

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# AUGUST 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

I hope you are enjoying or at least enduring these hot summer days. It won't be long until the club activities are in full swing. In fact, one of our major activities begins this month. It's time for our annual Rummage Sale! Our club gave away almost \$5000.00 to various charities during our last fiscal year. With your help we hope to be able to give away even more this year. It's time to start looking in your closets and cupboards as well as garages for items that are of no use to you and your families. We will begin to take in items at the club on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a notice in this Highlights with all of the details but I wish to make a request for donated items as well as volunteers to help sort and price items as well as work on the day of the sale. This is the largest fundraiser we have and it's important for everyone to participate. The more money we make, the more people we can help.

I know a lot of our members travel during the summer so I hope all travels are safe ones and I look forward to seeing you at the Rummage Sale.

This month we welcome back Kim Mould and her "Did You Know" column. Our club has a wonderfully rich history and Kim is enthusiastic in retelling our story from days gone by.

Coming Attractions: Next month is our Membership Tea and it is not too early to be thinking of ladies to invite to introduce them to our wonderful club. Also in September we will be announcing our programs for the year.

And finally, I would like to remind our members to check out our website and patronize our sponsors.

*Cynthia*

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## Yellow roses

The yellow rose is our club flower. Because of this, a new feature will be added periodically to the Highlights. Yellow roses will highlight members who have reached milestones in their life.

- Yellow roses to Midge Ruff who recently celebrated her 105th birthday, June 22.
- Yellow roses to Sarah Grafton, Shawn Shaffer, and Sue Foreman who were named as Winter Park's Most Influential People. Last year's class of Influentials included Debbie Komanski and Carolyn Cooper.



We are very fortunate to have all these women of distinction as members of the Woman's Club.



### **The Woman's Club of Winter Park Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-4pm.**

We will need volunteers during the week leading up to help unpack, sort, and price items as well as members to work the day of the sale.

Needed:

- Several volunteers each day to sort and price, Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> -Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30-1:30.
- Saturday: 10 volunteers for 9-11am shift; 6 volunteers for 11-1pm shift; 6-8 volunteers for 1-4pm shift.

We also need baked goods for our Bake Sale! Items can be brought to the club on Friday from 12-3 or early Saturday morning!

Judy will be at the Club starting on Monday August 29 from 9-1:30 through Friday, September 2. The sale will be open to members on Friday afternoon at 2pm.

*Please be sure to share the news of this sale with your friends, neighbors, etc!*

If you are able to help, please contact Judy Allen: [judyallen244@gmail.com](mailto:judyallen244@gmail.com) or 407-644-8855

## ***Did You Know? By Kim Mould***

In an effort to move beyond the societal, familial, and personal limitations imposed upon them by the cultural traditions of the early 1900's, American women, especially clubwomen, began to project a spirited new persona. As communal "mothers," clubwomen enlarged the definition and scope of "motherhood" beyond the walls of the traditional home and into the surrounding community. In their sacred roles as "municipal housekeepers" and "domestic feminists," as Theda Skocpol writes in *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Origins of Social Policy in the United States* (1992), clubwomen enthusiastically embraced the idea that they played a special role in "developing the welfare of humanity."

Early members of the Woman's Club of Winter Park found themselves immersed in a wave of social reform that swept the Progressive Era and this immersion reflects the tendency of American women's clubs, both black and white, "no matter what their original purpose, to move towards community activism" (Anne Firor Scott, *Women's Voluntary Associations: From Charity to Reform*, 1990). Winter Park women, and Woman's Club of Winter Park members, focused a great deal of attention on the living conditions of local women, mothers, and children. In 1923, the Child Welfare Committee of the Woman's Club presented a disturbing report detailing the dismal conditions at a local "colored" school and reported the formation by the committee of a badly needed lunch program for undernourished students.

In 1927, Mrs. Lucy Vincent, Woman's Club of Winter Park member and wife of Dr. Clarence Vincent, minister of the Congregational Church, and Mrs. Charles F. Brown, wife of the "dean of the molasses business," established a day nursery in the Hannibal Square Elementary School "in order to provide affordable, quality childcare for working families living in Hannibal Square (Winter Park Westside)" (Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten website). According to Claire MacDowell, Woman's Club President (1947 - 1949) and author of *Chronological History of Winter Park*, in 1930, "A gift of \$1500 from Mrs. Charles Brown made it possible to buy a lot and erect a building for the Colored Day Nursery. Total cost, including furniture, was \$2986. A charge of .10 a day was made by the Nursery for each child." In 1931, the "Winter Park Day Nursery Association for Colored Children" was founded, and in its first year, seven children were enrolled.

