

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

MAY 2021

HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Woman's Club members,

Alas, the time has come for the changing of the "guard" and with it we look back over the past two years. Our outgoing president, Nancy Miles, soon to be Finance Chair, has been challenged with the pandemic and miraculously has found ways to keep us afloat as well as keeping our members in touch with zoom meetings. She has been amazing as a leader and an inspiration to all of us.

In March 2020, a few days before we were to have our March Luncheon /Fashion Show, and the Breast Cancer Walk, the world as we know it stopped. Everyone headed home to do what they needed to do, with kids learning their lessons online, and adults working from home on their computers, we ventured on.

Then came the requirements for wearing masks and Nancy found a way to bring in some funds because our rentals had ceased. As the summer months rolled on, we found ourselves teaming up to cut out masks and elastic for the ladies that could sew. Others contributed by donating material and helping out with the sales/donations on Park Avenue and in the club house. We made over \$7000 over six months.

Last fall, we were unable to hold our Annual Rummage Sale, but decided to have another Artisans Showcase and following the precautions from the Health Agencies. Tacking on the week before, Cindy Abeel coordinated our first online Auction with members donating items and working to get the word out on social media. Those two projects were so successful that we repeated them this spring. Every little bit helped.

Meanwhile, our Board has been meeting both in person and from home zooming, and our Thursday programs returned in the same manner. Finally, we graduated from tables with 2 gals up to our recent Silver Tea with 6 to a table AND a full house. We are gradually seeing the end of the tunnel and I look forward to leading you into the new norm. Motto: From Zoom to Full Room.....



Natalie Hill, President



Ode to the Board

By Natalie Hill –Inspired by Rose Walleze

*To our outgoing ladies who gave us their gifts,
We thank them for their time doing their shifts.
Sue L. who made special treats for our mams
JoAnne and Susan for their array of programs.
Mabel, our Finance wizard, miss her, we shall
To Julie of Membership, who welcomed new gals.
For those changing to wear a new hat on their head
Chris joins Patricia to Membership instead.
Leslie shifts from Recording to Correspondence
And ex-Prez Nancy will take over Finance.
Now the returnees are ready to start
Judy as Treasurer has made it an art.
Jackie, Karen of Grounds and House they do keep
While Meredith of Rules does the minutes sheet
Patty and Sue G. keep on the Scholarship berth
As Ways and Means Cindy has proved her net worth.
Churchill stays with her photos and yearbook
Plus doing the website—just take a look.
Kim has mastered the Historian role
Having plans for a time capsule to go in a hole.
The team of Lucy and Kathy can't be beat
As they do great Hospitality every week.
The newbees now go to the Big Board Table
Our Veep Katie who is really quite able.
Programs chair will be our tall
And the next Charitable Giver is Janet Barry.
To all the officers past and present,
I wish you well in your accomplishments.*

Announcements & Updates

Charitable Giving



Thank you to all those members that contributed to the Russell Home for Atypical Children. They were very appreciative of all the donations.

I will be turning over the chair of Charitable Giving to Janet Barry. I hope you will show her the same response that was shown to me. You all have been so very generous in all of our projects. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Chris Bush,
Outgoing Charitable Giving Chair**

Ways & Means Committee Update



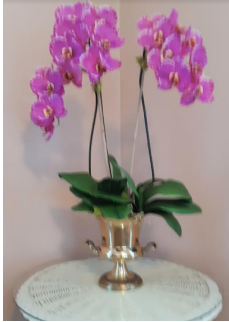
Ladies, we did it. In a tough financial year, we made around **\$4500 from our two online auctions and additional sales at the Artisan Showcases**. Thanks to all who helped, donated, and promoted these events. Don't take your work clothes off yet, however. With fingers crossed, we have set the date for our next **Rummage Sale as Saturday, September 4th!!** Now I know many of you did some cleaning out during our times at home, and some of you even downsized and moved. However, from now until the Sale, please start putting aside any items you feel would be suitable for this fun event. We will have the Monday through Friday prior to the sale to bring in, separate, price and stage for the Sale.

As this is my first attempt at running the Sale, I would appreciate all hands-on deck prior to and on Saturday. Some of you have been in charge or worked in specific areas in the past. Experience is key, so I'd love to have you help in those areas again. We will have meetings in the summer to discuss and fine tune our strategy. Please contact me at zsuzs1@earthlink.net or 407 690-0086 for questions and to let me know you are willing to help. Thanks in advance!

**Cindy Abeel,
Ways & Means Chair**

HOUSE "HIGHLIGHTS" May 2020-May 2021

Thank you for an Amazing Year!!



Yes, Amazing! The past year has been referred to in many ways; crazy, sad, confusing, tumultuous. Not so, here at The WCWP! We all pulled together and marched forward with enlightenment, organization, solutions ...**Simply Amazing!**.. As House Chair, I had the

honor, while wearing a mask and social distancing, 😊 to coordinate many House Preservation and Maintenance projects. Normally a scheduling nightmare, we were able to obtain contractors and complete the following while the Club Programs and Rental events had to be curtailed.

These **Major Historical Preservation Projects**, and some Capital maintenance were able to move forward without delay as very generous **Woman's Club Angels made Donations, and funding from the City of Winter Park was granted:** A new AC Unit- **Blair AC**, A Fence and Gate Enclosures for AC & trash bins, and a Stepping-stone Pathway around the west side of our House. Alan & Jackie Byrd Thompson and Ken & Karen Rodda pretended they were on a tropical vacation, suntan and all, while supplying the labor to install the above and begin a major clean-up of our now beautiful gardens, repair & restore Kitchen & Archive roof sections- **Janney Roofing**, restore the 3 sets of Terrace Doors- **Frank Roark, Contractor & Crew**, repair, pressure wash, and paint all exterior stucco and windows- **Gabriel Ortiz & Crew, Let's Go Painting**, pressure washing & sealing, paver parking and all sidewalks, handicap pad and ramp- **Simon Morgan**, clean-out clean-up.

