

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MAY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Ladies of The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



It is with great humility and a sense of awe that I begin as President of the Woman's Club. I promise to do my best and will try to represent all of you to the best of my ability. I congratulate our Woman's Club for the recent award of excellence from the Historic Preservation Award for best commercial renovation.

A special thank you goes to Sandra Blossey for her many hours of fundraising, to Karen and Ken Rodda for overseeing the entire project, to Cynthia Gerkin and her tremendous leadership throughout the project, to Frank Roark and his construction crew, and for the many generous donors that made this all possible. Working together the end result is truly outstanding!

It is my hope that the Woman's Club of Winter Park will also win an award of excellence for who they are and for all that they do for the community. We are a unique group of women and have much to offer. Our scholarship program, our weekly programs, and our community outreach are all outstanding. It is my goal that by partnering with our community that more will become aware of all that we actually do and represent. The founding members of our organization were quite instrumental in serving the local community on various projects, and I believe that we need to be open to ways that we can continue to serve. St. Francis of Assisi said, "Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Partnering with others should make this goal easier to attain.

Our board will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. You are all welcome to attend. We want to be available for your thoughts and concerns regarding the club.

Remember our shopping event with Talbots on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM. Our club will receive 10% of the total sales during that time for charitable giving. If your birthday is in the month of May you will receive an additional 15% off of your total sale.

Cynthia, thank you for your superb leadership for the last two years. And may everyone have a peaceful and restful summer.

*Judy Allen*

## Woman's Club of Winter Park Board Members 2017-2018

Judy Allen: President  
Nancy Miles: Vice President/President Elect  
Jean Rife: Recording Secretary  
Sue Luongo: Corresponding Secretary  
JoAnn Walker Ralston: Finance  
Arlene Bridges: Treasurer  
Beverly Cox: Assistant Treasurer  
Karen Rodda: House  
Maureen Holloway: Grounds  
Barbara Hughes: Scholarship  
Mabel Rasmussen: Ways and Means  
Sarah Eagan: Hospitality  
Marilyn Cromer: Charitable Giving  
Sandra Blossey: Programs  
Christine Bush: Membership  
Kim Mould: Historian  
Carmen Muniz: Yearbook  
Meredith Murphy: Parliamentarian  
Cynthia Gerken. Immediate Past President

### YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT AND APPRECIATED



**Our thanks to Carolyn Cooper for her leadership in planning another stellar year of programs for 2016-2017!**

In order to have an equally stellar year of programs for each week from October 2017 through April 2018, we need to begin right away. This will enable us to complete our calendar in time to put it in our yearbook by early Fall. The new Program Committee will meet about 3 times, once in each month: May, June and early July. Our first meeting is at 10:00am on Friday, May 12 in the Woman's Club boardroom. Scheduling speakers and final committee communications can be done by email and telephone. If you would like to be on this committee, please let me know at [sblossey@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sblossey@cfl.rr.com) or [407-484-6209](tel:407-484-6209). If you cannot be on the committee but have some suggestions for programs, speakers, entertainers, etc. please let me know right away. I look forward to learning about your ideas. We want a variety of programs that everyone can enjoy. Thanks for your participation. Sandra Blossey

# TALBOTS

### Talbot Shopping Experience:

Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM. The Woman's Club will receive 10 % of all sales for charitable giving. This event will allow us to showcase our organization to the community with membership forms, scholarship information and examples of our charitable giving. It's a win-win situation for everyone. And this was all made possible because Linda Heint had her Woman's Club nametag on when she walked into the Talbot's store on Park Avenue. Wear your name tag with pride. It's great advertising!



On April 24, 2017, the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Winter Park gave our club an Award for Best Commercial Renovation for our new entrance on Lyman Ave. Cynthia Gerken accepted the award from Mayor Steve Leary on behalf of The Woman's Club.

### **Jennifer Fernald Link's Legacy**

Jenny became a member of The Woman's Club of Winter Park in 2012. The following year she joined the Scholarship Committee. She was an enthusiastic member of the committee, always with a smile on her face and a genuine interest in the applicants.

