

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

OCTOBER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Column

This past month went surprisingly well and started off the Centennial Year of our building with a bang. Preparations for the Rummage Sale included many new volunteers and an abundance of things to sell. That caused us to add on an extra half day with 50% off on Sunday. Then, during the last two hours, we passed out large kitchen bags, which could be filled with clothing, shoes and linens for \$10. Needless to say, we made over \$9500, a new record.

Our mid-month event, the Membership Tea, also went beyond our expectations, with 78 in attendance. Pictures were taken of the new members for the Directory and once the ladies had their tea/coffee and "crumpets," we introduced the Board Members with highlights of their jobs. It was gratifying to finally have our historic building hosting another Woman's Club event after the long summer and limited activity.

The October schedule includes a fun mixer and Ice Cream Social on the 7th, a program on Luxury Trips on the 14th, our Musical Fall Luncheon on the 21st and then the Winter Park Playhouse on the 28th. These are just a drop in the bucket as to the multiple sources of programs and activities planned for the year ahead. We hope you find lots to do and enjoy in the upcoming months.

That brings up, just what YOU can do. The Hospitality committee encourages everyone to help out at least once a month as a greeter, donator of cookies or mini-sandwiches, pourer or doing the centerpieces. The Program chair is looking for ladies to introduce the weekly programs at least once. The Charitable Giving committee will be having a variety of projects during the year where you can donate store bought items for Christmas stockings, treats for shut-in members, and supporting the Meadows Community and Welbourne Nursery to name a few.

Hopefully, our new members will find their "niche" and get a chance to meet more members along the way. This is your club and we are honored to have you join us in "What We Do...."



Natalie Hill, President

Announcements & Updates

Hospitality Committee Highlights



Based on attendance and feedback, the Membership Tea on September 23 was a huge success! Thanks to Chris Bush and Patricia Johnson, Membership Co-Chairs, for organizing this successful event. We also want to thank the many members who helped to set up for the tea and those who stayed afterwards to help clean up. We have such a great group of ladies who are always willing to jump in and help where needed, and we appreciate it! As some of our newer members are discovering, working with the Hospitality committee is a great way to engage with our club members. To those of you who are new to the club, please be sure to stop by the "Hospitality Table" in the rear of the main room at each of our meetings to sign in and check the sign-up sheets for our weekly Hospitality volunteer needs.

**Lucy McDonough & Kathy Parham,
Hospitality Co-Chairs**

Ways & Means Committee Update



Was our Rummage Sale ever a success!! Wow!! So many of you pitched in hour after hour to make it a success when I could only help from a distance. You are rewarded with an enormously financially successful sale. We will not have the total money made for a while, because we have saved unsold items, which can be sold on eBay (our club now has an eBay account thanks to Jan Bowman!) or to dealers. I do believe we will net over \$10,000.

We had some very nice seasonal items left from the Rummage Sale and plan to have a table at the Artisan Showcase to sell those items. Let's add to it! Ladies, if you have fall, Christmas or holiday items at your home you no longer want, or know someone who would like to pass on such items, please bring them in to me at the meetings leading up to the Artisan Showcase sale, scheduled for November 6th. It is wonderful to be back and see all your smiling faces!

**Cindy Abeel,
Ways & Means Chair**

Charitable Giving



The “Back to School Project” and the Membership Tea are behind us. We are ready to move forward with planning for the remainder of 2021 and 2022.

The first meeting of the Charitable Giving committee will be on Wednesday, October 20, at 10:00 am at the clubhouse. Please let me know if you are able to attend. The best way to contact me is janetcameron.barry@gmail.com If you are brand new to the Woman’s Club you are welcome to join us.

Lindsay Pelosa, our Program Chair, has arranged for a speaker from Happy Trails Animal Rescue in November. Donations are needed for their Pet Food Pantry:

Happy Trails Animal Rescue – Pet Donations Needed!!!

