

3THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# NOVEMBER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

We are finally underway with our new year of programs. Hurricane Matthew forced cancellation of our first program of the year in October and hopefully the hurricane season is over for us. We had prepared by trimming our trees over the summer and prior to the actual event we taped our doors and put down towels at entrances to protect our beautiful wood floors. We had no damage to our building.

I hope our new members are starting to feel comfortable at our meetings and I wish to remind you to please introduce yourself to me if I haven't already met you. I did have the opportunity to talk with some new members at the orientation held by Christine Bush, our membership chair. Please feel free to contact our office if you wish to become involved in a special committee. Our office administrator, Kyle Grafton, will direct you to the proper committee chair.

While this is only November we have included the reservation form for our annual Christmas Luncheon, December 8. We will also have lovely crafts and gifts for sale before and after the luncheon. If you wish to donate items, please contact Natalie Hill: [natnoles38@gmail.com](mailto:natnoles38@gmail.com) or Judy Allen: [judyallen244@gmail.com](mailto:judyallen244@gmail.com). This is a fundraiser for our Charitable Giving Committee and enables us to support many worthy causes during the year.

In November we only have three meetings because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. This month we have the first of our popular lite lunches with food being provided by our members. Just remember our meeting on November 17 will begin at 11:30. Our November 3 and November 10 meetings will be at 2 PM. Whether you are staying home or traveling, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Cynthia*

## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**Thursday, November 3, @ 2 p.m.**

### **Behind the Scenes: Winter Park Playhouse**

**Heather Alexander, Executive Director and Co-founder**



Heather Alexander will give us a “behind the scenes” look at The Winter Park Playhouse’s journey and what it takes to run a professional musical theatre. From casting to show selection to mounting a musical, she’ll share what and how they do it! Founded in 2002, The Winter Park Playhouse is Central Florida’s only professional musical theatre and one of two left in the state. It is dedicated to entertaining, uplifting and inspiring residents and visitors by producing year-round professional musical theatre, cabarets and outreach programs that enhance the quality of life for Central Florida residents and visitors. It is proudly affiliated

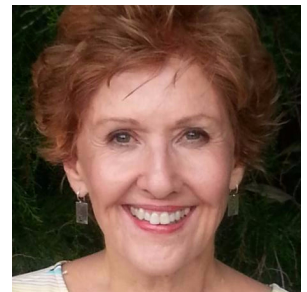
with Actors’ Equity Association and the National Alliance for Musical Theatre. Unique titles, outstanding professional talent and the intimate, welcoming environment attract patrons from around the world. We are sure you will enjoy this opportunity to become better acquainted with The Winter Park Playhouse.

**Thursday, November 10 @ 2:00 p.m.**

### **World War II: The Forgotten Stories**

**Geri Throne, Local Author and Retired Sentinel Deputy Business Editor**

World War II has been mythologized in our generation. Geri will talk about one of the most interesting things she learned in researching her novel: the extent of anti-war sentiment in this country, before Pearl Harbor. Geri’s book features a character both ethically and politically opposed to the war allowing us to explore how someone like that would handle the challenge and the discovery of Nazi atrocities.



Though Geri’s book is fictional, she relied heavily on her father’s war letters and journal entries, which she didn’t read until after he passed away. The jumping off point was a nonfiction article she wrote about his letters for Florida Magazine in 1995, entitled “My Father’s War.” Come and view Geri’s collection and explore World War II from a different perspective.



**Thursday, November 17 @ 11:30 am**

### **Lite Luncheon**

**Charles Hosmer Morse Museum**

**Ms Betsy Peters, Curator of Education**

Winter Park is blessed to be the home of the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art. The Morse Museum houses the world’s most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including the artist and designer’s jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass leaded-glass lamps and windows; his chapel interior from the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago; and art and architectural objects from his Long Island country estate, Laurelton Hall. The Museum’s holdings also include American art pottery, late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century American painting, graphics, and decorative art.

