

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MARCH 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



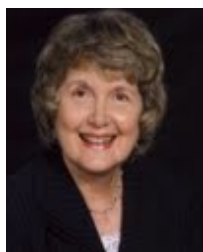
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## President's Message



CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS to Cynthia Gerken, our next president, and all who helped her on the Winter Park Woman's Show. She writes: *"Thank you to all who participated in the Winter Park Woman's Show. If you volunteered during the show, baked, referred a vendor to the show, put up our flyers, spread the word with neighbors and friends or came to shop, you were part of our success. We made \$ 2,284.50 (gross profits) for our charities. Bravo!!"* And I say thanks to Cynthia for handling all things, so I could take a 4-day vacation. You should know, if you don't already, that proceeds from all of our fundraisers (except the few directly related to Preservation) will go to the charities we support.

In addition to our outstanding programs in March and April (see elsewhere in this newsletter for descriptions), we have two special events coming up: The Annual Fashion Show and Precious Items Sale on March 19 and the Community Birthday Party on April 30. You can bring in your items for the Precious Items Sale anytime and store them in the left stage closet. The birthday party is an opportunity to share our history, present activities and beautiful clubhouse with citizens of Winter Park. In many ways, it will be like our Membership Tea. Our plan is to serve birthday cake and ice cream. Please let me know if you know of local businesses who would like to sponsor this event for \$100 and get their logo on our Sponsors page on the website. Flyers will be available soon.

We are moving right along on our Preservation Projects. While the terrace bricking is complete, we need finishing touches to include: stabilization of the columns, installation of railings, and enlarging parts of the sidewalks. We have added another project: to enlarge the parking pad in the Fairbanks lot to provide a place for speakers and honored guests next to the handicap parking pad. In addition, we will add cement parking spacers (like the ones in the Lyman lot) to show where cars may be parked, thus avoiding issues with crowding that we have had in the past.

A most important request: Please remember to do your part and sign up for the Hospitality Committee, thus serving as greeter, kitchen helper, tea and coffee pourers, or contributors of cookies and sandwiches. After all, this is our core activity and one tradition that we all enjoy!

*Sandra*

**Our Annual Precious Items sale will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 before our spring luncheon. We are collecting artwork, pottery, jewelry, etc. Please feel free to begin bringing any items you wish to donate to the club.**

**Thank you!**

## March Programs



**Thursday, March 5- Bingo 1:30pm** Join us promptly at 1:30 as we begin a lively afternoon of Bingo! We have a guest Bingo caller joining us, using a professional Bingo machine. Free admission for all with fun, unique prizes to be won! We will also have a 50/50 raffle! This is going to be a wonderful afternoon with our members!

### **Thursday, March 12- Crossing the Creek 2pm**

Dr. Anna Lillios, Professor of English at the University of Central Florida and editor of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Journal of Florida Literature will join us for an educational program. She is the executive director of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society and the director of the Zora Neale Hurston Electronic Archive. She will be discussing her nonfiction study, "Crossing the Creek", which is the first book to explore the transformative friendship between two beloved Florida women writers, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Zora Neale Hurston. Anna's book celebrates the gifts of two extraordinary women and the ways that friendship can change not just personal beliefs but the trajectory of a creative career.

### **Thursday, March 19 – Luncheon and Fashion Show with**

**Precious Items Sale 11:30am** Join us for a wonderful luncheon, catered by George and Alice, as we admire the beautiful fashions of Rich Hippie. Our meeting will begin at 11:30, with time for our Precious Items sale, with lunch being served at noon. Please be sure to fill out the form on the following page to RSVP and reserve your seat! This is a popular event and fills up quickly! RSVPs are due by March 13.



### **Thursday, March 26 – A School Program for Teaching Manners and Respect 2pm**

Our speaker for March 26, is Barbara Bergstrom, founder and president of The Eti-Keys Training Group Inc, an Orlando based non-profit that provides important life-skills training to all students 7 to 12 and teens 13 to 18 throughout Central Florida. They provide a special focus on challenged, underserved and disadvantaged youth. They offer character-building, anti-bullying, social skills, respect, civility and leadership programs through schools, community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, and faith-based groups just like Matthew's Hope Ministries and others. Barbara is a dynamic and entertaining speaker. You will surely learn from her.

