

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

JANUARY 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

Ah, 2021. For those who follow southern U.S. traditions, the black-eyed peas are ready for New Year's Day dinner to ensure good luck for the coming year. If you follow Irish traditions, you will open your back door on New Year's Eve to let the old year out and your front door to welcome in the new year. In Brazil, you will dress all in white and in Denmark you will smash a few dishes on your front steps for the best luck. In Spain, you will eat exactly 12 grapes, one for each month of the año nuevo. In our home, we will drink wine, celebrate having our daughter here visiting, and enjoy a last holiday movie or two.

I am ready for the challenges and excitement of a new season and, most exciting, the vaccines are now within view and are the important step needed to let us all gather in person again. If you live in Orange County and you are 65 or over, you may have snagged an appointment when the "portal" was open yesterday although those same portals have closed down again until they can handle the large numbers of users. Having gone on the site to get my mom an appointment for the vaccine, I can tell you it is not an easy process if you are not used to signing up online. Once the portals reopen, I (and other club volunteers) will help any members who need help registering to do so and we can print out the QR code that you will need to show to get your shot. Because Orange County is currently only giving them at the Convention Center, we may want to see about having members who are comfortable making the drive down to Tourist-land volunteer to help our older members get there. If you are willing to help register or drive our members, please let us know. If you need help registering or getting a ride, please also let us know.

You will need this QR code to check-in at the site.



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Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

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1/13/2021, 3:00 PM - 5:00PM
Orange County Convention Center - V
9400 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32819

In the meantime, I look forward to more enlightening and interesting speaker programs as we gather in person or on Zoom. Our 2020 programs exceeded my expectations of what could be done under COVID constraints, and our last program with the wonderful and talented voices was really uplifting. We have some great programs coming up in the next month and I truly hope to see you soon.

Happy 2021!

Nancy Miles

January Programs



Thursday, January 7, 2020, 2PM: Sheila DeCiccio, WP City Commission

Sheila DeCiccio is a business owner, attorney, community volunteer, wife, and mother who has lived in Winter Park for 38 years. Sheila is currently an active member of the WP Rotary, the Winter Park Land Trust, the Polasek Museum & Gardens, the Winter Park History Museum. And the Council of 101 which supports the Orlando Museum of Art. Sheila and Dan are members of St. Margaret Mary Church. Sheila also carves out time to serve our community on several City of Winter Park boards. From 2009 to 2013, she served on the Code Compliance Board. She then served on the Planning and Zoning Board from 2013 to 2019. In 2020, Sheila was elected to the Winter Park City Commission, Seat 2.

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2PM: Michael Perkins, Orange County Regional History Center

Michael Perkins has 25 years' experience as a museum professional. Perkins currently manages a multi-million dollar public-private partnership between the Historical Society of Central Florida and the Orange County Regional History Center; entities that jointly operate the history museum located in the restored 1927 courthouse in downtown Orlando.

Over the past 20 years he curated more than 15 major national exhibits, 60 smaller exhibits and countless public programs related to exhibits. Mr. Perkins holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from UCF and two undergraduate degrees; one in History and one in Business Administration both from Michigan State University. He lives in Orlando with his wife, an educator with Orange County Public Schools.



Thursday, January 21, 2021, Woman's Club 100 Year Celebration, 10 Decades of Musical Memories

It's time to celebrate—with safety and health in mind! **Our beloved Woman's Club of Winter Park Clubhouse is 100 years old today, January 21, 2021!** We will begin our year-long celebration at 2PM at the Clubhouse as well as on Zoom. Please join us for "10 Decades of Musical Memories" sure to include some of your favorites. The attached document is an answer sheet to an interactive trivia game created by Susan Hendren and JoAnne Bandy. Please print it at home and bring it

with you to our celebration, or have it handy when you Zoom in. Our party will conclude with a special champagne toast to the heritage and the future of the Woman's Club of Winter Park.

Thursday, January 28, 2PM: Meriam Chedli, Bahaari

Meriam Chedli is the Founder of Bahaari, a globally inspired lifestyle brand that creates distinctive handbags & lifestyle objects, born out of admiration for strong women and passion for cultures, textiles and travel. Born and raised in the most magical place on earth, in the Kivu Region of DR Congo, where mother earth looks her most breathtaking. It was there that emerged her love and passion for bold prints and vivid colors of the rich textiles used in her collection, the African wax prints.

Meriam takes pride in designing and hand-crafting small-batch, limited-edition collections, that are personal adornments for years to come, a feast for the eye where versatility meets beautiful functionality. All her collection is designed and hand-crafted in her home studio in Orlando. During her discussion, Meriam will embark us on a voyage that started miles away with influences of different region of the world. She will tell us about the origin of this rich and unique textile, the African wax print, the stories, the language behind the prints and colors, as well as how it is celebrated in the African culture...especially by Women.



Announcements & Committee Updates

Charitable Giving



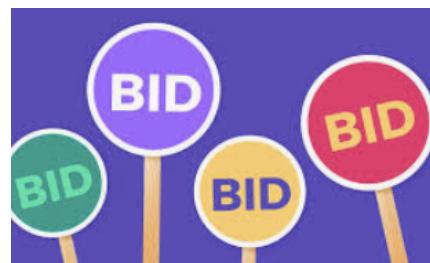
A huge thank you to all of you that contributed to the Winter Park Housing Authority Christmas at The Meadows for our 4 families. Whether by purchasing a gift or sending money, we couldn't have done it without your contributions. May your New Year's be happy and bright!

