

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# FEBRUARY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

Welcome to winter in Winter Park! We are in the middle of our coldest season and we are the envy of our family and friends in the northern states. This month is very busy for us. Not only do we have four wonderful programs described in this Highlights, but we also have a big fundraiser for our Charitable Giving efforts. On February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4pm we will host The Winter Park Woman's Show. Natalie Hill and Judy Allen are chairing our efforts. We will have our own table, which will enable us to make money.

Space is limited for us as our vendors use the ballroom. If you can contribute items to the sale, please contact Natalie.

We would really appreciate your attendance at this event. The vendors depend on a lot of foot traffic to increase their sales. There are a wide variety of goods and services represented in the show. It is a wonderful place to buy gifts. In the past, we have had jewelry, beauty products, Fair Trade items, art, plants, candles and unique crafts. We hope you publicize it throughout your neighborhood by word of mouth or on any neighborhood websites that publicize events. All proceeds go to our charitable giving fund to be distributed by the Charitable Giving Committee in April. Some of our past recipients have been: A Gift for Teaching, Orlando Rescue Mission, Adult Literacy League, Central Florida Vocal Arts, Eti-Keys, Pathways to Care, Lighthouse Central Florida, Feed the Need, Lighthouse Central Florida, Neighbors Network, and Southeastern Guide Dogs. There are many needs in our community. Your support of The Winter Park Woman's Show will enable us to distribute more funds to worthy causes.

We will advertise The Winter Park Woman's Show on social media. Once again, I ask you to follow us on Facebook and share our posts. If you have not done so in a while, please visit our website.

*Cynthia*



## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

**Thursday, February 2nd, @ 2 p.m.**

**Visit to the Holocaust Museum, 851 N Maitland Avenue, Maitland.**

Plan to arrange carpools with other club members and we will meet at the Holocaust Museum, at 2 p.m. Ample parking is available outside the museum at the Jewish Community Center, nearest the intersection of Maitland Ave. and Maitland Blvd. If you need assistance finding the entrance call 407-628-0555.

The Holocaust Center houses a permanent exhibit that tells the story of the Holocaust in a way that appeals to diverse audiences. We will be treated to a docent led tour of the museum and have an opportunity to listen to the recorded testimonies of several Holocaust Survivors who settled in Central Florida.

In addition we will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the exhibition, Anne Frank: A History for Today.

The life history of Anne Frank and her family is the leading thread running through this exhibition. The family's story is juxtaposed against world events before, during and after the rise to power of the Nazi party. The exhibit includes photographs of the Frank family and the other occupants of the Secret Annex and shows how people were persecuted by political decisions and by the actions of individuals. Throughout the exhibit, Anne's own wonderfully candid writing provides a central voice to the exhibit narrative, bringing a poignant and truly beautiful perspective to the story. Hope you will be joining us. Please contact Karen Berg, if you need help getting to the museum.

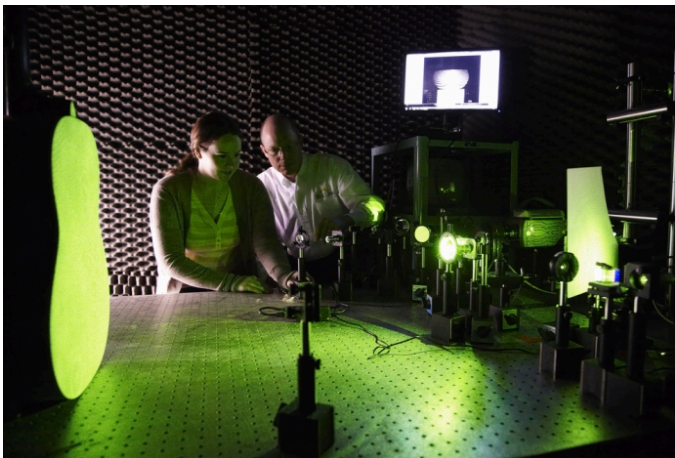


**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**“What Makes Musical Instruments Musical? The Science of Making and Playing Musical Instruments.”**

**Speaker: Dr. Thomas Moore, Rollins Professor of Physics**

Building a high quality musical instrument requires extreme artistry and craftsmanship, but often even those who make such instruments do not understand how they work. Scientists have recently taken an interest in learning how musical instruments actually make music, and they are only now beginning to understand much of what has been empirically known to musicians for centuries.