The Giving continued with more Generous donations from Club Members, making it possible to fulfill our House & Grounds Wish List needs, normally covered by our Club operating budget: New Kitchen Faucets-installed by Ken Rodda, Upholstery Cleaning- **Jerry Daugherty, Dry Image Carpet Cleaning**, Floral Arrangements for Bride's Room and Office Foyer- **Alice Herndon, Via Bella Design**, Pine Bark- **Steve Miller, Miller's Hardware**, donated Seasonal plants and flowers, were lovingly planted in our Entrance Urns by Jackie, to greet us as we were able to slowly begin to gather.

Please make note and join me in thanking the many small businesses I have "**Highlighted!**"

Each and every one, presented an invoice at nearly half of original proposals and in many cases performed extra tasks over and above the stated scope of work. The City of Winter Park and the CRA Department were equally generous, please reach out to all with a thank you and remember them when you may need their services.



Thank you for your continued support and accolades, Miss Tessa and Mimi are wishing you a Healthy, Happy, and **Yes, Amazing Summer!**

**Karen Rodda,
House Chair**

Programs Committee Update



Thank you, Ladies of the Club!!!

As this eventful year has unfolded, I remain amazed and humbled by the strength and flexibility of the Woman's Club of Winter Park. Our Thursday programs have been faithfully attended by members and guests both in person and on Zoom. Our speakers and entertainers have given outstanding presentations each week. Our Zoomeister,

Nancy Miles, and the capable Chip Keefer have brought us into the world of hybrid meeting technology with expertise and kindness. Thank you Susan Hendren for all your help this past year!

And so, it is with joy and gratitude that I pass the baton of Programs to Lindsay Pelozza for our 2021-2022 Calendar Year. Congratulations Lindsay!!

Always,

JoAnne Bandy, Programs Chair

Thank you, JoAnne!

I am honored and extremely excited to take on the role as the head of the Programs Committee.

JoAnne has graciously provided me with a 10-pound container full of successful ideas from previous years. Please be on the lookout for a survey via email requesting any additional ideas or suggestions you may have for the upcoming season. I look forward to organizing a combination of fun, informative, and entertaining programs to enrich our Club experience.

Best,

Lindsay Pelozza, Incoming Programs Chair

Happy Birthday!



Esther Allen 5/11
Judy Allen 5/27
Lurene Braswell 5/4
Julie Caton 5/15
Meriam Chedli 5/20
Margaret Fail 5/26
Joan Flewelling 5/21
Sharyn Jontz 5/29
Ruth McDaniel 5/15
Nancy Miles 5/26
Kim Mould 5/8
Carol Nawrocki 5/3
Kim Roberts 5/26
Kay Simmons 5/12
Sue Springer 5/10
Cathy Wallace 5/24
Rose Walleze 5/5

Never a Farewell but a See You Soon!

The Only Constant in Life Is Change - Heraclitus



Dear Ladies of the Woman's Club of Winter Park, whoever said "time flies," certainly was wise, and most likely a woman! Whether we give life to our own or help raise others' children, whether we have furry friends or a garden we tend to: as women, *cherishing in* what we grow is embedded to our very being. And so, we see first-hand; in the blink of an eye it is time to replant the Spring garden, and our kids go to college and then have kids of their own.

It is hard to believe that it has almost been four years since past president Judy Allen hired me. Over the years, she has made many kind references to the decision to bring me aboard. Only if she knew how grateful I have been to her, to Nancy Miles, to Karen Rodda and to every one of you for countless reasons. Having left a fruitful yet draining 17-year marketing career with an M.B.A., looking to contribute to a larger-purpose, and yet not ready to leave my children for another fulltime job, I had no idea the Woman's Club would come to mean so much more than a part time job. Through your collective wisdom, kindness, selfless hearts, not only I grew on a personal level; but as women supporting women, you have encouraged my volunteer work at this and other non-profit organizations, allowed me to be there for my young family, become a volunteer master-gardener, to get Duke University trained and National Board Certified, and start a successful health & wellness career all the while working for the Woman's Club! All because of this special group of women that support all with authenticity, grace and kindness.

Indeed, this is not a farewell, but a new beginning. On Tuesdays until mid-June, Chip and I are taking part in *a different kind of change* at the Woman's Club. Through the Wellness & Strength classes we are offering, our attendees are not only getting stronger and more agile, but we all are supporting each other in taking daily actions to live a healthier lifestyle! If you are curious, email me at aycha@orlandohealthcoach.com to attend one of our sessions... Lastly, please join me extend a warm welcome to our new administrator Julie to our wonderful WCWP!

Aycha Williams

My name is **Julie Wadsworth** and I am very excited to be your new Administrative Assistant! I was born and raised in Alpharetta, GA; a suburb outside of Atlanta. Last year, my husband started a new job in Orlando so my family and I packed up during the pandemic and moved to beautiful Winter Park. I have two children. Nathan is a junior at Florida State University majoring in criminology. My youngest, Ashley, is a freshman at Savannah College of Art and Design, pursuing a degree in animation. That officially makes my husband, Matt, and I empty nesters! With an empty house, you can find us either on our paddleboards, traveling or cheering on one of our favorite teams...FSU and UGA! A couple of charities near and dear to my heart are Lighthouse Family Retreat and Canine Assistants. My professional background includes working in insurance, home health care sales/marketing and fitness.



I look forward to meeting each one of you!

Please feel free to reach out or stop by the office to see me!