## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.



# MAY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

As we were transitioning into the 22-23 year, the last events in April were once again hit with a visit by COVID-19. Our annual Silver Tea that was set for the 21<sup>st</sup> had to be postponed until the 28<sup>th</sup>, thus making it a double header with the Installation Program. However, determination and a lot of re-planning turned our special day into a lovely event. There were 53 ladies in attendance and we had our social time, then "tea" and eats, followed by a musical presentation by another Natalie who sang several opera



selections. Kim Mould shared the time capsule for our pandemic year, which was 100 years after our building was built. Last item was the installation by past President, Susan Talcott (2007-09) who read off the bios of each officer as they walked to the stage.

Many THANKS to all the ladies who made the day run so smoothly:

Set-up Crew- Karen Rodda, Jacqueline Stewart, Sue Luongo, Leslie Thomas, Katie Campbell, Lucy McDonough and Kathy Parham. Lucy designed the centerpieces and Kathy choreographed the schedule.

Wine pourers-Jacqueline and Sue

Tea pourer- Shannon McClain

Kitchen and Clean-up Crew- Sue, Leslie, Jackie Byrd Thompson, Cindy Abeel, Leslie, Katie and Karen

Photographer- Churchill Thompson

Greeters – Judi Andrews and Linda Heinl

Prayer - Chris Bush

Below are the newly installed members of the Woman's Club Board:

President- Natalie Hill

President-Elect- Katie Campbell

Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian- Meredith Murphy

Corresponding Secretaries- Kathy Dunn and Sue Luongo

Treasurer- Judy Allen

Asst. Treasurer- Sue Busby

Finance- Nancy Miles
Program- Lindsay Peloza
Scholarship- Sue Grafton and Patty Munsey
Charitable Giving- Lucy McDonough and Kathy Parham
Ways and Means- Cindy Abeel
Hospitality- Shannon McClain and Jacqueline Stewart
Membership- Chris Bush
House- Karen Rodda
Grounds and Garden- Jackie Byrd Thompson
Historian- Kim Mould
Yearbook/Publicity- Churchill Thompson and Kelly Berenbaum



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We also had a lovely cake brought in by Sue Luongo to celebrate Rose Walleze's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. In June, we plan to have our second Art Auction, then the annual Rummage Sale over the Labor Day weekend and the Membership Tea in September. Here's wishing all you great ladies a healthy and happy summer. Drive, fly or sail safely and we will gather soon.



Natalie Hill. President

### **Announcements & Updates**

#### **Scholarship**



The Scholarship Committee is thrilled to share that we will be awarding \$54,300.00 to 30 very worthy students. We have 6 renewals and 24 new applicants. Thank you to all the members on the committee! Our job is a tough one but it is so rewarding!

Sue Grafton & Patty Munsey, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

#### **Grounds and Gardens**



Ladies, would you help in the garden and be part of the Grounds Committee?

We'd love to see you! May's garden meetings are Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Please mark your calendars and join us! All 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, call or text

#### **Charitable Giving**



The Ways and Means Committee, led by Cindy Abeel, did a terrific job this year with our club fundraising efforts, especially the Rummage Sale. Thanks to our many club members involved in fundraising, the Board was able to allocate \$10,000 for the Awards Program for Non-Profit Organizations.

This year the Charitable Giving Committee voted to award 7 non-profits. The awards ranged from \$600 to \$1,850 for a total of \$10,000. The recipients for 2022 are as follows:

| Central Florida Vocal Arts        | \$1,000 |
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| Family Promise of Greater Orlando | \$1,850 |
| IDignity                          | \$1,850 |
| Neighbors Network                 | \$600   |
| Pace Center for Girls, Orange     | \$1,850 |
| Ruby Holland Foundation           | \$1,000 |
| The Sharing Center                | \$1,850 |

