

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

September 2017 Highlights



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Dear Ladies of The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



With the arrival of September, the Woman's Club is very busy with many activities. On September 2nd we celebrated our immensely successful rummage sale under the supervision of Mabel Rasmussen. This year our net income was \$7220.55. WOW!! This is our major fundraiser for the year, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results! Mabel has worked all summer preparing for this event and the Woman's Club is very grateful to her for all her hard work. There are still some outstanding expenses, but we also have several items to be sold on ebay.

And we are also very grateful for the members, friends, and family members who worked on this event with us. It seemed that we had more donations from the community this year which required many hours to prepare for the sale. I applaud the membership of the Woman's Club for participating in so many ways to make this sale so successful: for making signs, distributing flyers, making phone calls, baking, sorting, pricing, helping with security and packing up the leftover items to support many charities. As I was working in the Board room on Friday before the sale, an elderly non-member woman brought some items for our sale. She said, "I just love this club, for its values and all it stands for. It's like a Norman Rockwell picture!" And when I consider a Norman Rockwell picture, I think of compassion, sharing, friendship, love of community and neighbor, and patriotism. For the Central Florida community to think of us in that light is truly a tribute to our organization and each member.

Judy Allen

The interview committee for Kyle's replacement (Sandra Blossey, Nancy Miles, Kyle Grafton and Judy Allen) met in August to interview three applicants. Aycha Williams was selected to be our new club administrator and will begin two weeks of orientation with Kyle starting September 18th. Aycha grew up in modern Turkey where she says "women's rights were hard earned. I am the daughter of a doctor mother who worked most of her adult life. To be able to take part in the positive work put out through the Woman's Club of Winter Park would be an honor." Aycha has a MBA from the University of San Francisco where she met her husband. She has been active in Council 101 for Orlando Museum of Art, Festival of Trees and Rebuild Globally. She is the mother of two boys. You will have an opportunity to meet her at the Membership Tea.

And as an added blessing, Kyle has agreed to come back to work with us if Aycha needs to be away for any period of time (except during December).

Updated Woman's Club of Winter Park Board Members 2017-2018

Judy Allen: President
Nancy Miles: Vice President/President Elect
Jean Rife: Recording Secretary
Sue Luongo: Corresponding Secretary
Mabel Rasmussen: Finance
Arlene Bridges: Treasurer
Beverly Cox: Assistant Treasurer
Karen Rodda: House
Maureen Holloway: Grounds
Barbara Hughes: Scholarship
TBD: Ways and Means
Kathy Dunn: Hospitality
Marilyn Cromer: Charitable Giving
Sandra Blossey: Programs
Christine Bush: Membership
Kim Mould: Historian
Churchill Thompson: Yearbook
Meredith Murphy: Parliamentarian
Cynthia Gerken: Immediate Past President

Dates to Remember

September 14: Sip and Stroll (Park Avenue) - The usual cost of this event is \$25. The Chamber is offering us tickets for \$20 if we have 10 members attending the event. We need more members to get the reduced rate. Contact Kyle in the office.

September 21: Membership Tea 2 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors. Kyle is accepting reservations for this event. A copy of an invitation to the tea is in the Highlights that you might like to copy and use.

September 23rd: Eileen Fisher 5 to 7 PM 112 Park Avenue Winter Park, Fl. A reception for Julie Columbino, Founder and CEO of Rebuild Globally. Meet Julie and see the video where she talks about her work with Haitian women.

September 30 and October 1st: Through the Looking Glass has offered a shopping experience to the Woman's Club. On Sept 30th 10-5 PM (open for Woman's Club only from 5 to 7 PM with wine and light bites). On Oct 1st 12 to 5 PM. You must identify yourself as being with the Woman's Club as this sale is for members only. You will receive 15% off and additionally 15% of the sales will benefit the Woman's Club. Think about getting an early start on your Christmas shopping.

Hold the date!

Pets theme "Paper Paintings" Class
With Elizabeth St. Hilaire
Sunday, December 10th from 1:00-4:00
The Woman's Club of Winter Park



Elizabeth will be back to do a fun class at the Woman's Club and club members get priority to sign up (and a discount on the price). Start looking now for your favorite photo of your pet – or a friend's pet – these make great gifts! Check out the photo of Churchill doing this class at Sam Flax and her finished product of her sweet pup.

