

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Message



Dear Ladies of The Woman's Club,

Spring is in the air and we have Spring events to celebrate. Our year of programs, luncheons and events is winding down. This is the month we vote on our slate of officers for 2017 – 2018. The presentation of the slate and voting will take place March 9<sup>th</sup> prior to our program. Be sure to attend this important club event to support the women who volunteer to run the business side of the club, provide programs and hospitality to members and chair our programs in scholarship and charitable giving.

This month we are also introducing a new fund raising opportunity. On March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM we have been invited to a Sip and Shop at The Impeccable Pig, 316 N. Park Avenue (between *Tugboat the Bird* and *Eyes and Optics*). This is a new boutique on the Avenue featuring clothes, accessories, and gifts. The shop will donate 20% of all sales to The Woman's Club for the Charitable Giving Fund. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy happy hour or dinner on the Avenue and shop for a good cause.

It is also time for our annual fashion show and luncheon, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This year the fashions will be presented by Evelyn and Arthur, a relatively new shop on Park Avenue. This event is always popular so I urge you to make your reservations early using the form in these Highlights. This is the perfect opportunity to show off our beautiful clubhouse. Guests are always welcome.

I hope to see all of you at these events and the other programs described in this Highlights.

*Cynthia*



## **MARCH PROGRAMS**

### **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2 p.m.**

*"Winter Park's Heritage - Heritage Center & Crealde"*

Speakers: Peter Schreyer and Fairolyn Livingston.



The Hannibal Square Heritage Center in Winter Park is a unique cultural facility that celebrates community heritage through documentary photography, oral history and public art. We will learn about the Hannibal Square Community's vital contribution to Winter Park's incorporation as a town and later as the City of Winter Park.

Peter Schreyer, Director of the Crealde School of Art, will share background on the establishment, goals, and mission of the Winter Park Heritage Center and its association with the

Crealde. Fairolyn Livingston will provide a brief history of the Hannibal Square Community.

Peter Schreyer is an internationally exhibited, award-winning photographer who has documented America's cultural landscape for over three decades. He has received a wide range of public art commissions, research grants and recognition awards for his black-and-white photography on Florida communities, including a Visual Arts Fellowship from the State of Florida. In 2005-2006, Schreyer was honored with a major retrospective titled, *Small Stories From A Big Country* at the Swiss Camera Museum in Vevey, Switzerland. He was named *Arts Educator of the Year*, by United Arts in 2009 and a *Neighborhood Hero*, by Bank of America in 2010. Peter has served as Executive Director of Crealdé School of Art since 1995, and in 2007, founded the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. Following his 2015 solo exhibition at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, Winter Park, an entire series of Schreyer's Central Florida archival photographs were purchased for the museum's prestigious *Alfond Collection of Contemporary Art*. In 2016, he was honored by the State of Florida with their first *Diversity and Inclusion Award* in recognition of his 20 years of advocacy and documentary work in Winter Park's Hannibal Square community.

Fairolyn Livingston was born and raised in the segregated Westside community of Winter Park, Florida. She graduated from Hungerford High School, Eatonville, and Rollins College, Winter Park. In the 1990s, Fairolyn won the Rhea Marsh & Dorothy Lockhart Smith Research Grant from the Winter Park Public and Olin at Rollins College Libraries. She documented the role Blacks played in the 1887, incorporation of Winter Park including the election of two Hannibal Square men, Frank R. Israel and Walter B. Simpson. Fairolyn is Chief Historian at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center and has conducted classes for Rollins College Lifetime Learning Center, on the history of Westside Winter Park and the Town of Eatonville.

### **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.**

*"Lucy Blackman – Clubwoman and Rollins College Domestic Science"*

Dr. Leslie Poole

The program will focus on Lucy Worthington Blackman, a founder of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, an early member of the Florida Audubon Society, and the founder of the Domestic Science Program at Rollins College where her husband was president. She will discuss the Domestic Science Program at Rollins and what the program aimed to provide women of that era.

Leslie Kemp Poole is an award-winning writer and historian. A fourth-generation Floridian, Poole has long been interested in the role of women in the state's environmental movement and how they were saving the state's important natural resources even before they were able to vote.



Poole is Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She received her PhD in History from the University of Florida in 2012. Her articles have been published in a number of academic journals and she regularly presents papers about her research at history conferences. In 2008 she appeared in the PBS documentary *In Marjorie's Wake* that retraced a 1933 trip on the St. Johns River taken by noted author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Poole also has worked as a freelance author for a number of magazines and publications.

Prior to working in academia, Poole was a reporter for several newspapers, including the Orlando Sentinel, where she helped pen a series of articles about Florida's lack of growth management that won awards and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

She lives in Winter Park, Florida, where she and her husband raised two sons and now frequently walk their dog.

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.**

*Fashion Show & Luncheon – RSVP required. See form in back of Highlights*

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2 p.m.**

*"On Park Avenue"*

Sarah Grafton, President Park Avenue Merchants Association



Experience Winter Park charm with outdoor cafés, bistros, upscale specialty shops and boutiques. Experience Park Avenue. It's been referred to as a delightful village,

historically charming, stylishly sophisticated, relaxed by nature and PERFECT! The Park Avenue Merchants Association and our local business district play a vital role in our community. Sarah Grafton, President of the Park Avenue Merchants Association will share the history of the Avenue, the business initiatives and protecting our Winter Park charm.

