

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

MARCH 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

Throughout the years, the Woman's Club has sought to foster interest in activities that are of lasting benefit to the community. It is my pleasure to announce that the Board of Directors of the club have voted to partner with Central Florida Vocal Arts, a non-profit founded in 2012 to train young performers and provide them with opportunities to perform. Those of you who attended our Founder's Event in January are familiar with the talent and commitment of this group and their founding Chief Executive Director, Theresa Smith-Levin. They presented the play

The Wily Women of Winter Park at no charge to our club. They also provided entertainment during our Winter Park Woman's Show, also at no charge. The Woman's Club has agreed to provide Central Florida Vocal Arts with rehearsal space when the club is not being rented and we will do reciprocal advertising. This new relationship will also focus on our club as a performance venue. We are pleased with our new partnership as it highlights our continuing involvement in the community.

This month we also feature our yearly fashion show and luncheon on March 17th. Fashions and accessories this year will be provided by Chico's. Be sure to complete your reservation, which is in these Highlights.

Happy Spring,

Cynthia



Don't forget about our Precious Items Sale!

Please look around your homes for gently used "precious items" that we can sell during the March 17th Fashion Show and Luncheon. Bring your items to one of the two early March meetings. Thank you!

-Natalie Hill, Ways and Means Chair

****INFORMATION NEEDED****

Chris Bush, our Membership Chair, is hoping to update our membership records! She would greatly appreciate it if members would let her know the year (or as close as you can remember) that you joined. Please email her at: ctbushx2@earthlink.net

Thank you!

March Programs

March 3, 2:00pm Mystical Myanmar: Images of Today & Insights into Tomorrow

The country we grew up calling Burma is back in the news. Americans have been welcomed again as tourists in recent years. The world has noted the December election of Aung San Suu Kyi as President. On March 3 at 2 pm bring your friends for an update on this fascinating country. Ann Hicks Murrah will show a few of the 3500 photos she took in January and Rollins political science professor Dan Chong will share expertise from personal experience as well as research on Myanmar.

Speaker: Our own Ann Hicks Murrah and Rollins Professor of Political Science

March 10, 2:00pm Past, Present and Future of the Orlando Science Center

We will hear about current and upcoming exhibits and events taking place at the Orlando Science Center.

Speaker: JoAnn Newman, President & CEO for the Orlando Science Center.

March 17, 11:30 am Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

Join us for our annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, with the latest fashions from Chico's modeled by our lovely members. Social hour begins at 11:30am, with time to shop our Precious Items sale. Lunch will be served at noon. \$25 per person and as always, guests are welcome! Please RSVP by March 11. See attached form for more information.

March 24, 2:00pm Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust: the Role of Women

Holly will share how women wrote poetry and documented events, served with the underground, and endured or escaped from ghettos to try to survive. Specific women's examples, some local, will be used. Holly will also read some of her poetry that presents these biographies.

Speaker: Holly Mandelkern honors special people in her writing, including her father, the subject of a poem that was set to music as part of a Veteran's Day commemoration in 2014. Two poems recently won awards in a statewide American Association of University Woman literacy contest. Poems have appeared in Revelry 2014 and in recent Florida State Poets' Association anthologies. A Vanderbilt graduate, she lectures at the Holocaust Center in Maitland, FL and has just completed *Beneath White Stars: Holocaust Profiles in Poetry*.

March 31, 2:00pm Meet Your Neighbor: Historic All Saints Episcopal Church Gift Shoppe

It happens all too often that we stay so busy we sometimes miss what is right in front of us! Please join us for a brief presentation about engaging our own unique and individual talents and using them collectively to build a stronger community; followed by an exclusive open house at All Saints Gift Shoppe featuring local artisans, jewelry designers and afternoon tea with special treats from our many cookbooks!

Note: We will have a special give away drawing the day of the event in the Shoppe as well as offer a 10% discount on that day for members of our club.

Speaker: Jill O'Toole. Jill and her husband have lived in Orlando for 20 years. Jill is a volunteer and has served as the buyer and manager of All Saints Gift Shoppe for 7 years.

Eti-Keys Training Group

Last year one of our members, Barbara Bergstrom gave us a passionate presentation about the non-profit she founded, Eti-Keys Training Group. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator to help children learn life skills, please contact Barbara about the upcoming facilitator training. (407) 521-8992, (407) 405-4004 (cell), BarbaraBergstrom@aol.com.

March 10th (Thursday) -Teen program training 9 AM -12 noon,

March 16th (Wednesday) - middle school facilitator training 9:00 AM-12 noon



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Dress for Success: Pat Miller will be accepting donations for Dress for Success until March 17th! Dress for Success relies on individual contributions of business attire and accessories to make their clients look and feel their best!



On March 20th Central Florida Vocal Arts will present their Spring Fling fundraising concert and silent auction at the home of Jacque and Rig Gellein, 642 N. Interlachen. Guests will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine pairings. Tickets are \$60 for adults, \$40 for children at the Spring Fling website: <http://central-florida-vocal-arts.ticketleap.com/spring-fling/>. This will be a great opportunity to support our new partner!

Wonderfully Successful Woman's Show!!

