

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

OCTOBER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Column

Our events for last month are now history and both were most successful. The **Rummage Sale** cleared \$9,500 and was definitely a TEAM EFFORT. Thanks to all of you out there. Next was our **Membership Tea**, which was attended by 40 plus members and 10 new guests. The committee tables were nicely decorated and the tea and coffee tables were adorned with lots of cookies and sandwiches. We look forward to meeting all our new members in the months ahead.



This week, we swing into the **Fall Season of Thursday** gatherings and our co-chairs for Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Dunn and Sue Luongo, have come up with a special treat. On the **first Thursday** of each month they are providing a birthday cake to celebrate those having a birthday that month. In October, we will also honor the August and September birthday gals and in April we will pay tribute to the May, June and July birthdays. We hope that YOU will try to make it to YOUR birthday month meeting.

To welcome everyone back on the 6th, Lindsay Pelosa, our Program wizard, has selected a **Circus Theme Popcorn Social** with get acquainted mixers. There will be our first cake for the month and we look forward to seeing our "sisters" once again after the long summer months.

The **October Flamingo Fall Luncheon** is set for the 20th and we will honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The color for the day will be PINK, so check out your wardrobe for your attire. The menu is an End-of-Summer Salad Special and will be served buffet style with desserts and variety of beverages including pink lemonade. We are not catering as to hold down the costs, but we are providing the meal through Publix. The price will be \$20 and reservations need to be made by Friday, the 14th. Please plan on joining us that day! Reservation Forms are attached to this newsletter.

Read your Highlights for more information from our Committee Chairmen and please find an area where you might like to help: Hospitality- providing sandwiches and cookies; Programs; luncheon decorations; Scholarship; Charitable Giving, etc.

Welcome to fall and the beginning of a great year at WCWP.

Natalie Hill, President

Announcements & Updates

Hospitality Committee



The Hospitality Committee needs help with our weekly teas.

Assistance in the following areas would be greatly appreciated: greeters, tea pourer, and trays of cookies, sandwiches, set up and clean up.

Please email: Jacqueline Stewart mikjacstew@aol.com
Shannon McClain smcheermom@gmail.com

Jacqueline Stewart & Shannon McClain,
Hospitality Co-Chairs

Ways and Means



Once again, our Rummage Sale was an outstanding success, thanks to the 46 members, spouses, relatives and our wonderful Julie, Chip and Gene!! As of now we have made around \$9500 and have some items out on consignment, which we hope will add to the coffers. **As at last year's Artisan Showcase, we plan to offer seasonal items left from the Rummage Sale plus fall, Christmas, Hannukah or holiday items from your home. Please bring these items to the first three meetings in**

November. The Artisan Showcase is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th. If you would like to help man the tables featuring these items, please let me know.

Cindy Abeel,
Ways and Means Chair
Zsuzs1@earthlink.net or 407-690-0086

Yearbook/Website



If you are able to help volunteer with the yearbook or website and take pictures, please contact Churchill Thompson.

Churchill Thompson & Kelly Berenbaum,
Yearbook & Website Co-Chairs
churchillthompson@gmail.com

Membership



Thank you to all those members that attended the Membership Tea and to those that brought guests. There were 45 members present & 9 guests.

Three of those guests joined on the spot. It was a lovely afternoon of friendship & good food. Many thanks go to Judy Allen, Jacqueline Stewart, Kathy Dunn, Kathy Parham, & Kim Mould for bringing cookies. Sandwiches

were provided by Lucy McDonough, Shannon McClain, Churchill Thompson, & Chris Bush. Our greeters were Bette Blanchfield & Cindy Abeel. The pourers were Melissa Mishoe, Meredith Murphy, Natalie Hill, & Kelly Berenbaum. Our Hospitality Committee chairs of Jacqueline Stewart & Shannon McClain did a great job in preparing the tea tables.

If anyone is interested in being on the Membership Committee, please let me know.