Grafton, Assistant Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor with the Grafton Wealth Management Team at Merrill Lynch, joined the firm in 2007. She is responsible for business development, planning and client relations. Through her role and her personal passions Grafton soon found herself deeply involved in the local Central Florida Community. She is on numerous local boards included Rollins College Hamilton Holt, Make A Wish Northern and Central Florida, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Winter Park Alumni Council, Children's Home Society, The Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden and also serves on many other committees. She has a passion for small business, children's charities and serving her local community. She currently serves as the President of the Park Avenue Merchants Association and is President of the Leadership Alumni Council. Grafton was raised in Hopewell, New Jersey and moved to Winter Park, Florida with her family in 1996. She attended Lake Highland Preparatory Academy prior to attending both Auburn University in Alabama and the University of N. Florida in Jacksonville where she dual majored in Public Administration and Political Science. She is a graduate of the Central Florida Political Leadership Institute and is a graduate of Leadership Winter Park.

This past year Sarah was recognized by *Orlando Business Journal* as a "40 under 40" award recipient and a "Woman to Watch" Award recipient. *The Winter Park Magazine* named her, Winter Park's Most Influential of 2016. The United States President presented her with a *President's Volunteer Service Award* in 2013. The *Ovations Awards* in Winter Park has voted her team, "Best Financial Advisors", in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Grafton currently resides with her two sons Benjamin and Robert. They are very active as a family and spend the weekends traveling between soccer, football and basketball games.



**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.**

*"The Wellness Center"*

Patricia Maddox, President/CEO Winter Park Health Foundation

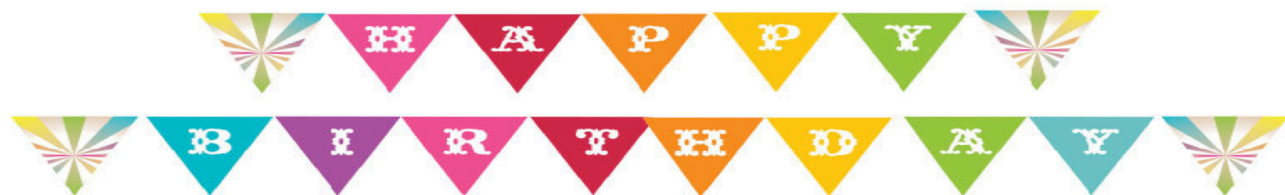
Patricia Maddox, President and CEO of the Winter Park Health Foundation (WPHF) will share plans for Project Wellness. Project Wellness is a state-of-the-art, unique healthy living center focused on improving the quality of life for Winter Park residents. It will feature new facilities for the Peggy & Philip B. Crosby Wellness Center (which has been serving the community since 1989), and it will be home to new programs to help empower members of the community to be healthier and full of vitality. Project Wellness also creates space for WPHF to collaborate with other not-for-profits and groups with similar goals. The facility, which brings Wellness, Fitness and Medicine together into one integrated center, has been designed to enhance the neighborhood. The mission-driven architecture draws its inspiration from the healing power of nature, transforming WPHF property into a series of gardens and a natural light-filled, central building surrounded by walking paths. Project Wellness is not just a building, but a place designed to be experienced and to facilitate interactions between Wellness, Fitness and Medicine.



Patricia A. Maddox, leader of the Winter Park Health Foundation since its inception in 1994, has directed all facets of the Foundation's mission and program planning. Ms. Maddox came to Florida in 1993 leaving Duke University where she had been Executive Director of Medical School Alumni Affairs and Development.

Currently, Maddox is active in the health and health care community, serving on the Heart of Florida United Way Board of Directors, the Metro YMCA Board, the Orange County Chairman's Healthcare Roundtable, the Mayflower Retirement Community Board of Directors and the Florida Hospital Board of Directors.

Ms. Maddox received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.



**Wishing a Happy Birthday to:**

Judi Andrews 3/14  
Nancy Flaherty 3/30  
Aimee Rusinko Kakos 3/30  
Mimi Smetheram 3/29

Sandra Blossey 3/4  
Betty Gilleland 3/18  
Merry Mancini 3/4

Phyllis Fielding 3/25  
Karen James 3/8  
Frances Morrissey 3/8

## Charitable Giving

We are collecting gently used clothing for "Dress for Success". Members may bring clothing, handbags (no shoes) and other accessories to the storage room.

We will have 50 purple bags to fill for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. A list of much needed personal items is provided with each bag. The Rescue Mission really relies on this spring campaign to help the homeless at their shelter. Our deadline to return the filled bags to the club will be March 30th. The Mission wants to give their clients the items in early April this year.

## Sip & Shop!

On Wednesday March 15, 2017 the Impeccable Pig located at 316 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park will be open after hours from 6 PM to 8 PM for the members of the Woman's Club to shop and enjoy refreshments. This Private Shopping Event is open to all of our family members, friends and anyone from the community. 20% of all sales will be returned to the Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc to be used for charitable giving.



the impeccable pig

In addition to unique clothing items, candles and jewelry, accessories are also available. This is a great opportunity to better our relations with our Park Avenue friends and promote fundraising for our organization.

## Yearbook Corrections:

Mary Ann Page  
correct phone: [407-725-4200](tel:407-725-4200)  
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Mark your calendar for our annual Bingo day!

April 6 at 2:00pm! Guests welcome! Fun prizes for winners!



Join us for our  
Spring Luncheon  
And  
Fashion Show

Thursday, March 16,  
2017

11:30am

Lunch served at noon  
\$25 per person,  
Guests welcome!

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Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park  
RSVP deadline is Friday, March 10. Please RSVP to:  
Carol Nawrocki, 535 N. Interlachen Ave. #202 Winter Park, FL, 32789  
Email: [canwpfl@gmail.com](mailto:canwpfl@gmail.com)

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