

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

DECEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

Many of us had quieter-than-usual Thanksgivings that, while different, still allowed us to reflect on all of the things for which we are thankful. Besides my family, our friends and neighbors, our health, and the good food we shared, I am especially grateful for the many ways that our club and its members have pulled together to make sure that others in the community get some special holiday gifts. I am, as always, tremendously grateful for the generosity shown by our club members in filling a car-load of Christmas stockings and donating a car-load of canned goods to the food bank.

As we do every year, a number of families at The Meadows will be receiving Christmas packages of clothing, toys and needed items donated by all of us. **A huge thanks to Chris Bush and her committee** for the many hours of volunteer time donated to coordinate all of these projects. Chris makes it look easy, but anyone who has managed projects like this knows it takes hours of work to organize things so well.

Other members have been working just as hard this last month:

- Cindy did a phenomenal job of organizing our first ever on-line auction and she sold most of the left-over items at the Artisan Showcase.
- Natalie and crew ran a well-organized and well-attended Showcase that, for a Covid-19 event was a success.
- Churchill managed the task of herding many cats in assembling and getting printed our new Directory which every member will be receiving soon. That is a big job in normal times and Churchill managed it all from home while home schooling her grandson.
- Karen and Ken continue to polish up our clubhouse and get projects done while our rentals are quiet. The building is looking amazing and if you drive by, please note the new terrace doors which are now completely restored.

- Jackie and Alan have the grounds looking spectacular and healthy and some special areas are starting to bloom.
- Jackie has encouraged us to sew for one last mask event to be held on Park Avenue this weekend.
- Our Programs committee led by JoAnne and Susan has been doing a wonderful job with a great variety of programs -something for everyone and all “Zoomable” for our members who need to be cautious and attend remotely.
- Judy has kept our books and bank balances in good order – a FULL time volunteer job.
- Mabel has been watching our financial health and felt comfortable enough with our “burn rate” and income estimates that we finalized and approved a budget we can live with.
- Sue, Patty and the Scholarship committee will be gearing up for the next group of scholar applications. This year we will not be having a reception for the scholars but be on the lookout for a video of this year’s recipients that we are compiling.
- Sue Luongo and helpers have been keeping in touch with members who we have not been able to see this year and who we really miss.
- Patricia and Julie have done a wonderful job of organizing the Membership files and reaching out to new members.
- Kathryn and Lucy have been so flexible in providing us with beautiful and safe tea tables each week! Members and guests attending the programs feel very welcomed and relaxed.
- Meredith not only ensures that our board follows correct guidelines (and helped update rental contracts from Covid-19) but also made a generous donation to our operating expenses which is very appreciated.
- Kim is assembling a time capsule that will be a part of our celebration of the 100 years of our clubhouse.
- Nancy Flaherty once again organized the Red Pepper tree decorating.
- And, finally, **a huge thanks to all of you who attend the weekly programs in person or on Zoom** and who we get to see one way or the other each week. Your attendance, involvement and high interest is why we did not just fold up the tent and put programs on hold. Like many other local groups, we recognize your need to be involved, busy and productive whether in normal times or in these strange times.

Many thanks!
Nancy Miles

December Programs



Thursday, December 3, 2020, 2PM: Corkcicle; Kimberly Devitt, Garage to Global

Kimberly Devitt is the Business Development Manager for Corkcicle, a global lifestyle brand that makes cool things. Headquartered in Orlando, FL, Corkcicle offers a stylish and sleek collection of products designed to improve the beverage experience. What started in 2011 as an endeavor to chill wine to the perfect drinking temperature quickly evolved into a pursuit to make every sip an experience.

During her discussion, Kimberly will share more about the brand's evolution from a garage to a global marketplace, shedding light on the organization's charitable partnerships, how it pivoted its strategy during the global pandemic, and what the path looks like for a consumer product to become a

household name.