Chris Bush,
Membership Chair

Happy Birthday



Kristy Dunlap-Piecuch	10/3
Cecilia Slavish	10/5
Sue Luongo	10/8
Karen Rodda	10/9
Lindsay Peloza	10/16
Susan Talcott	10/17

Kay Odell	10/21
Bette Blanchfield	10/29
Betty Wanielista	10/29
Kelly Berenbaum	10/31

Charitable Giving



The Charitable Giving Committee held its first meeting of the club year recently. The committee focused on firming up plans for charitable giving opportunities for the remainder of 2022. These opportunities include:

- **Salvation Army Christmas stockings** – The stockings will be available for distribution and collection at all meetings in October and again on November 3. Please remember to submit your receipts along with your filled stockings.
- **Hope Partnership food donations** – As noted in the October Programs section, Angie Rench from Hope Partnership will be speaking at our October 13 program. We will be collecting food donations for Hope Partnership at our Thursday 2 pm club meetings through November 10. Your food donations can also be dropped off at the office on Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. Again, please remember to submit your receipts. Specific requests from Hope Partnership include the following. Pop-top containers are preferred for those who do not have can openers.
 - Peanut butter
 - Tuna: Canned or pouches
 - Chicken: Canned or pouches
 - Vienna sausages
 - Individual serving of applesauce
 - Canned fruits in 100% juice or water
 - Canned vegetables – low or no salt added
 - Oatmeal packets
- **Adopt-A-Family – Christmas gifts** - We will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for families at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility. The Christmas wish lists will be available at one of our early November meetings, with gifts (and receipts) to be returned to the club by early December. More details will be provided when the wish lists are available from the WPHA.
- **The Great Big Relay of Central Florida – November 12** – We have been asked to participate in this community sponsored event that helps to fund the American Cancer Society. The event, known as the Festival of Hope, celebrates Survivors and Caregivers and honors and remembers every life touched by cancer. The event will take place from 4 pm – 10 pm on November 12 at Showalter Field stadium in Winter Park. We are currently working with the event organizers to determine where our club members are most needed as volunteers at this event. More details will be provided in one of the upcoming Monday emails.

Thank you to our club members for your participation in the club's charitable giving activities. And, thank you to this year's Charitable Giving Committee members who coordinate these activities. The committee is a nice mix of new and veteran club members. If you are a new member of the club and would like to join the Charitable Giving Committee, please contact us at lucymcd3@aol.com or parhamkathryn@gmail.com.

**Lucy McDonough & Kathy Parham,
Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chair**

House

Act II

“Behind-the-Scenes” Highlights

September remained very busy as we began our 2022-2023 season with our Annual Rummage Sale. Huge kudos to Chip and Gene for downloading all our storage shelving in the basement, reassembling, and adjusting to accommodate the generously donated items in the ballroom ... then repeat and return to the basement and restock the items stored there!!

Following the Rummage Sale and Labor Day, our team had the monumental task of thoroughly cleaning the clubhouse, the Fairbanks awning, and supporting three fabulous Event Rentals.

Next on the agenda involved closing for the week to perform additional maintenance:

1. Marin Flooring to light sand and refinish all our hardwood floors.
2. Janney Roofing for roof repairs, adding gutters, downspouts, and drains in several areas where needed.
3. Stark insect control (formerly Falcon) to install Mediterranean termite bait stations around the perimeter of our clubhouse.
4. Wylee Orton Electrical to install 3 new Terrace fixtures, repair/replace all Ballroom floor outlets & emergency lighting, and improve the AV & Stage dedicated outlets.

I'm including the names of these super vendors; all highly recommended or have done work at the Woman's Club previously and repeatedly perform these tasks with true TLC.

And last but not least, Big Thank You to Kim Mould, for all the dusting/polishing of furniture & décor following floor refinishing, Kathy Parham, Lucy McDonough, and Chris Bush for the clean Bride's & Board Room curtains, and linens! Just in time for a fabulous Welcome Back Membership Tea!!!

Team Work!!



Awning Before Cleaning



After Cleaning!



**Karen Rodda,
House Chair**

October Programs

Hello Beautiful Ladies!!! We are excited to start our New Season with a range of amazing Speakers and Musical Talent. We are so happy you are here!