#### **A note from your Charitable Giving Committee:**

The **purple bags from the Orlando Rescue Mission** have arrived. Inside each bag you'll find a list of suggestions for items to fill the bags- for a man, woman, child or infant. These bags will be due by March 26.

**Dress for Success**- Please look for clothes in good condition in your wardrobe-business suits, slacks, blouses, and jackets (no dresses), pumps (not dressy), and purses in good condition. Bring these in the day of the Fashion Show, March 19.

Don't forget snacks and clothing for **Fern Creek School**. The school is looking for volunteers to help sort the clothing donated to the school. If interested, call the school at this number- [407-897-6410](tel:407-897-6410). Choose which day you would like to come each week, for 1-2 hours in the morning or afternoon.. You'll need to fill out an application form in the office on the first day you come. (No fingerprinting needed).

*Please join us for our  
Celebrity Fashion Show & Luncheon  
By Rich Hippiie*



Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
11:30am, Lunch served at noon  
\$25 per person

The latest fun fashions will be presented  
by member Jean Gasperoni, owner of Rich Hippiie!

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Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park  
RSVP by Friday, March 13, To Eileen Schiavo, 1817 Jessica Court,  
Winter Park, FL 32789 Tel: 407-628-2252  
Email: [esschiavo@yahoo.com](mailto:esschiavo@yahoo.com)

Name.....  
Guest(s).....  
Seating Preference.....  
Amount Enclosed.....



## Scholarship Grant Information for 2015 Monday, March 16, 2015 – Deadline

Recipients must be prepared to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university in the United States and may reapply each year for a maximum of four years. Grants are not made for study at the graduate level.

**An Applicant must send his/her application and the following documents to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc. Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 1433, Winter Park, Florida , 32790 by Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Any application and supporting documents postmarked after that date will not be considered.

The following are the guidelines for application:

1. Official transcript from student's school mailed directly to the Woman's Club
2. W-2 and /or FAFSA
3. A brief bio including career goals
4. Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or employers familiar with your abilities and work habits. (These letters should contain the complete name, address, and telephone number of the writer and should be mailed directly to the above address).
5. 2 pictures for our file

The following criteria will be used in awarding the grants.

1. Academic record
2. Financial need
3. United States citizenship and attend a U.S. college or university
4. Resident of Orange or Seminole county
5. Community service and /or work record
6. Other scholarships for which you applied

If the student is a finalist, he/she will be notified and asked to come in for a personal interview.

### **WHERE TO PROCURE AN APPLICATION:**

- **On The Woman's Club Website:** [www.womansclubofwinterpark.com](http://www.womansclubofwinterpark.com)  
(follow the Scholarship Program tab to the drop down Scholarship Application tab)
- **Or**
- **Contact Kyle at 407-644-2237 or [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com)**

Nancy Miles was kind enough to share her recipe for Potato Cheddar Soup after treating us to some at the lite lunch meeting in February! Enjoy!!

## Potato Cheddar Soup

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**From: Cindy Hughes**

*4 tbsp. sweet butter  
2 cups chopped onion  
2 cup peeled and chopped carrots  
½ cup parsley  
1 large can (or 5 cups) chicken broth  
2 large potatoes, peeled and cubed  
½ cup fresh dill (or 1 tbsp. dried dill)  
Salt and pepper  
2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese*

**Melt butter, add onion and carrots. Cook on low, covered, for 25 minutes.**

Add parsley, 3 cups of the stock and potatoes and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add dill.

Using immersion blender, puree until smooth. Add more stock until you are happy with the consistency. Season with salt and pepper.

Just before serving, stir in cheddar cheese and cook for another minute until blended.

## *Linens ~ N ~ Things*

*Ladies, we could use your input!*

As many of you are aware, our goal is to continue purchasing and maintaining the linens we use for our Club Teas, Luncheons, and other Events, in the easiest, most cost effective way.

*We need your help to design a workable plan!*

Please email me, [kkrodda@cfl.rr.com](mailto:kkrodda@cfl.rr.com) or call 407-647-0052, if you could attend a one-time meeting (perhaps before or after one of our upcoming Thursday Teas). The goal would be to have a plan in place before we begin our 2015 Fall season.



Some thoughts to consider; What other linens do we need, colors, sizes etc. and the logistics of the "clean-up" after each meeting or event.

Hope to hear from you, Thank you! ~Karen