Ladies,

Once again the Woman's Club of Winter Park will be participating in the "Pink Out" sponsored by the local American Cancer Society and Winter Park Hospital and the Wellness Center in Winter Park. Every year in October this amazing campaign is to bring about awareness in breast cancer and to honor those who are in treatment now, survivors and those who have lost the battle.

You may remember seeing all those graceful, lofty pink birds perched all throughout Winter Park, the W.P. Hospital and various properties. Well, for all you flamingo lovers, they will be back, including the 5K walk and many other activities. These adorable birds are just a \$10.00 donation for two flamingos. One you get to keep. The other will carry the name of whom you designate to honor. This one will be planted anywhere in Winter Park. Who knows?

In our past we have raised almost \$500.00 through generous donations from our members. This is a very worthwhile community-wide campaign. We are hoping that all of you will participate, even buy a flamingo and plant one in our garden here at the Woman's Club to show your support. As information becomes available I will be sharing it with all of you.

Thanks so much,
Sue Luongo

A Heart Felt Thank You

I want to Thank all of the members for their donations, baked goods, support, camaraderie and tireless hours of work that made this year's Rummage Sale such a success. This success of the Rummage Sale belongs to each of you. To those who worked the week before unpacking, sorting and pricing with a spirit and humor that kept us going. By Saturday we knew each other and had become a wonderful team of people that helped the crowds with genuine attitudes of caring and concern, creating a positive shopping experience. There are a few I would like to mention by name, Rose Walleze who worked six days and the smile never left her face, she kept me going. Natalie Hill who created the theme, then sewed the Safari outfits and coordinated the management of all clothing received. Judy Allen who stored so many donations, worked seven days straight and was an awesome solo cashier for the last two hours of the Sale. Chris Bush for seven days of support, organization, resolving problems that arose; she became a pistol packing mama with the tagging gun, tagging about 75% of the clothes and merchandize. Karen Rodda who stayed each night after we left to reorganize the merchandize, displays and tables creating empty spaces that we immediately refilled the next day. Nancy Flaherty and Guinever Grier who researched art origins and consulted local art experts for ensure proper pricing, while still helping in all areas. Nancy, Churchill, Bette, Jean, Kyle; the list goes on . . . Thank You All for the Success of the Rummage Sale, but more for the friendships we developed.

-Mabel Rasmussen, Chair Ways and Means



Wishing a Happy Birthday to:

Sondra Ahlers 9/22
Marilyn Cromer 9/7
Maureen Holloway 9/7
Nora Schell 9/27
Carol Wittman 9/8

Barbara Bergstrom 9/7
Diane Flader 9/20
Ellen Kristensen 9/26
Virginia Seel 9/7

Claudia Breese 9/23
Svetlana Gubnitskaya 9/3
Jean Pinder 9/14
Nancy Vicars 9/24



On August 4, 2017, we had our first joint fundraiser with Central Florida Vocal Arts. Attendees were treated to vocal selections from the golden age of Broadway Musicals as well as The Merry Widow. Also performing were students of the Central Florida Vocal Arts faculty. It was a glorious evening catered by Puff 'n Stuff and sponsored by Chris and Chip Bush. The event raised \$1126.58 for the Woman's Club charitable giving fund and Central Florida Vocal Arts.



The **Scholarship Committee** would like to welcome and introduce you to some of our newest scholar recipients.... By Barbara Hughes



Sierra Hittel is a graduate of Hagerty High School in Seminole County who will be attending the University of Alabama and plans to be a Business Management major. Sierra has strong leadership skills. She was Class President from 2014-2016 and in the Tri-M Honor Society as well as National Honor Society, ASL Honor Society, English Honor Society, Thespian Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. She was very involved in Purebred Production as Musical Director, Stage Manager and Publicity Coordinator. She also was very active in Voices of Hagerty.

Sophia Krist graduated from Lyman High School. She will be attending Presbyterian College. Sophia is an amazing young woman who aptly balanced AP and Gifted Honors' Classes, National Honor Society, Leadership Program, Principal's Student Advisory Board, Student Council, Biology and Medical Club Vice President, Varsity Lacrosse Captain, Varsity Volleyball as well as working 18-20 hours a week at Travel Country Outfitters. Her career goal is to improve the lives of physically disabled people, particularly athletes and veterans by working in a field similar to orthopedic bioengineering with a focus on orthopedics and prosthetics.