The mission of the Scholarship Committee was dear to her heart. Jenny died March 10, 2017, but her legacy and spirit will live on for future students as she most generously bequeathed \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholarship Endowment Fund. We are overwhelmed by her generosity...|



### **2016 - 2017 Charitable Giving Donations**

It has been a real pleasure to serve as the Chair of Charitable Giving for the past two years. With the support and advice of an outstanding board and president, and especially from our wonderful ladies who contributed their time, talents, and donations, Charitable Giving had a very successful year.

A total of **\$5,600.00** was donated to the following organizations:

Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten, Central Florida Vocal Arts, Dress for Success, Adult Literacy League, Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Neighbors Network, A gift for Teaching, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, and Eti-Keys Training Group, Inc.

In-Kind donations for our annual projects included Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army, Christmas gifts for the children of the four families selected by the Winter Park Housing Authority, purple bags with personal hygiene items for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, and gently used clothing and accessories for Dress for Success. New this year was donations of move-in kits for Family Promise of Greater Orlando. In addition there were donations of diapers and baby products for the Welbourne Nursery and Kindergarten, food and clothing for Fern Creek Elementary, and clothing for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. In-Kind donations were valued at **\$8,852.00**.

**Total of monetary and in-kind donations is \$14,452.00.**

Many thanks,

Nancy Vicars

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.  
2017 House Chairman Report May 1, 2017  
Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Rodda

May, 2016 ...The "New Club Year" begins, and for the House Committee, our summer was another busy one! Our new Lyman Entrance was first on the agenda. Frank Roark, Rebecca Talbert, and their crews created this next enhancement completing our exterior projects, following the Roof and Terrace, as part of our total Preservation efforts 2015-16. We love the compliments about how the entry appears to have always been there, the attention to details (with the added input from Kim Mould) were of paramount importance.

Next with the help of "our Freddy and Ken," we tackled the Archive renovation. First it was necessary to completely clear the room. All of the cleaning and paper supplies were moved to share the AV/Linen storage room, causing other maintenance items and some Club Seasonal decorating items to be moved to the basement where Freddy did a superb job of cleaning up! Then, the windows, doors, and walls, were ready to be repaired & painted, shutters added, all to make the room a bit more environmentally/archive friendly. Bass flooring did a beautiful job of refinishing the original pine floors, we added picture rail and moldings, trimmed out the deskwork area, and added new shelving. And finally, the room is ready to house the newly organized archive collection ...one guess who helped with that? Yes, Kim Mould, and at the same time she jumped in and helped with the complete inventory of the entire Club!

August, 2016 ...Ordered 15 New 60" Round banquet tables and retired, the very tired, heavy old wood ones at the rummage sale. The Amvets gratefully removed them along with our other donations at the end of the day. Ken made the table/chair storage room door, into a sliding one, to accommodate the new table cart and make the job of getting items for set up to the ballroom much easier.

Following the rummage sale, Freddy, Sammy and Ken did a major inside and out cleaning- including paint touch-ups, antique furniture polishing, windows & all trim and moldings cleaned, power washing, etc. etc. Now we were ready to greet our ladies at the Fall Membership Tea. Everything really sparkled and with the addition of the new Entry and the Archive Room our ladies were treated to a special Welcome Back! Then ...in October, hurricane Matthew attempted to make an appearance. However, we were prepared. Maureen had the large trees trimmed and several of our members helped tape cracks in all of the doors and windows and lots of towels on the sills and thresholds. As you know, Matthew took a detour and pretty much passed us by with little rain, however still managed to litter our beautiful grounds. Guess who was the first on site and already had several of our bins filled before anyone else checked in?? Yes...Freddy!!

Other projects and goals on our agenda this past year included revising our Club Rental Contract. We felt certain changes and additions were necessary to enforce expectations in maintaining our beautiful Historical Venue. A huge thank you to Kyle for the many hours researching other local venues as well as obtaining contracts, to compare, from other historical sites of similar size around the country. Our Board of Directors, (thank you for the tweaks! Meredith Murphy, Parliamentarian) approved a new contract that was effective Feb. 1, 2017. Existing Contracts through 2017 have been sent an addendum with the revised information, as stated previously; changes (other than Rental Fees) could be made at any time prior to the event.