If you remember submitting all of those receipts for the different Charitable Giving projects, they all added up to \$3,431! During the 2021- 2022 club year, our members contributed in-kind goods for projects, including Back to School, Happy Trails Pet Rescue, Thanksgiving pantry, 56 stockings for Salvation Army Stocking Program, gifts for 13 children and gift cards for 4 single parents through the Adopt-a-Family Program (Winter Park Housing Authority) and goods for 2 Valentine projects. Whew! There were also monetary donations of \$5,170 to Charitable Giving for specific causes. Altogether, the Woman's Club provided over \$19,000 in charitable giving to people with a wide range of needs in our local community. In response, we received many thanks from people and organizations that have benefitted from our donations. A favorite "Thank You" is from Octavio Serrano, the Volunteer Coordinator for Salvation Army. He wrote, "Hola. Pray this note finds you well, happy and blessed. Thank you to the ladies of The Winter Park Woman's Club for supporting our Christmas Stockings Program. Words fail to express my gratitude. Kind regards and many blessings, Octavio." Happy summer to all!

Janet Barry, Chair 2021-2022 Charitable Giving

We look forward to serving as your Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs for the 2022-2023 club year and continuing the good work of Janet Barry and her committee. We plan to have our first committee meeting sometime early this summer and welcome both current and new committee members. Please email us if you are interested in being a member of the Charitable Giving Committee supporting the worthy charitable causes sponsored by the WCWP.

Lucy McDonough & Kathy Parham, 2022-2023 Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs

#### **Happy Birthday**



| Carol Nawrocki     | 5/3  | Joan Flewelling | 5/21 |
|--------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Rose Walleze       | 5/5  | Cathy Wallace   | 5/24 |
| Kim Mould          | 5/8  | Margaret Fail   | 5/26 |
| Sue Springer       | 5/10 | Nancy Miles     | 5/26 |
| Patricia Lancaster | 5/12 | Judy Allen      | 5/27 |
| Kay Simmons        | 5/12 | Sharyn Jontz    | 5/29 |
| Ruth McDaniel      | 5/15 | Susan Howard    | 5/31 |
| Meriam Chedli      | 5/20 |                 |      |

#### **Artisan Showcase**



This year's Spring Artisan's Showcase was held on April 23, 2022 with several new artisans and of course our favorites. It was a wonderful and successful show thanks to the ladies of our club. Many thanks go to Natalie Hill, Nancy Miles, Jean Rife, Jackie Byrd-Thompson and Lindy Freeman for their much appreciated

talent and assistance. A huge thanks to everyone who stopped by to support our local artists. They appreciated your business very much.

We have already had interest in our fall event including some potential new participants. As soon as the date is set, you will see an announcement.

Katie Campbell, Vice President

#### **Programs**

For my first year as Programs Chair, I can't thank all of you enough for all of the support, advice and encouragement. I enjoyed every minute and loved spending more time with each of you. My goal was to incorporate a great mix of different speakers. As an entrepreneur myself, I really felt the need to support local businesses and organizations especially after their decline in sales or services through COVID. I loved listening to all of our speakers and becoming more educated about The History of Winter Park. The music talent from Central Florida Vocal Arts gave us all so much JOY! I am wishing you all a Happy Summer Break!!

Please be on the lookout - the Survey for different ideas for programs for next season will be emailed in June.

Lindsay Peloza, Programs

#### House

#### "Through the Eyes of a Child"



Tessa planted her first little flower to welcome spring. She put it on her front porch where it could get sunshine and give it a drink of water every day, "It gets thirsty just like me!" One day she saw a ladybug on the flower; she liked to watch it crawl all over the flower, and eventually fly away, but that's okay, "To go find another flower!"

Did you know, there are over 6,000 species of ladybugs and they are dear to children and adults around the world? The tiny ladybug reminds us that even with limited resources and simple actions, one person can make a big difference in the world.

So ...Thank You to all the little human ladybugs out there!!! As we close out another year, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to reach out and thank each of our Board of Directors, many members at large, and our WCWP staff. In my role as House Chair, I've had the sincere pleasure of working in tandem conquering new challenges each month, including our year-end month of April. You continue to inspire me as I witness firsthand the reason I joined the Woman's Club, 10 Years ago! Just like the ladybugs, your talents for supporting, protecting, healing, embracing change, and desire to keep growing, at any given moment, is our mission!

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing, fun summer, guess what Mimi and Papa will be doing plenty of and with who?

# So Fun to be Two 2/10/2022













Karen Rodda, House Chair