

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# FEBRUARY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

Winter has arrived in all its chilly glory. Out came the turtlenecks and corduroy pants from the Ohio days, and the thermostat has been in heat mode. Love It!! Anyway, while the weather has changed so has our calendar, which was adjusted somewhat last month.

I have just returned from my second cruise in two months and am glad to be home and settled into the normal routine. We went to Mexico and a trip around the Yucatan. There was a lot of Ancient History and, of course, the testing to be able to go and come. Now for The Woman's Club and a fun-filled winter/spring.

Our programs for the month include, "Pause for the Cause" on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, with many organizations represented. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, Fairlyn Livingston and Kim Mould will share Hannibal Square history, and a themed Luau luncheon is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup>. So get out your muumuus or something Polynesian. George's Café will once again provide our boxed lunch until we can once again have a plated meal. There will be a Hawaiian songfest by two talented vocalists. Please join us.

Because the February 24<sup>th</sup> presentation by Orlando Art Museum was moved up to January, the new program will be given by our own member, Theresa Smith-Levin, the founder of Central Florida Vocal Arts. She is a teacher of voice, a producer and performer and will have a "Surprise Musical Performance" for our ladies and guests.

This will be a busy, short month (28 days). We are grateful to our Programs Chair, Lindsay, for coping with the changes to make sure we had such a great variety of agendas.



Aloha,

*Natalie Hill, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Ways & Means Committee Update



Although our annual Rummage Sale is months away, we have need of ladies who can store salable items. One member has done her spring-cleaning early and is unable to keep items she no longer needs or wants until our sale. Please step up if you have a portion of a room or garage available to help us for this very worthy upcoming cause. If we have several who can help, it will ease the burden and help any

member who needs to dispose of her items prior to the sale. Contact Cindy Abeel at 407-690-0086 or [zsuzs1@earthlink.net](mailto:zsuzs1@earthlink.net).



**Cindy Abeel,  
Ways & Means Chair**

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### Happy Birthday!



Lucy McDonough	2/3	Leslie Thomas	2/16
Roberta Willenkin	2/9	Heather Frazee	2/17
Meghan McGee	2/11	Margaret Griffith	2/17
Marilyn Shepardson	2/12	Sandra Butler	2/19
Annette Kelly	2/14	Monica Clarke	2/22
Lynne Wiley	2/15	Jeanie Freeman	2/25
Peggy Rogers	2/16	Kathy Dunn	2/27
		Barbara Breen	2/29

## Charitable Giving

Ladies, the Charitable Giving Committee has launched into 2022. We have 2 upcoming projects for February and we are ready to initiate the Annual Awards Program for Non-Profit Organizations.

### Valentine Projects:



For our first project, we will be continuing with the tradition of preparing and delivering boxed Valentine goodies to our members who have been unable to attend meetings. Judy Allen is coordinating the project for this year. We are requesting individually wrapped cookies and wrapped candy, preferably Valentine related, for these packages. If you enjoy baking Valentine cookies, yum, please package

2 or 3 cookies in sealed bags. There will be a sign-up sheet at the sign-in table. We will be assembling the 25 packages on Wednesday, Feb 9 at 10:00 am. Delivery is planned for Feb 9 and 10.

We have a new Valentine project this year that is being organized by Marilyn Cromer. This project involves bringing Valentine cards and small treat bags to each of the 35 residents at the nearby DePugh Nursing Care facility on W. Morse Blvd. For this project we are requesting individually wrapped cookies (no candy). The same sign-up sheet will be used for both projects. The bags for DePugh will be assembled on Monday, Feb 14 @ 1:15 PM at the clubhouse and delivered on the same afternoon.

Please remember to submit your receipts for your donations marked with your name and "Valentine project".

### Application for Awards to Non-Profit Organizations:



The Charitable Giving Committee is ready to start the process of award applications for non-profit organizations. There is a link for the application on the website and applications will also be available through the office. The deadline for applications will be March 31, with decisions made in April. In recent years, the awards have ranged from \$100 - \$3,000 based on need and the amount raised by our club (from the Rummage Sale, Bake Sales, Craft Sales, Silent Auctions and other fundraising

activities).

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

**Janet Barry,**  
**Charitable Giving Chair**

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## Artisan Showcase



We have scheduled our spring 2022 Artisan Showcase for Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9 am to 3 pm.

We have already received a lot of positive feedback and are looking forward to another wonderful event!

