

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

September 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Column

September brings us the last days of summer & the first days of fall. We celebrate Labor Day on the 7th and Patriot's Day on the 11th. Rosh Hashanah also starts on the 11th. It is a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the new year. Here at the Woman's Club, we begin a new club year, starting with the annual Rummage Sale. It would be wonderful if ALL our members participated in some fashion-donating goods, working the week before the sale and/or the sale days, or SHOPPING! It takes a village to make this happen, so please, everyone support our mission of charitable & educational efforts. This is our major fundraiser.

The Membership Tea is Thursday, September 17 at 2:00. Come connect with old friends, meet new members, or bring a friend that you think would like to be a part of this wonderful organization. I encourage you to join a committee if you haven't done so already. It's a great way to meet members and feel a part of the club.

It's going to be a very fun & exciting new year!



All the best, *Chris*

Christine Bush, President

Happy September Birthdays

Svetlana Gubnitskaya	9/3
Katie Campbell	9/7
Marilyn Cromer	9/7
Maureen Holloway	9/7
Sarah Hendryx	9/8
Cynthia Nugent	9/10
Jean Pinder	9/14
Diana Secor	9/14
Claudia Breese	9/23
Beatriz Struck	9/23
Patricia Gleason	9/24
Linda Thornton	9/26
Glenda McClure	9/28
Barbara Walters-Phillips	9/30



Judi Andrews and Cecelia Slavish, Membership Co-Chairs

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

Thursday, September 17 - 2:00 pm



“Save the Date” and invite your guests to our special tea to learn about upcoming programs and activities at our Club. We will have an opportunity to see the committees’ displays and socialize with our members. We hope to see you and your guests!

Charitable Giving

Rummage Sale

In partnership with the Ways and Means Committee, the Woman's Club Rummage Sale will be held Friday, September 4, and Saturday, September 5. This important event is the Club's primary fundraiser, providing funds for charitable donations to local nonprofits each spring. There are many ways to support the sale—donate gently used items, volunteer your time, or stop by to shop! It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with fellow WCWP members. Every donation, volunteer, and purchase helps us continue supporting organizations that make a difference in our community. We hope to see you there!



Peanut Butter Drive



We are once again collecting donations to help stock the food pantry at Killarney Elementary, which provides groceries to local students experiencing food insecurity. The pantry is currently in need of 12–16 oz. jars of peanut butter and clean plastic grocery bags. If you shop at Publix, keep an eye out for BOGO peanut butter sales—they're a great opportunity to pick up an extra jar to donate! Prefer to make a monetary donation? We're happy to do the shopping for you. Please drop off donations, along with receipts bearing your name, at the Club office Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us support our local students and neighbors!

Committee News

The first **Charitable Giving Committee** meeting of the club year will be held **Wednesday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m.** in the clubhouse. Current and new members are welcome! If you are interested in joining the Charitable Giving Committee and helping support our worthy charitable causes, please email Kathy Parham at parhamkathryn@gmail.com or Julie Wadsworth at jpwadsworth10@gmail.com. You can also stop by the Charitable Giving Committee table at the Membership Tea on Thursday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about our committee and the many ways you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you!



**Kathy Parham & Julie Wadsworth,
Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs**

Hospitality

Dear Ladies,

We at hospitality are looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings for fellowship and fun. We hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation and have lots of adventures and stories to share with us soon.

We are happy to announce that our hospitality roster is filling up at a record pace.

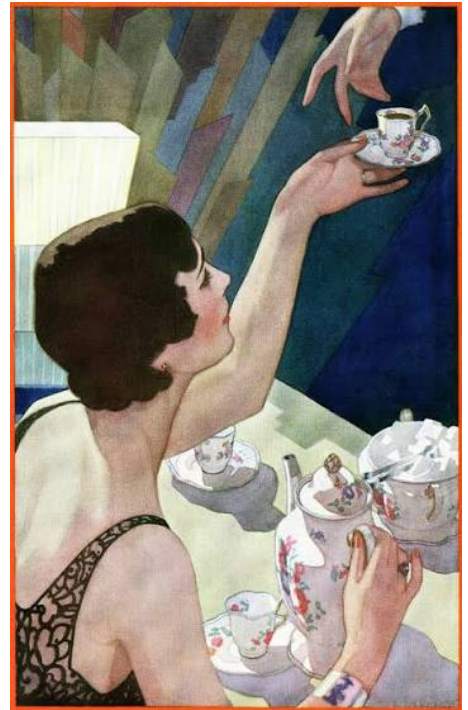
So many of you are kindly donating your time, your energy and your sandwiches and cookies to making our club a welcoming place for all.

