

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# DECEMBER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

"Here We Go a Caroling" into the final month of our Centennial Year with only three events on tap. First, a presentation on Fair Trade Jewelry, then our Holiday Luncheon with a Bake & Craft Sale at 11:00 am, and finally the Scholarship Reception for our college students and families at 6 pm. All on Thursdays per usual.

To recap our Thanksgiving month, we learned a bit of history during the Orlando Tours program and were informed of the many good deeds of the Happy Trails Animal Rescue. Things to do and things to know!! Then came the "Friendsgiving" Tasters Luncheon with a spread of eateries from our very own members. Lucy McDonough and Kathy Parham did a fabulous job (as always) of setting up the buffet and preparing for the event a day ahead. We had sent out invitations to the neighboring Ideal Woman's Club and had the pleasure of meeting five ladies who joined us. Our musical program of holiday tunes fit in perfectly.

The Artisan Showcase on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, turned out to be a big success under the leadership of our Katie Campbell, Prez-Elect, who managed to secure 24 tables of a variety of vendors and their wares. The weather was very cooperative and the Ways and Means table in the Board Room sold out all of the donations we had of holiday items. Thanks to Cindy Abeel for coordinating that section.

A special round of applause to Charitable Giving Chair, Janet Barry, for all her hard work with the Salvation Army stockings and the Meadows Family gift lists. She also managed to do the collecting of animal food for the Happy Trails Animal Rescue and the canned goods for the Thanksgiving drive. (clapping)

As we look forward to the New Year of 2022, we leave behind the pandemic woes and hopefully will be back to normal in many ways. Our fall months showed more participation and many new members attending our programs. It is YOUR club and it will continue to be successful in its mission with all your support. Have a Very Happy New Year!!!



*Natalie Hill, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Ways & Means Committee Update

Our table at the Artisan Showcase was a success – with those sales counting towards the Rummage Sale income, we are over \$10,000!!



We will again have our Bake and Craft Sales at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon. Sign-up sheets will be out for both at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. If you are unable to sign up, please know your goodies will be very very welcome the day of sale. We are soooo looking forward to the handmade treasures and treats made with love just for us ladies. We will be setting up the day before, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to noon. Any crafters wishing to set up at that time may do so. Please have all baked goods and crafts at the Clubhouse by 10:45 am the day of the luncheon. ***Be sure to bring some extra cash for your purchases!!!***

Cindy Abeel,  
Ways & Means Chair

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### Artisan Showcase Update



November was a thankful month and December is a joyous one. In the spirit of continual thankfulness, the Artisan Showcase Team was absolutely amazing thanks to our talented volunteers. On PR and media, Nancy Miles and Jackie Byrd-Thompson. Volunteer Jean Rife was a stalwart as always. Nancy Miles handled catering masterfully. Chip Keefer's muscles combined with our very own inimitable Julie Wadsworth's organization provided an event hosting a record 24 tables of local Artisan's goods for our community to shop.

Thanks to all who made the November 6, 2021 Artisan Showcase a resounding success with many vendors already indicating their interest in participating at our next Woman's Club of Winter Park Showcase event. You are all amazing!

Katie Campbell,  
Vice President

## Hospitality Committee Highlights



As noted in the Upcoming December Programs section of our newsletter, please join us for our annual **Holiday Luncheon** on December 9, chaired by Club member Kathy Dunn. The festivities will begin at 11:00 am with a bake sale and craft sale, followed by a "social hour" at 11:30 am. The generous lunch catered by George's Cafe will be served at noon, with holiday entertainment provided by the popular Belles

& Bows! Please use the attached invitation to RSVP and sign up for the luncheon. We hope to see you there! Guests are welcome! (Sign-up sheets for donations for the bake sale and craft sale will be available at our December 2 meeting. If you are unable to sign up, your bake sale and craft sale items will be welcome the day of the luncheon! Proceeds from the bake sale and craft sale items made by our members will benefit the Club's charitable giving. See further details in the Ways & Means Committee section of our newsletter. Any questions on the bake sale and craft sale can be directed to Cindy Abeel.)

Please RSVP for the Holiday Luncheon no later than Thursday, December 2. Due to the busy catering schedule for holiday events, we are submitting our **final** headcount to George's Cafe on Friday, December 3.



The **Friendsgiving Luncheon** on November 18 was a tremendous success due to the wonderful potluck dishes prepared and shared, the lively musical performance by Bert Rodriguez, and the welcome extended to our friends and guests. The Hospitality Co-Chairs are thankful for the many Club members who helped before, during and after the luncheon, including food prep, set-up, greeting, serving and clean up and the numerous other tasks that contributed to a successful luncheon!



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

## Grounds and Gardens

Please join us...



Everyone welcome! We just have one morning of gardening together at the Woman's Club this month, Wednesday, December 8th at 9am.

Let's meet, chat and enjoy some "garden time". A few of the little projects we plan to work on are the Club urns, adding a few new plants and as always sharing ideas!

Thank you for your time and continued support.

**Jackie Byrd Thompson,  
Grounds Chair  
(407) 740-8944**

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## Scholarship Committee



The Scholarship Committee is getting very excited about the upcoming reception! The date is December 16th, 6 pm at the Woman's Club. We would love to see our members attend. We have invited some of our neighbors and donors (invitation shown). The recipients have worked hard! How nice will it be to be able to celebrate them in person?!

