

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MAY 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

Incredibly, we have completed another year of programs and activities at The Woman's Club. It was a whirlwind year for me as your president. To be honest I feel that it has taken me a year to learn the job. Thanks to our Board of Directors and Kyle Grafton for all of their assistance. Our 2016 - 2017 Board Members were installed at the last meeting of our year on April 28, 2016. We have listed board members in these Highlights and we welcome new board members Carol Card, Meredith Murphy, Carmen Muniz, and Arlene Bridges.

Our by-laws state that the President, House Chair, Finance Chair and Scholarship Chair must give an annual report at the Business Meeting in April. Karen Rodda, Churchill Thompson, Barbara Hughes and I gave those reports. In this Highlights you will find the President's Report and the House Report. I sincerely thank Karen Rodda for her stewardship of the house. As you can see, a lot goes on behind the scenes. The annual Finance and Scholarship Reports will appear in a future Highlights.

During the summer there is no break for board members. We meet every month and we will be working on our schedule of programs, activities and a budget for next year. We depend on the membership to help us with teas and luncheons and our Founder's Event. In other words, we are looking for volunteers. It would be nice to hear from you if you would like to chair, co-chair or work on the Fall Luncheon, Christmas Luncheon, Fashion Show or Founder's Event. It isn't so daunting if a few ladies can do it together.

One of the best things about our club is the friendship we make. Since we won't be meeting again until the September Membership Tea, please keep in touch with each other and let us know if a club member needs our assistance in any way.

Finally, I want to thank you for supporting the club all year. We had good attendance at our weekly meetings and wonderful participation for our fundraisers. And we ended our year with \$1,630.00 in donations from our Silver Tea. So again, thank you for your generous support of our club.

*Cynthia*

\*\*For several months our Historian, Kim Mould, has been providing us with informative articles relative to our club. She is currently taking a break from writing her column, Did You Know?, so that she can concentrate on working with our archives. Kim promises that the column will return in August.\*\*

## Programs for 2016-2017

It is hard to believe our club year is already drawing to a close! We have enjoyed fascinating programs including inspiring jazz, travels to the distant nation of Myanmar, learning more about Nano Science, a glimpse of the Jewish resistance during the Holocaust and many more. I am speaking on behalf of the club membership as I extend enthusiastic appreciation to the members of the Program Committee. Thank you to Karen Berg, Beverly Cox, Ann Hunter, Bonnie Mizell, Kim Mould, Carmen Muniz, and Jo Ann Palmer for our weekly programs and to Rose Walleze, Lauren Clark and Kathryn DiMauro for arranging Bingo. As we plan next year's programs, I am pleased to share that Sandra Blossey, Sandy Womble and Robbie Willenkin will be joining our committee. Regretfully, Ann, Carmen and Joanne are moving on to accept other responsibilities within the club. If you would like to participate in organizing next year's programs and become part of a great team, please give me a call (407-222-7766) or send an email ([1carolyncooper@gmail.com](mailto:1carolyncooper@gmail.com)). We would welcome your involvement!

**Your feedback is important!** Please take a moment to complete and return the following questionnaire before **May 9th**. We will use this information as we schedule next year's programs.

**Please number this year's programs #1-5 with #1 being the most interesting to you:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Orlando Health Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Programs AED Training
<input type="checkbox"/> 83 Years of Annie Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> Orlando Shakespeare Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Bryant Jazz	<input type="checkbox"/> Osceola Lodge Tour (off site)
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft: Illuminated Holiday Globes	<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Eschbach Travel Photos
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Park Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Woman's Health, Dr. Holmes
<input type="checkbox"/> East Side of Town, Bob Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Capen House, Polasek Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Nano Science, Dr. Seal	<input type="checkbox"/> WPHS Belle Chanson
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Park Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Myanmar
<input type="checkbox"/> Orlando Science Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Resistance During Holocaust
<input type="checkbox"/> Bingo	<input type="checkbox"/> I-4 Ultimate
<input type="checkbox"/> Young at Heart	

**Your recommendations for improvements or suggestions for next year's programs:**

Send your input to [1carolyncooper@gmail.com](mailto:1carolyncooper@gmail.com) or 1047 McKean Circle, WP 32789.

