

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

NOVEMBER 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Message



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

We have had a great start to our year. We had a lovely Membership Tea and Fall Luncheon. Our programs have been interesting and varied. There is something for everyone. When someone asks me why they should join The Woman's Club I always mention that it is a wonderful way to meet new people and expand your circle of friends. While we have amazing activities at the club, don't be afraid to ask a member to meet you for tea, coffee, lunch, a walk down Park Avenue, a trip to the Morse Museum or maybe a movie. New friendships are definitely a benefit of club membership.

Hopefully you plan to join us every Thursday. We have a lot of events planned in the coming months including a field trip to Osceola Lodge where The Woman's Club of Winter Park began. The program committee has planned a unique opportunity for each of us to make one of the lighted Christmas balls that are prevalent in the community during the holiday season. In December we will be decorating the Christmas tree in the park as we have done for many, many years. We will also be marching in the Christmas parade on December 5. One of our most popular events is the holiday luncheon in December. Make your reservation early. Our clubhouse looks especially lovely during the holiday season. Please plan to join us for these programs and events. Bring a friend or neighbor. We welcome new members all during the year.

Cynthia

Our New Membership books have arrived! Lauren Clark did an outstanding job of including new members and updating information of existing members. Don't forget that our Membership Directory is also on line at our website www.womansclubofwinterpark.com.

Click on Membership. Click on Online WCWP Directory and then click on Please Login.

The login is: User: womansclubwp. Password: wpmember.

Take time to check out our website which has a lot of information about our club and some fabulous pictures. Prospective renters will look at our website and we want it to be user friendly. Likewise, people interested in our club will check out our Facebook page.

Please take the time to [Like](#) us and [Follow](#) us on Facebook as well.

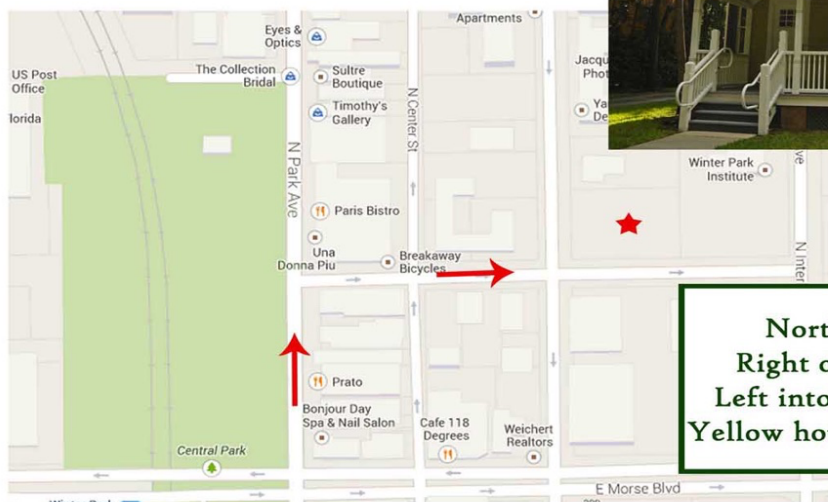
November Programs

November 5 Osceola Lodge and Knowles Cottage Tour 2pm

Tour Speaker/Guide: Dr. Gail Sinclair, Rollins Winter Park Institute, Executive Director and Scholar in Residence (Osceola Lodge) Rollins Winter Park Institute, 231 North Interlachen Ave. Winter Park, FL 32789 and Historic Museum Director, Susan Skolfield, (Knowles Cottage.)

Special Note: We will meet on the porch of the Osceola Lodge at 231 North Interlachen Avenue at 1:45. Our tour starts promptly at 2:00pm. The tour is free; however, **advance registration is required**. Sign up by email to Kyle at info@womansclubofwinterpark.com

WPHM Offices
232 N. Knowles Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789



North on Park Avenue
Right onto Lincoln Avenue
Left into grassy lot on Lincoln
Yellow house on Knowles Avenue

November 12 Illuminated Tree Globes 2pm

Let's Make Holiday Decorations...Illuminated Tree Globes. Where you enchanted by the holiday Globes of Light that illuminated Park Avenue last year. This is your opportunity to make your very own. The City of Winter Park staff has agreed to come to the Woman's Club and work with us to create our own globes. The City charges \$30 per person but the WPWC Program committee will be pitching in to reduce your cost to only \$20 per person. Bring a friend! This is a great way to have fun and go home with a treasure.

