

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

JANUARY 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Message



Dear Members of The Woman's Club,

Our 101st year begins this month and it's a time to think back about how society has changed and especially how the role of women has evolved during that time. This month we will celebrate the founding of our club and part of that celebration will be the presentation of a play entitled *The Wily Women of Winter Park*. This play is being presented for us by Central Florida Vocal Arts. Many of the women portrayed in the play were members of our club. Our Founder's Day Celebration begins at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 21st. Your invitation is in this edition of the Highlights. I hope to see you there as we celebrate the beginning of

our next hundred years.

Technology and social media are very prevalent in our lives these days. We are grateful to our renters for their business and most of our first time renters find out about us through on line websites. Our own website has been updated and represents our activities and the business side of our club in an engaging manner. One aspect of our website is the Sponsor Page. The following businesses have paid us to be on our website: F 4 Wealth Advisors, Timothy's Gallery, Be on Park, Millers Hardware, and Lovely Jewelry Organizers. The first four are local businesses that know us and support our goals. Lovely Jewelry Organizers is an on-line business trying to reach a customer base that would be interested in their products. If you haven't already done so, please check out our sponsor page under the heading About Us on our website. Patronize our sponsors if you can or thank them for their sponsorship of our club. If you click on their icon you will be linked to their website. If you know of a business who would like to be one of our sponsors please let me know. The founders of our club could not envision The Woman's Club of Winter Park website and yet, here we are 101 years later on the World Wide Web!

I hope to see you at our Founder's Day Dinner and Play.

Cynthia

Dear Members,

Our 101st year is flying by and in March of 2016, we will elect new board officers to replace those who have served two years. First, we need a nominating committee. Please let me know if you are willing to serve on that committee. The responsibilities take place during January and February, so it will not take very long. It is a very important job. Please volunteer by calling me at [407-740-7758](tel:407-740-7758) or emailing me at scblossey@cfl.rr.com.

Many thanks, Sandra Blossey

January Programs

January 7 (2:00 p.m.)

Program: "The Library of Tomorrow," Winter Park's Public Library. We will learn about the plans for a new library to be constructed at the site of the current Rachel Murrah Civic Center on the northwest corner of the Martin Luther King, Jr Park on Morse Blvd.

Speaker: Jeff Jontz, President Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Jontz is an attorney with Swann Handley Stump Dietrich & Spears, PA

January 14 (2:00 p.m.)

Program: Women's Healthcare Through the Ages

Speaker: Dr. Susanna S. Holmes

Dr. Susanna Holmes is a clinical pharmacist with over 11 years of hospital experience in diverse practice settings such as women's health, critical care and pediatrics. She is currently the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for Women's Services with the Arnold Palmer Medical Center Department of Pharmacy. Her practice specializes in the care and medication management of patients with high risk pregnancies at Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies. Dr. Holmes is originally from Columbia, South Carolina. She earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. She completed a post-graduate Pharmacy Practice Residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital as well as a Pediatric Specialty Residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading, vacationing at the beach, and spending the husband and 21/2 year old daughter, Eva.

January 21 (6:00 p.m.)

Founder's Day Dinner

Central Florida Vocal Arts will present "The Wily Women of Winter Park" as we celebrate our 101st year with dinner and drinks. Please be sure to RSVP by January 15th. A registration form is attached to the back of the Highlights.

January 28 (2:00 p.m.)

Program: The East Side of Town, Bob Williams, author of *The Eastside of Town*, will take you down memory lane when he discusses growing up in Orlando during the tumultuous sixties, a decade of rapid change preceded by a simpler time.

Speaker: Bob Williams, Author. Dr. Bob Williams is a retired department chair in the College of Education at the University of Central Florida. He has also worked as a teacher, school psychologist, principal, and superintendent of schools. He has published articles and co-authored a leadership book for educators. In addition, he has been a keynote speaker at conferences/workshops. *The Eastside of Town* is his debut fiction novel. He and his wife, Linda, live in Orlando, Florida, on the "eastside of town."

Life Story Writing Group Comes to Woman's Club

Tell me a story...the story of your life! Personal histories create links between your present and your family's past. We are all living unique lives and that story deserves to be told.