Did you know the Morse Museum is also proud to offer resources to educators and programs designed to educate and inspire future artists and their families? Ms. Peters will talk with us about the museum’s programming and provide an art demonstration. As a special treat for club members, Ms. Peters will leave us with a take-home art activity to share with friends and family.

**We will not meet on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Woman's Club Tree Decorating, November 30!

We will be decorating the tree in Central Park on November 30 at 9:00 A.M. Join Carol Card and Bette Blanchfield for a morning of coffee, donuts and Christmas cheer! The city will put on the lights and the tree topper. The club ladies will reach as high as they can to put on the ornaments that we provide. The tree is on the same side of Morse as the skating rink opposite the train station. Please let our office administrator, Kyle, know if you will be there.



### Christmas Parade, December 3!

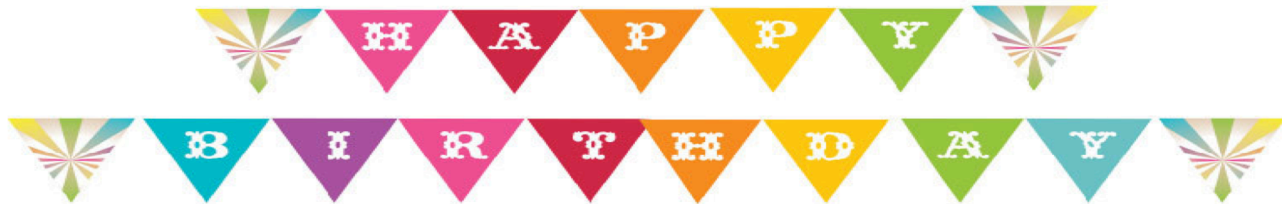
The ladies of the Woman's Club will be marching in the Christmas parade! If you would like to join us, please meet at 8:30 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> near the Golf Course (exact location TBD).

### Holiday Luncheon, December 8! (See form in back of Highlights)

The holiday season is approaching and we are preparing to decorate our beautiful club. We are in need of a new pre-lit tree. If any members have one they would be willing to donate or sell at a small fee, please let Karen Rodda know. (407) 276-1843



Our first lite luncheon is November 17 at 11:30. If anyone would like to bring a special dish or treat of some kind to share with us, please contact Monica Clarke. (407-645-3123)



### Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Lindy Freeman 11/18  
Debbie Komanski 11/2  
Meredith Murphy 11/23  
Churchill Thompson 11/7

Elizabeth Fullington 11/20  
Elaine Laegeler 11/30  
Ann Hicks Murrah 11/09

Natalie Hill 11/14  
Jan Miller 11/23  
Jo Ann Palmer 11/11

## A Message from Charitable Giving

Ladies, thank you everyone for consistently supporting our traditional charitable organizations. In addition to our annual seasonal projects we have three new volunteer opportunities for you to consider as well.

### Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten Donation Wish List

**Arts & Crafts supplies:** White Glue, Glue Sticks, Masking Tape, Scotch Tape, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Washable Markers, Washable Tempera Paint, Washable Water Colors, Fabric Paint, Sidewalk Chalk, Permanent Markers, Finger Paints, Tissue Paper, Copy Paper, Construction Paper, Contact Paper, Easel Paper, Poster Boards, Card Stock Paper, Feathers, Pipe Cleaners, Assorted Pompoms, Color Felt, Glitter, Wiggly Eyes, Bubbles, Play-Doh, Balls, Play Food, Children CD's, Clay, Crayola Model Magic, Bubbles, Corn Starch, Food Color, Vinegar, Baking Soda, Flour for Science Experiments, Buttons, Rocks, Keys, Shells, etc. for Sorting, Counting, and Science Areas, Scraps of Wrapping Paper, Foil, Stickers, Foam Shapes, Fabric Scraps, Felt, Burlap, Ribbon or other items for Collages

**Baby Items:** Diapers, Powder, Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Wipes, Bibs, Wash Cloths, Crib Sheets, Dreft or Ivory Snow Detergent, Boppies w covers, Bottle brushes