Thank you,

[Carolyn](#)

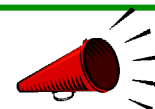
Carolyn Cooper

Program Committee Chairman

## **2016-2017 Board of Directors**

Cynthia Gerken, President  
Judy Allen, Vice President/President Elect  
Jean Rife, Recording Secretary  
Carol Card, Corresponding Secretary  
Carmen Muniz, Yearbook  
Nancy Miles, Treasurer  
Arlene Bridges, Assistant Treasurer  
Carolyn Cooper, Programs  
Churchill Thompson, Finance  
Barbara Hughes, Scholarship  
Karen Rodda, House  
Maureen Holloway, Grounds  
Nancy Vicars, Charitable Giving  
Christine Bush, Membership  
Natalie Hill, Ways and Means  
Kim Mould, Historian  
Meredith Murphy, Parliamentarian  
Monica Clarke, Hospitality

**The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce ....**



### **The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholarship Awards for 2016-2017**

#### **Renewals**

Amanda Bhanote	University of Central Florida
Huong Dang	University of Central Florida
Zachary Dyce	Florida State
Paul Gill	University of Central Florida
Nicole Martell	University of Florida
Amir Nickell	New York University
Shannar O'Connor	University of Miami
Donald Phan	Rollins College
Jack Henry Reckmeyer	University of Southern California
Alexander Scheiner	University of Central Florida
Gregory Seel	Florida State
Mariah Trainor	Assumption College
Angela Zhu	University of South Florida

#### **New Scholars** – Some have not made their final decision on college of their choice

Nikhile Anand	Oviedo High School	
Jasmine Cabrera	Apopka High School	
Lauren Culbreth	Hagerty High School	University of Florida
Kristina Groetsch	Oviedo High School	University of Central Florida
Jontae Hohn	Seminole High School	University of South Florida
Silvia Huaman	Seminole High School	University of Central Florida
Madelyn Martin	West Orange High School	Baylor University
Allyson Reinneck	University High School	
Nolan Seel	Winter Park High School	University of Central Florida
Julie Sparks	Seminole High School	
Antoinette Thomas	Olympia High School	Florida State University

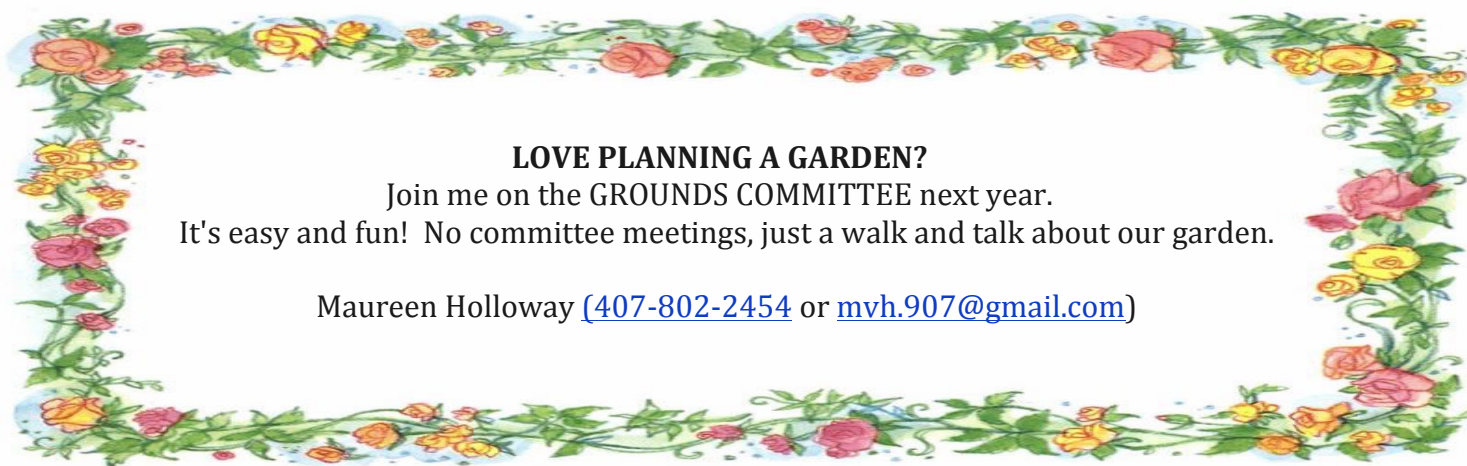
We hope you will join us to meet each of these outstanding students in December 2016 at our annual Scholars' Reception!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for another great year at the Woman's Club! Your membership is very important to the success of the club. We come from all walks of life and each one of us has something special and unique to contribute to the club. Please send in your dues for another great year and also fill out the membership form, even if nothing has changed.

I would like to highlight Midge Ruff and her commitment to the Woman's Club. Midge has been a member since 1981. Congratulations on 35 outstanding years! We also have 2 members that are celebrating 25 years in the Woman's Club-Molly Magee and Barbara Williard. Thank you ladies for all your years of service of time, talent, and treasure.

I wish all of our members a very safe and relaxing summer. See you in the Fall.

-Chris Bush, Membership Chair



### **LOVE PLANNING A GARDEN?**

Join me on the GROUNDS COMMITTEE next year.

It's easy and fun! No committee meetings, just a walk and talk about our garden.