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

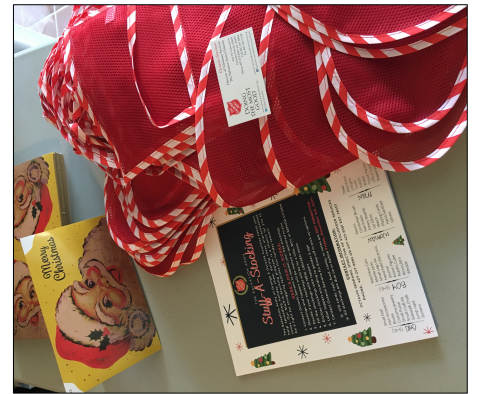
## Charitable Giving

We already have 2 projects completed, the Food Pantry drive for Thanksgiving and the Salvation Army stocking project.



This year, our members donated 8 bags of non-perishable items. The donations helped fill in gaps in the supply chain. Our donations of canned yams, tuna fish, cooking oil, peanut butter, soup, cereal and more, were brought to a larger local project, The Thanksgiving Store organized by St Margaret Mary Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. The project was a success, providing food to 500 families in our immediate area.

The Salvation Army stocking project has ended with 55 filled stockings donated by our members. We have already received a Thank You Note from the Salvation Army coordinator, Octavio. "Hola, thank you to the ladies from The Winter Park Woman's Club for supporting our Christmas stocking program. Words fail to express my gratitude. Kind regards and many blessings, Octavio."



The "Adopt-a-Family" project with the Winter Park Housing Authority at the Meadows is well underway. Wrapped and tagged gifts may be brought to the December 2 or December 9th meetings. If you enjoy gift-wrapping, you are invited to stay after the December 2 meeting to wrap gifts that the shoppers have accumulated.

Happy Holidays to all,

**Janet Barry,  
Charitable Giving Chair**

## Membership News

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



Beth Phillips (8/20)  
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**Patricia Johnson & Chris Bush,  
Membership Co-Chairs**

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## Happy Birthday!



Charlotte Nielson 12/3  
Sara Woodward 12/3  
Amanda Summers 12/8  
Christine Bucheli 12/8  
Karen Buchan 12/9  
Latonya Pelt 12/9  
Elizabeth Taylor 12/13

Jean Anne Koivu 12/16  
Peggy Canary 12/17  
Jackie Byrd Thompson 12/22  
Pat Miller 12/25  
Julia Rankin 12/26  
Bev Cox 12/27  
Karen Berg 12/29



Lillian Rea 12/29  
Diane Breth 12/31  
Chris Bush 12/31  
Pam Driscoll 12/31  
Barbara Hughes 12/31

## House Updates



Please join me as we wish “Our Freddy” a fond farewell as he leaves us to begin a new position with his current full-time employer. Freddy has given our Club a very dedicated six years, often referring to the Woman’s Club as family and from day one has always been a team player. His behind-the-scenes scope of work was always performed with self-motivation and great precision! Keeping our Clubhouse appearing as though our 2015 restoration happened just yesterday has been his goal from the moment he started with us!!

### And speaking of Restoration, Please **SAVE- THE- DATE** Founder’s Day Event, Thursday, January 20, 2022

We are planning a very special evening program and dinner to celebrate the original Dedication of our Clubhouse building, 101 Years ago, January 21, 1921 ...Yes, we had to postpone our 100 Yr. Anniversary, however during our shutdown we were so fortunate to begin the second phase of our Restoration with extensive work on the exterior stucco walls and refurbishing the three sets of Terrace French Doors. You will not want to miss this event; details will be shared very soon, so mark your calendars now!!



As 2021 draws to a close, we have all redesigned goals and met many new challenges head-on! Personally, Ken and I had a very special *tailwind* to guide us through the more trying times. We were so very blessed to be able to watch our little Tessa move on from infant to toddler, a lesson to us on how to be a better adult.

### “Through the Eyes of a Child”

Hugs



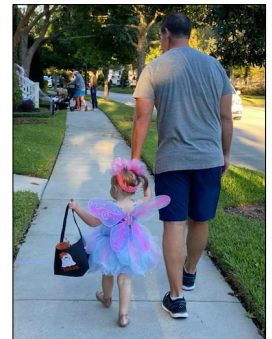
Friends



Teamwork



Support



Many thanks to all of you who were also part of the *tailwinds*, helping us all to sail through a crazy but super productive year! Just like Tessa says, when accomplishing each new challenge “I Got This!” May all your Holidays be blessed!

Gratefully Yours,

**Karen Rodda,  
House Chair**

## Upcoming December Programs

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 pm



### **MEET Melonie Rosenfarb of Noon Day Fair Trade Jewelry - Shopping with World-Changing Purpose through Fair Trade-**

Melonie will share a brief overview on statistics of world poverty and human trafficking. She will discuss how a simple purchase of jewelry, bags, or other handmade goods empowers women and families in vulnerable places around the world to avoid or overcome those realities with dignified work.

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-10: 30 am

Please join us as we walk and represent  
The Woman's Club of Winter Park in the  
69<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Park Christmas Parade





Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Holiday Luncheon



**MEET BELLES & BOWS:**

Belles & Bows is an all-female, holiday vocal ensemble that has been charming audiences in the Central Florida area for the past decade. Decked in modern holiday attire, these lovely ladies add elegance and class to every performance, performing a variety of musical genres from classic carols to contemporary tunes. They will warm your heart, lift your spirits and spread holiday cheer.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

*Holiday Luncheon*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, 11 am**

Social Hour at 11:30 am

Lunch served at noon

Entertainment - Belles 'n Bows

**\$25 PER PERSON - GUESTS WELCOME!**

*RSVP deadline is Thursday, Dec. 2nd*

Please RSVP to Julie Wadsworth in the Club office

Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

Tickets may be purchased on our website via credit card (\$27 covers fees)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Our festive luncheon menu will include a brie apple salad, banana bread, turkey and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans and chocolate brownies with walnuts...all from George's Cafe!