We continue to reap the benefits of several cost cutting measures implemented during the past 18 months. The water well has already paid for itself, especially during our drought, and we have finished installing energy saving bulbs (and less heat) in all of our fixtures and chandeliers. Our new office printer capability has reduced our outside printing budget significantly. And we continue to have special ladies (and their husbands) show up on our doorstep to help with donations of their time and talents whenever there is a need. I won't name names, for fear of excluding someone, but you know who you are and our Club is only better because of you! Thank you all for another great year!! ~Karen

## Looking for a way to get more involved?? Look no further!!

We are in need of members to spearhead the following special events for 2017-2018:

The Fall Luncheon, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tree in the Park, to be scheduled with City of Winter Park  
Christmas Parade, December  
Holiday Luncheon, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Founder's Day, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Bingo, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Judy Allen regarding what you are willing to do. If you're uncomfortable with chairing the event, ask a couple of friends to chair it with you. Guidepost magazine says "volunteering for things makes you healthier!"

<https://www.guideposts.org/better-living/health-and-wellness/living-longer-living-better/how-volunteering-adds-life-to-your>

### Volunteer Opportunity!

One of the organizations that our club supports is Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten in Winter Park. We recently awarded them a \$2,400.00 grant to assist in the funding of the children they serve.

In addition to the grant, Welbourne has need of volunteers to assist with the children or help with administrative tasks such as helping in their office or library.

During the summer, classes will have water days and other fun activities. Extra eyes and hands are needed!

Certain children can especially benefit from a "buddy", a volunteer assigned to just one child, to provide extra support by reading, playing games, working on puzzles, and/or plain old talking, to aid the child in developing a wider vocabulary.

It's easy to volunteer! Call Robynn Demar, Executive Director of the nursery, at [407-644-5885](tel:407-644-5885) to schedule a time to tour the nursery. All volunteer paperwork can easily be completed during your visit, and you will be ready to start enjoying volunteering with a wonderful group of children and special staff!

Please call me at [407-538-0398](tel:407-538-0398) if you have any questions.  
Marilyn Cromer

### Family Promise of Greater Orlando

Homelessness doesn't take a summer break!

While shopping at estate sales and garage sales be aware of what we could use for our "Move in Kits."  
Items in good condition would be appreciated.



## Please welcome our newest staff member, Chip Keefer!

Chip Keefer moved to Orlando in 2014. He purchased and restored a house in Winter Park Estates where he now lives surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. With over 20 years experience in technology, Chip is looking forward to contributing to the continued success of the Woman's Club of Winter Park events and meetings.



Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Esther Allen 5/11

Mary Forman 5/19

Ruth McDaniel 5/15

Carol Nawrocki 5/3

Cathy Wallace 5/24

Judy Allen 5/27

Guinevere Grier 5/16

Nancy Miles 5/26

Kay Simmons 5/12

Rose Walleze 5/5

Julie Caton 5/15

Sharyn Jontz 5/29

Kim Mould 5/8

Sue Springer 5/10

### Pretzel Salad Recipe (from Chris Bush)

2 c. crushed pretzels

2 T. sugar

3/4 c. butter, melted

1 8oz. cream cheese

1 c. sugar

1 12oz. Cool Whip

1 large pkg. strawberry jello

2- 10oz.pkgs. frozen strawberries, cut up

(use frozen, not packed in syrup.)

Mix first 3 ingredients and press in 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 400 for 8 minutes. Cool well. Blend cream cheese, sugar, and Cool Whip. Spread mixture over crust. Dissolve Jello in 2 c. boiling water. Stir in frozen strawberries. Spread on top of cream cheese mixture. Chill overnight or until firm. Serves 12

**\*\*Please remember to pay your dues.\*\***

Statements will be sent out beginning June 1 to those that have not paid.

Thank you!

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION  
WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.  
P.O. BOX 1433 WINTER PARK, FL 32790**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please list professional experience and volunteer interests:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality:** Greeter/Pourer \_\_\_ Centerpieces \_\_\_ Kitchen Assistants \_\_\_ Sandwiches/Cookies \_\_\_  
Linen cleaning \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunches:** Fall \_\_\_ Holiday \_\_\_ Fashion Show \_\_\_ Dinner on the Avenue \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship:** Review applications, Interview Candidates & Make Decisions \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity:** \_\_\_\_\_ Website & 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** \_\_\_\_\_