

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

SEPTEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

Greetings and I hope that you have enjoyed the few recent whiffs of slightly cooler air – well, at least early in the mornings! This is how we know that fall is nearing and, after a very strange spring and summer, we are oh-so-close to gathering again for programs and teas.

Our Membership Tea, where we get together after a summer of travel and busyness (in normal years, anyway) is also where we encourage you to invite new members to check out the club and hear about what we do in our 106-year young Woman's club. The Tea has traditionally happened at the end of September and this year we delayed it for a few weeks to **October 15th** at 2:00 p.m.

The Programs Committee has put together a wonderful list of speakers and performers that will run each Thursday afternoon throughout October and November. You will see in this partial calendar from the Programs group that we decided to do our planning in segments rather than for the entire year as is our tradition. The reason for this is to see how things go for these first two months and to see whether you want us to make adjustments after these trial months. To date no luncheons have been planned as we are still following the county guidelines limiting us to 65 seated guests. Our always popular Taster's Choice pot-luck gatherings will also be reevaluated after the New Year.

We will be doing all programs both in-person at the club and on Zoom to accommodate everyone's needs. If you are planning on coming in person, you will find a very clean clubhouse with chairs spaced out at distances suggested by guidelines and masks will be required except when eating or drinking. For at least the fall months, our treats will be commercially prepared and wrapped for your safety.

If you will be joining us on Zoom, we will send you clear directions for how to join us, not only for the speaker part of the program, but also for the tea portion where our wandering camera will do brief interviews with members in attendance.

We thank everyone who returned their survey forms as your thoughts and concerns were extremely helpful to us while we geared up our fall programming. We know from your comments that some of you are ready to come back in person and that some of you will be attending remotely for some months. Whether we see you here at the club or on our big Zoom screen, we will be so very happy to have you back in our lives.

Finally, I have to once again thank everyone who supported our still ongoing mask project. So far, we have lost over \$30,000 in rental income due to the shutdown and the very hands-on mask project has brought in a bit over \$11,000 in donations. It helps. It all helps and the way so many of you donated fabric or supplies, helped on one of our "Bee" days or brought your family and friends to choose masks is truly heartwarming. Thank you all,

Nancy Miles

Programs Committee Reports!



Member Survey—Reopening for Meetings

We Asked & You Answered!

Thank you everyone who responded to our Member Survey for Reopening the Woman's Club for Member Meetings.

We asked several questions of the membership regarding getting together at the Clubhouse and virtual meetings. The 21 respondents have helped us make some decisions going forward to October and November meetings. Thanks also to Aycha for forwarding the surveys to me so we could tally the results.

SUMMARY

- 1) **VIRTUAL MEETINGS PREFERENCE:** Almost half of the respondents indicated that **Zoom** was the preferred method of meeting virtually. About half said they do not want to meet virtually or are not sure.
- 2) **IN-PERSON MEETINGS PREFERENCE:** About half of the respondents want to meet in October, and about half want to wait until a vaccine against Covid-19 is available. A smaller number wanted to begin ASAP or wait until early 2021.
- 3) **HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** The health and safety precautions required by the City of Winter Park were supported by almost all of the respondents. These precautions include socially distanced seating, masks, hand sanitizer, deep cleaning and bottled waters. About half of the respondents liked catered food only.
- 4) **RECOMMENDED SPEAKERS:** Four respondents recommended individuals for presentations to our Member Meetings. Thanks! We have included them as potential speakers for upcoming meetings.
- 5) **COMMENTS:** Several of the surveys included very positive comments about keeping our beautiful Woman's Club actively supporting our mission in our community. The respondents appreciated the upkeep of the Clubhouse and gardens, the charitable and scholarship programs and the leadership through such a difficult time.

As we proceed with caution and are gearing up to start our programs, we would like you to know, that none of this is possible without you! Thank you for your taking part in our re-opening decision making process. **Next, please find a sneak peek onto our first 2 virtual programs upcoming in October!**

JoAnne Bandy & Susan Hendren, Programs Co-chairs

October Programs Sneak Peak



Thursday, October 22nd, 2020, 2PM: Civil Discourse, Mutual Respect: Civility Possee

Our first speaker for the fall season is long time Winter Park resident Dykes Everett who, besides a long active career in land use and conservation law, is also a founding member of The Civility Possee; an organization in Winter Park dedicated to restoring and fostering civil community debate and decision making. The need for civil discourse and mutual respect has never been higher and we invite you to be a part of this great program.

Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 2 PM: Art Of Conscious Communication When It Comes To A Virtual World

During this presentation, Mr. Jamie Miller will share higher level communication skills and techniques on how to engage people on a Virtual Platform. Would you agree we are living in a new world and therefore must master virtual communication? There will be at least 4 strategies taught that can be implemented quickly following the presentation, meaning those in attendance get to benefit from them immediately. Does this seem like a pertinent topic that you're intrigued to learn more about?

Jamie Miller has been referred to as the "Dr. of Communication" aka the "Wizard of Communication." His clients range from National Corporations all the way to individual Entrepreneurs. The mission is always to leave everyone feeling better off when it comes to their awareness on how to communicate effectively.





Artisan Showcase Date Change

Dear members, please note the date change for Artisan Showcase to Saturday, November, 14, 2020. Please contact **Natalie Hill** for a copy of the registration form for yourself or others you think may be interested to showcase their creations. **Natalie can be contacted 407-951-7195.**

Committee Updates

Charitable Giving



In the month of August, we collected personal products for the West Orange High School Clinic. Twenty-one members and 2 non-members contributed donations. Receipts totaled \$508.00. Thank you to all that participated. It is greatly appreciated!

