

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# OCTOBER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club,

As we begin our 102<sup>nd</sup> year of weekly programs I wish to welcome back all returning members of our club and I want to especially welcome our new members. I hope that all of our members will take advantage of all The Woman's Club has to offer. Again this year we have a variety of outstanding weekly programs with a tea, as well as three luncheons, two lite lunches, Bingo, a fashion show, a Founder's Night dinner with entertainment. We also have opportunities to contribute to the community by participating in our charitable giving projects and contributing to our Scholarship Fund.

There are ways to work behind the scenes by helping our hospitality committee with the teas, assisting our House and Grounds committees to keep our historical building looking its very best, joining the committees who plan our luncheons and Founder's Night activities, joining the History Committee to help organize the documents that tell the story of our club and its 102 year history in Winter Park, and also give consideration to becoming a board member. Our club is most effective when our members participate. This year let's continue our long tradition of service to the community and to our club. Contact me if you have any questions or wish to serve on a specific committee. I would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our October meetings. Don't forget to make your reservation for our Fall Luncheon on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Guests are always welcome. Cooler weather would be welcome as well.

*Cynthia*

### Notifications

Woman's Club member Ann Croft died on September 13, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

Our former Club Administrator, Sally Albanese, lost her husband August 8<sup>th</sup>, also to cancer.

## October Programs

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 p.m.**

**Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**

**Alice Ramadan, Creative Manager**

Alice Ramadan, the Creative Manager for the Dr. Phillips Center (and daughter of club member, Mimi Smetheram) will share insider information regarding Orlando's newest center for the performing arts. The Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts is pure inspiration, from the tip of its iconic canopy roof to the foot of every stage. True to their vision, *Arts For Every Life*, the Dr. Phillips Center is a hub for performance, community outreach, and arts education. The Dr. Phillips Center was named by Travel + Leisure magazine as "World's Coolest New Tourist Attractions 2015" and Southern Living "50 Best Places in the South."



**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m.**

**Dr. Phillips On-site Tour**

We will board a bus at the Woman's Club and make our way down to the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts for a personal tour of the center. We will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. This tour is limited to 21 people and is provided at no cost to our members and their guests. This tour is already full...email Kyle @ [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com) if you wish to be put on a waiting list.

**Thursday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Rollins First Lady Peg Cornwell  
Town and Gown**

Rollins new first lady, Peg Cornwell will talk to our club about what a college means to a community and what a community means to a college. Rollins College and the community of Winter Park share a long and robust history. The relationship Rollins students, faculty and staff have with the Winter Park community is integral to fulfilling the mission of educating their students to be global citizens and responsible leaders. This program will articulate how Rollins is committed to being a community partner and why they see that relationship as important to the long term goals of both the college and the community.





**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 p.m.**

**Rev Shawn Garvey ...Community Healing**

In light of the very difficult and tragic summer we have experienced in Central Florida, we are fortunate to have the Reverend Shawn Garvey from First Congregational Church, our neighbor, to speak with us about Community Healing. After the tragedy of the Pulse nightclub shootings, he was instrumental in organizing national leadership of the United Church of Christ to make a press statement. In addition, he led the prayer vigil at Rollins College and the Aloma Church in Winter Park, served as an advisor for the Rollins Interfaith Group, Coexist, as well as on other task forces for homelessness, hunger and domestic violence, led retreats and workshops for student leadership groups and was instrumental in acquiring space in Knowles Chapel for a new Interfaith space on campus. Rev. Garvey also served as Interim Dean at Knowles Chapel from 2014-2016. Furthermore, he is on the boards of the Mayflower Retirement

Community and Westminster Towers in Winter Park and is a Preferred Officiate for the Disney's Fairy Tale Wedding at Walt Disney World Resort. He has been named one of "Winter Park's Most Influential People." An accomplished singer and guitar player, Rev. Garvey has released three albums of original material and worked with well-known musicians such as Seal, Mary Fahl, Steve Weisberg, and Livingston Taylor, (brother of James). You may have had the pleasure of hearing him at Casa Feliz and other venues in town. You will not want to miss this program.