Maureen Holloway ([407-802-2454](tel:407-802-2454) or [mvh.907@gmail.com](mailto:mvh.907@gmail.com))

### **Hospitality**

Thanks to all of you who made those delicious sandwiches and cookies this past year. Our centerpieces were beautiful, and our gracious pourers and welcoming greeters did a great job. A special thanks goes to those who made soup, special dishes and salads for our lite lunches, and centerpieces for each table.

A thank you goes to all those who served in the kitchen each month, and those who laundered the tablecloths after our luncheons as well.

And one more special thanks to those who called each month to remind our volunteers what they would bring in at each meeting.

Everything ran smoothly because of all your generous help.



In April we welcomed a new part time employee, Sammy Maldonado, to our club. He will job share with Tom. Sammy has recently retired from a 30-year career at Disney. Customer Service comes second nature to him. He also has a lot of experience setting up for conferences and events at his church. Manuel Sauri at the University Club recommended Sammy to us. Thank you Manuel.

Welcome Sammy!

**The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.**  
**2015-2016 President's Report April 14, 2016**

Respectfully Submitted by: Cynthia Gerken

In May 2015, I shared with the membership via the Highlights that I had two goals: 1) to have our Charitable Giving endeavors make donations to the underserved people and programs in our community with a larger goal of setting aside some money to begin a fund for a project in the community, and 2) to serve our membership. With the guidance of Nancy Vicars and her committee we have been able to help some new charities this year, for example, homeless students at UCF. Under the leadership of Christine Bush we were able to have our yearbooks delivered to members who could not attend our meetings. Chris also offered to arrange rides for members who needed transportation to meetings.

Within our Board I shared that I also wanted our board members to become more aware of the business aspects of our club. During Summer 2015 we closed our club for our restoration project. The closure coincided with Kyle Grafton's maternity leave. For several weeks, board members and club members volunteered to return phone calls and answer club emails from their homes. Although the club was closed we had to continue to do business and bring in revenue through future rentals. We met with clients and had contracts signed outside of the club. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the invaluable contribution of Karen Rodda, House Chair, and her husband Ken during the restoration.

After our restoration we felt justified in raising our rental rates. Member Tamila Vitko, a graduate student at Rollins, volunteered to research rental rates at other venues and prepare a report for our board to enable us to make a decision regarding rates. In December 2015 the board voted to raise rates beginning in January 2016, to \$1300 for Friday and Saturday and \$1100 for Sunday through Thursday. The non-profit rates and member rates continue at half price and our current permanent renters' rates will not be affected.

Over the course of several monthly meetings, the Board of Directors reviewed and revised our by-laws. The final draft was approved in December 2015 and is posted on our website.

At our Founder's Event in January 2016, our entertainment was a play, *The Wily Women of Winter Park*, presented by Central Florida Vocal Arts. As a result of that production, we received a proposal from Chief Executive Director, Theresa Smith-Levin to partner with CFVA by providing them with rehearsal space when the club was available. In return, CFVA would feature The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc., in their advertising and programs. At the February 2016 meeting the board voted to approve this partnership for one year.

Finally, at the April 2016 board meeting, the Board approved the final project contemplated during fundraising for the restoration. The Lyman entrance will be reconstructed in the Colonial Revival style. Pending approval of the Winter Park Historical Preservation Board, the construction will take place in July 2016.

Cynthia Gerken, President

**The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.**  
**2016 House Chairman Report April 14, 2016**

Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Rodda

Wow, what an incredible year! ...somewhat surreal when we reflect back to April of 2015. I had the privilege, a true honor, to become a part of the hands-on team as dreams became a reality. Our \$300,000 Centennial Preservation goal was nearly complete "in a short 13 months" allowing us to proceed with initial restoration plans and then contracts. Roof and terrace replacement began immediately and a date of July 12th, 2015 was selected to begin our 3 month interior restoration.

Although the funds were raised for "Preservation/Capital Improvements," as House Chairman, I also had a separate 2015-16 House maintenance budget ... creating a bit of a balancing act, and hopefully helping to explain why this report is somewhat all inclusive. We worked very diligently to identify typical House maintenance needs, using monies from the annual House budget, compared to other needs and wishes we wanted to become a part of the longer lasting Preservation efforts.

One other long-term goal, we are working to put into effect- make changes and purchases that will create a significantly reduced annual House and Grounds operating budget. Some of our 2015-16 efforts shown below:

1. We terminated the monthly \$108 contract we have had for 12 years with AlSCO Services.  
They provided and cleaned the entry door mats- both exterior and our interior Logo mats.
2. A well was installed to meet our irrigation needs, reducing our monthly water bill significantly.
3. All chandelier bulbs (50) replaced with CFL bulbs, reducing heat and energy (6-8 per fixture).  
In addition, bulbs were replaced in all other interior/exterior ceiling fixtures, with terrace on timers.