Special Note: Advance sign up required. RSVP by November 7th and send your check for \$20 to Kyle at the office. The Women's Club of Winter Park, Inc., P.O. Box 1433, Winter Park, FL 32790

November 19 Crealde Art Program Presentation - Lite Lunch 11:30 am

Peter Schreyer will be sharing with us highlighting Crealde's mission and will include interesting visuals. Peter came to the U.S. from Switzerland in 1978. He has been the Executive director of Crealde since 1995. Peter was the founder of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. His is a frequent lecturer, juror and conductor of photographic tours throughout America.

November 26 No Meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Woman's Club Tree Decorating!



We will be decorating a tree in Central Park on December 4 at 9:30 A.M. Join Carol Card and Joan Gfeller for a morning of coffee, donuts and Christmas cheer! The tree will have begun having the lights and tree top star put on. The club ladies will reach as high as they can to put on the ornaments that we provide. We will be putting them in the back of the tree this year because the bushes have been cut behind the tree. That way the Sun Rail and people going to the ice skating ring will see the trees decorations.

The tree is on the same side of Morse as the skating ring. However, it is on the side closest to the park and the back of the tree is close to the Sun Rail track opposite side of Morse from the station.

Christmas Parade!

We will have a red convertible and banners to march in the Christmas parade this year! If you would like to join us, please meet at 8:30 on December 5th near the Golf Course (exact location TBD).



Holiday Luncheon! (See form in back of Highlights)

Save the Date..

To Celebrate and Honor
Our 2015
Scholarship Recipients

Scholars' Reception
December 17, 2015
6-8 P.M.
Woman's Club

2016
Scholarship Applications
are due
March 1, 2016



Sneak Preview!

Central Florida Vocal Arts will be entertaining us at our Founder's Night event January 21. If you wish to have a preview of these amazing entertainers, attend their fall production *The Quest: Choose Your Own Adventure*, November 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, at:

The Venue, 511 Virginia Dr, Orlando. Tickets are available on their website:
<http://central-florida-vocal-arts.ticketleap.com/>

A Note From Our House Chair

Dear Ladies,

First of all thank you for the over whelming compliments for the part I was so fortunate to play in our Centennial Preservation Project. However, I would be remiss if I did not share the limelight with two others that were right by my side. Many of you know my husband Ken and if you want to see drive and perseverance at work, just observe him when he gets involved in a cause he really believes in. For 49 years we've worked as a team and hope the fruits of our labor will live on well into the future.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure, I would also like to introduce my very good friend Liz Salierno. She has been helping Winter Park residents with their interior design needs for over 10 years. She founded her company, Ambiance Design Studio, with a focus on color consulting and specializing in Benjamin Moore finishes through her partnership with Watkins Paint. She works with homeowners on projects both large and small, her expertise ranging from interior decorating to renovation to new construction. She is also the interior design columnist for *Winter Park Home* magazine.

However, her resume does not stop here! I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Liz while I was the Manager at Owen Allen in the Winter Park Village. Our paths crossed often and I recognized her wealth of talents, many more than what I've already shared here with you, so It never came as a surprise to learn Liz also holds an advanced degree in psychology. Each of her projects becomes a one of a kind entity blending and weaving all of the elements, the people, the place, the history, and the future.

So- who was the first person I thought of when I learned I was going to have the pleasure of helping with our Club restoration? Yes, Liz! Side by side we researched Club Archives, which included the history of our house and its Neoclassical Revival style used by architect L. Percival Hutton when he designed our beautiful venue fashioned after Mount Vernon. It was so interesting and fun to read the correspondence between the Club ladies, and Mr. Hutton & Mr. Townsend the builder.