October 6th, 2 pm

Join us for Circus Games and Prizes -
Popping Fun for Everyone



October 13th, 2 pm

Hope Partnership – Angie Rench

You can make an impact at our upcoming weekly drive-thru food pantry by donating the following items that will be the most needed regularly:

- Peanut butter
- Tuna: Canned or pouches
- Chicken: Canned or pouches
- Vienna sausages
- Individual serving of applesauce
- Canned fruits in 100% juice or water
- Canned vegetables – low or no salt added
- Oatmeal packets

*Pop-top cans are best, if possible, so that folks without can openers may open them safely.



MEET Angie Rench:

She is the Chief Development Officer and co-founder of Hope Partnership (formerly Community Hope Center), a nonprofit founded in 2013. The organization provides services to the homeless and disenfranchised in Central Florida, empowering those they serve toward success and sustainability. They seek to strengthen communities, empower neighbors, and build hope through holistic care for chronically and literally homeless individuals and families and the working poor living in and out of motels. The organization has received awards from Bank of America, Walt Disney World, AdventHealth, and many other foundations for its innovative approaches to helping the homeless in the community. Hope Partnership has served over 90,000 individuals in the Central Florida area in the last nine years. The Center focuses on a “Housing First” model of care and poverty alleviation efforts.

Angie earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Western New England University and holds a Certificate in Fundraising and Development from the Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Rollins College. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Florida Chapter and serves as a board member on the Osceola Chamber Celebration Area Council, AdventHealth Kissimmee Community Advisory Council and is a WOMEN Unlimited Orlando LEAD graduate and mentor.

October 20th, 11:30 am

Flamingle Fall Luncheon – Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

(Reminder: Schedule your Annual Mammogram today)

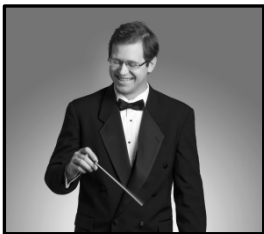


MEET our Musical Talent for the FALL Luncheon:



MEET Michaela Wright:

Michaela Wright is a Mezzo-Soprano and voice teacher based in Orlando, Florida. Her singing career has taken her around the world, most recently, to Prague, where she performed in the Divadlo na Vinohradech with Opernfest Prague. She also recently returned from performing as Sarah in *Company* and *The Lady Chamberlain* in Lori Laitman's *The Three Feathers* with Opera Steamboat. Michaela currently sings with Opera del Sol, Opera Orlando Chorus, Central Florida Vocal Arts and in recent years, has sung the roles of Orfeo in Gluck's *Orfeo Ed Euridice* (The Armory Free Theatre,) The Fox in Janáček's *Cunning Little Vixen* (The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts,) and Bianca in Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* (The Krannert Center.) Michaela is an experienced and gifted educator as well. She works as a Teaching Artist for Central Florida Vocal Arts, teaches piano and voice at A Noteworthy Music Studio and maintains a private studio. During her studies in Illinois, she held a graduate teaching assistantship teaching private voice through the Unit One Music Program. Her next performance will be as Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel* with Opera del Sol at The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Michaela holds Master of Music in Opera Performance and Literature from The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she studied privately with Jerold Siena. She also holds a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance and a Minor in Education from Jacksonville University where she studied privately with Dr. Jay Ivey. She currently studies privately with world-renowned Mezzo-Soprano, Michelle DeYoung.



MEET Philip King:

Philip King is an active bass-baritone, pianist, composer, and conductor. He studied voice and piano performance at Drake University with Bruce Perry, Edward Corpus, and Nicholas Roth. Philip has appeared on stage and served as music director for more than one hundred regional music theatre productions. Highlights include *Once on This Island*, *Avenue Q*, *Kinky Boots*, *Titanic*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Million Dollar Quartet*. In addition to theatrical work, Mr. King has appeared in concert with the Orlando Philharmonic, the Festival Singers of Florida, *Gloria Musicae* (Choral Artists of Sarasota), *Encore!* Cast Performing Arts, the Fort Doge Choral Society, and the Des Moines Metro Opera. He currently serves as the Director of Music at Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, where he also maintains a private teaching studio, and is proud to serve as the Conductor of the Theatre Winter Haven Community Choir. Philip recently served as music director of Central Florida Vocal Arts' production of *The Sound of Music*, and will again music direct and perform as pianist for their upcoming production of *Hansel & Gretel* at the Dr. Phillips Center October 28 & 29

October 27th, 2 pm

Dr. Francisco José Richardson will answer all of your questions or concerns about your vision.