Using a series of demonstrations on a variety of musical instruments, Thomas Moore will explain some of what we know and what we still do not know about music and how it is produced. He will introduce the principles that underpin what makes a sound musical, demonstrate how some instruments are built, and

discuss why some instruments are considered superior while others are only given to beginning students. The answers involve art, science, psychology, and mystery.

Our speaker, Rollins Professor, Thomas Moore is the Archibald Granville Bush Professor of Natural Science at Rollins College. He earned a B.S. in physics from Stetson University, a M.S. in nuclear physics from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester. Prior to accepting a position at Rollins College, Professor Moore served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and taught physics at the U.S. Military Academy

(West Point). His current research interests are in understanding the physics involved in producing musical sound and the development of optical methods for analyzing sound.

Dr. Moore, was honored as "Florida Professor of the Year" in 2013 for his commitment to undergraduate education and research in science. This award is given by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and recognizes the most outstanding instructors in the nation, who excel as teachers, role models, and make a large impact on the lives and careers of their students. Moore was selected from the 350 top teachers in the United States. We are honored to have Dr. Moore share his passion for physics, music and education with us.

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Lite Luncheon**

**"Architecture Through the Ages"**

**Speaker: Brooks Weiss, City of Winter Park Architect**

During the last election cycle, Historic Preservation became a hotly debated topic in Winter Park. Brooks Weiss will speak with us about his experiences as the staff liaison to the Winter Park Historic Preservation Board (HPB). He will also address his plans to broaden awareness of historic preservation in Winter Park.



Brooks and his young family relocated to Winter Park in 1975 after he accepted a position with Nils Schweizer's architectural firm, the Environmental Design Group. They bought a small cottage on Via Salerno in 1976 and in 1981 did a major renovation and expansion of the home. They live there still.

Brooks was fortunate enough to have a varied career, working and living in London, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Los Angeles and other assignments in Europe, Asia and the USA.

In June of 2016, Brooks accepted the position of City Architect with the City of Winter Park. As such, he is also the liaison to the Historic Preservation Board. He continues to be proactive in his work with the City and the HPB. He brings a depth of knowledge involving entertainment design, historic adaptive reuse, mixed-use development and residential design to his work for the City. You will want to hear Brooks ideas for Historic Preservation in Winter Park.

**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**Program: "Behind the Scenes at Charitable Giving"**

**Speakers: Tia Aery, Exec Director of Family Promise of Greater Orlando**

**Marisa Worley, Director of Development for a Gift for Teaching Robyyn Demar, Exec Director of Welbourne Ave Nursery & Kindergarten**

We are thrilled to offer a closer look at a few of the organizations Winter Park Woman's Club is proud to support: Family Promise of Greater Orlando, A Gift for Teaching and the Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten.

[Family Promise of Greater Orlando](#)

Family Promise of Greater Orlando provides shelter, meals, transportation, and supportive services for up to 90 days for homeless families. This organization partners with various congregations in the local area which provide overnight lodging for these families in need as well as dinner, snacks and breakfast for up to one week at each facility as required by the families. The objective for Family Promise is to find permanent housing for each homeless family within 90 days.



Tia Aery has been Executive Director of Family Promise of Greater Orlando since October, 2014. Her nearly twenty years experience with the Family Promise program and homeless families, has included a position as Executive Director of a Family Promise affiliate in New Jersey for twelve years, followed by a position as Executive Director of Interfaith Hospitality Network of Essex County MS. Most recently, Ms. Aery worked for Family Promise national as the Florida Regional Director before assuming her current role.