Drawing inspiration from our history, Liz was ready to help create an inviting and sophisticated color palette that was fresh and new, yet still respected the tradition of the Club. Next we collaborated on architectural embellishments and updates for virtually every room. At every turn we used our mutual love for antiques and historical buildings to guide our decisions as we added modern elements - only if they looked like they could have been here originally. She kept me on the straight and narrow, often reminding me to "stay with the style, this is not Victorian ... etc."

And Liz shares, "It was an honor to be able to contribute in any capacity to such an important project for the Woman's Club - I love the way it unfolded and hope it brings enjoyment to all the members and the Winter Park community for many years to come."

Thank you Liz and Ken for the many volunteer hours and thank you again to all my friends here at the Club that have shared such kind words. For me it was "truly a labor of love" to take part in helping to preserve our beautiful Club House. ~ *Karen Rodda*

At our first Business Meeting of the year, on October 8, I was pleased to announce that we have achieved our fundraising goal of \$300,000! Of course, we could not have done it without the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation matching grant of \$150,000. You may remember that I stated at the beginning of the campaign that it would take about three years, but it actually took only slightly more than one. It was certainly an inexperienced fundraiser, but I learned that "our story", all the things the club has done over the past 100 years, is so impressive and compelling to foundations and individuals in our community, that people really wanted to help us with our Preservation Project. I realized how important our club and our clubhouse is to the whole community. I hope that makes you proud!

Thank you so much to our member donors and those who have worked on the renovation all summer. I particularly want to thank Karen and Ken Rodda, our restoration designers; Churchill and Simon Thompson, Elizabeth Brothers, and Diane Sandquist, who helped me with fundraising; Maureen Holloway, our landscape designer and especially, Nancy Miiles, our faithful treasurer, who expertly handles the donations.

Sandra Blossey,
Past President and Preservation Chair

Charitable Giving Committee

A big thank you goes out to our kind-hearted and generous membership! The response to our requests for clothing, food, and personal items for UCF students in need has been outstanding. We also continue to support Fern Creek Elementary School with donations of children's clothing and food for weekend snacks. Although Fern Creek will be closing by the end of the 2017 school year, there are still many students whose needs we can help meet until then.

A long held tradition at the Woman's Club, our annual Christmas projects are now underway. We encourage everyone, especially new members, to participate by picking up a Christmas stocking to fill for the Salvation Army and/or by bringing a bit of Christmas joy to four families who live in Winter Park Housing units. The Christmas stockings and lists of gift requests from the families will be at the back of the room at every meeting. Please remember that the deadline for returning the filled stockings is December 3rd and the Winter Park Housing family gifts should be in by Dec. 10th.

All your contributions are being put to good use and will feed students who have little or no means of feeding themselves and clothes for students who cannot afford sweaters, shirts and shoes. We have just received from a very generous member an amazing amount of men's sports shoes that will outfit so many young men at the university. These are amazing gifts and you should all feel so uplifted knowing that our help is their hope.

Also, the UCF pantry has made a request asking for food items that have more protein content instead of carbs. The students are consuming much more carbs and should have a more balance of protein. There are many items that have a more protein content such as tuna, small cans of meat. Costco has items such as Bowl Noodles Hot and Spicy Chicken Flavor that has more protein than other soup bowls that are disposable. There are 18 bowls to a case and it's under \$8. Peanut butter crackers that come in packs of 6 or 8 are really handy to have on hand. Chile in small easy open cans are great item. Also remember when buy personal products such as tooth paste and shampoos, that small travel size are the ideal way to go. The students have no way of storing larger tubes of tooth paste or shampoos. If you need help in shopping or ideas, please call Sue Luongo [407-797-4756](tel:407-797-4756) for assistance.

Charitable Giving is also looking for a scale that we can use to weigh in all of our foodstuffs that are going to the UCF Students. If you have an extra scale that we can use and won't miss we will return it to you at the end of our year.