**Center Supplies:** Printing Paper, AA, AAA, C and D Batteries, Highlighters, Paper Towels, Tri-Fold Paper Towels, Pencils, Anti-bacterial Hand Gel, Scissors, Storage Containers (Small, Medium, Large), CD Player, Gift Certificates/ Coupons/ Tickets: Incentives for Teachers and Parents, 3-Ring Binders

**Miscellaneous:** Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Band-Aids (all sizes), Zip Lock Bags (Snack, Sandwich, and Gallon)

The first of these is the Welbourne Avenue Nursery and Kindergarten. This remarkable daycare and education center in the heart of Winter Park, certainly lives up to its mission statement. The objective of the center is to serve culturally diverse families by providing high quality education and affordable childcare in a loving and nurturing environment. Executive Director, Robynn Demar, invites you to tour the infant to PK-4 facility located at 450 W. Welbourne Ave., Winter Park. To schedule a day and time, please call 407-644-5885. I took a tour last month and I have to say that visiting the center put a smile on my face for the rest of the day.

You can actively volunteer in various ways, including rocking babies and reading to the little ones. Welbourne also has a "Wish List" of items like bibs and diapers, arts and crafts materials, paper towels, printing paper etc.

The second volunteer option is an outgrowth of "Family Promise of Greater Orlando", an organization that helps homeless families stay together until suitable permanent housing is found for them. Most agencies, which provide decent temporary housing for the homeless, require men to live separately from women and children. This creates more heartbreak within families who are already devastated by their circumstances.

Several local interfaith churches provide overnight lodging and hot food for these families. "Family Promise" finds them

permanent housing within ninety days. Our own Judy Allen is a volunteer at her participating church, St. Margaret Mary, to help families in distress. We can help Judy help them once they are settled in their new homes. Move-In kits for kitchen, bed, and bath, are given to the families for their new residences. We can donate things from around our houses, like dishes, cooking utensils, sheets and towels and give them to Judy. For a \$50 or \$60 donation volunteers at the organization will create a household move-in kit.

Finally, our third volunteer opportunity is to help out a few hours a week at a recently opened thrift shop in Winter Park, the proceeds going to The Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida. Cynthia has included the details in the October Highlights, but the information bears repeating. You can call Patty Johnson, the manager of the shop at

407-398-9008. The thrift center phone number is 407-951-5449. Hours of operation are M-S, 9 to 7, Sun 11-5. The shop is located on Rte. 436 a little north of the Aloma Ave. intersection. More than 13,000 children in central Florida benefit from this fine organization.

Thank you so much for all you do for others!  
Nancy Vicars



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

As Woman's Club of Winter Park members proudly exercise our hard-earned constitutional right to vote in the November, 2016, elections, it is interesting to look back at another election and time in the history of our country, our community, and our club. In the 1952 presidential election, in the midst of the Korean War and the beginnings of the Cold War, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the popular World War II hero, easily defeated Adlai Stevenson to become America's 34<sup>th</sup> President. As Jean Houde explores in *Reaching Out: A Story of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*, American clubwomen of the time expressed deep concern "for world conditions and the awesome realities of the atomic age" (269). "GFWC officers," she writes, "encouraged members to take leadership positions in civil defense at the community level, but the major emphasis was on building communities and improving community life" (269).



In an effort to improve community life and promote peace, culture, and continuity in uncertain times, the Woman's Club of Winter Park has traditionally scheduled regular dinners and luncheons which provide its members and guests with bountiful opportunities to polish etiquette skills, while enjoying the camaraderie and intellectual, musical, and theatrical accomplishments of other women. Proper etiquette is timeless, regardless the age of the individual, and a reflection of this is exemplified in documents and photographs found in the Woman's Club of Winter Park's Archival Collection.