Chris Bush, Chair, Charitable Giving

House



Terrace Door Restoration nearly complete!

Happy to be reporting in and updating you as we continue to complete and add still more projects! We are so excited for those that will be able to join us for our October 15th Membership Tea, and see firsthand all of these projects we've shared in the prior Highlights, in person. For those that will be joining on Zoom and FB, we will take you on a little tour of your own! Thank you to those who have provided funds to our operating budget making it possible to have Chip and Freddy tackle some "deep cleaning" that we would otherwise have to put on hold.

One set to go, with end of the month target date. Good news ...most all of the original glass was salvageable, and nearly matching glass was able to be obtained to replace a very limited number of panes. Frank, Curt, Alexis, and rest of the Roark crew had a fun time guessing just how many coats of paint they removed just to begin the restoration ...however they also marveled at lack of any wood rot!!



First time in the pool at Mimi and Papa's!



Ready for a walk on the beautiful Destin Beach.



7 mos. Sitting Up All By Myself. For a bit..



Reading the paper with Papa

Watching Sally's Waves, lights out- headed back to Grammies, a bit more inland!

Oh my!! Tessa's first year memory book has some unexpected entries ... As we speak, Mommy, Daddy, and Miss T are hunkering down with Grammie and Grandfather Stoewe near Destin, yes in the panhandle!! 😞

~ Karen (Mimi) Rodda, House Chair

Membership Tea & Renewals



Mark your calendars now for our Membership Tea to be held at the Woman's Club on **Thursday, October 15 at 2pm**. Refreshments will be safely provided. Please plan to bring a friend or two and join us in learning about the wonderful work our many committees do in the community while enjoying our newly completed landscaping.

If you have not done so already, please kindly send in your dues to our P.O.Box address. We look forward to seeing you!

Julie Caton & Patricia Johnson, Membership Chairs



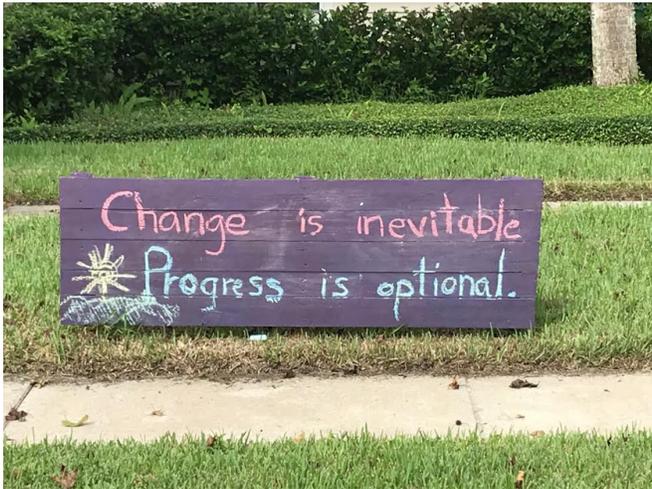
SAVE THE ITEMS!!!

For the WCWP 1ST Online Auction

Our Rummage Sale has been postponed until next March, and fingers crossed it goes as planned. In the meantime, you don't have to store *all* the items you are gathering until that sale. Using an online bidding site, from **November 7-14th**, we will have an online auction, featuring items such as art, china, glassware, jewelry, furniture, antiques, crafts, collectibles, and more. What items do you have at home that would intrigue people to

bid? You may even want to put together a themed basket (one of our members has already told us she will make an Italian basket!! And – we have a few baskets to put your items in if you don't.) Have you received a gift card you don't wish to use? Do you know a business or individual who could donate a GC or item to promote their business? Ask them. ***Now is the time to get in touch with me regarding items and ideas you have for the auction.*** We would ask you to take one or two attractive pictures of each item/s, basket when they are ready; if this is impossible, we will help with taking pictures. Next week I will send out examples of items/pictures I have received to use as a guideline. We may also be able to pair your item with like ones to auction together. To give you an idea of what an auction may look like, please go to Bidding Owl on the internet – Florida House is now doing an auction through September 19th - and click on some of their items to get an idea of what ours will look like. Let's build enthusiasm for this event! Please contact **Cindy Abeel** at the phone or email below for information, to submit items, or for questions or comments.

Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair



CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. PROGRESS IS OPTIONAL.

Our member and historian Kim Mould shared a moment that inspired us on behalf of the Woman's Club.

Kim was mentioning to our member Kathy Parham over a phone call about a sign that she saw in her neighbor's yard. The neighbor is a schoolteacher who changes the written-in-chalk uplifting messages daily. The sign said: *"Change is inevitable. Progress (Growth) is optional."*

This got Kim (and us!) thinking that this club year may be different, indeed for years to come.

As many members before us did gracefully, with tenacity and without hesitation; why not embrace that change and to look at it with a shift of perspective and see it as a positive! Could this be our Woman's Club motto for this year?

"Change is inevitable. Progress is optional."

9/27	Janet Barry
9/23	Claudie Breese
9/22	Sandra Colonel
9/7	Marilyn Cromer
9/6	Ruth Heine
9/7	Maureen Holloway
9/26	Ellen Kristensen
9/28	Glenda McClure
9/20	Martha McHenry
9/14	Jean Pinder
9/27	Nora Schell
9/14	Diana Secor
9/24	Nancy Vicars
9/24	Rosemary Williams-Hall