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 2PM: Beneath White Stars: Poet, Lecturer, Librarian & educator; Holly Mandelkern

Holly Mandelkern is a poet, lecturer, librarian, and educator with a special interest in Holocaust studies. Holly grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in European history and from Florida State University with a graduate degree in library science. She traveled to Poland and Israel in 1991 to study Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, and, with other educators, took classes with some of the world's leading Holocaust scholars. Inspired by the survivor and founder of this program, Vladka Meed, who worked with the underground in the Warsaw Ghetto, Holly has taught teachers about Jewish resistance and related topics for twenty years at the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida and at community, cultural, and religious events. Holly will tell us about her critically acclaimed book, *Beneath White Stars* and about three bold rescuers from the Holocaust. She will share her poetry and new songs honoring these individuals, songs based on her poems that are part of an upcoming album to be released this spring.



Thursday, December 17, 2PM: Belles & Bows and Wine Party

Belles & Bows is a Woman's Club Holiday time favorite all female, holiday quartet that has been charming audiences in the Central Florida area for the past decade. Decked in modern holiday attire, these lovely ladies add elegance and class to every performance, performing a variety of musical genres from classic carols to contemporary tunes. Starring Lisa Hulse, Olivia Figh, Danielle Smith, Gabrielle

Pitchford, Meghan Hone, Annalycia Franklin and Theresa Smith-Levin, join us for a holiday celebration on the patio for a heartwarming and inspiring afternoon of Christmas favorites while tasting some delectable wines.

Announcements & Committee Updates

Charitable Giving



Many thanks to all of you that contributed a stocking or two to the Salvation Army. We sent 55 stockings! I especially want to thank Annette Kelly and her "Neighbors Network" for contributing six of those! Also, many thanks to those that contributed canned goods. They were warmly received at the Christian Service Center.

Please note that the Christmas gifts for the families at The Meadows are due on [Thurs., December 10th](#). I will be at the club on [Wed., December 9](#) for those that wish to drop off their gifts from [12-2pm](#). Please make sure that they are wrapped and have the child's name printed clearly on the package. Many thanks for your generosity!



Wishing all of you a very happy and blessed Holiday season!

Chris Bush, Charitable Giving Chair

Garden Updates

If you enjoy strolling through Leu Gardens please mark your calendars ...

FREE Daytime Admission Days at Leu Gardens:

-Monday, December 7, 2020, -Monday, January 4, 2021, -Monday, May 3, 2021

Harry P. Leu Gardens is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803
407.246.2620, call for details

WCWP Gardening Information for December 2020:

If you enjoy gardening and being out of doors let's plan to meet in the gardens at the WCWP on the following dates (weather permitting):

Wednesdays, 8:30am to 10am. December 9th, December 16th, December 23rd. Please bring your garden gloves and any of your favorite garden equipment. (Regarding garden contributions: Seasonal Plants and bags of Mini Nugget Pine Bark are always welcome!)



Respectfully yours,

Jackie Byrd Thompson, Grounds Chair

December 2020. House Updates
Chairman, Karen Rodda

Wish List

“To preserve the history and the premises of the Woman’s Club of Winter Park,
for future generations of the members and the community.”



As we bring this crazy 2020 Calendar year to a close, our mission and purpose as shared above, has taken many turns while we march onward to 2021. The hundreds of volunteer hours, our members, spouses, and families were so willing to give to meet each 2020 project/goal, is nothing short of amazing. Preservation is alive and well!!

... And we cannot stop here, however with due respect to our Preservation Budget Donors, we do have other needs normally covered with our operations budget. Due to the extreme lack of rental event income we’ve “sliced and diced” where possible, beyond absolute necessities in our House and Grounds monthly maintenance needs.

Jackie and I have compiled a short Wish List of current and spring projects we’ve had to put on hold. We would be so appreciative if something catches your eye, or you feel you could contribute a few dollars towards one of the larger expenses.