In Box 5, an archival folder holds the Program and Code of Ethics for the Cotillion Club of Winter Park, 1952 - 1953. Cotillion programs help build self-confidence and self-esteem in young women and men, while providing the etiquette skills necessary to handle themselves appropriately in social situations. According to this 1952 - 1953 Program Guide, the Cotillion Club was an organization established to provide supervised entertainment for tenth and eleventh grade students, and all the dances were held at the Woman's Club of Winter Park clubhouse. Parents were requested not to attend unless specifically asked to chaperone a dance. By-laws for both the Cotillion Club and the Junior Cotillion Club of Winter Park outline the purpose of the organizations, the membership requirements, and the duties of the Executive Board, officers, and sponsors. Wonderful photographs found in the collection document the charm of the events and the fashions of the period.

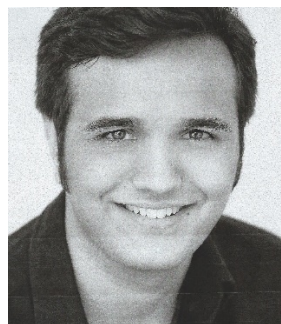
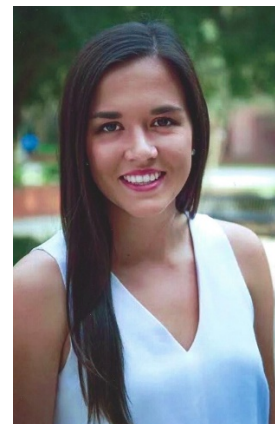
Arlene Wroblicky, the director of the Northern Orange County Chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions, and a member of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, continues this proud tradition of providing younger members in our community the opportunity to acquire and practice the social skills necessary to face the future with confidence.



On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, it is a pleasure to introduce five more 2016-2017 scholar recipients to you, the membership....

By Barbara Hughes, Chair

**Nicole Martell** is entering her Junior Year at the University of Florida where she is majoring in Occupational Therapy. Nicole has received a number of collegiate awards: Presidential Leadership Award, Alachua County Outstanding Volunteer Award, Dean's List College of Public Health, Anderson Scholar (GPA 3.9 or higher) and the Golden Key International Honor Society Award. She also is very active in curricular activities such as President of UF Club Soccer team, Sidney Lanier volunteer (school for children with disabilities), UF Health Shands volunteer, Student Occupational Therapy (SOTA), member Noah's Endeavor and Florida Catholic Gators. Nicole is indeed one of our outstanding scholars.



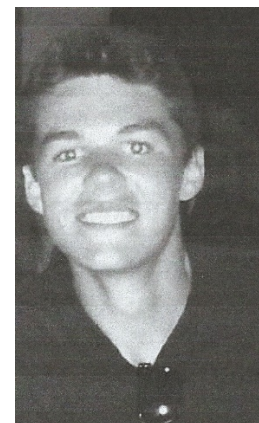
**Amir Nickell** is a sophomore at New York University where he is majoring in acting. He is a member of the Tisch Dean's Scholars while participating as assistant stage manager, a member of the sound crew, light's crew, voice overs and auditioning. One of his goals this year is to film projects (from sketch comedy to drama) that can be entered into film festivals and further propel his career. He also wishes to do "stand up."

**Shannar O'Connor** is a sophomore architecture major at the University of Miami as well as perusing a second major in Studio Art. She maintained a 4.0 average her freshman year, was a part of the Foote Fellows Honors Program and was on the President's List. Shannar also found time to be an Alpha Rho Chi member, be a part of the Architecture Shadow Program, be a member of the Caribbean Students Association and Organization for Jamaican Unity in addition to working seven hours weekly. Her ultimate goal is to become a licensed architect and gain financial stability for herself and her family.



**Donald Phan**, a sophomore at Rollins College, is majoring in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (pre-medicine track). Donald continues to remain involved with his alma mater, Trinity Preparatory School as a Board Member of the Alumni Advisory Board as well as serving as a peer mentor for a fourth grade student at Fern Creek Elementary. He is a member of R-Pride at Rollins and was by invitation-only asked to join a group of Rollins Alumni Ambassadors. He also serves as the student representative on the Rollins College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Jack Henry Reckmeyer** is a junior at the University of Southern California where he is majoring in Biochemistry. He is in the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Fraternity, plays club tennis and is working in the Research Lab at USC (however nonpaying). This past summer he had a position with Sanford Burnham Medical Institute at Lake Nona as well as taking a few classes at UCF.



