

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



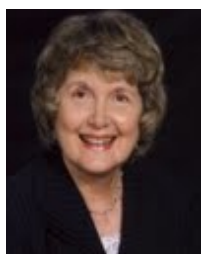
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## President's Message



Happy Holidays to all our members and their families! We all have a great deal going on this year, but I hope you will take time for yourself and your loved ones to enjoy this joyous time of the year. In this issue, I have attached two forms that will be important to you. The first one is a list of club activities for the holidays and the other is a form for you to discuss with your favorite merchants when you ask them to support our preservation efforts at the Founder's Day silent auction. Please feel free to e-mail me if you have questions.

See you at the club,

*Sandra*

## The Woman's Club Holiday Events 2014

Come and Enjoy the Holidays with your friends.

- (3) Wednesday, 12/4, the board will meet and then the board will trim the tree.**
- (4) Saturday, 12/6 is the holiday parade. Please wear a Christmas sweater or hat.**
- (5) Tuesday, 12/9, there will be a tree trimming in the Park, near Morse Blvd. and the railroad tracks. Come at 9:30. Carol Card will bring coffee and donuts.**
- (6) Thursday, 12/11, we will have our Holiday Luncheon. Eileen Schiavo is taking reservations.**
- (7) Thursday from 6 - 8pm 12/18 is the Scholarship Tea. The speaker will be Dr. Dave Richards.**

## December Programs

**December 4 – Adventurers Against Their Will – 2pm** In Central Florida, most people know Joanie Schirm's name through her six-year volunteer role as Chairman of the bid and host committee for World Cup Orlando 1994. Others remember she founded and served as the first president of the Central Florida Sports Commission. She did both along with other community volunteer roles while running her award-winning consulting company, Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, and raising two children, Kelly Schirm Lafferman, and Derick Schirm. But it was after her children were grown, and she'd sold her firm in 2008 that Joanie began the journey of a lifetime – researching and writing nonfiction books. Learning more about her writing journey is the topic of our December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. After the discovery of a treasure trove of 400 WWII era letters that her father hid away after the war, Joanie Schirm went on a quest to understand what happened to the letter writers. She found extraordinary stories of survival, escape and connection, unlike any others you've heard. Joanie's debut book, *Adventurers Against Their Will*, winner of the 2013 Global EBook for Best Biography delivers a human face to history. The story traces the lives of a group of Prague friends who scatter throughout the world when the Nazis invade their homeland. All correspond with Joanie's Czech father in places where he sought refuge, beginning with China in the summer of 1939. The book's message extends beyond WWII as it examines our shared past and reminds us what we do matters if we truly want a better world. Joanie will have her book on hand; perfect gifts for the holiday season.



**December 11 – Holiday Luncheon 11am** Join us for a wonderful luncheon featuring music from Randal Branham and celebrate the holiday season! The Holiday Luncheon will begin at 11am, featuring our annual Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Shop. Social Hour will be from 11:30-12pm. Please be sure to make your reservations by December 5<sup>th</sup>. \$25 per person, and guests are welcome! Please contact Eileen Schiavo with any questions, 407-628-2252 or [esschiavo@yahoo.com](mailto:esschiavo@yahoo.com).

**December 18 – Scholarship Reception 6pm** – Come join us as we meet our 2014 scholarship recipients and their parents. We will meet from 6-8pm with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. We will hear from Dr. David C. S. Richard, Dean of Rollins Evening Hamilton Holt School and have music from Rollins Community School, Department of Music. Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Hughes at 407-673-0457 or [barbarahughes954@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahughes954@gmail.com)




Anyone interested in joining us to walk in the Santa Parade on December 6, 2014, please contact Nancy Miles at [nancymiles@gmail.com](mailto:nancymiles@gmail.com)

## Charitable Giving

We have 2 more weeks to bring in our gifts for the 7 children, and the stockings for the Salvation Army. There are still a few more gifts needed for the children.