Learn more: <http://familypromiseorlando.org/>

### A Gift for Teaching

A Gift for Teaching (AGFT) was established in 1998 to improve public education by providing resources and surplus materials free to teachers for their students in need. The non-profit is now considered Central Florida's primary provider of free school supplies that enable these children to dream, create and experience success in school and in life. The 2015-2016 school year was one of major milestones for AGFT, hosting more than 6,000 teachers and donating essential school supplies to more than 120,000 students in need. Additionally, a Mobile Free Store as well as Online shopping have helped grow the organization's distribution by 20% in just one school year.



Marisa Worley has served as Director of Development for A Gift for Teaching since she joined the non-profit's team in 2013. She has been a major part of revamping the Back-to-School campaign, increasing fundraising in the organization's Year End Campaign, sustaining the new Pencil Boy Programs, and successfully growing the annual Back-to-School Blast event. Prior to her current position, Marisa served as Senior Director of Chamber Initiatives and Events at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, worked as a Senior Associate with Massey Communications and managed Public Relations for the Florida Theatrical Association/Broadway Across America - Orlando. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Rollins College and graduate of Leadership Winter Park, she is also a proud member of The Woman's Club of Winter Park.

Want to learn more? <http://www.agiftforteaching.org/>

### Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten

Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten was established in 1927, to provide affordable, quality childcare for working families living in Hannibal Square (Winter Park Westside). Today, the center continues to offer high standards in childcare and education, serving culturally diverse families in a loving and nurturing environment. The curricula focuses on infants as young as 6 weeks to children 5 years of age. The fees for the center services are adjusted according to the ability of the families to pay.



Robynn Demar is the Executive Director of Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten, Inc. She joined the Welbourne family in May of 2012, as Assistant Director and in August 2012, achieved her Directors Credential. She expressed the desire to volunteer at Welbourne shortly after completing a project at the UCF School of Business working with non-profit organizations. At that time the school was in need of a director, and her skill set matched that need. She continues her education at UCF where she is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Follow this link to the website and learn more about the Welbourne Avenue Nursery and enjoy the photos: <http://www.welbourneavenuenursery.org/child-care-our-photo-gallery>

## Charitable Giving

Our project of making "move in kits" for Family Promise (dealing with Homelessness) will continue throughout the year. In November the Woman's Club provided two kits to Family Promise. Now is a good time to shop for sheets, towels, dishes, blankets and any household utensils and appliances that might be on sale. It would be great if we could provide a couple more kits to them before our year ends.

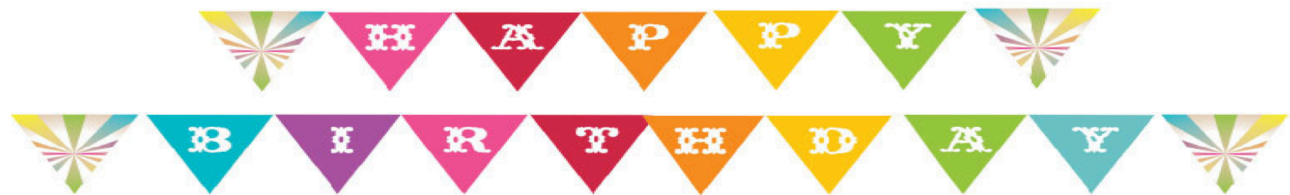
### Yearbook Corrections:

Natalie Hill's home phone number: 407-951-7195

Natalie Hill's cell phone number: 740-503-8057

Kathleen Ihrig's address: 1410 Windsor Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-6830

If there are any corrections that need to be made to your entry in the Yearbook, please let Kyle know and we will include them in the next newsletter!



### Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Elizabeth Badillo 2/18

Jeanie Freeman 2/25

Lucy McDonough 2/3

Marilyn Shepardson 2/12

Monica Clarke 2/22

Sara Johns 2/16

Winkie Colorado Page 2/19

Roberta Willenkin 2/09

Kathy Dunn 2/27

Annette Kelly 2/14

Jessica Parker 2/18

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

As author J. M. Barrie wrote in the dedication of his beloved book *Peter Pan*, "A safe but sometimes chilly way of recalling the past is to force open a crammed drawer. If you are searching for anything in particular you don't find it, but something falls out at the back that is often more interesting" (1904). In my work as a historian, this happens to me every day. Recently, in looking through the Woman's Club of Winter Park archival collection for items of interest for our recent Founder's Day Event, I stumbled upon a document folder, in the very back of an archival box, that brought to life a person whose name I was familiar with, but, in reality, I knew very little about. Miss Helen Steinmetz.