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Central Florida Community Arts**

The club will be entertained by voices from the Central Florida Community Arts. Musicians, Joshua Vickery and Jonathan Cole, founded the Central Florida Community Arts in February of 2011. While their mission is to Connect, Serve and Perform, their goal is to establish an organization where every musician could use their talent. Core values of integrity, creativity, quality, inclusiveness, wholesome entertainment and community service attracted many influential people in the area and soon a 501c3 organization was formed. Over 1,200 people came to their inaugural performance. Since that time, they have formed a choir of over 400 singers, including several separately themed choirs. In addition, they have created a community symphony orchestra of more than 130 players, as well as the CFCA School for Performing Arts with over 100 children. This is an affordable program of classes and workshops for school-age performers. Most recently, they have formed a Young Artist Orchestra for instrumentalists under the age of 18 and they have begun, in conjunction with the Dementia Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association, a program for adults experiencing the early stages of memory loss. Our performers are part of the premier group of CFCA, called the Legacy Singers. Scott Kinkead and Heather McCraw will answer questions after their performance.



**New Member Orientation**

There will be a new member orientation on Thursday, October 6 at 1:00pm for all new members. Anyone is welcome to attend to learn more about the Club.

**Mystery Book Club** will be meeting October 13 at 12:30pm.

The book list is available on our website or in our September Highlights.

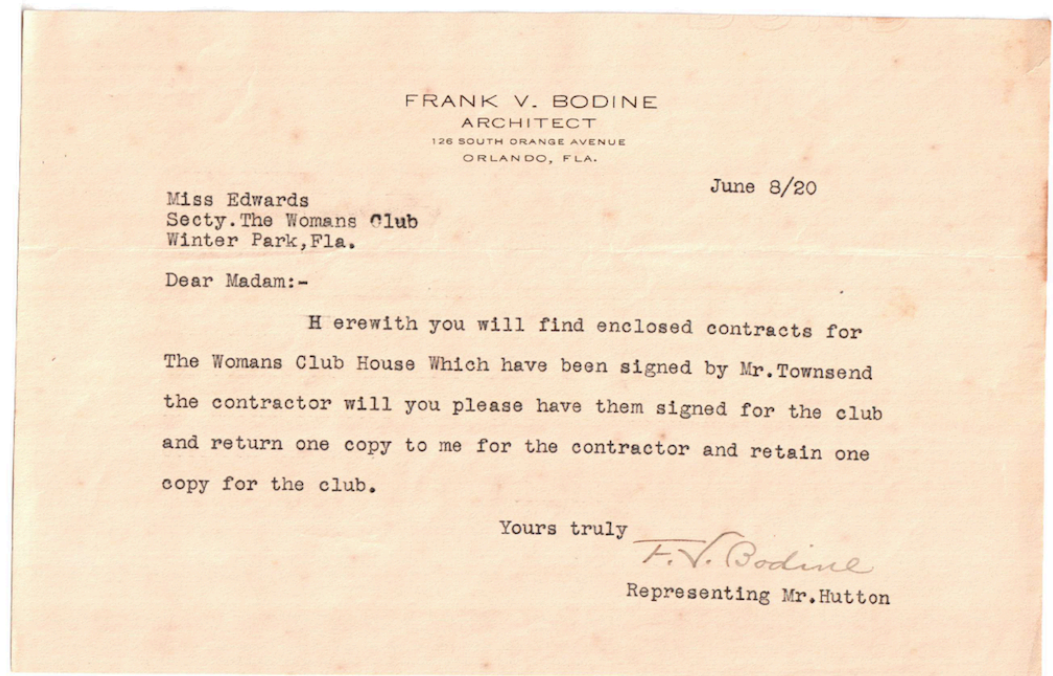


## ***Did You Know? By Kim Mould***

Karen J. Blair, in *Torchbearers: Women and Their Amateur Arts Associations in America, 1890 – 1930*, argues that “the costly venture into the field of clubhouse building” pursued by club women across the United States “was an endeavor that met with extraordinary, even brilliant, success. But the strains occasioned by building and maintaining clubhouses served to divide and deplete the women’s club movement” (page 178). Despite other women’s clubs in Florida ultimately having to close their beautiful clubhouses due to a decline in membership, for example the stunning Woman’s Club of Jacksonville building, and the seemingly endless financial demands placed upon the members of the Woman’s Club of Winter Park, for clubhouse maintenance and preservation expenditures since 1921, our newly restored clubhouse is a permanent reminder of what can be accomplished through commitment, persistence, and unified effort.

