

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

APRIL 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

In my first Highlights note as President of this historic club just under two years ago, I expressed my thanks for the great leadership of those who came before me and the energy and dedication of the board members who keep the wheels turning. We all work to ensure that our missions of Charitable Giving, Scholarship and Educational speaker programs remain vital and relevant. I knew that our club was full of creative, caring members who are generous and interested in a variety of programs. Nine months into my term, I learned that our members could also be flexible. The postponement of our Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show a year ago - at a time when we still thought we could have it later that summer - was a disappointment as was the loss of the carefully planned programs for the rest of last spring.

Thanks to our Admin, Aycha, we kept in touch with each other through those first long months with frequent email notes sharing the simple, positive ways we were staying busy, what we were seeing on our daily walks, and what was inspiring us at a time when our normal activities were curtailed.

Not only were our member meetings on hold, but rental events began to postpone and cancel. We heeded advice about doing short-term planning and budgeting and knew the "run-rate" of the club is around \$5,000 per month just for the basic "keeping the lights on" items. In a normal year, rentals pay the bills not covered by member dues, but we were suddenly without rentals. A few of us made cotton fabric masks - at the time difficult to find - posted a photo on Facebook and suddenly had more demand than we could handle. We gathered to cut and pin fabric and held pick-up events where the community could make donations for masks. We raised close to \$12,000 for the masks which I still see on faces around the community. We also donated stacks of reusable masks to the Welbourne Nursery and to the Winter Park Library, donations appreciated by both groups. Generous gifts by members helped to make up our shortfall with a very special thanks owed to Meredith Murphy for her large contributions.

Our Scholarship, Charitable Giving, and Programs committees met via Zoom all summer as did the board. Scholarship gave out \$37,500 in awards to amazing students and this year will award an amount close to \$48,000 - a new high for our club. Our Charitable Giving group decided early on to help supplement the food needs at The Meadows as those low-income families suddenly found students at home full time.

While our Scholarship funds can only be used for that purpose, we count on our successful annual Rummage Sale to raise funds for local charities. In the last few years, we earned over \$7k through that sale which would be supplemented by a craft show and bake sale so that we usually had close to \$10k to give to charities. Unable to do the Rummage Sale last fall, our creative Ways and Means chair, Cindy, figured out how to host an online auction. That fall auction was successful and this spring she ran an even bigger auction that will provide Charitable Giving with funds to send out to needy organizations. Natalie organized two successful artisan shows as there was demand for a second one this spring.

JoAnne, Susan and the entire Programs committee worked hard to plan speaker events that were “Zoomable” and that would work with what became our standard in-person / remote hybrid type of meeting. The Zoom learning curve meant that we learned something new almost every week as we figured out what worked well for all attendees and what needed improvement. Zoom Co-host became a new job title.

As we finish our final month of programs for the spring season, I hope you will join us for all of these programs. I would like to give a special thanks to this year’s board and a warm welcome to the new board and especially to our new President, Natalie Hill.

Nancy Miles

April Programs



Thursday, April 1 2020, 2PM: Jaquay (juh-kway) Pearce, the Violin

Jaquay (juh-kway) Pearce was first introduced to the violin at age 7 as a student in the Orange County Public Schools’ strings program. Jaquay attended the University of Central Florida (UCF) where she participated in several master classes and performed with a variety of musicians and ensembles throughout Central Florida. Jaquay later auditioned and became a member of the Central Florida Community Arts Orchestra. She was Concertmaster for their production of “Guys & Dolls,” and First Violin for their production of “Beauty & the Beast with the Orlando Ballet,” along with several other productions.

In 2017, Jaquay auditioned and became a member of the coveted Encore! Orchestra as First Violin, and currently performs in productions. Jaquay auditioned and became a member of the string quartet Violectric, Fretless Rock and Strings Etc. in January 2017. Jaquay and ensemble has opened for acts such as Josh Groban and Joan Jett, and has collaborated/performed with charities such as Make A Wish Foundation. Jaquay is also a private violin teacher and performs for several artists throughout the area. Jaquay loves to play classical, modern and film score pieces. In her spare time, Jaquay enjoys attending anything within performing arts, and has an immense love for all things Motown.

