

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# APRIL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

Reflections of the Past Twelve months through the work of the Woman's Club Board of Directors:

**Our President Elect, Katie Campbell** was a quick study as she took on her first role as chair for the Fall Artisan Showcase, making the contacts with the vendors, setting up the room and making sure all was in place. She also made it a point to get to know our members, as she herself was a "new kid on the block."

**Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian, Meredith Murphy** has done a marvelous job of taking notes, transcribing the minutes of our monthly board meetings and then sending them out in draft form before the following board get together. She also keeps us up to date on various policies and procedures.

**Corresponding Secretary, Leslie Thomas** has shown concern for those we need to reach out to in times of illness, solitude, and death. She is a caring individual who loves to help others and will be missed next year as she is stepping down

**Treasurer, Judy Allen** is one of a kind when it comes to our finances. She prepares a monthly Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Report, not to mention all the checks to sort that come in and go out. She is in charge of the bank accounts, assets, liabilities, dues, donations, income from fundraisers, etc. A very big job done to perfection.

**Assistant Treasurer, Sue Busby**, another new board member who spent the year getting a grasp on the task of sorting through all the receipts for charitable donations and finding a formula to record all this information. She succeeded nicely and recently completed her project with statements prepared for each member for the 2021 monies given.

**Finance Chair, Nancy Miles**, our past President, took this challenge to work with the treasurers on the club budget. This gal is a "jack of all trades" and last summer spearheaded an art collection donation into a fabulous "Art at HeART" Auction in the clubhouse with HER Jack acting as auctioneer.

**Ways and Means Chair, Cindy Abeel** hustles all year with a variety of fundraisers. The first of these is the Annual Rummage Sale, "Going on a Safari, Hunting for Bargains" in September. This past fall she added an on-line auction and raised over \$10,000. There is also the Bake and Craft Sale during the Holiday Luncheon and money from renting tables for the Artisan Showcase comes under her umbrella.



**Programs** under new member **Lindsay Peloza** who went all out in securing knowledgeable speakers and entertainers for all our weekly gatherings and luncheons. Last summer she presented a yearlong calendar with such an incredible variety of programs. As the year went along there were a few adjustments due to COVID-19, but the ladies in the club were definitely entertained.

**Hospitality Co-chairs, Kathy Parham and Lucy McDonough** lived and breathed their job. Being very concerned for the health of our members and guests, they surveyed everyone about types of refreshments, and numbers at the table. Gradually we went from masks and packaged goodies to open seating and the missed smiles as the ladies returned to the NORM. They encouraged members to be donators for the refreshments and to serve as greeters, pourers and decorators. The Dynamic Duo!!

**Janet Barry of Charitable Giving** took on an enormous task and did a fantastic job. She started out with Back to School supplies and Christmas gifts for the Meadows children, Salvation Army Stockings to be filled, Welbourne Nursery and pet supplies for our animal charities to name a few. She did a lot of hauling her “treasures” back and forth and we thank her for all her efforts.

**Membership Co-chairs, Patricia Johnson and Chris Bush** began their recruiting at the Membership Tea in September, which was very well attended and provided our club with many lovely talented ladies. As the year went along more new faces appeared at our events and by now we have about 170 members

**Scholarship Co-chairs, Sue Grafton and Patty Munsey** began their activities in the spring when they sent out scholarship forms to the various high schools. Then the committee reviewed the applicants and made their selections. There was \$48,000 awarded to 22 collegians and they were honored at the special Scholarship Reception in December with families invited.

**Yearbook/Website is run by Churchill Thompson** who is responsible for getting all those facts and figures for the little but IMPORTANT booklet we get in the fall after the new members have joined. She is our infamous Photographer and can always be seen with her camera in hand taking shots of the gals at all our events. These photo-ops are then flashed on the scene during our refreshment time each week.