The Winter Park Woman's Show this year was our most successful in terms of attendance! We thank all of our members who supported it by coming out to help and purchase from the vendors. We thank **Judy Allen** for her tremendous effort in putting the show together. We are also grateful to **Natalie Hill** for creating the beautiful quilts, runners, dogs, cats, bunnies and bags and donating the sale proceeds to our club. We made \$2890 for our charitable giving fund!

Membership Yearbook Additions and Changes:

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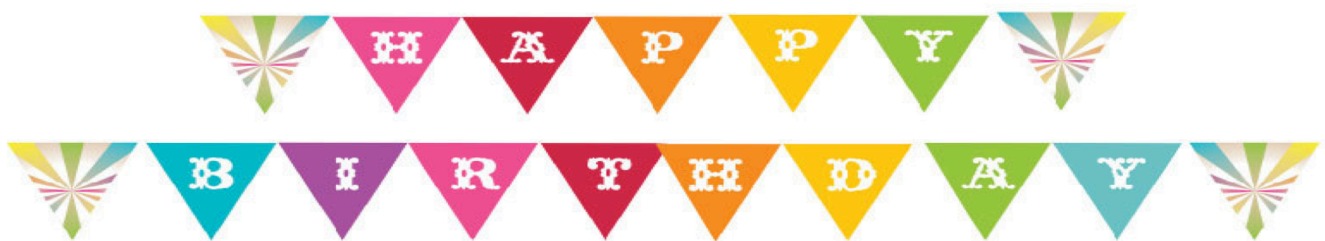
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Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Sandra Blossey 3/4
 Nancy Flaherty 3/30
 Aimee Kakos 3/30

Maria Bonnet 3/29
 Betty Gilleland 3/18
 Francis Morrissey 3/8

Phyllis Fielding 3/25
 Karen James 3/8
 Mimi Smetheram 3/29

Did You Know? By Kim Mould

As the Depression years of the 1930's wore on, American clubwomen struggled to adjust to economic downturns, while confronting the growing, undeniable threat of Nazi Germany. In 1938, times were turning darker. In March, Germany invaded Austria. By October, the passports of German Jews were declared invalid. *Kristallnacht*, the arrest and killing of countless Jews and the rampant destruction of Jewish businesses and synagogues throughout Germany by Nazi troops and sympathizers on November 9 – 10th, shocked the world. In the ensuing years, millions of Jews were tormented, stripped of their rights, uprooted and resettled in dismal ghettos, slaughtered outright, or faced certain death in hell-on-earth concentration camps. Americans regarded the gathering storms of war with equal amounts of alarm, horror, and disbelief. American clubwomen, including the members of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, seriously studied the dire array of national and international events, issues, and problems, and they wholeheartedly committed themselves, their energies, and their finances to communal change through positive action and intellectual uplift.

Members of the Woman's Club of Winter Park have always regarded quality education, for both children and young adults, as a critical cornerstone of a healthy, flourishing community. In 1938, the Scholarship Committee was organized and the first appeals went out for subscribers to start a Scholarship Endowment Fund. The action passed on January 14, 1938 resolved: "that this Club create a fund by private annual contribution as a scholarship fund to assist any boy or girl in Orange County who possess good mental ability and who is of good character and is worthy of assistance..." Dr. Helen W. Cole, Woman's Club President, and Mrs. Mary Holmes Bartlett, Scholarship Committee Chair, urged members to give generously. As Mrs. Bartlett wrote in a later appeal to members dated January 1, 1940, "Boys and girls of today step out of school into a chaotic world, faced by all the problems we have failed to solve. The least we can do is give them all the preparation they are capable of using and willing to work for. Let's begin the new year by a generous salute to those who are about to carry on for us."

Early contributions to the fund came from book and calendar sales, "card parties, bake sales, flea markets and fashion shows," but eventually generous bequests made by members and "sustaining contributors" enabled the establishment of an endowment. The first two recipients awarded scholarships were Franklin McKnight, a male student at Bolles Military School in Jacksonville, and Helen Flume, a female Rollins College student who received \$200. For the 1938 – 1939 Rollins school year, tuition, room, and board was \$1,345. In comparison, according to the Rollins Office of Admissions, tuition, room, and on-campus board for the 2015 – 2016 school year is \$58,670!

Two wonderful letters recently contributed to the Woman's Club of Winter Park Archives by member Mary Ann Page, also known as Winkie Colado, document her experiences with the "Scholarship Loan Fund Committee" in the 1950s. One letter, dated May 23, 1952, which begins "My dear Winkie," indicates the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee had granted her request for \$150 for the 1953 – 1954 school year. A second letter, dated April 18, 1959, expresses how much her "payment on the scholarship loan was appreciated" by the Committee.

As the March 1, 2016 deadline approaches for scholarship applications, Barbara Hughes, Scholarship Committee Chair, and the Scholarship Committee continue a proud club tradition of generously providing financial awards for worthy students as part of the Woman's Club of Winter Park's most significant, consistent, and substantial philanthropic project, the Scholarship Fund.

Join us for our



Spring Luncheon
and
Fashion Show



Thursday, March 17, 2016
11:30am, Lunch served at noon
\$25 per person, guests welcome!

Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park
RSVP deadline is Friday, March 11. Please rsvp to:
Carol Nawrocki, 535 N. Interlachen Ave. #202 Winter Park, FL, 32789
Email: canwpfl@gmail.com

Name: _____

Guest(s) _____

Seating Preference _____

Amount Enclosed _____