November 11th at 2 am – We will be welcoming Happy Trails Animal Rescue. Within their rescue, they have a Pet Food Pantry. They provide pet food along with dog and cat products to anyone within the Winter Park area in need of pet supplies. Below is a list of items they are asking for:

- Dog/Cat food of any kind
- Dog/Cat treats and toys
- Pet crates and carriers
- Puppy and kitty pads

We will have a basket available at all of our Thursday meetings in October for you to drop off your donations. During your next trip to the grocery store, please take a second to walk the dog and cat aisle and pick up something to donate. They are an amazing local rescue helping so many people throughout the Winter Park area. Please remember to submit your receipts with your name on it, to the office. Thank you!



**Janet Barry,
Charitable Giving Chair**

Membership News

The Membership Tea was a great success! We had 60 members and 18 guests present. Thank you to all that attended and to those that brought a guest, a special thank you! It wouldn't be a tea without cookies & sandwiches. Thank you to Judy Allen, Sue Busby, Kathy Parham, Kim Mould and Jackie Byrd Thompson for the delicious cookies and Janet Barry, Lucy McDonough, Rose Walleze, Sue Luongo and Nancy Miles for the tasty sandwiches. Katie Campbell, Jane Watkins, Barbara Hughes & Elaine Laegeler were our pourers. The greeters were Leslie Thomas & Chris Bush. It's going to be a great year and I know that you will all make our new members feel very welcome.

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



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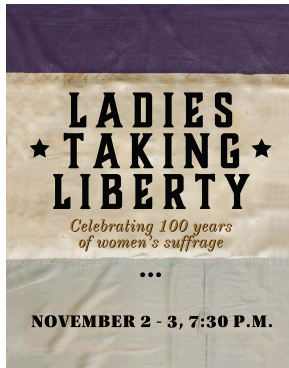
**Patricia Johnson & Chris Bush,
Membership Co-Chairs**

Happy Birthday!



Janet Womble	10/1	Kristy Dunlap	10/3
Sue Luongo	10/8	Karen Rodda	10/9
Lindsay Pelozo	10/16	Susan Talcott	10/17
Barbara Williard	10/19	Carol Card	10/20
Kay Odell	10/21	Bette Blanchfield	10/29
Sheila Merrigan	10/29	Kelly Berenbaum	10/31
Betty Wanielista	10/29		

History



Sandra Blossey kindly brought to our attention this invitation from the League of Women Voters of Volusia County. At The Athens Theatre in Deland, the play “Ladies Taking Liberty”, about the history of women’s suffrage, will have three performances, November 2 – 3, with a matinee on November 3rd at 2 pm. Here is the link to the box-office; the tickets are \$12 each, best seats \$17. The profits go to **The Education Fund for the League of Women Voters of Volusia County**. The opening night features a Suffrage March to the theatre starting at 6:30 pm at the corner of Woodland Blvd and West Indiana Avenue in front of the theatre. Wear your best suffragist outfit! Before the play begins, there is a champagne reception for theatregoers. Please contact Sandra Blossey at 407-484-6209 if you are interested in carpooling.

*The Athens Theatre requires masks. Box office link is below.

athensdeland.com/event/ladies-taking-liberty/2021-11-02

**Kim Mould,
Historian Chair**

Scholarship

There is a scholarship meeting, Monday, October 4th at 2 pm at the clubhouse. Please feel free to join us if interested on helping with the committee. Thank you.

**Sue Grafton & Patty Munsey,
Scholarship Co-Chairs**

Upcoming Programs

October 7th, 2 pm – ICE CREAM SOCIAL



October 14th, 2 pm – Luxury Trips



MEET LIZ LOFTUS – Liz is the Sales Manager for the Luxury Trips in downtown Winter Park. Luxury Trips is an award-winning boutique travel agency, with a passionate team who specializes in custom luxury travel. They don't sell packages or group departures. Their approach is a holistic one – they consider everything from the pictures you want to bring home to what time you like to wake up and saunter down to breakfast each morning. Liz combines her love for communication and maintaining relationships to help her clients fulfill their travel dreams. No request is too outlandish and she works closely with her international partners to design the perfect journey. Having crafted trips for clients to over 70 countries, each supplier they work with will go through a rigorous vetting process to ensure your safety and security as well as best-in-class service and a focus on sustainability. Liz Loftus was recently named as one of Conde Nast Traveler's 2021 Top Travel Advisors for Africa, it's clear that she is passionate about helping her clients experience the world!