Even though many slots are filled now, please be sure to visit our table and signup wherever there are open spots to help at our upcoming meetings. Openings for donations of Tea Sandwiches, and Cookies as well as Tea Pourers and Greeters (especially in the months following Christmas) are available. We also especially need group leaders to share the simple setup tasks each month (also after Christmas).

There is an old saying, "Many hands make light work" and we will add "working together makes new friends". New members have always found this is a way to get to know others at our club and to feel a genuine part of its success.

Best Wishes to All,

Natalie Hill and Fran Myklusch, Hospitality Co-Chairs



Ways and Means

Our annual **Rummage Sale** will be this Friday and Saturday and we are still working to make it the best yet!! Thank you to our many volunteers who are working now and who make my job much easier. A terrific amount of hard work, dedication, and preparation is going into this fundraiser, and you volunteers are all shining stars. If you want to lend a hand, come to the Clubhouse and see where we need help. As information comes in about the money raised, we will keep you advised.



Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair

Historian



A fun photograph from our Woman's Club of Winter Park Archival Collection! This photograph was taken at an event on December 19, 1956. Notice behind the ladies standing on the stage that the three sets of beautiful shuttered windows and two of the transom windows are open. In the original design of the building, the shuttered and transom windows not only provided another interesting architectural element and natural light source into the space, but also allowed a cooling cross draft, pre-air conditioning, with the Terrace doors on the other side of the Helen Morse Hall. Please take a moment to walk outside the Clubhouse and around to an often overlooked side of the building to fully appreciate not only the windows, but also the lush garden area.

Kim Mould, Historian

House and Grounds



The Clubhouse has been very active this Summer! Concerts, weddings, reunions, Anniversary Celebrations, Committee Meetings, Baby Showers, Celebrations of Life and a very special 50th Wedding Anniversary Party here where they had their reception in the 70s! We are looking ahead to a busy season. Cotillion is starting up, The Morse Museum will be

having meetings here temporarily while their facility is being remodeled, many weddings, Holiday Parties, and a wide variety of Celebrations will be taking place at The Clubhouse. The WCWP has had a huge sentimental impact on the Community of Winter Park for a very long time. You should all be very proud to be a part of the **Legacy of this Local Treasure.**

~side bar- all of the rescued kitties are doing great!



Katie Campbell, House and Grounds Chair

Scholarship



The Woman's Club of Winter Park Scholarship Program was established in 1938 and is one of our club's cornerstone committees that provides assistance to deserving High School seniors in Orange and Seminole counties. Each year scholarships are awarded based on scholarship, leadership and financial need.

This summer we were excited to award \$58,300 worth of scholarships to 17 higher education institutions and to assist 31 students. We had 19 first year students who received a total of \$46,300 and 12 second year students who received \$12,000 to assist with their tuition cost.

The Committee hosts an annual Scholarship reception for the recipients and their families – December 17th, 2026 – in honor of the 2026-27 awardees. Thanks to Jan Bowman, the **speaker at this year's Student Reception will be Sheila DeCiccio, the Mayor of Winter Park!!**

Check out the WCWP website under the Scholarship tab to get more information and forms for students. Submission for the 2027-28 school year runs from January 1st to March 1st, 2027.

The Scholarship Committee is gearing up for a new season!! The Scholarship Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th (in high activity months) Monday at 11 AM at the club. All members are welcome to join us! Due to Columbus Day Holiday - The first Scholarship Meeting is Monday October 5th @ 11 AM.



Patty Munsey and Jane Koubek, Co-Chairs Scholarship Committee

Programs



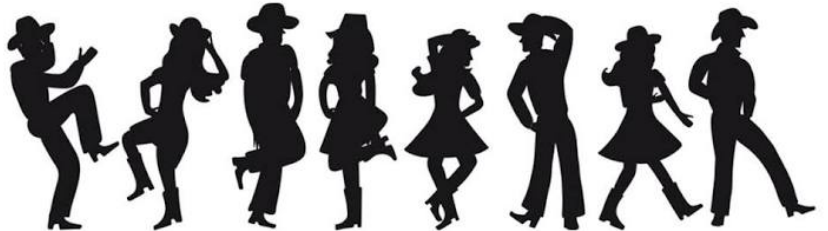
Welcome Back, Ladies!

Our **Membership Tea is September 17th at 2:00 PM**, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back!

The **Programs Committee has been working hard all summer** to plan a wonderful year filled with interesting, educational, fun, and entertaining events. At our Membership Tea, we will hand out copies of the new calendar so you can mark your calendars and look forward to all that is planned.

Our first Tuesday event is **October 20th at 5:30 PM**, and we're kicking off the year with something fun—Line Dancing!

So gather your friends, bring your dancing shoes, and get ready for a great year together!



See you soon! Lindsay and Elaine

Lindsey Pelloza and Elaine Elman, Programs Co-Chairs