

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Message



Greetings! We are off to a great start for our 100th year. Our Membership Tea was a wonderful success with 18 new members. They all seem eager to get involved, so please remember them when you are forming committees. Hospitality is a good way to begin. The Fall Luncheon was really beautiful, thanks to the committee work of Karen Rodda, Jeanie Freeman and Nancy Vicars. We learned about Harbor House and the Adult Literacy League, two of the charities we support. The first two programs were most interesting; Famous Women of Florida by Ed Heurex and Historic Women's Club in Florida by Dr. Jack Lane. The third Thursday light lunch seemed quite popular with a larger than usual crowd. Of course, that was probably due to Dr. Lane's anticipated and most enjoyable program. We look forward to our last program: a tour of the UCF Arboretum. This last program on Oct. 30 starts at 11am. You can meet at the clubhouse at 10:00am and go out together with your friends.

Of course, the holidays are just around the corner, so look elsewhere in this newsletter and the program calendar on the web site to learn about our charitable and celebratory activities. We have gifts for families, Fern Creek School, residents of Winter Park Housing and the children of the Salvation Army. We get "into the spirit" with a Holiday cooking program on Nov. 13, our Holiday Luncheon, Bake Sale, and Craft Sale on Dec. 11, and the Scholarship Reception at 6pm on Dec. 18.

Our Preservation Centennial Campaign is going well also. We have two new grants to announce: \$10,000 from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and \$30,000 from the City of Winter Park, Community Development Fund. Next month, we will begin our preservation projects by having our roof replaced. Following that, we will have our terrace reconstructed. You have undoubtedly noticed that our house interior is looking spiffy with new paint in the kitchen, bride's room and hallway next to Kyle's office – thanks to Karen Rodda, Churchill Thompson, Nancy Miles and their husbands. More decorating will occur in the New Year. The goal is to have our house looking as nice as possible for our big 100th birthday party on January 15, 2015.

See you at the club,

Sandra

November Programs



November 6 – Guide Dogs 2pm

Joselyn Hargrove has raised 39 guide dogs to be used by the sight impaired and veterans who suffer from posttraumatic stress syndrome. She is a member of the South Eastern Guide Dogs Association and has been volunteering for over 25 years. Joselyn will be talking to us about the work she does in preparing these dogs to go to their new owners.

November 13 – Holiday Cooking with Chef John Zimmerman 2pm

Chef John Zimmerman was born in Jersey City, NJ. Growing up he worked with and was inspired by his father who owned a catering company in Manhattan, which worked with the International Special Events Society. This played a vital role in his decision to seek a career in the hospitality industry. After graduating from high school Chef Zimmerman served in the U.S Army. During his military stay he was stationed in Korea and served under the Commanding General of Korea.. Working as a Food Service Specialist sparked Chef John Zimmerman's interest in pursuing a culinary career. Seeking to broaden his skills, creativity, and dedication to food led him to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. In September 1997 Chef Zimmerman began in Weehawken, New Jersey. He was enticed by Ruth's Chris vision. During this tenure, Chef John Zimmerman met the Founder and driving force behind Ruth's Chris Steak House, Ruth Fertel. Ruth's passion and vision as a restaurateur pushed Chef Zimmerman to hone his talent. After the successful opening of the Parsippany, NJ location, Chef John Zimmerman's vision of elevating the art of the dining experience continued to grow. As one of the driving culinary forces behind the restaurant, he oversaw the culinary operations and ensured that the highest standards of quality were met. Chef Zimmerman is always dedicated to both his staff and restaurant. In March 2001 Chef John Zimmerman relocated to Florida and assisted in the opening of the Orlando location. From there he began to oversee the Culinary operations of the Winter Park location as Executive Chef and in 2007 John was awarded the "Top Chef" and "Top Celebrity Chef" award at the March of Dimes Signature Chefs Gourmet Gala. Since then, John has spearheaded the Ruth's Chris Catering pilot program in the Central Florida market paving the way for the expansion across Ruth's Chris corporate markets. Today at Ruth's Chris of Winter Park, Chef Zimmerman prepares his dishes of the freshest ingredients available. His dishes truly showcase the flavor, texture, and scents of his food. Chef Zimmerman states "Only by preparing dishes with the freshest ingredients, the highest quality products, and in the most direct manner of cooking can you create a meal that is an experience, served by a happy, professional staff to guests who continue to return."