Most members of the Woman's Club are familiar with the wonderful work done by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee and Fund was founded in 1938, and the program has continued to provide deserving students loans and grants to further their education. However, "In 1979, the Scholarship Committee was notified that Miss Steinmetz had died and that she has bequeathed a portion of her Estate to the Scholarship Fund, with specific instructions that the money be invested and only the income from the investment be used to assist in education of Florida Indian girls" (Mildred S. Murphy, Steinmetz Biography, 1988). From a few biographical histories, original scholarship letters signed by Helen, committee reports, and documents and photographs obtained from the Rollins College Archives by Mildred Murphy for a Scholarship Tea, Helen Steinmetz begins to come to life.

Helen was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, but, for reasons unknown, lived at the home of her Uncle John, her father's twin brother. A brief history on Helen drawn from Rollins College archival documents indicate her uncle, Major John B. Steinmetz, "was the Chairman of Orange County Road Commission when the first tracks were laid for the railroad from Orlando to Sanford" and "that her uncle owned several

paddlewheelers for travelling on the river” (Murphy, 1988). She attended Rollins Academy, similar to high



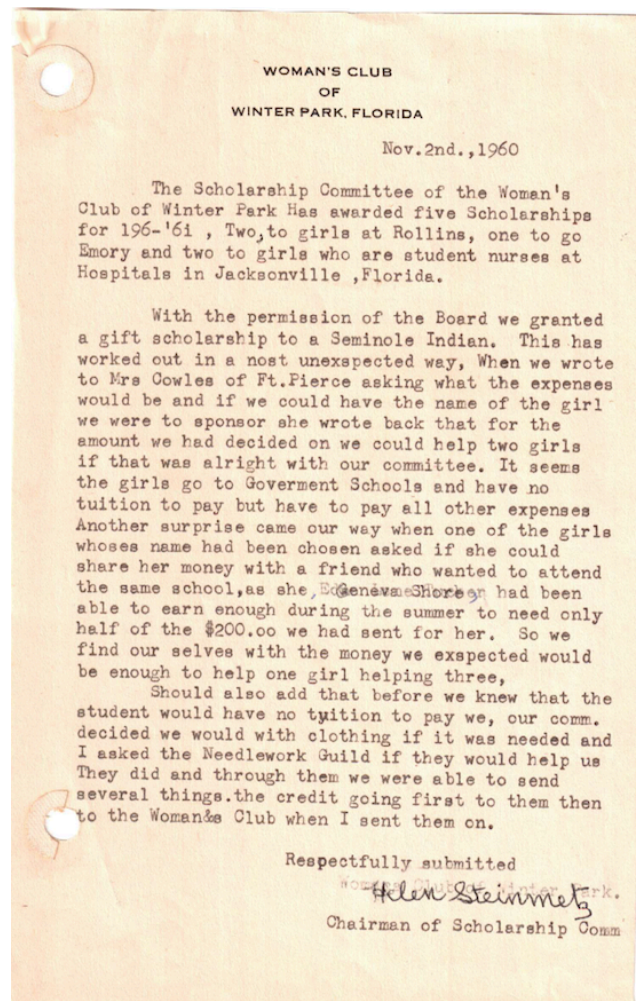
school, and graduated with the Class of 1903 – 1904. Rollins academic records indicate she was awarded a certificate for classes completed in the Business School, and she also took “ladylike courses as Sewing, Music, Expression, Fine Arts and Domestic and Industrial Arts.” In the photograph from the Rollins College Archives, Helen is in the second row, the second student from the left with the dark bow tie. Julia Steinmetz, possibly a cousin, is sitting in the first row, first student from the left with the dark long tie. Helen established a home at 135 Cortland Avenue in Winter Park, was a life time member of the Woman’s Club of Winter Park from 1945 until her death in 1979, she never married or had children, and “apparently never worked for monetary gain” (Murphy, 1988).