The "PINK OUT"

Thursday, Sue Luongo presented to our members the Pink Out Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness. This is a walk that takes place every October and will be held this Saturday, October 31st at Lake Eola. It's a 5K walk with many sponsors from our community. Contributions are being collected here at the Woman's Club every Thursday thru October and until the middle of November. A huge thank you to those who have already contributed at last Thursday's tea. We collected \$101.00.

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEWCOMER: Marisa Worley



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

Several years ago, I was given the opportunity to make a presentation to the members of the Woman's Club about the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. It was a true pleasure having the chance to meet many of the members that day. Since then, I had the privilege of becoming more acquainted with Sandra Blossey and was then invited as a guest to attend a few functions. I found the Woman's Club to be an

extremely welcoming group of kind women who love the Winter Park community and giving back to those less fortunate.

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

I grew up in Melbourne Beach and moved to Winter Park in 1999 to attend Rollins College. Loving Winter Park so much, I decided to stay in the area after graduation.

3. What has been your career experience?

Upon graduating from Rollins with a degree in Theatre Arts and a minor in Business Administration, I was fortunate enough to accept a position with Florida Theatrical Association/Broadway Across America – Orlando and spend several years promoting the national touring Broadway shows that came to Orlando. I then had the opportunity to further my public relations skills in an agency setting at Massey Communications. A few years later, another opportunity arose to work for the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Chamber as the Senior Director of Chamber Initiatives and Events. Currently, I serve as the Director of Development for the nonprofit A Gift For Teaching (AGFT). AGFT is the primary provider of free school supplies to Central Florida teachers for their students in need.

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

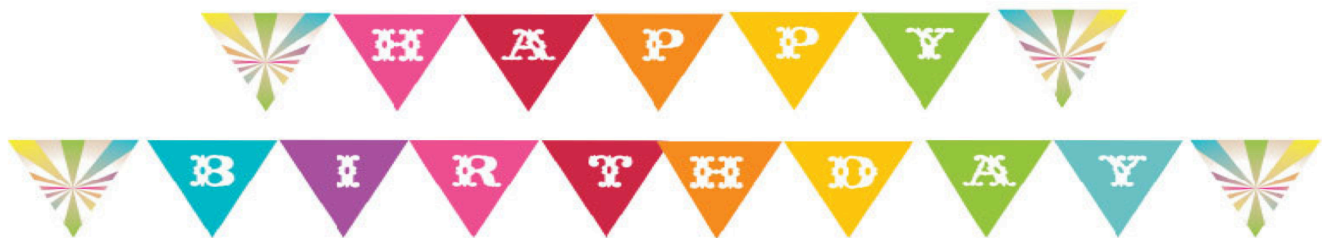
My husband Colin and I have been married for over three years. Colin is from Dublin, Ireland and previously spent seven years touring the world as a professional Irish dancer in Lord of the Dance. He now runs the Worley School of Irish Dancing in Winter Park and teaches students ages five and above.

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

I have a passion for dancing and travel and regularly practice yoga. Although I was born on the fourth of July, my favorite holiday is Groundhog Day.

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

I look forward to being able to attend the monthly lite lunches, hearing interesting speakers, getting to know the other members and giving back to our community.



Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Lindy Freeman 11/18
Elaine Laegeler 11/30
Murrah, Ann Hicks 11/9
Karen Schuermann 11/20
Elizabeth Fullington 11/20
Natalie Hill 11/14

Debbie Komanski 11/2
Jan Miller 11/23
Jo Ann Palmer 11/11
Churchill Thompson 11/07
Meredith Murphy 11/23

If you have a November birthday and don't see your name listed here, it is because we don't have your birth date. Please contact Chris Bush ctbushx2@earthlink.net or by phone [407-628-1452](tel:407-628-1452).

