

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# JANUARY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe this is 2017, isn't it? This month the club is celebrating the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our founding at Osceola Lodge. Not only do we have wonderful daytime programs this month but on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM we will have our annual Founder's Day event. Central Florida Vocal Arts will provide our entertainment. In January 2016, we became a partner with Central Florida Vocal Arts, providing them rehearsal space and sharing some publicity. At the December 2016

board meeting, the board members voted to extend this partnership for another year. We are thrilled to have them provide the entertainment at our Founder's Event, The Woman's Club Cabaret. Please make your reservations using the form in these Highlights.

I am aware that some of our members do not drive or do not drive at night. I would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend this event. We have members who are willing to provide transportation and we would love to see you at this special evening. In fact, we would like to see you at all our programs so please call the office, Chris Bush, Membership Chair, or me if you need a ride to the club.

Ride sharing is a good idea in general. It is better for the environment for sure but also it alleviates parking issues at our club. We have space for thirty-three cars on our property in the north and south parking areas. Recently I was informed that we can no longer park free of charge in the parking garage adjacent to the club. Our neighbors at All Saints Church will allow us to park in the lot that is accessible directly across from the club on Interlachen. The drive goes behind the bookstore and the spaces are adjacent to Fairbanks. Rollins will allow us to park in their lot across Lyman adjacent to Interlachen **after 5 PM**. I hope that clears up confusion about available parking around our club and I encourage you to share rides and to let us know if you need a ride.

I am looking forward to seeing you at all our programs as we start a new year.

*Cynthia*

## Memoriam

We mourn the passing of Rita Sue Miller, who died on December 18, 2016.

## JANUARY PROGRAMS

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**Where Have All the Flowers Gone?**

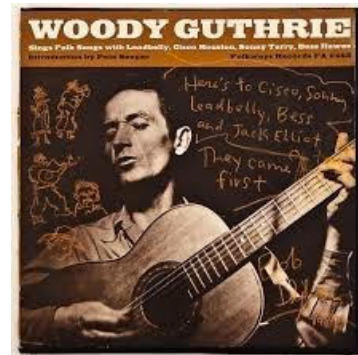
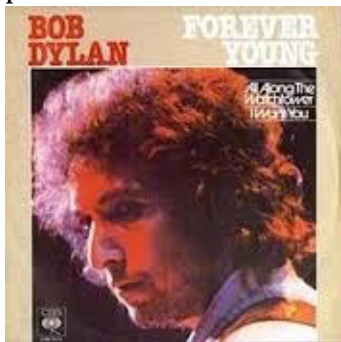
**Speaker: Arnold Bremen**

Many of our members will remember that Arnold Bremen has entertained us twice before with his unique, nostalgic and entertaining videos. The first time we met them was at our 99<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day, when he presented musical performances from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the second time, was the following year, when he showed famous female entertainers of the past.

This presentation will touch our hearts with "Where Have All the Flowers Gone." Yes, it is about folk music of our past. Folk music is the **songs** of the people. They tell stories about the human condition, from life's struggles to political situations. Such songs can be found in every culture around the

world. Folk music is traditional and from time to time experiences a revival, such as from the 1940's to the 1970's in our country.

Retired Impresario, Arnold Bremen, has presented many singers of all genre's and today will take us on an animated and spirited journey through photos and videos of some of America's greatest performers including Bob Seeger, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, Burl Ives, Harry Belafonte, Odetta, Joan Baez, Joni Michel, Peter, Paul and Mary and many others.



**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**500 Miles...is that a typo?**

**Camino de Santiago**

**Speaker:**

**Diane Homrich**

**My Camino - The**

**Why, The How &**

**Some Stories**

**Diane Homrich**

**shares with us her**

**story of walking the**

**Camino de Santiago**

**The Why**

Hmmm... great question! Why would someone set out to walk 500 miles from the south of France across the northern expanse of Spain??? Diane's reasons for hiking the Camino changed many times over the course of her preparation, and again during the hike itself. Then, of course, more reasons became clear along the way.