Beginning **Monday, January 11, 2016**, a Life Story Writing Group comes to the Woman's Club of Winter Park. Led by Winter Park writer/teacher, Yvonne Vassel, each segment will be composed of **5, 2-hour meetings** on Mondays from 10 a.m. to Noon. The total cost for the 10 hours of guided group writing is \$100, and the first 6 slots have been reserved for members of the Woman's Club.

Please register and claim your slot by December 30, 2015 by calling Yvonne Vassel at [407-716-4043](tel:407-716-4043) or e-mailing: YCTVASSEL@GMAIL.COM.

Membership Yearbook Additions and Changes:

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SPOTLIGHT ON A NEWCOMER: Nancy Flaherty

1. How did you hear about the Woman's Club and what interested you in joining?

I first heard about the Woman's Club from Sandra Blossey but when she mentioned "teas", I immediately thought of the dean's teas when I was in college - stiff, formal, uncomfortable and very boring. Then I wandered into a Woman's Club tea after a mystery book club meeting and discovered that I was completely wrong - the women I've met at these teas could not be more friendly and welcoming and the presentations are anything but boring.

2. How long have you lived in Central Florida and where did you live before?

I'm originally from New Jersey, but over the course of my husband's Army career, we lived in several places around the US as well as Panama and Germany. After he retired, we moved from Arizona to the Waterford Lakes/UCF area in 2001, and I moved to a condo in Winter Park this past summer.

3. What has been your career experience?

I was a software engineer. I worked for defense contractors in the UCF Research Park area until I retired last year.

4. Is there anything you would like to tell us about your family?

I am a widow, no children.

5. Would you like to include anything unusual or special about yourself?

The thing that most people seem to find unusual about me is that I don't drive - never have - so I get around by bicycle or on foot. That's the main reason that moving to Winter Park has been so great for me - there are an unbelievable number of things to do and people to meet all within my walking or biking range.

6. What activities are you looking forward to in our club?

Right now I'm just enjoying getting to know the club members and learning about all the different activities that the club is involved in.

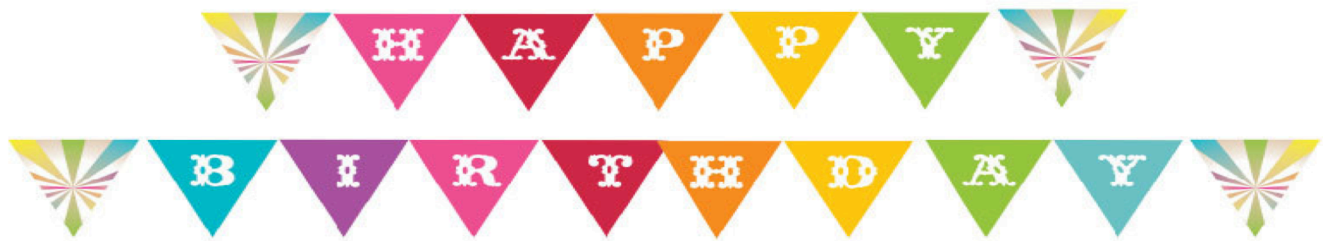
Work and Shop the Woman's Show- February 20, 2016 9am-4pm!

Volunteers needed to help with our Annual Woman's Show!

Please contact Judy Allen (407-376-4129) if you would like to help with this event. She will need volunteers to help with set up and logistics leading up to the show, as well as volunteers during the event!

The Woman's Show is a great way to showcase our club while helping local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

If you can't commit to volunteering, please be sure to come out and shop! There will be an array of wonderful businesses and products!



Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Brenda Barry 1/3
Jean Gasperoni 1/21
Patricia Johnson 1/21
Joan Russell 1/1

Arlene Bridges 1/23
Sarah Grafton 1/2
Molly Magee 1/25
Tamila Vitko 1/14

Linda Dunlap 1/26
Yvonne Hogan 1/11
Cindy Price 1/1
Anna Maria Scheiner 1/9

Obituaries

Peggy Kraemer, a long time former member of The Woman's Club, died in November. She was an active member in years past and especially loved working at our rummage sales.

Gerry Liff's husband, Eric, also died in November. Gerry is an active member as well as a beloved past president of our club. Our condolences to Gerry and her family.

News from the Board of Directors

After reviewing the by-laws for many months, the Board of Directors approved a revised version at the December 2, 2015, board meeting. The by laws are available for viewing online at our website under the Membership tab or a copy may be requested from Kyle in our office.

