# THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC. APRIL 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Woman's Club members,

It is difficult to comprehend that it was just two weeks ago that we gathered to hear Judge Larry Kirkwood's talk on genealogy and to share a lovely tea with fellow members. It feels like months ago.

But, we are doing what strong women do when faced with strange times; we take stock and follow the advice of the wonderful Tennessee coach Pat Summitt who said the way forward is always, "Left foot. Right foot. Breathe."

At this time we **know** that the hard work put into raising funds for donations to local groups was worth every box lugged to the rummage sale or centerpiece assembled and raffled or baked goods lovingly made and wrapped with bows. When you read what our Charitable Giving group was able to do, please give them and yourself a pat on the back for being able to send help where it is truly needed.

Our Scholarship Committee is also carrying on with their work and is reviewing applications sent in by amazing students who are losing the rest of their senior year of high school while trying to plan ahead for college.

Woman's Club members who came before us had the foresight to start our fund and generous donors built and continue to build it so that these young people will have the assistance they need.

Helping renters as they try to re-plan their events has been quite a task and for that we thank Aycha who is working from home, checking on the home schooling and keeping us organized.

While we are being asked to stay home, we will. If you need to reach us, our email is monitored regularly and we love hearing from you about how you are doing.



Nancy Miles

# **April Programs**

Bingo! Birds of Prey! Farmgal Flowers! Steinmart Fashions! Tanner Johnson, Violinist!

The Program Committee is looking forward to enjoying each and every one of them as soon as we can resume our Thursday Speaker Programs. Susan Hendren, Program Committee Co-chair, and I will be planning for new speaker programs, so please email me your recommendations.

In the meantime, we are learning about some new adventures through remote meeting and conferencing. We want to encourage each of our Woman's Club members to document an event in your life that marks this tumultuous period. Write a journal page, sketch an imaginative idea, snap a photo/video or write a poem. The choice is yours.

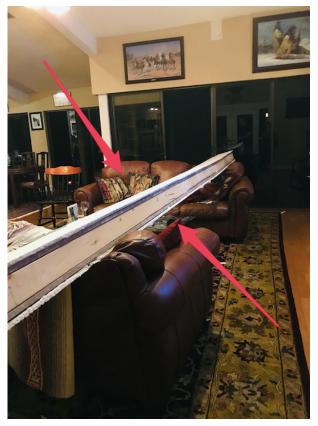
We will plan a special in-person meeting to share all of our insights and develop a new archive in the process.

Your experiences will follow the example of our founding members who documented and survived the Spanish Flu in 1918, World War I, World War II, September 11<sup>th</sup> and more. Your stories belong in the archives of our Woman's Club!

Here is my most creepy moment so far:

Last Monday evening, Dale and I were relaxing in our living room. We were thinking that we were safe at home and could weather the storm of the pandemic. Suddenly this gigantic ceiling beam crashed down in our living room! It crunched our leather couches but miraculously missed us (and our glasses of wine)!

The event left me with an odd but amazing new attitude: I believe that somehow I am meant to survive this current calamity and be with all of you at our Woman's Club very soon!



JoAnne Bandy, Programs Chair

#### **Announcements**

## **Charitable Giving Committee**



Thank you to all of the members that contributed items for the pantry at The Russell Home for Atypical Children.

They were thrilled to get the supplies as we were the first aid they had received since the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Charitable Giving committee met on March 24 via conference call and the following grants were decided upon:

Adult Literacy League \$1000 A Gift for Teaching \$1000 Central Florida Vocal Arts \$600 Family Promise \$2000 Health Care Center for the Homeless \$500 Neighbors Network \$500 Ruby Holland Foundation \$600 Russell Home for Atypical Children \$2000 Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Kindergarten, Inc. \$500 Winter Park Housing Authority \$300 - The Meadows \$1000

Our next project will be backpacks and school supplies for the children at The Meadows. This will take place in August.

Thank you all again for being such a caring & compassionate group of women. These projects wouldn't be as successful as they are without your help. May this find you well and at peace.

Chris Bush, Charitable Giving Chair

### **Membership Committee**

We are happy to report that 22 new members joined the Woman's Club during 2019-2020. We hope that you have met many of them and might even run into a few this summer. Most of the new members got involved in activities early in the year. This has made us an even stronger organization finding new friends and helping to develop a kinder community.

Martha McHenry Olga Gretchen Sue Busby KimberlyGriffin Evelyn Pass Janet Barry Ali DeMaria

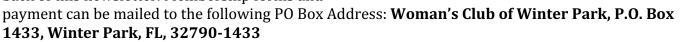
- Ann Rorabaugh Sandie Waldheim Heather Michael Rosemary Maisenholder Juliet Bonner Jennifer Lenos Lurene Braswell Meriam Bahaari
- Diana Secor Betty Wasicek Sue Hendron Meghan McGee Katie Campbell Ruth Hartman Debra Glaser

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all those that have sent in their membership registration forms and payments.

Woman's Club Memberships renewals are now due for the 2020-2021 period.

Please find the membership registration form at the back of this newsletter. Membership forms and



Sandra Blossey, Julie Caton Membership Chairs

- 4/17 Frances Biddix
- 4/30 Elizabeth Brothers
- 4/7 Lorena Dunlap
- 4/2 Joan Gfeller
- 4/11 Ruth Hartman
- 4/16 Margaret Kunz
- 4/5 Janne Lane
- 4/4 Diane Sandquist
- 4/26 Sheila Spitler
- 4/15 Jane Watkins

#### **Please Welcome Our Newest Member!**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

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