**Thank you to Tom and Freddy, our maintenance team, to my husband Ken, and Club members for all of their volunteer time and donations.** Additional 2015-16 Maintenance & Purchases follow below:

1. **Kitchen** - All cabinet contents were boxed and moved to storage, cabinets cleaned/prepared for painting in and out. New shelf lining added, items inventoried and returned to cabinets. All of the silver was taken home and polished by Rose Walleze. A new 65-cup coffee maker was purchased. New kitchen mats in and out were purchased to replace those previously rented, cleaned by AlSCO Services.
2. **Entrances** - The Lyman Entrance steps were re-carpeted. A solar motion light added to Fairbanks entry, some other exterior lights placed on timers. Two new cigarette receptacles, one each entry were added.
3. **June 18, 2015 lightning strike**, disabled computer, printer, kitchen range, several dimmer switches, electrical meter, etc., large tree limb fell on some new landscaping. Other bad news, our \$5000 Insurance Deductible was not met, however, purchases and repairs were made where possible with lots of volunteer help. Also added several receptacles to stage and ballroom areas while making other electrical repairs.
4. **Misc.** - (a) New signs, hooks, wastebaskets, extra-supply baskets for the bathrooms. (b) New frames to display event program materials. Wall hanging hardware for new picture rails and to replace all that had been removed/added following restoration. (c) Kick plates for kitchen and storage doors, shelving for the South storage, (d) Several door locksets replaced/new keys (e) Basement cleaned and arranged to store Christmas tree, other seldom used items from storage rooms. (An inventory list will be posted with the items kept in each area- Kitchen, Storage rooms, Foyer buffet, Basement.) A master list will be in the Office.
5. **Other costs incurred annually** - (a ) AC maintenance, (total 4 Units, 2 existing, 2 new-Preservation/capital.) (b) The piano is normally tuned twice a year. (c )Kitchen fan/fire extinguishers inspected. (d) Window curtains washed, area and entrance rugs cleaned as needed. (e) Wood floors re-coated each summer, (because of the complete refinishing in the fall, we will not need to do this summer.) (f) Massey contract for critter/insect control. (g) Hospitality/program items are purchased for each Club Yr. - coffee, tea, cozies, napkins, foil, baggies, etc. (h) All maintenance, cleaning, and bathroom supplies.

Dear Members of The Woman's Club of Winter Park,

Thanks to you I've had the privilege of serving on your Board for the past two years. In 2014 Sandra Blossey appointed me as Parliamentarian; this past year you elected me to the same position.

I was shown your trusty handbook called *Roberts Rules of Order*. The Board had a quick learning curve and soon were learning parliamentary procedures and making Motions like pros. I had fun and I hope the Board did also.

I'd like to tell you some of your Board's accomplishments this past year. The Board moved diligently through amending the Bylaws led by Cynthia, your very able and congenial President. Next, the Board tackled Conflict of Interest rules and reviewed its status as a Florida Non-Profit corporation. Did you know that "Inc." in The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. is a mandatory designation to show that we are a Florida Not For Profit Corporation? Finally, due to Sandra's diligence, your Woman's Club received the highest designation granted by the federal government for a non-profit corporation when it received its federal tax exempt status as a 501 c 3 public charity. And lastly, your Board has established a Record Keeping Committee to explore how to set up a centralized record keeping system according to the federal 501 c 3 guidelines.

A few weeks ago, we obtained the 1918, 1936 and 1942 certified copies of our organizing documents known the Articles of Incorporation and Re-Incorporation. Unfortunately, the original documents cannot be located, but plans are underway to keep these certified copies in a safe and secure place under the watchful eye of your Historian and Archivist, Kim Mould.

It's been my pleasure meeting many of you; serving on the Board with so many women generously giving of their time to help others; and being educated at Thursdays' weekly programs with outstanding speakers from the community of Winter Park.

My warm regards to you all,

Robbi Willenkin



**Wishing a Happy Birthday to:**

Esther Allen 5/11  
Julie Caton 5/15  
Sharyn Jontz 5/29  
Kim Mould 5/8  
Kay Simmons 5/12  
Rose Walleze 5/5

Judy Allen 5/27  
Carolyn Coleman 5/14  
Ruth McDaniel 5/15  
Suzanne Musashe 5/18  
Lisa Smith 5/25

Elizabeth Bernbaum 5/06  
Mary Forman 5/19  
Nancy Miles 5/26  
Carol Nawrocki 5/3  
Sue Springer 5/10

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you do not want published in directory: Phone \_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_ Email \_\_\_

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** \_\_\_\_\_