members Sarah Eagan and Sandy Womble. We will explore the craft of card making. You will be working on vintage and abstract concepts.

Sarah Eagan, a native of Orlando, graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. in Psychology. Art talent runs in Sarah's family, both her father and grandfather were painters. Sarah is a self-taught artist whose interests include creating beautiful and unique vintage cards. She is employed by the Winter Park Land Company as a realtor specializing in residential real estate in Winter Park, Maitland and Orlando.

Sandy Womble earned a B.A. in Business Economics and a Minor in Art from UNC Greensboro. Sandy returned to college to continue her study of art, design and art history at UCF in her early 40s. She has benefited from workshops with colorist, Camille Przewodek and at the North Carolina School of Art.

Sandy studied the fundamentals of design, classical drawing and art history at UCF and is currently involved in more experimental drawing, colorist landscape paintings and collage work. Her favorite artists are: Sorolla, Grant and Van Gogh because of their master ability in color combined with high level composition. In abstract, she admires Picasso's prolific work and de Kooning as well.



In her early years, Sandy was the recipient of art awards including top prize at City of Orlando and Florida Women's Caucus (2003). Recently she participated in "There's No Place Like Home" at Casa Feliz.

Join other club members as you discover your artist within.

Thursday, April 20th @ 2 p.m

Silver Tea

"Makin Music - The Ukulele Phenomenon"

Stephen Boros, a friend of the Winter Park Library and the former organizer of the local ukulele meet up group, leads a ukulele band called "Big Tiki & the Mai Tais." Stephen has agreed to entertain the Woman's Club. Be prepared to enjoy an upbeat and one of a kind performance!



Big Tiki, includes three ukuleles (one played left-handed), one banjo-lele, a washtub bass, a foot-kick tambourine, and an occasional harmonica. They produce fun versions of old hits like "Sea Cruise", a wonderful mashup of "Over the Rainbow" with "What a Wonderful World", and "Let's Talk Dirty in Hawaiian".

In the words of Michael Ellis, a fan and guitarist from Atlanta, "Big Tiki and The Mai Tai's are an incredible band. Listening to them makes you smile !"

Come prepared to smile!

Thursday, April 27th @ 2 p.m.

Installation Tea

Our last program of the year is our Installation Tea where we will thank our 2016 - 2017 board members and formally install the board that will lead the club for the 2017 - 2018 year. Please plan to attend to support the ladies who volunteer their time so generously. It is also our last chance to formally meet and socialize until we meet again at the Membership Tea in September.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Frances Biddix 4/17	Elizabeth Brothers 4/30
Lorena Dunlap 4/17	Joan Gfeller 4/2
Janne Lane 4/5	Diane Sandquist 4/4
Sheila Spitler 4/26	Jane Watkins 4/15



Dear Members,

You have an opportunity to keep in touch with your friends from the Woman's Club this summer if you serve on the very important Program Committee. Typically, this committee plans the whole year (2017-2018) during the summer in order to include them in the yearbook to be published in October. We will meet only a few times and also communicate by email. If you cannot serve on the committee, but have some suggestions for good programs (art, music, science, literature, history, etc.) please let me know and include as much information as you can. This will be fun and a service for all our members, as well as guests from the community.

A big THANK YOU to Carolyn Cooper for serving as chair for the last two years and doing such a great job!

Thanks!

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Ways And Means

As I step down from my chairmanship, I would like to thank all those who have donated crafts or baked goods for our sale events. Also a big round of applause for those who bought our goodies. I look forward to producing more creations in the future for WCWP. Have a great summer.

Natalie Hill

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank Marilyn Erd for her kind Scholarship donation.

The Landscape Committee is a great place to express your gardener's love of beauty! Please join me next fall as we make decisions on how best to keep our grounds beautiful year round. This year we will complete our grounds improvement project with another planting project to the right of the Lyman Street kitchen steps. Donated by member Aimee Kakos, Carol King Landscape has designed and will soon install a ring of bromeliads, liriopse and sod in the bare dirt under the large walnut tree. We will also enhance the shrubs along the Lyman parking row.

If you haven't noticed, our mature camellias have produced a beautiful winter crop of luscious, large flowers along our front sidewalk. Also our relatively new yellow tababouia trees are flowering beautifully in our yard along with drift roses. Please take a few minutes to notice our grounds before or after a meeting. Also, report to me any problems you might notice.

Thanks to Joe Calone at Palmers Nursery for potting our new planters at the Lyman doors. We will add Spring Color soon to the larger pots at bottom of steps.