House

1. Kitchen Faucets \$300 (\$150 each for Two faucets shared in the Stainless Triple Sinks) We have a volunteer that will install.
2. Upholstery Cleaning \$150 (All chair, bench, and wicker settee cushions)
Winter Park Cleaners
3. 2 Small Tabletop and Vanity silk flower arrangements \$60? (Bride’s Room)

Grounds

1. Mini Nugget Pine Bark \$225 (75 bags to cover all current beds)
Miller’s Hardware
2. Poinsettias \$100 (varying sizes, 4 Lyman Urns and 12 small for Japanese Blueberry tree beds in front of Terrace)
3. Spring Gerbera Daisies \$60 (To replace Poinsettia plant beds)

For Questions and Details, please contact : House, Karen Rodda kkrodde@cfl.rr.com Grounds, Jackie Byrd Thompson jackiebyrd458@gmail.com or Club email, info@womansclubofwinterpark.com and Aycha will forward to one of us.

Thank you, so looking forward to a Blessed, Improving New Year ahead
Please Stay Safe, we can do this!

Karen Rodda, Jackie Byrd-Thompson

Scholarship Committee Updates
Sue Grafton, Patty Munsey, Scholarship Chairs

It is with pride that we introduce the 2020 college scholarship recipients. Each student excelled not only in academics but also in extracurricular activities and community outreach.



Eriyan Barrett

Eriyan graduated from Oakridge High School and is attending Advent Health University majoring in nursing. She would like to become a neonatal nurse to help high risk, ill or premature babies.

Elizabeth Ugan

Elizabeth graduated from Trinity Prep. She is attending the University of Chicago. Her major is inequality, social problems and change. Elizabeth looks forward to being the voice for the underprivileged.



Raegan Adams

Raegan graduated from Winter Park. She attends Mississippi University. Her major is microbiology. Raegan hopes to be a geneticist or a physician's assistant.

Faith Silverman

Faith graduated from Oakridge High School. She is attending UCF and majoring in health science. Faith was inspired to study medicine after volunteering her time at Give Kids the World



Alicia Phan

Alicia graduated from Trinity Prep. She is attending Wake Forest and majoring in business. Alicia hopes to help corporations use their power and influence for good.

James McCoy

James attended Winter Park High School. He is attending FAU and majoring in finance and international business. James enjoyed playing goalie for Winter Park's soccer team and helped them to win multiple regional championships.



Zeroun Skinner

Zeroun graduated from Timber Creek HS. He will be majoring in accounting. Zeroun received the award for Student/Athlete with the highest grade-point average in 2020.

William Abel

William graduated from Edgewater High School. He attends Valencia and is majoring in business. William's sister is also a recipient of the Women's Club scholarship.

Sarah Bien-Aimee

Sarah graduated from Evans HS. She attends George Washington University and is majoring in health and exercise science. Her life-long plan is to remain a servant, giving up her life for service and helping others.

Ways & Means, Online Auction Update



A huge **Thank You** to every member who donated to and bid on our on line auction. After bidding closed, I displayed all auction items at the Artisan Showcase that were not sold. Almost every item left sold, with the rest being returned to the donors. I will be putting on my thinking cap for inspiration regarding other ways to raise money for our Club. If any of you have ideas, I would love to hear them. May love, peace, happiness, and good health surround you this holiday season.

Cindy Abeel, Chair, Ways and Means

Annual Red Pepper Tree Decorating

On December 1st at 9AM, our member volunteers welcomed the Winter to Florida, while enjoying an uncommon 45 Degrees Fahrenheit weather, hot coffee & fresh cake, and a cheerful start to the season. To top it off, they continued the 35-year old Woman's Club of Winter Park tradition of decorating the Red Pepper Tree on Park Avenue alongside a city employee who has been there for each of the 35 years! Thank you to Nancy Flaherty, Karen Rodda and Nancy Miles for organizing this day and to all those that were able to attend.

Until next year!



- 12/9 Karen Buchan
- 12/8 Christine Buchelli
- 12/17 Peggy Canary
- 12/27 Beverly Cox
- 12/31 Barbara Hughes
- 12/16 Jean Koivu
- 12/25 Pat Miller
- 12/26 Julie Rankin
- 12/22 Jackie Byrd-Thompson
- 12/3 Sara Woodward



A note about our Founder's Day event.

We had hoped that we would feel safe enough to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of our clubhouse this January but now feel that too many of our members would not be willing or able to attend a celebratory event right now.

We have made the decision to postpone this dinner until we can ALL attend.

Thank you for understanding..