Announcing....

**Scholarship Applications are due
March 1, 2016.**

**Applications may be downloaded from
our website
(www.womansclubofwinterpark.com)
or
by contacting Kyle at 407 644-2237.**

Ways and Means:

Just to let you ladies know, we made \$317.50 on the Bake Sale and \$366 on the Crafts for a total of \$683.50.

Many thanks to all you bakers and shoppers for your support. Happy New Year!

Natalie Hill

Did You Know? By Kim Mould

America in 1965 was a country in the throes of positive change, political and social controversy, and militant unrest. The war in Vietnam continued to intensify with an increased loss of American military lives, the Anti-War movement grew in voice, and the Civil Rights Movement compelled President Lyndon Johnson to sign into law the Voting Rights Act which guaranteed African Americans the right to vote. The average yearly income was \$5,942, gas was around 31 cents a gallon, a Hershey candy bar was 5 cents, mandated health warnings first appeared on cigarette packages, fashion for the younger generation focused on longer hair and shorter skirts, and canned *SpaghettiOs* first became a favorite of housewives and children as “The neat round spaghetti you can eat with a spoon.” *Mary Poppins* and *My Fair Lady* were box office hits. And, on February 7, 1965, boxer Cassius Clay, after becoming Muslim, changed his name to Mohammed Ali.

In the midst of it all, on January 15, 1965, in Winter Park, the ladies of the Woman’s Club of Winter Park put on their gloves, hats, furs, corsages, and pearls and celebrated the club’s Golden, or 50th year, Anniversary. For the individual cost of \$1.75, the members and guests enjoyed a pre-meal beverage of “Golden Juice” and a festive luncheon meal of beef stroganoff and, following the “golden” theme, Golden rice and carrots, Golden fruit salad, and lemon pie. Coffee and Sanka were the dessert beverage options. Past presidents were honored at the “gala affair,” including Mrs. Philip Mitchell (Alice), 1959 - 1961, Mrs. William H. Bowles (Edith), 1961 - 1962, Mrs. Milton D. Blanck (Ann), 1962 - 1963, and Mrs. S. Carleton Rogers (Ruth), 1963 - 1964. A 50th Anniversary scroll was presented to Woman’s Club President Mrs. George Ray Daly (Frances), 1964 - 1966, by Mrs. E. D. Pearce, First Vice President of the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs. A highlight of the event was Mrs. Evelyn Duclos, the Drama Chairman, narrating the entertaining “Portraits Vivant.” According to an *Orlando Evening Star* newspaper article dated Friday, January 22, 1965, in this brief historical review, “All of the twelve living past-presidents were presented in living portraits, while Mrs. Duclos recounted briefly on the administration of each...The history was compiled from past minutes of the organization and from Mrs. MacDowell’s ‘History of Winter Park.’” An original copy of Claire MacDowell’s book resides today in the library of the Woman’s Club of Winter Park Archives.



The Woman's Club of Winter Park
Founder's Day Dinner



Join the Woman's Club of Winter Park
as we celebrate 101 years!

January 21, 2016
6:00pm Wine, Welcome & Dinner
7:00pm The Wily Women of Winter Park
presented by Central Florida Vocal Arts

\$35 per person ~ Guests welcome!
RSVP by January 15, 2016 to:
The Woman's Club of Winter Park
P.O. Box 1433
Winter Park, FL 32790
407-644-2237

Name(s): _____

Amount included: _____

Checks made payable to:
The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

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



The Winter Park Woman's Show

February 20, 2016

9am - 4pm

**The Woman's Club of Winter Park
419 S. Interlachen, Winter Park**

For information, call 407-644-2237 or 407-376-4129

Rent a table to show and sell your products or services

Shop with your friends and family!

Reservation Form on the back of this announcement.

Winter Park Woman's Show

Feb. 20, 2016 9am - 4pm

Rental is \$100 per table; tables are 6 ft long. You are welcome to share a table with vendor of your choice.

Please call 407-376-4129 with any questions

Your name_____

Name of company_____

Type of product or service_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

Web site_____

Will you need an electrical outlet? (First come, first served)_____

_____ Check here if you have questions and would like to receive a phone call.

You will need to bring your own table cover.

Please make out check to Woman's Club of Winter Park and mail with this application (or copy of it) to

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