

# THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC. JULY 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

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## President's Message



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

Summer is truly upon us. While many are enjoying vacations and a more leisurely pace, the business side of the club goes on. The Board of Directors has approved the replacement of two older air conditioners. On July 13th renovations in the bride's room, the kitchen and the office will begin and there will be finishing touches on the new terrace.

Our building is not the only thing getting a face lift. Please look at The Woman's Club of Winter Park website. It has been completely redesigned and it will make a wonderful impression for anyone visiting the site.

Kyle's last day in our office was July 3rd. We wish her well and we will welcome little Liam to our club when she returns from maternity leave in September. I want to thank all of our members who volunteered to monitor the phones and email during Kyle's absence.

We are also saying good bye to Gonzalo Sauri, our Building Coordinator, who has accepted an internship at Siemens. It is a wonderful opportunity for a deserving young man. His last day with us was June 30, 2015. We look forward to seeing him at the Scholarship Reception in December.

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed their memberships. Carolyn Cooper and her committee have wonderful programs lined up for our weekly meetings beginning in the fall. It is not too soon to be thinking about inviting your friends to the Membership Tea on September 17th.

Meanwhile, enjoy these summer days.

*Cynthia*

## News from Charitable Giving

In addition to projects we normally support, we are considering two new volunteer opportunities for 2015-2016.

Sue Luongo has met with a member of the Student Care Services at UCF. Apparently there are a number of students enrolled there, who for various reasons, are hungry and homeless. Through "Knights Helping Knights," food and clothing are given to these students in need. Student Services also tries to find resources to provide housing. According to Sue, Student Care Services very enthusiastically embraced the idea that our club might partner with them in some way.

The other new project under consideration is "Hands On Orlando" which coordinates and manages the various agencies needing their help. After carefully vetting these organizations, (HOO) provides the volunteers. We will be hearing more about these two new service opportunities.



## The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce

### The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholarship Awards for 2015- 2016

#### Renewals

Amanda Bhanote	University of Central Florida
Zachary Dyce	Florida State
Paul Gill	University of Central Florida
Nicole Martell	University of Florida
Kaitlyn McCoy	University of Central Florida
Lindsay Richmond	Florida State
Alexander Scheiner	University of Central Florida
Gonzalo Sauri	University of Central Florida
Mariah Trainor	Assumption College

#### New Scholars

Huong Dang	Boone High School	University of Central Florida
MyLOURIE Dorceus	Olympia High School	Florida State
RyYan Kassoo	West Orange High School	University of Central Florida
Amir Nickell	Boone High School	Pace University
Shannar O' Connor	Colonial High School	Florida Atlantic University
Donald Phan	Trinity Prep	Rollins College
Jack Henry Reckmeyer	Winter Park High School	University of Southern California
Angela Zhu	Lake Brantley High School	University of South Florida

We hope you will join us to meet each of these outstanding students on December 17, 2015, at our annual Scholars' Reception!

## News from our Historian

### *Did You Know?*

*On July 29, 1937, Mrs. Mary Lee DePugh (Baker) founded the Ideal Woman's Club of Winter Park, an organization comprised of "ambitious community women" dedicated to reviving both the spirit and the pride of the African American community and of the black clubwoman. Mrs. DePugh, a domestic servant in the employ of Mrs. Maud Kraft (George), an active member of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, established the club in Hannibal Square in the Westside of Winter Park as an organization that would integrate Christian ideals with social and community service activities.*

In the foyer of the Woman's Club of Winter Park's historic clubhouse hangs a resolution commemorating the role played by the club in the formation of the Ideal Woman's Club. Mrs. Kraft, as a both a fellow clubwoman and Mrs. DePugh's friend, played a crucial role in helping Mrs. DePugh fulfill her dream. When Mrs. Kraft learned of the Congregational Church's intent to remove the old Hooker Memorial House from church property, she approached church leaders about the possibility of purchasing the building and moving it to the Westside for the use of the Ideal Woman's Club. At a meeting on December 13, 1939, the church donated the building in exchange for Mrs. Kraft financing the move. She generously paid the five hundred dollar expense and until the completion of their new clubhouse in 1997, the Ideal Woman's Club continued to use the building as its clubhouse.

In a Woman's Club of Winter Park scrapbook dated 1938 – 1943, a letter printed in the local newspaper expresses appreciation for "the giving and moving of the Hooker Memorial Building" and to "the Woman's Club for the donation of chairs and other necessary articles."

For decades, American clubwomen, in Winter Park and across the country, have pursued their goals in a parallel, largely segregated manner. Upon occasion, some progressive clubwomen have looked beyond the color of their skin and sought personal and societal enhancement through interracial alliances.

To learn more about the compelling relationship between these two important Winter Park clubwomen, and the complex relationship between white employers and their African

American domestics, please read Mrs. Maud Kraft and Mrs. Mary Lee DePugh – Winter Park Clubwomen researched and written by Kim Mould, the 2001 recipient of The Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park History Research Grant sponsored by the Winter Park Public Library and Rollins College Olin Library.

## Rummage Sale

Our annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 5. It is not too early to be setting aside items for our sale. Last year it was our largest fund raiser and we hope to repeat that success this year. Judy Allen will need help receiving and pricing items beginning August 31. Please contact her if you are able to help with either the rummage sale or the bake sale we have in conjunction with the rummage sale. We are especially in need of someone to coordinate and run the bake sale. [judyallen244@gmail.com](mailto:judyallen244@gmail.com)

## Grounds Committee

If you love gardening we have a wonderful opportunity for you. We have updated our landscaping and there is an ongoing need to oversee our grounds. We employ a landscape company to maintain the grass, flowers and plants but can use help to make sure our grounds always look their best for our members and renters. Please contact Maureen Holloway if you would like to volunteer. [mvh.907@gmail.com](mailto:mvh.907@gmail.com)



Happy Birthday to the following members:

Catherine Ballance 7/23  
Linda Castle 7/21  
Kathryn DiMauro 7/16  
Sandra Grider 7/6  
Iris Grimmer 7/15  
Eleanor Kaney 7/18  
Pauline Kellam 7/6  
Elaine Kerr 7/19  
Gerry Liff 7/21  
Jennifer Link 7/26  
Eileen Long 7/25  
Barbara Sullivan 7/23

## Membership

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please complete the Membership Form and mail it to our Post Office Box. Our Membership Tea and Fall Programs will be here before you know it.

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**  
**THE 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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It has been our custom that each member participate 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:** Spring Woman's Show \_\_\_\_\_ Founder's Day \_\_\_\_\_ Rummage Sale \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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