

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MARCH 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

The one-year anniversary of our "put the schedule on hold" event has just passed and, while few of us thought we would still be making, "let's see if this works" decisions, we **have survived** a full year of this very different lifestyle. Those of us attending programs in person have found a newly adapted set-up that will probably remain with us going forward. Those "Zooming" in have found this helpful tool allows them to see other members and hear our diverse and informative programs. It is wonderful to see former Zoomers begin to attend in person as they have their vaccines and feel more comfortable, and it is **also** wonderful to see members on Zoom for their very first time as they give this technology a try.

I have to mention again how impressed I am with the determination and flexibility of our hard-working committees to get us through this year in a manner that, while not normal, is darn close. Our **Programs** committee ladies have outdone themselves finding interesting speakers whose expertise works well with our current in-person/virtual hybrid meetings. **Not** an easy task. Our **Membership** list has added new members over the past months and this is almost certainly because of our interesting programs and opportunities for involvement in important work. I think it is also because we are a **welcoming** club. Our **Charitable Giving** work continued without a hitch and our **Scholarship** group is gearing up for a busy spring. Our **Hospitality** ladies led by Kathryn and Lucy have really shined in their ability to make us feel welcome and safe. Our first box lunch was a great success and we expect the March 11<sup>th</sup> box luncheon to work just as well. Our **Outreach** led by Sue Luongo and helpers went over and above throughout the year keeping in touch with members who are unable to attend. Our Club **House** and **Grounds** are sparkling thanks to a lot of hard work and we are getting renewed interest in weddings and parties for next year as people feel they can plan celebrations again. Groups touring our historic club are commenting on how beautiful everything looks. Our talented Natalie Hill not only amazed us with a wonderful fashion show, but is also coordinating a second **Artisan Showcase on March 13<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a table of handmade items by our members so, if you are crafty, consider donating some of your work. Cindy Abeel has made lemonade from all of those lemons caused by the loss of last September's Rummage sale, and is building our second all virtual **Auction**. She could still use help with donations that will be enticing to buyers, so please consider donating a basket or item that people will want to fight over. All monies raised from the Auction go to our Charitable Giving fund.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our members for keeping in touch with us through emails and notes. We love hearing from you and appreciate your continued support.

Happy 2021!

*Nancy Miles*

## March Programs



### **Thursday, March 4, 2020, 2PM: Emily Braun, Spectrum Channel 13 News**

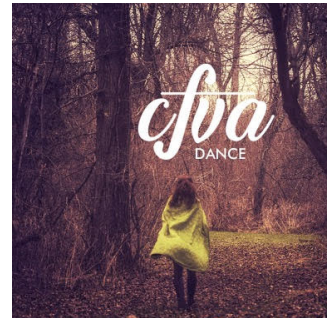
Emily believes that what makes this area so special is its diversity. She understands the value of being part of a community enriched with so many different cultures and residents from all backgrounds and walks of life. It's from their experiences and encounters that Emily draws her inspiration, allowing her to create an added dimension to her storytelling and to connect with viewers.

Emily knows first-hand that meaningful change can come by giving people a voice. She once covered a case that involved a woman who said she'd been sexually assaulted in the back of an ambulance by an EMT. The woman was initially scared to speak out publicly, but Emily respectfully encouraged her to share her story by explaining that it might provide courage to other assault victims. After a change of heart and allowing an interview with Emily, the woman found it to be a healing experience for her and gratefully thanked Emily for her work.

Due to Spectrum Channel 13 protocol Emily will tell us about her experiences virtually for the channel.

### **Thursday, March 11, 2021, 11:30AM: Luncheon & The Celtic Faeries**

We look forward to seeing everyone for our St. Patrick's Day Box Luncheon and The Celtic Faeries Celtic Dance & Music experience. Last day to RSVP is **March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Checks can be mailed to our PO Box Address for \$20/pp. **About the Program:** Shawn Lowe is the Director of Dance at Central Florida Vocal Arts. This talented ensemble, four dancers and one vocalist, will perform "Rince Na Sidhe" as we are immersed in Celtic mythology. The Celtic Faeries will take us on a mystical journey through their worlds of water, earth, air and fire. Each element is special and necessary for harmony on Earth.