Beginning in 1917, the clubhouse acquisition process benefited the Woman’s Club of Winter Park members by propelling them out of their comfortable familial and societal spheres and engaging them in a variety of efforts that sharpened their reputations as forces to be dealt with in the Winter Park community. The club’s ambitious mission encouraged the cultivation and application of each individual member’s unique skills and talents, while demanding a cooperative effort. After Charles and Helen Morse donated five town lots, the Building Committee was formed with Grace O. Edwards as committee chair. This committee, which incorporated both the house and grounds, evaluated the design abilities of several prominent architects before retaining the services of Mr. L. Percival Hutton of New York, the nephew of active club member Mrs. Robert MacDonald.

An intriguing collection of letters and bills found in the club archives documents the time-consuming and often frustrating process of designing and building the clubhouse incorporating both the insistent demands and desires of the club’s membership and fundamental architectural theory. Frank V. Bodine, an Orlando architect on South Orange Avenue, served as Mr. Hutton’s local representative, and L. C. Townsend, an important local



contractor, built the structure. The ladies of the club wanted it built well and done quickly. One bill from L. C. Townsend and Co. to the Woman’s Club stresses that despite the amounts of “cost to date,” “it is impossible for us to give an intelligent estimate on this work as we have never had a complete set of plans or any specifications to work from. Mr. Hutton has been sending these as he finishes them. We started this work at the time without a complete set so as we would not delay the building” (October 1, 1920, Box 8). An exchange of letters indicates the club members were demanding in their specifications, yet frequently changed their minds. According to a club history written in 1947, Susan Dyer, the second club president, was energetic in her pursuit of the building project. However, “World War I made the work of this building so difficult that Mr. J. K. List and Mr. H. A. Ward undertook its supervision and pushed the work forward” (Box 26). Ultimately, the stately Woman’s Club of Winter Park clubhouse was ready for occupancy in January, 1921, ahead of schedule.

## Rummage Sale Success!

A special thank you to all of you who participated in the success of our 2016 Rummage Sale. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we all believe that it was a great success! Our net proceeds were \$5303.70, which will be earmarked for charitable giving.

To all of you who made phone calls for baked goods, baked delicious goodies, sorted and priced items for sale, donated items for sale and worked many hours during the sale, we say a "special thank you" to each of you. You certainly made our job so much easier. In addition to a great financial success, working together deepened many friendships. We encourage all of you to be involved with next year's rummage sale, which is scheduled for September 2, 2017.

Rummage sale committee: Judy Allen, Chris Bush and Natalie Hill

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

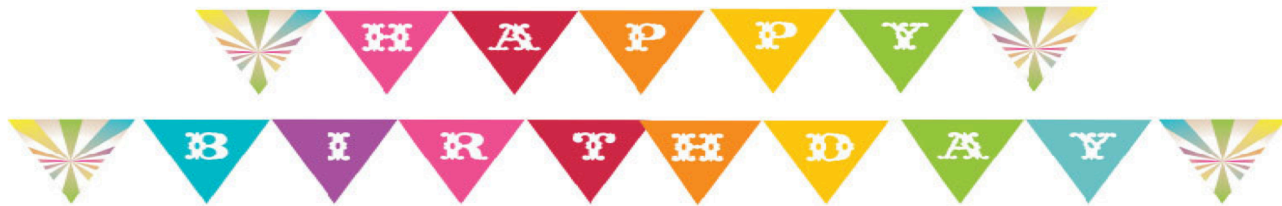


## Volunteer Opportunity!

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida recently opened a thrift store in Winter Park (near the intersection of 436 and Aloma), and they are looking for volunteers to work there a few hours per week.

All proceeds from the store go directly to help fund the programming of Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves 13,000+ underprivileged children in Central Florida.

If you have a few hours to spare as a volunteer (it's a fun way to check out the great bargains while you work), please contact Patti Johnson at [\(407\) 951-5449](tel:4079515449).



## Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Carolyn Arnold 10/26  
Drew Brooks 10/21  
Kathleen Ihrig 10/26  
Sue Maxey 10/16  
Karen Rodda 10/9  
Barbara Williard 10/19

Carolyn Bird 10/23  
Carol Card 10/20  
Sherry Levy 10/20  
Kay Odell 10/21  
Susan Talcott 10/17  
Janet Womble 10/1

Bette Blanchfield 10/29  
Joan Clayton 10/27  
Sue Luongo 10/8  
Loretta Powell 10/23  
Mary Vice 10/8  
Sandy Womble 10/12

## Scholarship Program

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

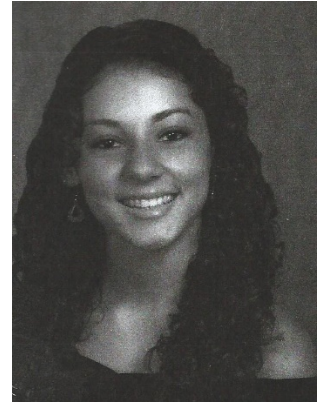
By Barbara Hughes, Chair



**Antoinette Thomas**, a graduate from Olympia High School, has become a "Seminole" at Florida State. While at Olympia since her freshman year she was placed in APEX (Advanced Placement Experience), which is a very rigorous academic, program which only approximately 7% of the 2016 class is a member. Antoinette was very active while in high school. She was All County Orchestra, AP Scholar, Outstanding Science Center Volunteer, Executive Board Member of National Honor Society, Tri-M National Music Honor Society to mention only a few. Her major in college will be finance and

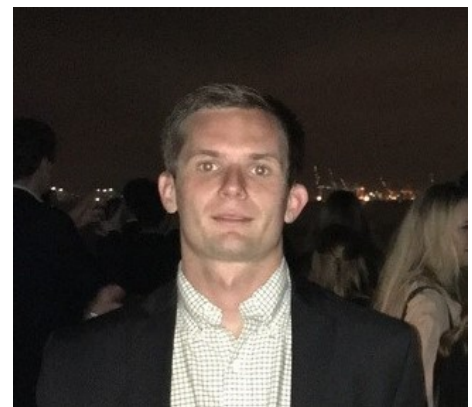
cello performance.

**Amanda Bhanote** has one year left of undergraduate school at the University of Central Florida. She is one of our Renewal Scholars. While at UCF she has been a Communication Sciences and Disorders major and hopes to apply for graduate school to begin her career as a Speech-Language Pathologist.



**Huong Dang** will be a sophomore at the University of Central Florida this year as a Mathematics major. Huong has been active while at UCF; she is a member of Society of Women Engineers, Knight Hack, Honors College, Honors Educational ReachOut, and a UCF volunteer. We are proud to continue to award a scholarship to her for a second year.

**Zachary Dyce**, a senior at Florida State, is a Finance major with a 3.77 GPA. Not only has he maintained a great GPA, but he is also very active on campus. He has made the Dean's List all last year, is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, is a Finance Scholar, volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club and is also founder of "Noles on Wall Street" Club.



**Paul Gill**, will be a Junior this year at the University of Central Florida. He is a Political Science major on an International Track and has a 4.0 GPA- he has a goal to finish college with a flawless GPA! He has increased his workload through the pursuit of multiple minors- diplomacy, economics and international/global studies. Paul has a number of paid positions at UCF also. He is employed by the UCF Department of Political Science and the Burnett Honors College. In the Political Science Department, he has worked as an active recruiter for the UCF Intelligence Center for Academic Excellence. In the Burnett

Honors College, he works as a team leader and peer ambassador. Paul has been one of our scholar recipients for the past three years.

*Please join us for our*



# *Fall Luncheon*



*Thursday, October 20, 2016*

*11:30am, Lunch served at noon*

*\$25 per person, guests welcome!*

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

*R&VP Deadline is Friday, October 14. Please R&VP to:*

*Carol Nawrocki, 535 N. Intenlachen Ave, #202*

*Winter Park, FL 32189*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_*

*Seating Requests \_\_\_\_\_*

*Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

Please be sure to send in your dues if you have not done so already.

Feel free to pass our membership form along to any prospective members!

We welcome new members and love meeting new people and growing our membership!

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