

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# DECEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

We are officially in the Holiday Season! We began November with a celebration of our charitable giving with Pause for the Cause. We also had a very tasty Taster's Choice Friendsgiving luncheon, a wonderful artist sharing her talents and a presentation on inner joy. You will see photos and details describing our traditional decoration of the Red Pepper Tree in Central Park for everyone to enjoy on a further page.



We will begin our **December** on the 7<sup>th</sup> with a timely presentation on creating a cheese board, along with cake in honor of our December Birthday Gals. Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with a delicious turkey feast provided by George's Catering. Registration information has been sent out already. Our traditional craft and bake sale tables will open at 11:00 am. Social Hour begins at 11:30 am and our luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon with a wonderful show by the fabulous Belles and Bows. It will be a magical and lovely event and I hope to see many of you there.

We have 2 new events this year. The first is a Winter Park Boat Tour of Holiday Lights on December 18<sup>th</sup>, for which reservations were made several months ago. The second is a wonderful evening on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with **Mr. and Mrs. Claus**. The festivities begin at 5:30 pm, and everyone is welcome to enjoy reindeer games, Mystery Wine Tasting, a White Elephant Exchange, prizes for holiday attire, and of course Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Please RSVP for yourselves; bring your neighbors, your friends and your family so that they can be placed on the Claus's Nice List for a lovely holiday surprise. You don't want to miss a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus – it may be your next holiday card cover!

Once again, we will also be sharing joy with those in need during this season with our adoption of several families. A wonderful tradition.

Thanks go to all of you, our members, for a successful, generous, and busy year of Woman's Club of Winter Park functions. As you can see, we are ending our year in grand style, and that is thanks to the hard work, talents and dedication of all of your Chairman and of your Board. You are all very much appreciated.

I wish you all a very Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. With thanks,

*Katie Campbell, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Charitable Giving

#### **Adopt-A-Family – Holiday Gift Program**

The club's final charitable giving opportunity for 2023 is underway with the collection of gifts for three families at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility. Thanks to all who have either donated gifts or made a monetary donation, allowing Charitable Giving committee members to shop for you. We still have open items on the wish lists sign-up sheets. There are two remaining ways to participate:

1. You can use the SignUpGenius link to sign up to donate a gift. Please see link that came in your email with the Highlights program.
2. If you prefer, you can provide a monetary donation to the WCWP, and we will do your shopping for you!

The deadline for returning your gifts is Thursday, December 14. Gifts and receipts can be returned to the office during business hours on Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm or at the December 7 and 14 club meetings. Your generosity is much appreciated by the club and will be equally appreciated by the three families at The Meadows.

#### **Salvation Army – Stuff-A-Stocking Project**

The Salvation Army Stuff-A-Stocking project ended with the collection of 60 filled stockings. Again, thank you to our club members for your generosity in supporting this charitable endeavor.



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

## Ways and Means



December 14th, at our Holiday Luncheon, we will again have a bake and craft sale. Ladies, you are so talented and bake from your hearts. I look forward to many goodies to tempt our members. If you are a crafter and wish to donate and sell your work, we would be so pleased. Please look for sign-up sheets in November and December. All proceeds from the bake and craft sales will go to the Ways and Means Committee, later to be distributed to local organizations by Charitable Giving.

**Cindy Abeel,**  
**Ways and Means Chair**  
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## Red Pepper Tree



Continuing the Winter Park Woman`s Club annual holiday tradition, members of the Women`s Club decorated The Red Pepper Tree located in Winter Park`s Central Park on Monday, November 20, 2023.

A new star for the top of the tree was purchased this year. The star will radiate light throughout Central Park during the holiday season, thus enhancing the experience of those stopping by to enjoy the gaily-decorated tree.

Also, the ornaments were refurbished, thanks to a dedicated group of women volunteers for this holiday season.

Make certain you stop by and enjoy the traditional Red Pepper Tree with its new and brighter look for this holiday season along with the rest of the residents and visitors to Winter Park.



**Linda Rinker,**  
**Vice President**



## Membership



Please add the following pictures to your directory:



Carolyn McGraw



Alexandra Bliven



Sarah Hendryx



Radhika Narain



Bonnie Mizell



Janet DiLorenzo

Please add the following new member information to your directory:

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Meredith Murphy,  
Membership Chair

Happy Birthday



Sara Woodward	12/3	Pat Miller	12/25
Christine Bucheli	12/8	Julia Rankin	12/26
Karen Buchan	12/9	Beverly Cox	12/27
Latonya Pelt	12/9	Karen Berg	12/29
Elizabeth Taylor	12/13	Diane Breth	12/31
Kelleigh Klein	12/14	Christine Bush	12/31
Jackie Byrd Thompson	12/22	Barbara Hughes	12/31

## Programs



Happy Holidays! We are so excited for our December line up this year!! We are all looking forward to having family fun and enjoying our time together with friends!! Scroll down and don't forget to mark your calendars, you don't want to miss out on all of the excitement!! We can't wait to see you!!!