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

In 1848, when Karl Marx wrote his influential *Communist Manifesto*, most Americans paid little attention to Marxist/Communist ideology. By World War I, the Russian Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, and with the adoption of woman suffrage, however, American clubwomen began to seriously study, debate, and work to confront Communism in their homes, clubs, communities, and within American politics. The Depression Era of the 1930's, with the country's deep unemployment and financial instabilities, provided fertile ground for Communist thought, thus clubwomen pledged to strengthen "immigration laws to prevent admission of Communists" and to "earnestly labor to so alleviate our own social conditions so that our soil shall not be fertile for the growth of insidious propaganda." (GFWC Archives, Lawson, Program Box 1).

A fascinating pamphlet found in the General Federation of Women's Clubs Archives in Washington DC entitled GFWC "Objectives of Department of American Citizenship 1935 - 1938" reflects the deep concern American clubwomen had regarding the threat of Communism to the United States. As the pamphlet reflects, "It is an indisputable fact that Communism has reached such alarming proportions of growth...that we must face it as a serious menace to the future welfare of our nation." It goes on to exhort "We shall continue to oppose it in the belief that an aroused womanhood can accomplish anything on which it has fixed its determination."

Woman's Club of Winter Park members took this threat to heart. A WC of WP scrapbook found in the club archives from 1936 contains an article from the Miami Herald Newspaper dated Wednesday, April 29, 1936, which proclaims "It appears that the women of America have snatched up the banner and are carrying forward the campaign against the inroads of Communism and Fascism, realizing they would be among the chief sufferers in any such social revolution. The men, so busy with politics, are lagging..." Women's clubs were to "investigate closely speakers who come before them. They may be cloaked with honest intentions and apparent support of the United States, but they proceed to stress the weaknesses of democracy and point out the advantages of Communism and Fascism..." Members were encouraged "Don't listen to, or trust, such advisors. They are unsafe." In the years leading up to World War II, clubwomen were encouraged to reflect on how little freedom of speech and liberal thought existed in pre-war Russia, Italy and Germany, and it was their responsibility "to protest to shut off the betrayers" of democracy. Clubwomen believed that such sacred ideals as patriotism, respect for the flag, and democracy itself were being challenged at all levels of society, especially in their children's schools, and, in their roles as protectors of their families and communities, they must be alert to the propaganda of those who "present their subversive government views under thinly cloaked disguises." (Miami Herald Newspaper, April 28, 1936).

In the same Woman's Club of Winter Park scrapbook from 1936, an article from the Miami Herald dated April 30, 1936 entitled "Women's clubs asked to help preserve U. S." explores the "important role that women play in forming and maintaining a democracy." It goes on to say "No government can be wholly effective that is strictly man-made and man-manned." Clubs were encouraged to support classes on citizenship and patriotism. In March, 1936, the Woman's Club of Winter Park hosted Princess Grant Cantacuzene, granddaughter of President Grant and wife of Russian royalty, who spoke of her twenty years living in Russia, her experiences during the Russian Revolution, of how the Soviet Government crushed the spirit of democracy, and warned of the impending doom of American democratic ideals if the Soviets succeeded in rebuilding "the world according to their own pattern." (WP Topics, March, 1936).

However, hindsight is 20/20, and it is interesting to note that in 1936, clubwomen were so deeply distracted and concerned by the "Red Threat" in Russia that they appeared to pay less attention to the growing "Nazi Threat" in Germany. World War II would soon change that. In the post-war years of the late 1940's and 1950's, Americans dealt with a new "Red Scare" and the potential threat of both external and internal Communist subversive activities. Unfortunately, this also brought the extremism of "McCarthyism" and the most notorious and fervent of the era's anti-communists and "red-baiters," Senator Joseph McCarthy, onto the American political and societal stage.



Join us for our

Holiday Luncheon

December 10, 2015

*Featuring our popular annual
Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Shop
Sale begins at 11:00 - Social Hour at 11:30
Luncheon at Noon*

\$25.00 per person - Guests welcome!

Deadline for Reservations - Friday, December 4th

Payment must be received by deadline to insure your reservation

RSVP by Friday, December 4th to:

Carol Nawrocki 535 N. Interlachen #202, Winter Park, FL 32789

Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Seating Request: _____

Total Payment: _____