She has been kind enough to allow for a 15 minute Q&A after, please have all of your questions ready!!!

October 21, 11:30 am, Fall Luncheon
Please RSVP by Sunday, October 17th - form attached



Please join us for
A Musical Fall Luncheon!
Thursday, October 21st

Lunch: The Classic 1933 Salad by George's Catering and Café. Cookies, banana bread, wine punch, etc.
Entertainment: The talented musicians of
Central Florida Vocal Arts

Cost: \$25 per person, guests welcome!

Tickets available now! Please make checks payable to The Woman's Club
Tickets may be purchased on our website via credit card (\$27 covers fees)

Name _____

Number of lunches _____ As is* _____ with turkey* _____ Veggie* _____

**The 1933 Salad contains Ham, Swiss, parmesan, olives, carrots & capers with a vinaigrette dressing. Please indicate if you prefer turkey instead of ham or a vegetarian salad.*

I would like to sit with: _____

RSVP by Sunday, October 17th

October 28th, 2 pm – The Winter Park Playhouse



MEET HEATHER ALEXANDER – Heather is the Executive Director and Co-founder of The Winter Park Playhouse. Heather is originally from Milwaukee and received her Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of North Florida. She has been a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and the professional union of actors and stage managers since 1992. She and her husband Roy Alan founded the non-profit professional musical theatre in 2002. They have four beautiful children and have been married for 29 years. You may have seen Heather in one of her numerous stage productions and cabarets, including television as the co-host of The Florida Lottery's Flamingo Fortune Game Show.

Please join us, as Heather walks us through the history of The Winter Park Playhouse. She will share the exciting new upcoming performances for the Holiday Season and the 2022 season ahead. Start planning your next visit now, grab your friends, your tickets, and support our local talent!

Friendly Reminders for Upcoming Events in November:



Paint, Sip and Swirl – RSVP by October 15th

November 13th from 1 pm - 3:30 pm (off site)– Let’s enjoy a fun Saturday afternoon together painting a work of art. We will learn all the secret techniques of painting a masterpiece!! No prior experience required. Cost is \$30 which will include a light lunch and bottle of water. You may want to bring some cash for the Cash Bar – includes soft drinks, wine and margaritas. All are invited to join including nonmembers. Even your teen grandchildren or adult children are welcome to join! (No little ones please)

For more information check out: <https://www.paintsipandswirl.com>



**Lindsay Pelozo,
Program Chair**

House

WCWP, INC. By-Laws: The Chair of the House Committee shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, and enhancement of the Clubhouse, keeping in mind its status as a historical structure. She shall be in charge of the Club maintenance employees. The House Chair is responsible for maintaining and updating as necessary the event rental agreement.

Welcome Back Ladies!! So great to see many of you at the Membership Tea and I know we are all excited to be welcoming so many new friends!! Above, you will see I have posted some information about my role as the WCWP House Chair. I have the privilege of having the “Best Ever Committee,” consisting of a super clubhouse staff, (pictured) and the Chair from each of our ten Club Committees. We work in tandem with one common goal, “To preserve the history and the premises of our Club through our continuing charitable and educational efforts in our beautiful Winter Park Community.” Our House Committee functions much like an operations team, helping to pull it all together:

1. Typically helping each unique committee facilitates a particular function or event.
2. Venue rentals, our sole means of income.

Enter ...our maintenance, audio-visual, and office staff. Here is where the House Committee assists in coordinating club and rental schedules, physical needs, and outside resources. Yes, we are a busy lot, but what an honor to share our love of the Woman’s Club and our beautiful Winter Park community!! Thank you!



Julie Wadsworth
Club Administrator



Chip Keefer
Audio Visual
Rental Venue Manager



Freddy Gutierrez
Maintenance
Rental Venue Manager

**Karen Rodda,
House Chair**