**Katie Campbell,**  
**Vice President**

## Hospitality Committee



Thanks to all of our club members who have volunteered at our weekly programs this club year. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to volunteer, it's not too late! Our volunteer sign-up sheets for February, March, and April have many openings for greeters, tea and coffee pourers, packaged treats, and centerpieces. To schedule our many volunteers, the Hospitality Committee has sign-up sheets for each program throughout the club year. These volunteer sign-up sheets can be found on the "Hospitality Table" at each of our meetings. In addition, the weekly "This Week at the Woman's Club" email may also include a volunteer request for any unfilled spots for that week's program. Thank you in advance to the many volunteers who will be needed for the remainder of the club year!



As noted in the Upcoming February Programs section of our newsletter, please join us for our first ever Luau Ladies Luncheon on February 17. The program will begin at 11:30 am with a "social hour", followed by luau games, a boxed lunch catered by George's Café, and a tropical musical performance. Please use the attached invitation to RSVP and sign up for the luncheon. The RSVP deadline is Friday, February 11. We hope to see you there! Guests are welcome!

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

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## Grounds and Gardens



Good morning all gardeners!

Ladies, let's meet in The Woman's Club of Winter Park garden and enjoy some "Green Thumb Garden Therapy"! All hands welcome! \* \*Weather permitting, we'll plan to meet at **9 am on Wednesday, February 16th, and 23rd**. Thanks so much for being a member of The Woman's Club of Winter Park and donating your time in the garden!

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

## House Committee



Exciting News! For those who have not been to the clubhouse recently, we miss you and would like to share our latest ballroom enhancement of two very attractive wall frames, flanking the stage. Looking forward to having you join us soon to see them in person. The frames will also be a nice addition when we celebrate our 100-year anniversary of our beautiful historical clubhouse.



**Save the Date, Founder's Day Dinner and Program, Thursday, March 24!!**

### **Heads-up, we need your help! Repeating our important request, with a few additional details:**

Hi ladies, to date we have been unsuccessful in locating a replacement to fill Freddy's position here at the clubhouse. We would really appreciate your help by spreading the word!

Job Description: Part-time flexible hours, evenings and weekends. Scope of work will include weekly maintenance to ensure all areas of the clubhouse are cleaned and prepared for each of our programs and rental events. Must be able to work from ladders and lift medium to heavy objects. Secondary needs could include onsite venue rental assistance during events, to ensure safety and implementation of contract rules. Hourly position starting at \$18.00 with varying number of hours per month.

Please contact Karen with additional questions or thoughts as we navigate and brainstorm to fill this very important position. Thank You!! Phone or text 407-276-1843 or email [kkrodda@cfl.rr.com](mailto:kkrodda@cfl.rr.com)

**Karen Rodda,  
House Chair**

## Upcoming February Programs

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 pm –PAUSE for the CAUSE



### 5 Orlando Area Non-Profit Organizations

Please join us as we highlight 5 Local Non-Profit Organizations – we will become more knowledgeable about each group and how we can volunteer and support each of them with their future projects.

### IDignity



IDignity was created to help the disadvantaged in Central Florida through the complex steps of getting personal identification. Documents like birth certificates, Florida ID cards, and Social Security cards are essential for anyone to fully take part in society.



#### **MEET: Anne Taylor, Director of Philanthropy, IDignity**

Anne is a founding member of IDignity and served as IDignity's board president before becoming IDignity's first Director of Philanthropy in 2015. She often refers to this position as her "dream job" because she is able to spend time talking to people about an organization she is passionate about while at the same time raising money for those in need of identification. In her free time, she enjoys playing a round of golf with her husband Chuck, paddle boarding on one of the many lakes in Orlando and Winter Park and biking in her neighborhood. She is a member of Grace Church in Orlando where she and her husband are involved in small group and marriage ministry. She and Chuck are the proud parents of three adult children and three grandchildren. Anne and Chuck and their dachshund Laney live in College Park.

## PACE Orlando



Philosophy: Pace values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential, and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity, and grace.



### **MEET: ALLISON CHANDLER, Development Director**

Allison moved to Orlando in 2018 and has over ten years of experience in development and fundraising. She worked with national organizations such as YMCA, March of Dimes, and United Way.

Allison has a one-year old son named Elliott. She enjoys shopping, arts and crafts and taking Elliot to the park.

## Central Florida Vocal Arts



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Central Florida Vocal Arts and Opera del Sol exist to create a better Central Florida community through arts education, performance and appreciation.