Sincerely,
Grounds chair

Maureen Holloway

Charitable Giving

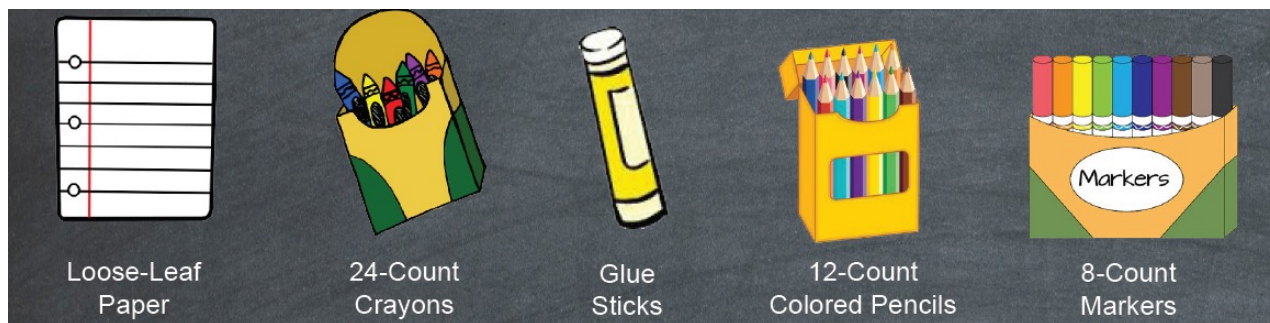
Charitable Giving is supporting a school supplies drive for **A Gift for Teaching** beginning at our next meeting on Thursday, March 23rd and concluding at the April 13th meeting. The following supplies are needed: loose leaf paper packs, 24-count crayons, glue sticks, 12-count color pencils, and 8-count markers.

Our member Marisa Worley who is affiliated with **A Gift for Teaching**, reminds us that there are 210,000 students in the central Florida area who cannot afford the most basic school supplies. Any of the items listed will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for all that you do for others!

School Supply Drive at The Woman's Club of Winter Park

Help Central Florida's teachers and their high-need students by collecting the **Top 5 needed school supplies**:



Bring loose-leaf paper packs, crayons, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, or any other new school supply to The Woman's Club of Winter Park **March 23 through April 13, 2017** to benefit **A Gift For Teaching**.

Spotlight on an Exemplary Member

If you have been reading the monthly issues of the Woman's Club Highlights for several years, you may remember previous articles that shine a spotlight on a new member, or perhaps, one who has been a member for a long time. This month, I want to write about Monica Clarke, whose quiet lights of leadership, dedication, kindness and friendship mean so much to our club.

Monica and I had tea at Panera's this month and I learned a number of interesting things about her. She was born in Rochester, N. Y. and also taught for 12 years at three small Catholic Schools. Monica earned her bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and later, a Master's degree in Teaching at Rollins College. When her sister and brother-in-law moved to Winter Park, Florida, she also thought it was a good idea to get away from harsh winters and join them. Monica found a job she loved at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Pine Hills and she remained there for 29 years. She attributes her successes there to having such a trusting administration and opportunities to teach different grades (5th, 7th and 8th). She particularly enjoyed teaching American History, English and Science. In science classes for several years the students enjoyed watching chickens hatch and raising them for 3 weeks before the chicks found a home at a nearby farm. Launching model rockets was another favorite project, and Monica often retrieved the spent rockets from the roof of the school. During a field trip to Gatorland, Monica and some students posed for pictures. They were holding a boa constrictor and a baby alligator. I could tell from her enthusiasm, that she truly loved her students and opportunities to learn with them. Monica retired from teaching to take care of her ailing mother, who has since passed away.



In 2006, Monica learned about the Woman's Club of Winter Park from some of her friends at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. She soon started working on committees and was recognized for her dedication and ability to organize and teach others. Within a year or so, she was Chair of the Program Committee. That is where I met her and I will never forget the lovely lunch she had for committee members at her house. It was there that we began our planning. She really had her "ducks in a row" but was also a skillful leader, who brought out the ideas of others. The committee worked like a "textbook case" and it was a very successful year. After two years as Program Chair, she became Chair of Charitable Giving, one of the most demanding jobs in the club. She had a responsive committee, however, and she knew how to motivate the members, keep excellent committee notes and begin to put a monetary value on all our contributions such as teddy bears and purple bags. This was important for our new status as a 501c3. Because of her excellent organization skills, Monica was drafted for the Hospitality Committee next. She graciously accepted and began to organize a myriad of tasks that must be completed in a timely manner each week. She even held some "coaching sessions" for us and the kitchen and tea parties have never run so smoothly.

I believe that Monica is the happiest when she is making important contributions to our club. She loves that opportunity to get to know so many of our friendly and interesting members. She truly enjoys everyone and appreciates how members are eager to help to make our club a success. I asked her what she wants to do next. She admitted with a shy smile, that she wants to sit back and "rest" for at least a year. But I know that in her quiet way, she will be helping all of us enjoy our club, our work and each other. Thank you, Monica, for being such an exemplary member.

Sandra Blössey

**Perhaps you know a member, new or "seasoned", who has made important contributions to our club or has lived an interesting life. If you would like to write about her for the Highlights, please contact Kyle Grafton at our office. **

****Please remember to pay your dues.****

Statements will be sent out beginning June 1 to those that have not paid.

Thank you!

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Your Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Birth Month _____ Day _____

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

Please list professional experience and volunteer interests:

Please indicate your interest in other committees:

Ways & Means: Labor Day Rummage Sale ___ 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? _____

Hospitality: Greeter/Pourer ___ Centerpieces ___ Kitchen Assistants ___ Sandwiches/Cookies ___
Linen cleaning _____

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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