April Programs - continued

Thursday, April 8 & 15, 2021, 2PM: History & Justice (Parts 1&2)

Attendees: Please note that these presentations will be about 75 minutes long, so please allow extra time. Ms. Rambeau will be joined by Florence French Fagan, from Bread for the World.

Lee Rambeau Kemp, Masters of Public Administration, is a native of Winter Park, Florida. Today she brings over 40 years of leadership advocacy experience as she shares her passion for helping individuals in need to lead more fulfilling lives. Lee founded the human services management firm, Rambeau Consulting Group, in 2015. She serves our community as a member of the Board of Valencia College, League of Women Voters, Welbourne Nursery, the Historical Preservation Board of Winter Park, FECS and the Interagency Council for Disabilities Agencies in NY. Lee is an advocate for voting rights, participation and protections for all citizens. She loves to read, play tennis, support the arts and spend time with family and friends.



April 8: Part 1: The presentations will lay the foundation for the myth of race, a brief discussion of the four forms of racism and what historical trauma means to the African American Community. She will follow with the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, an interactive learning experience. Attendees will begin to understand why poverty impacts people of color disproportionately in our nation.

April 15: Part 2: The racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation continues. Attendees will examine specific barriers that contributed to an overwhelming number of Americans falling below the poverty line, particularly people of color. With what the pandemic has taught us about need, the afternoon will end with reflections on actions that can be taken to address this trend.



Thursday, April 22 2021, 2 PM: Annual Silver High Tea, Rose Walleze

This will be a very special day for our Woman's Club of Winter Park! Let's all wear our best MILLINERY, BONNET, CHAPEAU, HAT for our **Annual Silver High Tea!** This special meeting will honor and feature our beloved Club member, Rose Walleze and her remarkable poetry. The Silver Bowl will welcome your contributions to help defray the loss of rental income during the pandemic. High Tea is just \$10/pp. Please make your reservations by contacting Aycha by April 26, 2021. Checks can also be mailed to our PO Box.

Thursday, April 29, 2PM: Grand Finale & The Woman's Club Board Installation

Members of the Woman's Club of Winter Park will not want to miss this year's **Grand Finale** on April 29th at 2:00 PM. The Installation of our Board of Directors for 2021-2022 will feature a celebratory toast to all as we conclude this eventful year. Attendees will also enjoy a table of delectable sweets and goodies individually wrapped for your enjoyment. Refreshments are complimentary, but please RSVP by April 23rd for the Installation Celebration so that we know you will be present!



Announcements & Updates

Charitable Giving



Charitable Giving is finishing up their last project on April 1 as we donate supplies to the Russell Home for Atypical Children. Thank you to all members that contributed to this project and to all those that have supported the various projects throughout the year.

In spite of the COVID restrictions, we have had a very successful year. I am grateful for all your support and thankful that you have such giving hearts!

**Chris Bush,
Charitable Giving Chair**

Vice President's Column



Our Spring Artisan Showcase is over and we had a good turnout with several new vendors sharing their talents. Thanks to all the WC members who came out to support the show. Due to everyone wearing masks I was not sure WHO you were in the crowd. I am preparing the folder with all the contacts for our new VP-elect, Katie Campbell who will be in charge next fall.

Membership News

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

**Patricia Johnson and Julie Caton
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Happy Happy Birthday!



Frances	Biddix	4 17
Sarah	Bradley	4 24
Elizabeth	Brothers	4 30
Lorena	Dunlap	4 17
Ruth	Hartman	4 11
Janne	Lane	4 5
Diane	Sandquist	4 4
Sheila	Spitler	4 26
Jane	Watkins	4 15
Linda	Dunlap	4 26
Joan	Gfeller	4 2
Margaret	Kuntz	4 16
Holly	Mandelkern	4 25