**The How**

Lots of walking practice and gear research and tryouts. Lots of phone apps and maps and routes and planning. Lots of purchases and returns. All this in the attempt to successfully walk across Spain.

**Some Camino Stories**

Every day brought new adventures and new stories. Diane will share a few of them she hopes everyone will enjoy. She is excited to share all of this with you on January 12th!

Diane and her sister went into the Camino trip together, but started from different cities and walked independently. She set up a Facebook Community Page at AD Camino Pilgrimage to record their adventures. You do not need to have a Facebook page to read it. Starting at the bottom, you will see their separate stories marked with A (Alicia) or D (Diane). She thinks you will enjoy reading them. The page can be found here: <https://m.facebook.com/adcaminopilgrimage/>

Also, here is a wonderful bird's eye GPS virtual view of the Camino Frances to watch - 10 minutes and very cool: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ol0xqFsuYU0>



**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 6 p.m.**

**Founder's Day Event - RSVP with form included in back of Highlights**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**History of Leu Gardens**

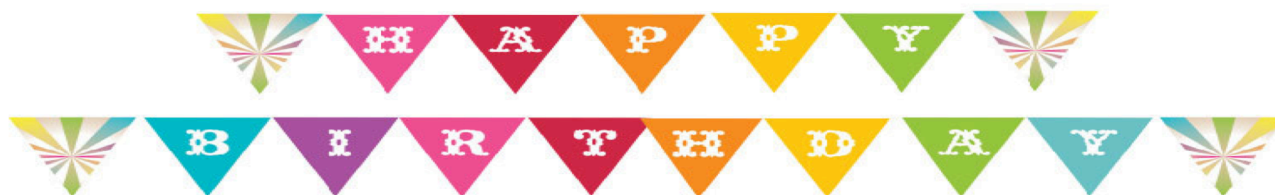
**Speaker: Robert Bowden, Executive Director**

Robert Bowden has served as the Executive Director of Leu Gardens since 1993. Prior to coming to Leu Gardens he served as Executive Director of Atlanta Botanical Garden, Director of Horticulture of the Missouri Botanical Garden, St Louis, Missouri, and Director of Horticulture of Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury L. I., New York. He has published numerous photographs and essays in a wide variety of gardening magazines and professional journals as well as authoring several books on Florida gardening.

Together we will explore the amazing 50-acre botanical oasis. Each individual garden within Leu Gardens is designed specifically to further the Leu Gardens mission: inspire visitors to appreciate and understand plants. The Leu House Museum located in the heart of the gardens reveals turn-of-the century living for the families who once called this home. The gardens and historical home were donated to the City of Orlando in 1961 by Mr. Harry P. Leu and his wife, Mary Jane. What a wonderful opportunity we have to explore the gardens and learn more about its history directly from the man who has faithfully served Leu Gardens for nearly a quarter of a century. You might enjoy this recent article from the Orlando Business Journal <http://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/blog/2013/07/five-minutes-with-robert-bowden.html>



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**Wishing a Happy Birthday to:**

Brenda Barry 1/3

Barbara Farquharson 1/4

Yvonne Hogan 1/11

Molly Magee 1/25

Joan Russell 1/1

Arlene Bridges 1/23

Sue Foreman 1/26

Jacqueline Johnson 1/2

Cindy Price 1/1

Anna Maria Scheiner 1/9

Linda Dunlap 1/26

Jean Gasperoni 1/21

Patricia Johnson 1/21

Mabel Rasmussen 1/23

Tamila Vitko 1/14

**Yearbook Corrections:**

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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!