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**



### **MEET: Ann Thornton at Simply Cheese**

An artisan and specialty cheese shop offering hand-selected and globally-sourced products for the cheese lovers, mongers and everyone in between. Owned and operated by a Midwest-raised cheese enthusiast, the shop is located in sunny Winter Park, Florida serving up both cheese and cheese-friendly products like meats, sweets, jams and spreads making it your one stop cheese shop.

After a life-changing visit to a Michigan cheese shop, Ann “Annie” Thornton, felt an overwhelming calling to bring incredible cheeses from all over the US and the globe to her new home (now of 14 years) to the Sunshine State. Passionate about her love of cheese, Annie dedicated all her spare time to developing the concept and harnessing her love for cheeses of all shapes, ages, cuts, and kinds into something simple yet delectable where customers can delve into the world of cheese, bite by bite.

**December 14<sup>th</sup> - RSVP required**



**Bake and Craft Sale 11:00 a.m.**

**Social Hour 11:30 a.m.**

**Holiday Luncheon 12:00 p.m.**



**MEET: Belles & Bows**

Belles & Bows is an all female, holiday quartet that has been charming audiences in the Central Florida area for over a decade. Belles & Bows is a long-standing program produced by the non-profit organization, Central Florida Vocal Arts. Decked in modern holiday attire, these lovely singers add elegance and class to private parties, corporate events and community festivals alike. We can customize song selections and set length to suit your event and sound packages are available. We affirm that enhancing public and private holiday events through the magic of music, we create a stronger, more beautiful community.

Please note...since this is a catered event, your payment is your reservation – **must be received by December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

\$35 if paid by check or \$37 if paid by credit card –may also be paid on our Woman's Club website.

Please see invitation at the end of the Highlights for more details.

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – RSVP was required**



The Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour takes on a magical aura during the enchanting nights of December. As the sun sets and the crisp winter air settles over the serene waters, the boat tour transforms into a captivating journey through a winter wonderland. The scenic beauty of the landscape is heightened by the twinkling lights that adorn the waterfront properties, creating a festive ambiance that resonates with the holiday spirit. The gentle hum of the boat's engine and the knowledgeable narration by the guides add to the cozy atmosphere, providing a perfect setting for friends and family to come together



and enjoy the scenic splendor of Winter Park under the moonlit sky. The reflection of the festive lights on the tranquil waters adds an extra layer of charm, making the Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour a memorable and picturesque experience for all who embark on this nocturnal adventure in December.

For those who have reservations on December 18th, please be at the dock at 312 E Morse Blvd at 5pm for our tour.

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**



*Guess Who is Coming to Town?*  
**Mr & Mrs Claus!**  
*Tuesday Evening, December 19, 2023*  
*5:30p - 7:30pm*  
*Join in an enchanted evening of Reindeer Games,*  
*a Festive Attire Competition,*  
*Mystery Wine Tasting,*  
*White Elephant Gift Exchange &*  
*Special photos with Santa and his Mrs.*  
**RSVP:**  
*So Santa has you on his Nice List,*  
*you never know what he will bring you!*  
*Via email to Lindsay Pelozza [lindsayjeanmarie@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsayjeanmarie@yahoo.com)*  
*or via text to (330) 608-7159*  
*If you need a ride, please let Lindsey know.*  
*All are welcome the evening of.*  
*This is a great evening for Neighbors and Friends*



Lindsay Pelozza & Churchill Thompson,  
Programs Committee Co-Chairs



THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK

*Holiday Luncheon!*

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Bake Sale & Craft Sale 11:00 a.m.

Social Hour 11:30 a.m.

Buffet Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Entertainment

*Belles & Bows*

All Female Vocal Quartet

*Catered Menu by George's  
Cafe*

Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy,  
cranberry sauce, green beans with toasted  
almonds, stuffing & banana bread and dinner  
rolls, brie and apple salad with maple dijon  
vinaigrette

Assortment of George's gourmet cookies and  
dessert bars

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

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$35.00 per person if PAID by check or \$37 for a  
credit card payment. Payments MUST be made by  
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