**House Chair, Karen Rodda**, otherwise known as the HOUSEMOTHER, takes very good care of our home. She works with our admin and maintenance staff of Julie Wadsworth, Chip Keefer and Gene Albertson, on the rental schedule, the renovations, repairs and general upkeep of the historic building. She and hubby Ken find this to be a second home. They give many hours of details and loving care.

**Grounds Chair, Jackie Byrd Thompson** has manicured the areas of bushes, trees, flowers and plants that surround our building. She encourages members to join her on her “grounds keeping” sessions. We often need just to step outside to find beautiful flowers for our centerpieces. We are lucky to have a talented gardener in this position on the board.

Last, but not least, is our **Historian, Kim Mould**, who keeps tons of club history in her special office back of the stage. She is professional in every sense and has shared this history with the members on numerous occasions. On April 21, during our Silver Tea, we will be dedicating a time capsule that Kim has put together, recognizing and documenting our perseverance and resilience during the years 2020-2021.

To all these wonderful Board members, I thank you “For Your Service.” It has been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to the months ahead in 2022-2023.

*Natalie Hill, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Hospitality Committee



As our 2021-2022 club year comes to an end this month, we want to thank the many volunteers who stepped up to make this another successful club year – the greeters, tea and coffee pourers, sandwich makers, and cookie bakers as well as those who provided their creative talents with centerpieces and decorations.

If you have not yet had the chance to volunteer for our weekly Hospitality needs, it's not too late! We have four programs during the month of April, and several volunteer spots still remain open. The volunteer sign-up sheets can be found at the "Hospitality Table" where you sign in each week.

As noted in the Upcoming April Programs section of our newsletter, please join us for our Annual Silver Tea with high tea and fancy hats **beginning at 1:30 pm** on April 21. **The cost of the high tea is only \$10 and, as always, guests are welcome. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 18 with Julie Wadsworth in the club office at 407-644-2237 or [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com).** The program that day will also include the time capsule dedication and a musical performance.

We have enjoyed our time as Hospitality Co-Chairs, primarily because it has allowed us to engage with so many of our club members. We look forward to continuing as volunteers supporting the Hospitality Committee and encourage your support of Jacqueline Stewart and Shannon McClain, the new Hospitality Co-Chairs for the 2022-2023 club year!

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

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### Photos



Check out the most recent photos taken of The Fashion Show as well as The Founder's Day Dinner and Celebration on our website!

**Churchill Thompson,  
Yearbook/Website Chair**

## Artisan Showcase

### ARTISAN SHOWCASE

Ladies, it's time to mark your calendars for our Spring Artisan Showcase, which will be held on Saturday April 23, 2022! We are so fortunate to have some new vendors joining our favorites. Please plan to visit and shop for exotic teas, unique birdhouses, handmade and vintage jewelry, beautiful handbags, gorgeous painted objet d'art, handmade children's clothing and many other gems. No matter your interests, I am sure that something will catch your eye and bring delight to your heart and others.

Please let your friends know - better yet, why not shop together? This is sure to be another fun and exciting day. We can't wait to see you there!

**Katie Campbell,  
Vice President**

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## Scholarship



The Scholarship committee is very busy going through over 40 applications! We also have renewals too. This year we had applications from all over Orange and Seminole counties. The committee worked hard to get the word out about our scholarship and it worked! We are always looking for more members. Please reach out to Sue Grafton or Patty Munsey if you are interested.

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

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## 2021 Donation Letters



2021 Donation Letters are complete and ready to be picked up from the clubhouse office. Many have already been picked up. Thanks to everyone who donated. We have a very generous membership!

**Sue Busby,  
Assistant Treasurer**

## Grounds and Gardens



Ladies, this month's Garden Meetings are Friday, April 15th and Friday, April 29th at 9:30 am. Please mark your calendars. All Gardeners are welcome; I'll look forward to seeing you at The Woman's Club of Winter Park. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Happy Gardening!

