

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

NOVEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

We have had our first real "open all of the windows" day which means, even if it is 88 tomorrow, our Florida fall is finally here. Our programs are off to a good start with even more great speakers and artists ahead of us in the next several weeks. If you are attending in person, it is great to see you, and if you are Zooming into the clubhouse, we enjoy "seeing" you on the big screen and chatting a bit with you while those in the club are having a cup of tea. We seem to be learning something new about Zoom each week depending on the format of the program. I am grateful for this technology which has allowed our committees to keep working through the last many months and now for members at home to attend our programs. If we have an occasional glitch, we appreciate your patience and understanding as with each "oops" there is a learning

opportunity. We do think these in-person/Zoom hybrid presentations will be continuing for some time – at least until most of our members feel comfortable returning to gatherings. For those attending in person, we are going to offer cold bottled water and hot water with a choice of tea bags to enjoy during the program while seated at tables.

If you have not yet tried Zoom but would like to, email me and I can step you through it and even do a "test" meeting. If you are already Zooming, you might notice that some of your fellow members are wearing earbuds or headphones while in the meetings. These can help tremendously and, considering that we may be living with this for months to come, might be a worthwhile investment.

We have some special events coming up: an **online auction** that has great items listed and waiting for your bids. As you know, we should have had our lucrative Rummage Sale on Labor Day weekend but we could not have those large crowds so these items on offer are the BEST and most special items and you will not want to miss this opportunity. The auction will open on the morning of **Nov. 7th** and before that date we will send you exact directions on **Bidding Owl** which is a wonderful site that helps non-profits like us host auctions.

The Artisan Showcase on Nov. 14th is another great opportunity to support local crafters while getting your holiday shopping done. Even if we might need fewer hostess gifts as many parties will be downsized or canceled, this year might be an especially good time to show your appreciation to everyone around you with some special handmade gifts. The show will take place on a weekend when the city is closing down Park Avenue for outdoor dining but, not to worry, we have parking at our clubhouse! You can shop the show and then lunch outdoors at one of our favorite local restaurants without having to search for a parking spot!

Many thanks!

Nancy Miles

November Programs



Thursday, November 5, 2020, 2PM: The Healing Spirit of Music; Theresa Smith-Levin, Executive Director, CFVA
Art unites and inspires! Join Central Florida Vocal Arts and Opera del Sol this Thursday at 2 PM as we share performances from our recent celebration of World Opera Day, as well as excerpts of our favorite digital performances since the beginning of the pandemic.

Hosted by Executive Director and Woman's Club member, Theresa Smith-Levin, we invite you to enjoy the healing and uniting power of the human voice and welcome the opportunity for dialogue regarding the state of the arts industry in our Central Florida community.

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 2PM: The World of Books: Writer, Publisher, Libraries, Schools and Virtual Events; Lauren Zimmerman, Owner, the Writer's Block Store

Ms. Zimmerman will share with us what it is like working with major book publishers and authors, tell us about their virtual events, and how our community and schools have come together to adapt to learn to grow through the power of reading and books.

Serving the Orlando area since 2014,



Writer's Block Bookstore is Central Florida's full-service independent bookstore with locations in Winter Park and in Winter Garden. Writer's Block commitment to literacy, reading, and community engagement for life-long learning is showcased through its events, book clubs, virtual book fairs, online Sunshine State and more. Ms. Zimmerman found herself at a crossroads after raising a family and navigating two demanding and diverse back-to-back careers in Law and Interior Architecture. She was in the midst of finishing her Master's degree in social work when lightning struck in the form of a late night epiphany. It was then she decided to open an independent community bookstore instead.



Thursday, November 19, 2PM: Adult Literacy League of Central Florida; Gina Soloman, Executive Director

Gina Soloman, Executive Director of Adult Literacy League of Central Florida, will tell us about the history and purpose of this organization: to build a literate Central Florida Community. We will learn how important Adult Literacy has been for the improvement of life for so many adult residents of our community during the League's 50+ years of service, and how volunteerism makes a big difference in serving 3,000 adults every year.

The Adult Literacy League was founded by a group of women – educators and school administrators in 1968. The students served today mirror the Central Florida population: a high immigration population, who want to help their children with school; support their families; and become a part of our community. Ms. Soloman joined the League as a volunteer tutor. She has served US Peace Corps as an English teacher, and later was hired by the League to develop its English Language Literacy Program and recently promoted to Executive Director position. Ms. Soloman has a BA in Political Science from UCF and an MBA from the Cummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College.

Announcements & Committee Updates



Charitable Giving

The Salvation Army stockings we have been collecting are due on Thursday, November 19th. They can be dropped off at the club on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 or my house. Just let me know.

Canned goods can be brought to the club on Thursdays. This will also end on Nov. 19. Many thanks for your wonderful participation in these endeavors. Again, thank you for going above and beyond in this season of giving.

Chris Bush, Charitable Giving Chair

Garden Day at WCWP **November 11, 2020**

Dear Gardeners of the WCWP, We'll be hosting our next garden day at the beautiful Woman's Club on **Wed, Nov. 11th, 8:30-10am**, & you're invited! Do you have your garden gloves? **RSVP at 407.740.8944** or just show up! Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge.

Jackie Byrd Thompson, Grounds Chair



Artisan's Showcase **November 14, 2020**



We have twenty tables ready for the November 14th event and all WCWP members are encouraged to come and support this special event. These vendors are counting on you to come by and see what they have to offer. I want them to all feel welcomed and to have a good experience benefiting our community's small businesses and artisans! Spread the word to your friends, families and neighbors and have a good turnout. If anyone is free to assist as greeters or "cafe" helpers, please let me know by **texting** or calling **740-503-8057**.

Thanks!! **Natalie Hill**

Annual Tree Decorating **December 1, 2020**

We look forward to seeing all members that can join decorate our annual Christmas tree on Park Avenue at **9AM on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020**. To RSVP and for more information, please contact **our member Nancy Flaherty**.





**REMINDER: OUR FIRST ONLINE AUCTION IS
NOVEMBER 7-14, 2020**

We are *We are looking to YOU to donate items, gift cards/certificates, or gift baskets* and also to spread the word to your friends to bid on our first online auction. Please call and email Cindy Abeel at [407 690-0086](tel:4076900086) | Zsuzs1@earthlink.net with donations and questions.

To see what an online auction looks like, please go to www.biddingowl.com and click on a live auction.

*Cindy Abeel
Ways and Means Chair*

COMMUNITY OUTDOOR EVENT

Free Daytime Admission Days at Leu Gardens:

Monday, December 7, 2020

Monday, January 4, 2021

1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803

Telephone 407.246.2620

**Free daytime admission days will be suspended during the Dinosaur Invasion exhibit, January 18 – April 18, 2021*



11/18	Lindy Freeman
11/20	Elizabeth Fullington
11/14	Natalie Hill
11/30	Elaine Laegeler
11/23	Jan Miller
11/23	Meredith Murphy
11/9	Ann Hicks Murrah
11/29	Shirley Osgood
11/11	Jo Ann Palmer
11/06	Tish Stallard
11/07	Churchill Thompson
11/10	Deborah Williams