## Membership Tea

I would like to thank all of the members who contributed to making our Membership Tea such a lovely event. Cynthia Gerken, Carol Card, Maureen Holloway, Churchill Thompson, Kim Mould, Sandra Blossey, and Monica Clarke provided the cookies. Our sandwiches were courtesy of Judy Allen, Carol Card, Carolyn Cooper, Rose Walleze, Chris Bush and Kathleen Ihrig. Our greeters were Carmen Muniz, Maureen Holloway and Barbara Hughes. The tea assistants were Monica Clarke, Fran Biddix and Shawn Shafer. The Pourers were Natalie Hill, Carmen Muniz, Barbara Bergstrom, and Rose Walleze. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work! To those of you that attended and or brought guests, a big thank you! We couldn't have done it without you! We now have 9 new members!

-Chris Bush, Membership Chair

## Attention all you crafty ladies and super cooks!

It's time to think about your donations for the Craft and Bake Sale during the Christmas Luncheon in December. We know there is talent out there so dig out those Holiday recipes and any special craft project you do-jewelry, basket making, knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.

Many thanks, Natalie

We are pleased to support Central Florida Vocal Arts who is offering Woman's Club members a discount for their next production. Please go to their website and use code WClub20 - to save 20% on any type of ticket. <https://central-florida-vocal-arts.ticketleap.com/grimmly-ever-after/>

### **GRIMMLY EVER AFTER**

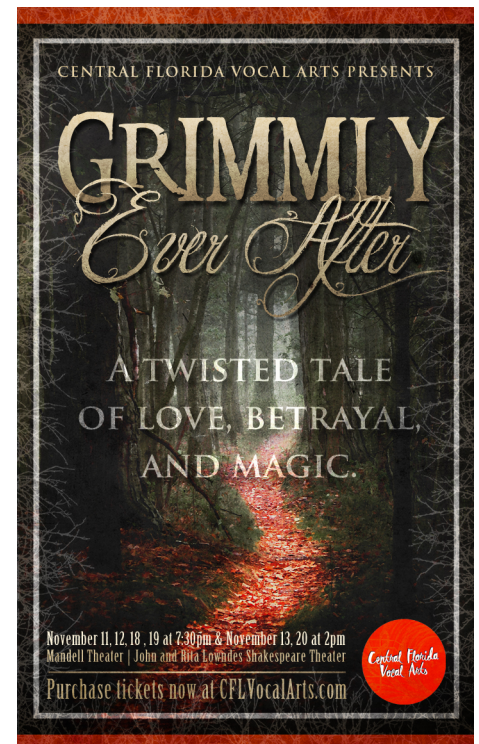
**presented by Central Florida Vocal Arts**

Nov 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 PM and Nov 13 and 20 at 2:00 PM  
at the John & Rita Lowndes Shakespeare Center in the Mandell Theater  
812 E. Rollins St Orlando, FL 32803

Join us for the world premiere of our original operetta, Grimmly Ever After, melding opera and musical theater pieces as we explore the dark side of the forest. Experience a story of sinister betrayal, unfulfilled prophecies and a good dose of love twisted together in this operatic fairytale, featuring the characters you know - Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel & Gretel and The Evil Queen - in a way you've never seen them, accompanied by with the music of Lawrence & Fain, Schubert and Humperdinck, among many others. Described by the Orlando Sentinel as "impressive" and "living up to the characters' reputations" and by Ink190 Blog as "some of Orlando's best singers," you won't want to miss this newest addition to our original works.

Thank you.

Theresa Smith-Levin, CFVA







*Join us for our*

# *Holiday Luncheon*

*December 8, 2016*

*Featuring our popular annual  
Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Shop*

*Sale begins at 11:00 - Social Hour at 11:30*

*Lunch served at Noon*

*\$25.00 per person - Guests welcome!*

*Deadline for Reservations - Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Payment must be received by deadline to insure your reservation*

RSVP by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_