November 20 - Cornell Art Museum Show at Woman's Club 1936 11:30am Lite Lunch

We are honored to have Dr. Ena Heller, Bruce Beal, Director of the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College and Dana Thomas, Director of Development, to be our guests and speakers for the program about a collaborative effort between the museum and the Woman's Club of Winter Park, which took place in the 1930s. It involved showing paintings from the Kresge Collection of New York and entailed a great deal of planning and care. Come and hear the details.



Ways and Means Update

- Thank you so much for those who have signed up to bring homemade items (cakes, cookies, pies, breads, candies, jams, jellies, preserves, soup mixes, etc.) to our Christmas Sale on December 11, 2014. Our committee would also like you to consider other items that we could sell at our Christmas Bazaar. For those with sewing abilities: aprons, table runners, placemats, needlework items, etc. For those with art talents: painted items, pottery, jewelry, crafts, etc.
- We will be having our precious items Sale and Silent Auction at our Spring Luncheon on March 19, 2015. Please begin thinking about what you can bring to be auctioned.
- We were thrilled by the success of our Rummage Sale this year and have already planned for our Sale next year. It will be held the Saturday before Labor Day (September 5, 2015).

All proceeds from these events will go toward our charitable giving. The signup sheet will be at each club meeting. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Judy Allen [\(407\) 644-8855](tel:4076448855) judyallen244@gmail.com

The Winter Park Housing Authority has given us the names of 4 needy families to buy gifts for at Christmas. The lists will be on a table in the back during our Teas. Feel free to sign up with friends for larger gifts.

The Salvation Army stockings are also here. A flyer is inside each stocking giving suggestions for gifts for children and adults. The stockings will be on the back table as well.

Please don't forget the snacks for Fern Creek School too!

Thank you!

- Your Charitable Giving Committee

Save the Date...

**To Celebrate and Honor
Our 2014
Scholarship Recipients**

**Scholars' Reception
December 18, 2014
6-8 P.M.
Woman's Club**

****A Reminder****

If you know of a member who is ill, or recuperating from surgery, or who has had a serious illness or death in her family, please tell our Corresponding Secretary, Jan Miller. Jan will send an appropriate card to that member, on behalf of the Woman's Club, to let her know that she is in our thoughts. Thank you.

Dear Ladies,

As your appointed Board History chairwoman, I am interested to gathering a committee of interested women who can add personal reflections and knowledge about our past 100 year history. I'm particularly interested in giving voices to our women; our programs; our community services and outreach charities. There may be an interest in creating a history column; a "getting to know you" column; and interviews, to name a few of my thoughts. In addition, if a committee were to be formed, research to identify members who have made past contributions to the Club. Also, there is a need to fill missing gaps in the archive records and to suggest ideas for more secure storage facilities.

The History committee has yet to be formed. I know it is a busy time of the year with holidays fast approaching. With this in mind I would like to suggest that anyone interested to please let me know. My intention is to have the first committee meeting January of the New Year.

Please contact me to show your interest. If by email, use "Woman's Club" in the subject line. Otherwise call me on the telephone and leave a voice message. I will be away most of November.

I look forward to hearing from you
Robbi

****Gift Cards****

The Scholarship Committee is again planning to feature a Raffle for Gift Cards on a decorated Tree during the Scholarship Reception on December 18, 2014. We would greatly appreciate any Gift Cards that you might like to donate for our Raffle. Please contact Barbara Hughes if you are interested! Thank you in advance for your kindness in supporting our efforts.



November Club Calendar

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 1 & 2.....Fall Antiques Show & Sale
Wed., Nov. 5 – 9:30am.....Board Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 6 – 2pm.....Regular Meeting, Guide Dogs
Thurs., Nov. 13 – 2pm.....Regular Meeting, Holiday Cooking
Thurs., Nov. 20 – 11:30am.....Lite Lunch, Cornell Art Museum
Thurs., Nov. 27.....Thanksgiving, No Meeting

Tai Chi Class every Tuesday at 10:30am



Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Featuring our popular annual Holiday Bake Sale and Gift Shop

Sale starts at 11:00 - Social Hour 11:30 - Luncheon at Noon

\$25.00 per person - Guests Welcome

Deadline for reservations - Friday, December 5th

Payment must be received by deadline to insure your reservation.

We are unable to refund any money for cancellations made after the deadline.

Make checks payable to the Woman's Club of Winter Park and mail to:
Eileen Schiavo, 1817 Jessica Ct., WP 32789, 407-628-2252, e-mail:
esschiavo@yahoo.com

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Thanksgiving!





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