Alexandra Moore ("Sasha"), an International Baccalaureate Winter Park High School graduate will be on her way to Stanford University this fall with a Computer Science major in her future or possibly engineering or business. She had been involved in a rigorous academic program at Winter Park High and participated in two rigorous sports. Sasha was Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team and attained two varsity letters in Crew. She was a member of National Honor Society, Physics Club and was a reporter for the International Baccalaureate Newspaper.



Chantale Ninah graduated from West Orange High School taking Advanced Placement classes and will be attending University of Central Florida as a Computer Science (STEM) major. She was in the top one percent of her class (2 out of 960 seniors). Chantale had been an active volunteer at Give Kids the World, a village that hosts children with threatening diseases, predominately cancer. She hopes that she may be able to utilize her computer technology skills to one day offer children less invasive treatment and technology advanced state-of- the art options. Chantale had served as Historian for both Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics tutoring club. She was a member of National Honor Society, Diamond Girls and AP Ambassadors.



Dear Members,

We are seeking information, to determine what needs exist within our membership, for our new Member Outreach program. Our Charitable Giving committee has excelled due to our member involvement. We want to make sure we are also looking within our membership to make sure the needs in the Club are taken care of as well. We hope to encourage our members to be a tight knit community and take care of one another.

With this goal in mind, we would love to know more about what needs you might have or what you might be willing to volunteer for, for your fellow members.

We look forward to hearing from you to help us create a program that will not only help our members but forge tighter bonds of friendship as well.

Thank you,

Member Outreach Committee

Please fill in the below questionnaire. As always, your personal information will not be shared outside of our club.

Do you need rides to meetings, Club events, etc.? Are you willing to provide rides to those in need? If yes, please let us know your needs and how best to contact you (phone, email, text):

Have you recently been injured or fallen ill? Would you like a meal delivered? Do you need any errands run? Would you like a friendly visitor? Are you able to help our members who have needs of this sort? If yes, please let us know your needs and how best to contact you (phone, email, text):

Are you homebound or a full time care giver of a spouse or family member? Would you like a visit from a member? Would you be willing to visit members? If yes, please let us know your needs and how best to contact you (phone, email, text):

Are you interested in attending more events with friends? Going out to dinner or happy hour? Attending plays or movies? If yes, please let us know the best way to contact you (phone, text, or email)

Are you facing a difficult situation? Do you need prayer for yourself or family members? Would you like this need shared? If yes, please let us know below.

Are you willing to bake cookies, bring tea, visit, etc. for our members in need?

Are there any other needs within our membership that you know of? Please let us know!

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.
P.O. BOX 1433 WINTER PARK, FL 32790**

Your Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Birth Month _____ Day _____

Please check if you do **not** want your information published in directory: Phone ___ Cell ___ Email ___

Please list professional experience and volunteer interests:

Please indicate your interest in other committees:

Ways & Means: Labor Day Rummage Sale _____ Spring Woman's Show _____ Founder's Day _____
Bake Sale _____ Auctions _____ Bingo _____ Raffles _____

Community Service: Adult Literacy _____ Salvation Army _____ Orlando Rescue Mission _____
Winter Park Housing _____ Dress for Success _____ Other? _____

Programs: Music _____ Art _____ Literature _____ Travel _____ Health _____ Drama _____ Other? _____

Hospitality: Greeter/Pourer _____ Centerpieces _____ Kitchen Assistants _____ Sandwiches/Cookies _____
Linen cleaning _____

Lunches: Fall _____ Holiday _____ Fashion Show _____ Dinner on the Avenue _____

Scholarship: Review applications, Interview Candidates & Make Decisions _____

Publicity: _____ Website & Facebook _____ Finance Chair or Treasurer _____

Fundraising Committee _____ **House Preservation Committee** _____ **Club History** _____

Membership Committee _____ **House** _____ **Landscaping** _____ **Legal Issues** _____

Holiday Parade _____ **Holiday Tree in the Park** _____

Please add check for your dues -----(\$95)

New member initiation (one time)----- (\$25)

Voluntary donation-----

Total _____