### **Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM: Ann Hicks Murrah & Sabrina Bernat - Winter Park Library Update**

Ann grew up in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Illinois. She graduated from the U. of Michigan (Political Science) and soon found herself in Winter Park FL where her husband joined the faculty of Rollins College and Ann taught in the OCPS. Time and opportunities took Ann away from our beautiful City, but eventually Kenneth Murrah lured her back here (to our great benefit) where Ann has devoted much energy and expertise to helping create our new Winter Park Library. She has loved libraries since childhood and has served twice on the Winter Park Library Board.

Sabrina grew up in Citrus County, Florida on an old country road named after her mother's family. Despite the nearest town having only one stoplight, it had a library! Sabrina knew in high school that she wanted to be a Librarian, have heard the magic words "You'll never be bored!" Sabrina was graduated from the University of South Florida, BA in English Literature and Fine Art; then she completed her Masters in Library & Information Science. She is thankful for the opportunity to build a Library of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for Winter Park.

Ann Hicks Murrah and Sabrina Bernat, WPL Director, will present an update on the Library project. We will learn how different the concept of a modern library is from the style of which we have been accustomed and what the priorities were in re-allocating space for users. Ann and Sabrina will share Sir David Adjaye's vision for the Library & Event Center campus and why he chose certain features for the design.

### **Thursday, March 25 Program at 2PM: TBA**

## Announcements & Committee Updates

### Artisan Showcase March 13, 2021 9AM-3PM

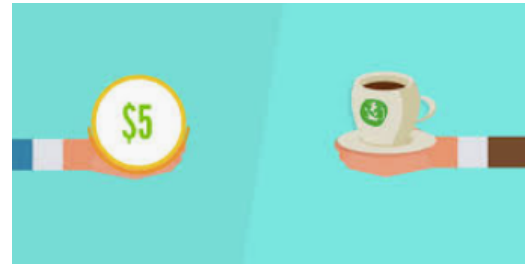


March is upon us and with it our spring Artisan Showcase on Saturday the 13th at our historic clubhouse. We are still taking interested vendors and urge ALL of you members to come out “with your masks “ and support these artisans while they support us with their table fees. We will also have a WC table for any homemade items you want to contribute. Y’all come out and see us. 🇺🇸

Contact Natalie Hill at [natnoles38@gmail.com](mailto:natnoles38@gmail.com) with any questions!

### Online Auction, Starts Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!

During the month of February, members were asked to “give it up”, give up something they would normally do and put the money aside to donate to the Club. Here we are at the end of the month. You may give your donation, by cash or check, directly to our treasurer, Judy Allen, or you can mail her a check. Thank you so much for your support!



#### **Coming up in March are the second Online Auction and our Artisan**

**Showcase!** Throughout the month of February, members received emails regarding donating to and publicizing the auction. If you have a last-minute donation or can use the donor letter, also sent in previous emails, to ask a business to donate, please do so and contact me with any donations. Publicity is our best friend to make the Auction & Artisan Showcase the most successful they can be. Since this is the last push, please use the flyer sent to you to share on social media, with organizations you belong to, with friends and family, and anyone not covered in that group!! I have sent information to places which publicize events online, and the Winter Park Chamber is helping. If you have misplaced either the donor letter or flyer, I will be happy to send you another. Lastly, please go on the auction site starting March 5, see what you like, and bid!!!

**Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair**

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### Grounds



It's a lovely time to stroll through the gardens at The Woman's Club. Spring color is here! We're always looking for ideas, suggestions and extra hands in the gardens on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

Please contact me, I'd love to chat.