With a grateful heart,
Chris Bush, Charitable Giving Chair

(We are grateful to Chris Bush for her giving heart & wish her a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY on this day, Dec. 31st!)

WAYS AND MEANS, SPRING ONLINE AUCTION!

Because the Club is planning a second Artisan Showcase for March, I am planning a **second online auction!** The auction will be **from Friday, March 5th through Friday, March 12th**. Any items not selling at the auction will be up for sale the next day at the Showcase. Please think of what you might be able to donate. I would love to see more baskets with themes. Would you be willing to ask businesses you frequent – stores, restaurants, service providers - for gift cards/certificates? These sell easily and well. Perhaps you did some sprucing up during the holidays and have some home decorations/small furniture/kitchenware, etc. you can tearfully – or not- bid goodbye. Jewelry sold very well at the last sale, as did handmade items, sports memorabilia and practical items for the home. How about some actual plants from your garden? I will also be accepting items just to put out on the table for sale at the Showcase without being in the auction, so don't discount your lower valued items. Please put on your thinking caps. Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions at 407 690-0086, Zsuzs1@earthlink.net (note, my email in the membership book is incorrect.)



We will not be accepting items with the year 2020 on them for obvious reasons. (please laugh) 😊 Aaaaaand - please watch our weekly updates, as a fundraising idea for the month of February is in the works – and everyone can participate no matter where you are!

Cindy Abeel, Chair, Ways and Means

Grounds & Gardens Update

Gratitude from the Grounds and Gardens... Thank you to ALL who contributed, in so many ways, to support the gardens of the beautiful Woman's Club of Winter Park. Listed are some of the lovely and amazing individuals who have generously contributed throughout the past year and continue their kindness as we all look forward to a healthier and brighter New Year! Many thanks to... Leslie Thomas, Sandra Blosssey, Nancy Miles, Meredith Murphy, Karen and Ken Rodda, Margaret Griffith, Judy Allen, Mabel Rasmussen, Sandi Thompson, Katie Campbell, Joan Flewelling, Alan Thompson, Baker Commercial Landscaping and Daniel's Company-Irrigation & Sprinklers.

With appreciation,
Jackie Byrd Thompson, Grounds Chair



LEU GARDENS OUTDOOR EVENT

Would you enjoy strolling through Leu Gardens? Please mark your calendars... FREE 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission Days at Leu Gardens:

Monday, January 4, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021

1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

407.246.2620, call for details.

Jackie Byrd Thompson, Grounds Chair

House Chairman Updates

Karen Rodda, January 2021



Happy New Year “2021” Here We Come!!

150+ Strong Ladies loaded with positive visions, coupled with ample patience to create a wonderful “New Normal.”

...Starting with special Thank Yous to these special Ladies making very generous donations to help us move forward with our *House & Grounds Operations Wish List*, posted in the December Highlights ...Sandra Blossey, Chris Bush, Kathy Dunn, Nancy Miles, Kim Mould, Meredith Murphy, Jo Ann Palmer, Leslie Thomas, and Rose Walleze.

The List of needed projects are all funded and well underway!! 😊

Other updates: The WCWP Board of Directors selected and approved Frank Roark’s Proposal for Painting the Exterior of our Beautiful House. Following the restoration of our beautiful Ballroom French Doors, additional W.P. CRA funds are available to cover the Painting Project; Power Washing began Wednesday and will be followed by repairing, caulking, and waterproofing all Stucco siding, Doors, and Windows. Finally, the Paint! ... and weather permitting the project is scheduled to be completed in three weeks. The interior will not be disturbed and at least one entrance will always be available, so our Thursday programs, Board meetings, and a few rentals will meet as usual, with on site and virtual options.

We are so incredibly grateful to have the City of Winter Park partner with us to preserve the history and the premises of The Woman’s Club of Winter Park!

And ...Speaking of closing out the year with as many positive updates as possible, many of you have requested a last quarter picture review?!

1. 7.5 Mo. Trying out a new mode of transportation, I got this for “mommy’s” birthday.
2. 8.5 Mo. Happy Halloween from a very cute Black Kitty.
3. 9.5 Mo. It’s Thanksgiving, but I’m helping mommy & daddy decorate for Christmas!
4. 10.5 Mo. The Dept. 56 Christmas Village, under Mimi’s piano, looks a little different this year with Santa’s newest reindeer, Miss Tessa!



Karen (Mimi) Rodda, House Chair



1/23	Arlene Bridges
111/04	Ali DeMaria
1/26	Sue Foreman
1/05	Kim Griffin
1/04	Susan Hendren
1/11	Vonnie Hogan
1/21	Carol Hueber
1/02	Jacqueline Johnson
1/21	Patricia Johnson
1/01	Cindy Price
1/25	Ann Rorabaugh
1/28	Pat Shenton
1/01	Betty Wasicek

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Woman's Club of Winter Park! Name The Tune & Artist!

NAME THAT TUNE

ARTIST

1915

1920's

1930's

1940's

1950's

1960's

1970's

1980's

1990's

2000's

2010's

2020

How many did you remember? _____

Sign your name and email the Club office YOUR SCORE for a special surprise!