During her time as a Woman’s Club of Winter Park member, she played an active role on the Scholarship Committee, even serving as Chairman in 1960 – 1961. A committee report from November, 1960, with Helen’s signature, relates how the committee “granted a gift scholarship to a Seminole Indian. This has worked out in a most unexpected way...the girl we were to sponsor...wrote back that for the amount ...we could help two girls if that was alright with our committee...Another surprise came our way when one of the girls whose name had been chosen asked if she could share her money with a friend who wanted to attend the same school.” Geneva Shore was the name of the generous student who wished to share her scholarship, and a photograph of her from the Woman’s Club Archives indicates that she graduated from Haskell College, in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1961.

In 1961, Helen moved to La Jolla, California. Upon her death in 1979, attorneys settling her estate revealed she had a trust from her father’s estate, and, after remembering several cousins and friends, she divided the remainder of her estate in part to Rollins College and its Book-A-Year Fund and to the Woman’s Club of Winter Park with “specific instructions that the money (a little over \$20,000)...used to assist in education of Florida Indian girls” (Murphy, 1988).

So, as J. M. Barrie said, sometimes “something falls out of the back that is often more interesting.” From a long overlooked folder, in a little explored archival box, out fell the personal story of Helen Steinmetz, forgotten except for the name on a scholarship, yet by “her deep interest in education of Indian girls has truly established a lasting memorial” (Murphy, 1988).

Now this is where it gets really interesting and exciting! My boundless curiosity compelled me to find and chat with, if possible, Ms. Geneva Shore, the scholarship recipient, and in next month’s *Highlights* article, I will share the story of Geneva, her family, and her ongoing work with the Florida Seminole Tribe.



# THE WINTER PARK WOMAN'S SHOW



**SATURDAY 02/25/2017  
9AM-4PM**

The Woman's Club Woman's Show is an annual event consisting of 20-24 vendors showcasing various products that will interest women of all ages. Local charities will be benefited!



Annual Woman's Show from the Woman's Club of Winter Park Inc.

You can shop for jewelry, candles, boutique items, beauty products, art, purses, and more!

**Free Admission!**  
Donations Accepted!

For women of all ages! Bring your friends & family!

Lunch Available

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Feb. 25, 2017 9am – 4pm

The Woman's Show of Winter Park will be held on Saturday February 25, 2017 from 9AM to 4PM.

**We need the support of all our members to make this annual event a success.**

We hope to have 25 to 30 vendors representing many products that will be of interest to women of all ages. Bring your family members, friends and neighbors. It's always a wonderful show!

If you or anyone you know may be interested in purchasing a table for the event, please contact Judy Allen (407) 644-8855 or go to our website for a registration form.

## Scholarship Donations

The Scholarship Committee of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. would like to extend a grateful thank you to the following people for graciously making a donation toward our Scholarship Fund during the month of December 2016:

(Some donated to the Capital Fund, some for the current fiscal year, and some donated to both the Capital Fund and for the current fiscal year.)

Sandra Blossey  
Christine Bush  
Julie Caton  
Beverly Cox  
Nancy Flaherty  
Cynthia Gerken  
Barbara Hughes  
Kathleen Ihrig  
Patricia Johnson  
Frederic and Patricia Jones  
Elaine Laegeler  
Jan Miller  
Bonnie Mizell  
Kay O'Dell  
Jo Ann Palmer  
Ginny Seel  
Churchill Thompson  
Rose Walleze  
Roberta Willenkin  
Cash Donation

### January 2017 Donation:

Karen Rodda

## Announcing....

**The Woman's Club Scholarship  
Applications are due**

**March 1, 2017**

**Applications may be downloaded from  
our website**

**([www.womansclubofwinterpark.com](http://www.womansclubofwinterpark.com))**

**or**

**by contacting Kyle at 407 644-2237.**