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

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## Happy Birthday



Diane Sandquist	4/4	Frances Biddix	4/17
Janne Lane	4/5	Sarah Bradley	4/24
Cindy Barfield	4/11	Karen Evans	4/25
Diana Firvida	4/15	Holly Mandelkern	4/25
Jane Watkins	4/15	Elizabeth Brothers	4/30

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## Membership News

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



Shannon McClain (8/23)  
630 Ololu Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32789

Katherine Weber (12/8)  
512 Orange Drive #21  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(239) 281-4006  
[Ktweber57@gmail.com](mailto:Ktweber57@gmail.com)

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

## Founder's Day 2022, In Review



We planned and postponed, we planned and postponed, we planned, and the third time was a charm! Celebrating “Our Home,” finally became a reality.

For those unable to attend we want to share some highlights and thank so many for their part in making the Celebration of our 101 Year old Historical Clubhouse, a very magical evening!!



Our beautiful evening began with our historian, Kim Mould, welcoming and showcasing archival letters and pictures that were featured in our premiering documentary, “A Home to Civic Minded Women for over 100 years”. Thanks beyond measure to Producer, Director and Videographer, Nancy Miles; Photographer, Churchill Thompson; Archivist, Kim Mould; Digital Support, Kelly Berenbaum; Archivist Winter Park Library, Rachel Simmons.

Jamie McFarland, chef and owner of Cuisiniers Catered Cuisine and Events, for a generous portion of our dinner.

Churchill Thompson, with grateful appreciation, we thank her for her continuing dedication to providing us with beautiful photos to remember each and every special event! We think her husband, Simon, is pretty special too!

Special thanks to A.J. Production Events for providing us with all our beautiful linens and lighting to make The Helen Morse Ballroom so special.

Assel Jean-Pierre Jr. shared his piano artistry during our cocktail hour and dinner. The fabulous peacock painting was loaned to us by the artist, Ashley Wadsworth.

Among our special guest, we were honored to have six former and current Woman’s Club Presidents!



Susan Talcott 2007-09 and longtime members Marie-Claire Penot and Rose Walleze



Sandra Blossey 2013-15  
Cynthia Gerken 2015-17



Judy Allen 2017-19 and members  
Kathy Dunn and Chris Bush



Nancy Miles 2019-21  
and her mother, member Jane Watkins



Natalie Hill 2021-22  
member Kim Mould

## Ways and Means



Thank you, thank you, thank you!! What a successful year **YOU** made for Ways and Means!! Our Rummage Sale netted over \$10,000, our bake, craft and silent auction at Christmas netted almost \$800, and we did very well at the November Artisan Showcase, where all holiday items left from the Rummage Sale were snapped up. Yet, there's no time to rest on our laurels, for another WPWC year is on the horizon, where we will continue to raise monies for Charitable Giving. Please start setting aside, if you are not already doing so, items for the fall Rummage Sale. I know last year we had such a great amount of goods because you waited two years to share. To augment donations this year, please check with family, friends, neighbors, and associates to see if they would be willing to put aside saleable items for you/us to collect at the end of August. By the way, we have some storage space available if you truly cannot keep donations at your home – but please try to so we don't overburden our lovely volunteers. There will be a signup sheet during the month of April for you to show your interest in donating time, planning, setting up and working at this year's sale. Please call, text, email or grab me at a meeting with any questions, concerns, or (especially) good news.

**Cindy Abeel,  
Ways and Means**

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## Upcoming April Programs

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – Stockton Reeves, VI

Please join Stockton as we discuss  
'The Adventures of Lewis and Clark'



Life long Winter Park resident Stockton Reeves serves as Executive Director with The Center for Public Safety, Inc. He works with local, state and federal entities relative to public safety. He has also worked with 225 candidate, bond and voter referendum campaign efforts since the 1992 election cycle in six states helping to craft message and context and engage in advocacy and educational efforts.