In 1935, Mrs. Mertie Grover, Woman's Club member and beloved wife of Rollins Professor Edwin Grover, a close friend of Rollins President Hamilton Holt, served as President of the Nursery, today called the Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten. In 1936, when Mrs. Grover was tragically killed in an automobile accident, Dr. Grover used memorial fund donations to establish a children's library on the Westside in her memory.

As Mrs. Wilhelmina Allen, a longtime resident of West Winter Park and an active member of the Ideal Woman's Club, remembered, overworked mothers in the community relied heavily upon close relatives, reliable neighbors, or the Welbourne Avenue Nursery to provide the daily care and supervision of their children, while they in turn supervised the care of children on the Eastside and performed other domestic household duties (Interview with Kim Mould, January 13, 2000).

Over the years, the Woman's Club of Winter Park continued to provide support for both of the Winter Park day nurseries. Segregation and Jim Crow Laws kept Winter Park children cared for in separate nurseries and kindergartens. From the 1930's and the 1940's, line item disbursements for the "Colored Day Nursery and Kindergarten" appear regularly in club financial reports. In the March 17, 1944 issue of the *Winter Park Topics* Newspaper, an article entitled "Building Fund for Winter Park White Day Nursery" reports that a bridge party held by the Woman's Club to raise funds was a great success with a number of voluntary donations made "by woman who expressed great interest in this 'infant' agency." And in continuing a tradition started by her mother Lucy Vincent in 1927, Hope E. Vincent, President of the Woman's Club of Winter Park (1950 - 1951), served as treasurer of the "Colored Day Nursery Association." Today the Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten and the Winter Park Day Nursery continue to serve the community by providing quality care and education to a diversity of children.

In August 2016, as we look forward to our new club year, Woman's Club of Winter Park members continue in our dedication towards helping others in Winter Park and the Central Florida community through our wonderful Charitable Giving Program.



### Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Gabrielle Bennett 8/4  
Linda Heintl 8/29  
Elizabeth Murray 8/22  
Frances Tomcavage 8/24  
Danielle Warren 8/19

Deborah Bunner 8/20  
Bonnie Mizell 8/5  
Jean Rife 8/22  
Carleta Wilson 8/5

Jacqueline Davis 8/17  
Joyce Munsie 8/2  
Ginny Stuart 8/19  
Arlene Wroblicky 8/1

### Scholarship Program

Over the next few months, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee and as its Chairman it is my pleasure to introduce to you the 2016-2017 Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholar Recipients.

**Nikhile Anand is a 2016 graduate of Oviedo High School who will be entering the University of Central Florida this fall. Nikhile is interested in International Business. She was awarded an internship by the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association in her junior year which was most unusual as the internship is usually awarded to college students. She was an exception due to her excellence in community service. Nikhile was an honors student and very active at Oviedo HS and within her community.**



**Lauren Culbreth** will be a University Florida Gator this fall after having graduated from Hagerty High School in Oviedo. She will be majoring in Biology with hopes of someday being a pediatrician. Lauren was a band member for four years at Hagerty and served as their drum major and librarian as well as being a member in a number of honor societies in which she also was an officer. Her English Language and Composition teacher shared that she was an excellent writer.



**Jasmine Cabrera** an Apopka High School graduate will be attending the University of Central Florida. Her plans are to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. Jasmine was in the top five percent of her graduating class. Not only has Jasmine received a number of awards for her academic excellence such as Presidential Award, Gold Awards and AP Scholar Award, but she has also been actively involved in many school organizations. Jasmine was Captain of Dynamic Darter Dance Team, Bel Canto Chorus, and a member of the Medical Magnet Program to mention a few. Her passion is to help others especially in a health-care setting.





**The University of Central Florida will be receiving another of our outstanding scholars! Kristina Groetsch from Oviedo High School will be joining the Knights' ranks. Kristina has received a number of academic awards, was a member of National Honor Society, BETA Club, a cheerleader, a photographer for AAU to mention only a few of her achievements. She is leaning towards a Business degree but is also considering Elementary Education.**



**Jontae Hohn will be attending the University of South Florida. She hails from Sanford and Seminole High School. Her planned major is Biomedical Sciences with the goal of becoming a caring, dedicated and knowledgeable art therapist or neonatologist. Jontae was a student in Seminole's Health Academy, a magnet program with very high academic standards. Outside of studio art in school, she was active in National Honor Society and Future Educators of America as well being involved in a number of additional worthwhile organizations.**



**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month and Day \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list professional experience and volunteer interests:

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It has been our custom that each member participates 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:** 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Publicity:** \_\_\_\_\_ Web site & 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** \_\_\_\_\_