**MEET: Theresa Smith-Levin, Founder and Executive Director; and Meghan Hone, Artistic Administrator**  
*We are re-imagining the future of vocal arts.*

Central Florida Vocal Arts is a non-profit music advocacy organization, dedicated to providing the highest quality training to young artists, while also providing performance opportunities to currently emerging artists of all ages. We are creating a continuing life cycle for the vocal arts in Central Florida through a three-step model. The first step, Education and Training introduces young artists to the arts. Through our educational initiatives, we develop students' talent, passion and confidence. Our Main stage Productions provides a transition period for students, ages 8-18, to emerge on stage alongside local, professional talent. Our life cycle culminates with Opera del Sol, offering innovative productions in unexpected places, challenging perceptions of who the operatic performer and audience member are and what defines the genre as a whole.

## NEIGHBORS NETWORK



Staying Active, Independent, and Engaged in the Community is the Mission of Neighbors Network.



**MEET: Annette Kelly, MSN, PhD, ARNP, and FCN**

Annette Kelly is a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, with a BSN from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She received a MSN, ARNP and PhD from the University of Florida. She also received a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) certification from St. Louis University. Her 60 years in nursing have included hospital and long-term care nursing, community program development, and non-profit leadership in dementia care, health research and nursing education. Dr. Kelly became interested in the Village Movement about 10 years ago after a presentation by Boston's Beacon Hill Village Founders. She started Neighbors Network with a group of community aging advocates with startup funding from the Winter Park Health Foundation.





## RUBY HOLLAND FOUNDATION for the Arts



The mission of the Ruby Holland Foundation for the Arts is to increase opportunities for talented musicians to further their studies in music through educational scholarship awards and grants for students of all ages.



### **MEET: Elizabeth Fullington, Founder**

Elizabeth grew up in South America in an English-speaking country called Guyana, formerly British Guiana. She studied music with her mother Ruby Holland. At the age of 12, she became a 'pupil teacher' for younger music students in her mother's studio.

Elizabeth earned her LRSM - the Licentiate of Music - from the Royal Schools of Music, a Diploma in Choreography and Dance from the Kingston Teacher's College in Georgetown, Guyana, and a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Guyana. After migrating to the United States, Elizabeth worked in Corporate America and continued teaching music part-time. She later set up the Ruby Holland School of Music, and established an alliance with the Orlando Music Club, the Florida Federation of Music, and the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Her students have participated successfully at local, state, and international competitions and festivals both in Piano Performance and Music Composition. She has served as president for the Lake District Chapter of the Florida Federation of Music and served on their Board of Directors, and as an adjudicator for piano performance at both the District and State Levels for the Florida Federation of Music. She is an active member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers; she serves as a faculty member on The Piano Guild Board of Judges. She pioneered a study abroad program for her students, collaborating with the music department of University of Central Florida. The program was a huge success, which led to her including summer international music studies as part of her school's curriculum. Over the past 10 years, many of her students have benefited from studies at the International Festival for Creative Pianists, Boise, Idaho; the International Music Academy, Colombes, France, the Les Arc Music Festival in the French Alps, the Orfeo Music Festival in Vipiteno Italy, and most recently, the Verbier Music Festival in Valais, Switzerland. Mrs. Fullington manages the Ruby Holland Foundation and is able to continue her passion for helping young musicians.

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm- Happy Valentine's Day!

❤️ Please Dress in Red!! ❤️

Please join Fairolyn Livingston and our very own Historian Kim Mould as they explore together, the History of West Winter Park and the story of two Winter Park club members: Mrs. Mary Lee DePugh, a founder of the Ideal Woman's Club and Mrs. Maud Kraft, a member of the Woman's Club of Winter Park.



**MEET: Fairolyn Livingston, Chief Historian of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center**

Fairolyn was born on the west side of Winter Park, Florida where she attended Welbourne Avenue Day Care, Hannibal Square Elementary School. She graduated from Hungerford High School, Eatonville, FL, Hampton Junior College, Ocala, FL and Rollins College, Winter Park, FL. Fairolyn is Chief Historian at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center in Winter Park where she served on the Photo Collection Team since 2001. She conducts walking tours of Hannibal Square and the Heritage Center Collection and exhibits. Fairolyn is a founding member of the

Truth and Justice Alliance (TJI) that was instrumental in bringing the July Perry Marker to Heritage Square in Orlando. TJI also worked with the City of Ocoee for the Marker to put a spotlight on the truth about the 1920 massacre when Blacks tried to vote in Ocoee. Fairolyn has won the Historical Society of Central Florida's Cheney Award, been recognized by Winter Park Magazine as one of the city's most influential residents and has been awarded the Fred Rogers Global Citizenship Award from Rollins College, which honors prominent alumni.