At our meeting on Dec.4<sup>th</sup>, items that are needed will be high-lighted on the lists. The gifts can be brought in at our meeting on Dec.4<sup>th</sup> or at the luncheon on Dec.11th.

Thank you for being so generous in helping those in need!



It is this time of year that we think of gift giving...  
Hopefully you will consider...

- End of the year gift giving in the form of a donation to The Woman's Club Scholarship Fund
- Making a *bequest* to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholarship Fund
- Making a Donation to The Woman's Club Scholarship Fund honoring a family member or a friend

**The Silver Scholarship Bowl will be available at the  
Christmas Luncheon, December 11th and at  
The Scholars' Reception on December 18th  
(All donations are tax deductible)**



**The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. celebrates**

**100 years of supporting Education and Service**

On January 15, 2015

On our birthday, we will have a fundraiser to benefit the preservation of our 93 year-old house, which is on the National and Winter Park Historical Registers. As you probably know, this beautiful house has been a favorite venue for weddings, recitals, cotillions, lectures, seminars, and celebrations for several generations.

Part of our fundraising efforts will be a Silent Auction of items from merchants in our city. We hope you will participate in the project by donating an item of significant value for the Silent Auction. We suggest an item in the \$300 - \$500 range.

A letter from us showing the value of the item along with a 501(c)(3) certificate will enable you to receive a tax deduction for the donation. Another option is for us to put your company logo or sign on the Woman's Club web site and Facebook page for one year. The IRS will not allow us to do both. So, the choice is yours. We will be most happy to work with you on the option that best fits your needs.

If you would like to help us preserve this beautiful venue that is a treasure for our community, please complete the form below and mail it to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, **P. O. Box 1433, Winter Park, FL 32790 or call 407-740-7758.**

Your name\_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

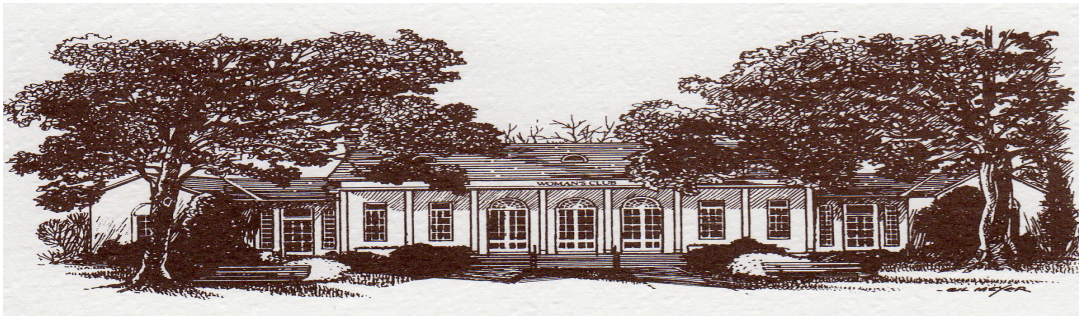
Phone number\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Description of item to be donated\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Value\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish tax deduction?\_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Advertisement on web page?\_\_\_\_\_

When would you like for us to pick up this item?\_\_\_\_\_



*The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.*

## *Centennial Celebration*

*One hundred years of supporting scholarship and service.*

*Preserving our historic house for club and community.*

*January 15, 2015 6pm - 8pm*

### *You are invited*

*6:00pm: Greetings, wine, dinner and silent auction*

*7:00pm: Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Morse*

*\$50 per person*

*Please send checks and names*

*On form below to: Woman's Club of Winter Park*

*P. O. Box 1433, Winter Park, FL 32790*

*By January 10, 2015*

*Names* \_\_\_\_\_

*Addresses* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Amt. for Centennial Celebration* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amt. for donation to Preservation Fund* \_\_\_\_\_

*Your donation is tax deductible. If you wish to donate stock or have a named gift, please express that in a note here and someone will call you.*



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