**Sincerely, Jackie Byrd Thompson, Grounds Chair**  
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**Woman's Club House Report**  
**Chair, Karen Rodda**

March??? How did that happen! Here is a quick update and many more Thank Yous, to all who continue to donate time and donations, to make it all possible!!!

Nancy and I prepared a detailed report for the City of Winter Park CRA funds awarded in 2019 and 2020 for capital improvements and preservation projects to The Woman's Club House and Grounds. We had the pleasure of meeting with Peter Moore, Director of Office Management & Budget, City of Winter Park, and gave him a grand tour of the completed projects including our most recent Exterior Painting and Repairs.

Peter was incredibly pleased with everything he saw and became extremely engaged and encouraged us to pursue further funding for improving and beautifying the Fairbanks Entrance and Parking. Done, he will not have to ask twice!! Thank you, Peter, and the City of W.P. The current remaining city funds: Both the Lyman and Fairbanks Main Entry Doors and hardware need to be restored.

And last but not least: We are continuing to complete our "wish list" House & Grounds projects which so many of you graciously donated funds to our operating budget!

Hope you will ALL be able to come very soon and see for yourself. Miss you lots!

1. My 1<sup>st</sup> Valentine Picture with Papa, 4 days old 2020
2. "Look at me now" Hope you had a Great Valentine's Day 2021
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> with my Mommy Dawn, doesn't get better than this!

Happy belated Valentine's Day, I sure hope to meet all of you very soon!  
Everyone tells me it's been a crazy year, I wouldn't know about all that, I've been so busy with Mommy, Daddy, Mimi, and Papa becoming a big girl!

**Love, Tessa**



## Charitable Giving



Many thanks to all those members that contributed candy and cookies to our Valentine project and especially to those that delivered them. I know the recipients were very grateful from the thank you notes we have received.

**Our last charitable giving project will be in providing supplies for the Russell Home for Atypical Children.**

The following are the supplies that they have requested:

Non-latex gloves  
Razors for women  
Clorox wipes  
Floor & All-purpose cleaners

Lysol Wipes  
Lysol Spray  
INK- HP 64 black & color, HP 63 Black, Epson 802 Black & Color  
Copy paper 8.5 x 11

Canned Vegetables:  
Peas, Lima beans, Carrots, Northern Beans  
Plastic spoons

You may bring them to the Thursday meetings and the last day will be April 1. Thank you in advance for your very charitable hearts.

**Chris Bush,  
Charitable Giving Chair**



## Membership News

Join us in welcoming the newest members in our Winter Park Woman's Club.

**Patricia Johnson and Julie Caton  
Membership Co-Chairs**

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## Scholarship News



This is an exciting time for the Scholarship Committee! We are receiving applications and renewals daily. Only a few more days until our deadline. Being on this committee and help students be able to achieve their dreams is so rewarding. We would love to add more members to our team.

If you are interested please email me, Sue Grafton at [suenitt12@aol.com](mailto:suenitt12@aol.com) or Patty Munsey at [pmmuns@aol.com](mailto:pmmuns@aol.com)

**Sue Grafton, Patty Munsey**  
**Scholarship Chairs**

## Happy Happy Birthday!



Leslie	<b>Andreae</b>	3 20
Judi	<b>Andrews</b>	3 14
Sandra	<b>Blossey</b>	3 4
Sue	<b>Busby</b>	3 2
Sharon	<b>DeRose</b>	3 1
Nancy	<b>Flaherty</b>	3 30
Betty	<b>Gilleland</b>	3 18
Sue	<b>Grafton</b>	3 7
Aimee	<b>Kakos</b>	3 30
Deborah	<b>Kirkwood</b>	3 23
Melanie	<b>Ladines</b>	3 14
Merry	<b>Mancini</b>	3 4
Evelyn	<b>Pass</b>	3 8
Sharon	<b>Sanders</b>	3 18
Mimi	<b>Smetheram</b>	3 29