## Many Thanks from Charitable Giving

Thank you for your generous participation in the Stocking project for the Salvation Army and for filling the Christmas wish lists of eleven children chosen by the Winter Park Housing Authority. We stuffed 44 Christmas Stockings with a variety of toys, books, games, for children of all ages, which the Salvation Army very much appreciated. Our ladies provided an abundance of new clothing, a bike, a tricycle, dolls, remote control cars, etc. for children who would not have had much for Christmas. The four moms of these families each received a \$50.00 gift card from Publix. The staff at the Winter Park Housing Authority was extremely grateful for our help.

Ladies, you are all Christmas Angels!

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

As the Woman's Club of Winter Park looks forward to commemorating our 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday with our Founder's Day Event *Music Through the Ages* on January 19, 2017, two women, a mother and daughter, merit a closer look in our appreciative acknowledgment of the outstanding women who pooled their talents and skills to build the strong foundation upon which our club is built.

Mrs. Susan Palmer Dyer, wife of naval commander and the Governor of the U.S. territory of Guam Commodore George Leland Dyer, was the cousin of our first president, Helen Morse, and the second president of the Woman's Club of Winter Park (1918 – 1921). After traveling the world, Susan and George Dyer retired to The Anchorage, their beautiful home in Winter Park. The Dyers were prominent members of the Winter Park community, and after George died, in 1914, Susan continued to use her considerable personality and organizational skills in her work with the Equal Suffrage League (Winter Park) and as an organizer (1915), and charter member (1918), of the Woman's Club of Winter Park. Susan Dyer, as evidenced by letters and documents in the Woman's Club Archives, also played a powerful leadership role in the original effort in building our recently restored clubhouse. "The first meeting in the new Clubhouse was held January 21, 1921," according to a club history from the Woman's Club Directory of Members, and "The auditorium, now known as the Helen Morse Hall, was dedicated in Mrs. Morse's honor at that same meeting" (page 9).

Susan and George Dyer's daughter, also named Susan, but who went by the name of Daisy, was born on December 20, 1880 in Annapolis, Maryland. Daisy "enrolled at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland," as noted in her Rollins College Archives on-line biography, "where she studied violin...and harmony...until her graduation in 1904." In 1909, Daisy came to Rollins College as a violin instructor, but left in 1911 to complete her Bachelor of Music degree at Yale Music School. In 1914, about the same time as her mother was beginning to work with a small group of women dedicated to founding a women's club in Winter Park, Daisy returned to Rollins College. At Rollins, according to her Rollins College Music Faculty Biography, Daisy, or Susan H. Dyer as she was professionally known, became an "instructor in violin, harmony, theory, and musical history as well as the director of Rollins College Conservatory of Music and Head of the Department of Theory." During her time in Winter Park, Daisy offered her considerable musical talents, and Rollins College connections, to the Woman's Club of Winter Park by providing numerous high quality musical performances and programs. In addition, Susan "Daisy" served as President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs until her death in 1922.

"To commemorate the services that Dyer dedicated to Rollins," according her Rollins Music Faculty on-line biography, "the College erected the Dyer Memorial Music Building as, 'a memorial not only to an inspired teacher, Susan Dyer, but to her well-remembered mother and father, beloved residents of Winter Park.'"

To enjoy archival photographs and biographical information for Susan H. Dyer, please go to <http://lib.rollins.edu/olin/oldsite/archives/golden/Dyer.htm>



*The Woman's Club Cabaret*

*Presents:*

*Music Through the Ages*

*You are invited to celebrate the  
102<sup>nd</sup> Founder's Day of  
The Woman's Club of Winter Park  
in our restored clubhouse at the corner of Lyman and Interlachen in  
Winter Park.*

*January 19, 2017 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Dinner and Entertainment \$35.00 per person  
Black and white attire encouraged.*

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*RSVP by Friday, January 13 to Bette Blanchfield,  
700 Melrose Avenue, Apt. J-23, Winter Park, FL 32789  
Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Guests* \_\_\_\_\_

*Seating Request* \_\_\_\_\_

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