The study of history is another love of his and in Thursday's program; he will give us an entertaining and educational talk about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – History of Rollins College

Please welcome Christy Grieger and Richard O. Baldwin Jr. from The Winter Park History Museum  
Rollins: Florida's First College,  
The Early Years 1885-1935

**MEET: Richard O. Baldwin Jr.**



Background: Born in Orlando, Florida / graduate of Park Avenue Elementary School / graduate of Winter Park High School / graduate of Miami Dade Junior College, school of Mortuary Science / graduate of UCF with BSBA in Accountancy

Profession: CEO of Baldwin Brothers Cremation and Funeral Services

Volunteers: Serves on the Board of Directors of the Winter Park Historical Assn, Welbourne Nursery & Preschool, The Gardens at DePugh Nursing Center, and the

Dean's Advisory Board at UCF's College of Business Administration

Awards: WP Chamber of Commerce 2020 Citizen of the Year

**MEET: Christy Grieger**



Background: Born in Reading, Pennsylvania / raised in Tampa, Florida. Lived in Orlando since 1995. Christy attended the University of Pittsburgh on a swimming scholarship and graduated with a BS in Sociology.

Profession: Executive Director of the Winter Park History Museum

Volunteers: Serves on the Board of Directors of the Seminole Country Historical Association, Welbourne Nursery & Preschool and the Altamonte Springs Historical Association.

Awards: Winter Park Magazine's Most Influential People, 2021

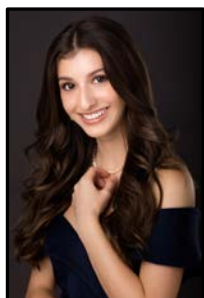
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm – Annual Silver Tea, Time Capsule Dedication and Musical Performance

**Annual Silver Tea – Our doors open at 1:30 pm** for high tea “before, during, and after” today’s program. Join us for our Annual Silver Tea with high tea and fancy hats! **The cost of the high tea is only \$10 and, as always, guests are welcome. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 18 with Julie Wadsworth in the Club office at 407-644-2237 or [info@womensclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womensclubofwinterpark.com).** Need a hat? Don’t get left out of the fun! We have a supply of extra hats that you can borrow for the event. Please stop by the Hospitality Table on 4/7, 4/14 or 4/21 to select one of our Club hats. Most importantly, please take the opportunity to drop off your donation in our Silver Bowl on April 21. This is our annual appeal to support our organization with a donation. Your donation goes toward the repairs and upkeep associated with our historic clubhouse. Please be as generous as you can in filling the Silver Bowl at our Silver Tea.

### **Time Capsule Dedication – 2 pm**

Club Historian Kim Mould will lead the dedication of the time capsule memorializing the historic 2020-2021 Club year. Numerous artifacts documenting Club life during the pandemic have been collected and will be preserved in the time capsule to commemorate the resilience and strength of the Club members who worked to ensure the continuation of The Woman's Club of Winter Park. Please visit Kim's table before or after the program to view the time capsule and the interesting artifacts that will be enclosed in it.

### **Musical Performance – Natalie Mastali**



#### **MEET : Soprano Natalie Mastali**

She is a senior at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, FL. Natalie studies classical voice privately under the instruction of Theresa Smith-Levin. In 2021, she was awarded by the National Young Arts Foundation. Natalie has attended summer vocal intensives, including Eastman School of Music's Summer Classical Studies and Boston University Tanglewood Institute. She has won numerous competitions including Southeastern Regional NATS, the N.C. Schmidt Vocal Competition, Central Florida NATS, and Brevard's Got Music Talent. Natalie is a member of her school's top mixed choir and has been selected to sing in multiple state and national honor choirs. Preparing for a career in opera, Natalie will attend a conservatory in the fall to study vocal performance.

### **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – The Woman's Club of Winter Park Board Installation** (Please note that 2 pm is time change from the original calendar)

Please join us for the final program of the club year as we recognize our outgoing and incoming Board members. The Installation of our Board of Directors for 2022-2023 will feature a celebratory toast to all as we conclude another eventful year. **Refreshments are complimentary, but please RSVP by Friday, April 22 so that we have an accurate headcount for planning purposes.**