**MEET: Kim Mould, Historian and Woman's Club of Winter Park Archivist**

Kim is a local historian who graduated from Rollins College in 2000 with a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies. Her thesis, entitled *A Portrait in Black and White: The Ideal Woman's Club and the Woman's Club of Winter Park*, focused on the crucial role woman's clubs and benevolent organizations have played in enlarging and enhancing the social, intellectual and political sphere of American women and in shaping their communities. She was the 2001 recipient of

*The Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park History Grant*, sponsored by Rollins College and the Winter Park Public Library, and her research explored the relationship between two influential Winter Park clubwomen, *Mrs. Maud Kraft and Mrs. Mary Lee DePugh*. In 2001, Kim published an article entitled *Mary Lee DePugh: An Evanston Influence in Winter Park, Florida* in the publication *Shorefront: History, News and Events* in Chicago's Suburban North Shore.

As a 2003 recipient of a Florida Humanities Council Scholar/Humanist Fellowship, Kim researched six Winter Park notables, which the Winter Park Historical Association translated into the community history in *Their Own Voices* project. From the research, she also published, in 2013, an article in Winter Park Magazine the actress Annie Russell, *The Importance of Being Annie*, which, in 2014 won the Florida Magazine Association's honor of "Best Feature Story".

Kim proudly assisted with *The Heritage Collection: Photographs and Oral Histories of West Winter Park Project*, in addition to working as both a Collections Specialist/Archivist and Museum Docent for the Winter Park Historical Association. In 2016, she worked as a researcher for the Winter Park Historical Museum exhibit *The World War II Years: The Winter Park Homefront*. Since 2014, she has been the Woman's Club of Winter Park Historian and the Chair of the club's History Committee.

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – Luau Ladies Luncheon

Please RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup> – \$20 Boxed Lunch from George’s Café



Please Join Us for Luau Games and a Musical Performance by:  
Jacob Pence and Jacquelyn Pileckas:

Jacquelyn Pileckas and Jacob Pence are Orlando based opera singers who are excited to present a music Luau Ladies Luncheon. Please Join Us for Luau Games and Musical Performance by:

**Meet: Jacob Pence and Jacquelyn Pileckas:**



Jacquelyn Pileckas and Jacob Pence are Orlando based opera singers who are excited to present a musical program showcasing tropical themed tunes including the traditional Hawaiian ballad “**Aloha Oe,**” island inspired selections as performed by Elvis Presley, majestic melodies of Roger’s and Hammerstein’s South Pacific and other contemporary musical compositions illustrating America’s fondness for a fun and frolic in sun, surf and sand.



## February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm- Theresa Smith-Levin

Learn more about Theresa Smith-Levin, Founder of CFVA along with a  
“Surprise Musical Performance”



### **MEET: Theresa Smith-Levin, Founder and Executive Director**

Theresa is the Founder and Executive Director of Central Florida Vocal Arts, which includes sister company, Opera del Sol. She is thrilled to make a uniquely female impact on the artistic identity of Central Florida.

Theresa is a Winter Park High School, University of Central Florida (B.M.E Music Education) and University of Miami (M.M. Vocal Performance) alumni, who performs and teaches voice regularly throughout the area. She was an honored member of American Express Women in Music Leadership Conference held in New York City in June 2019 and is a graduate of Leadership Winter Park Class 29. She is also a member of the Catalysts,

National Association of Teachers of Singing and Central Florida Community Arts Theatre Advisory Panel. She has won an array of awards for her singing, acting and direction, including Matt Palm's Top 20 Best of Fest 2018 Award for her one-woman show, *Save Me Dolly Parton* (Orlando Sentinel). A few of her favorite performance roles include the Baroness and Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music*, Johanna in *Sweeney Todd* and Princess Margaret in *The Student Prince*. She is a sought after producer, performer, director and music director of both musical theater and classical works. Her voice students have been accepted into the most competitive music and musical theater programs across the county and have won prestigious national awards including the Applause Awards and the Jimmy Awards.

Theresa is most proud however of the impact her company has made on the artistic trajectory of so many and she is thrilled to be re-imagining the future of vocal arts. She is the proud mom of Bodhi (4), Beckham (2) and wife to Brent Levin, a graduate of Leadership Winter Park Class 30.