Join us for: "Vision Talks" – Eyes of Winter Park



MEET: Dr. Francisco José Richardson

Graduated from Oviedo High School, Oviedo, FL - Awarded a US Army ROTC Scholarship BS in Biology - Norwich University, Military College of Vermont Captain, US Army, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) - 5 Yrs. Active Duty, Combat Tours - Kosovo / Afghanistan / Iraq Doctor of Optometry and BS in Vision Science - Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL One of five

students selected for a 3 month externship to Tian Jin Eye Hospital, China

Location: We share a wall with the Publix located on Aloma Ave. between Lakemont Ave. and St.

Andrews Blvd. (Our neighbors for reference: First Watch, Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen, Aloma Cinema, FedEx, Mellow Mushroom, Dunkin Donuts)

What We Offer at Eyes of Winter Park:

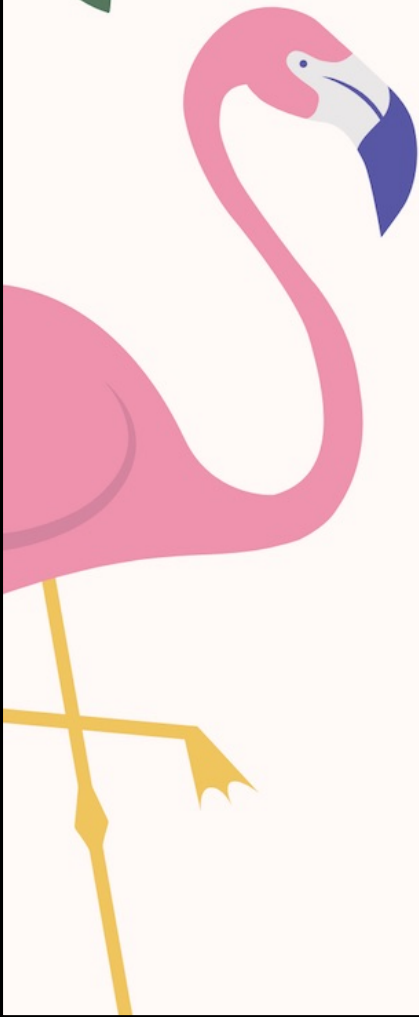
▶ Eye Exam - emphasis on education / focus on how vision is used: ex. Work / computers, sports, phones / electronics, games ▶ Vision Rehab / Low Vision - offering over 60 devices / \$50K in inventory, offering the largest collection of low vision aids for demonstration in Orlando. Careful evaluation of disability; precise trial frame refraction; maximize your vision with visual / tactual aids, filters, magnifiers, reading glasses, telescopes, CCTV, augmented / virtual reality technologies - cutting edge! ▶ Latest from Zeiss Meditec - OCT scans ocular structures, fundus camera for documentation, visual field - test peripheral vision. ▶ Contact Lens Specialist - proud to offer Scleral Lenses, custom designed for: graft vs. host, Sjögren's, keratoconus, ectasia, LASIK / PRK complications, severe / irregular astigmatism, and even multifocal to read (These lenses do not touch the cornea!). ▶ EyeMergency - pain, red eyes, foreign objects, flashes / floaters in vision, sport injuries, double vision, etc. Just Call or TeleMed ▶ Fashion Optical - Over 700 fashionable eyeglasses / sunglasses. Inventory changes often, new styles each time you come in. ▶ Finishing Lab - partnered with Santinelli Nidek for the finest lab equipment, the only one of its kind in Orlando. Our equipment is capable of producing one of a kind custom lens shapes and customization with our magnetic sunglass clips.

**Lindsay Peloza,
Program Chair**



The Woman's Club of Winter Park

Let's Flamingle!



Flamingo October Fall Luncheon
In Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

Thursday, October 20th
11:30 am

\$20 per person

Please RSVP and pay by October 14th

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

YOU MAY RSVP TO JULIE BY EMAIL AT
INFO@WOMANSClubOFWINTERPARK.COM
AND PAY ONLINE OR MAIL THIS FORM WITH
PAYMENT. ALL RSVP'S AND PAYMENTS DUE
BY OCTOBER 14TH.