

# The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



## June/ July 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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### President's Column

Ira Gershwin wrote "Summertime and the livin' is easy". As I write this, the thermometer registers 94 degrees. Yes, summer has arrived in Winter Park! I hope this finds you all well and relaxing and enjoying life.

The Winter Park Housing Authority had their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on May 14. Kathy Parham, Debbie Kirkwood, Elizabeth Fullington & Judy Allen represented the Woman's Club. We were thanked for all we've done over the years to help the housing staff.

The Benefit Shop solicited our help in offering support of the lease at their new location at 450 Harper St. The board sent signed letters. Thank you to club members Niki Kern, Debbie Kirkwood, & Debbie Glaser who attended the Commission meeting & offered their support. The Benefit Shop will open to the public May 30 at 9:30am.



The Program Committee will meet Monday, June 9 at 10:00am. They are working hard on providing interesting programs for the upcoming year.

Charitable Giving is collecting backpacks & school supplies for the children at the Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility. Please see their article for further information.

Don't forget the upcoming Rummage Sale August 29 & 30. We will need lots of workers the week prior to the sale & of course, the days of the sale. It takes a village!!

Remembering the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Have a great summer.

All the best,  
Chris

Christine Bush, President

# Happy June/July Birthdays

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Carolyn Cooper      | 6/3  |
| Mary St. Angelo     | 6/4  |
| Denise Bennett      | 6/5  |
| Patrice Stowe       | 6/5  |
| Maxine Gay          | 6/9  |
| Ann Hunter.         | 6/10 |
| Aycha Williams      | 6/11 |
| Joanne Bandy        | 6/12 |
| Anne Lulow          | 6/16 |
| Theresa Smith-Levin | 6/18 |
| Dr. Linda Rinker    | 6/22 |
| Shelby Roberts      | 6/23 |
| Roxanne Ferguson    | 6/24 |
| Tamera Bereza       | 6/25 |
| Dr. Rae Clark       | 6/27 |
| Melissa Mishoe      | 6/27 |
| Cynthia Gerkin      | 6/29 |
| Alexandra Bliven    | 6/30 |
| Maria-Claire Penot  | 6/30 |



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| Janet DiLorenzo    | 7/1  |
| Laura Fowler       | 7/4  |
| Veronica Pastor    | 7/9  |
| Debbie Glaser      | 7/15 |
| Kathryn DiMauro    | 7/16 |
| Elaine Kerr        | 7/19 |
| Jan Bowman         | 7/21 |
| Maureen Brady      | 7/21 |
| Gerry Liff         | 7/21 |
| Danilee Cassinelli | 7/23 |
| Haven Taylor       | 7/23 |
| Kathy Parham       | 7/26 |
| Elizabeth Morehead | 7/31 |

Please renew your membership if you have not done so already. Kindly let us know if you do not plan to renew.

**Judi Andrews and Cecelia Slavish, Membership Co-Chairs**

## Ways and Means



**The BIG NEWS is that this year's RUMMAGE SALE will be Friday, August 29, and Saturday, August 30! Set up will be the previous Sunday through Thursday (Saturday too if there is no paid event).** Please mark your calendars for the dates you can help, as each day is as important as the other for our success. This is our premier fundraising event of the year. I especially encourage new members to participate, as it is a wonderful way to make new friends as well as get the satisfaction of raising money to be given to worthy organizations at the end of our Club year by the Charitable Giving Committee.

As you do your spring or summer cleaning, please set aside new and gently used items you can part with. We hope all can keep these items at home until set up; however, if you cannot, and Lucy McDonough has limited room. Please contact her directly. **Ladies, please let me know if you can help with RS items storage - half a garage, partial room, etc. as our usual garage storage has just fallen through. This is really important to help with the success of the Sale!** We encourage you to ask friends, relatives, neighbors, those in organizations you belong to, for their gently used goods too. As you are putting items aside, it is really helpful to label the bag or box with the size, if clothing, or contents – kitchen, linens, children's etc., to help volunteers quickly get items to the right place. If you have valuable items – antiques, collectibles, jewelry, specialty items for instance, or think you might, please keep them separate and add information as to original cost, value, age, etc. to help us put a fair value on them. Let me or someone receiving items know when you bring them in, as we will evaluate them and put them in a special area.

Everyone interested in helping or learning more about the sale is invited to attend Ways and Means Committee meetings in July and August. I'm looking forward to YOUR input as we discuss how we will ensure a successful sale. Dates of the meetings and more information about the sale will be published in Monday emails and August Highlights. Feel free to contact me before then to let me know you can help.

We are looking forward to each member contributing in some way, either through donations of sale items, your valuable time at set up/sale, or both! Remember, your generous time and donations are the way we are able to help others in our community. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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**Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair**

## Charitable Giving

## “Back to School” Donations

The Woman's Club of Winter Park will once again be collecting school supplies for the children at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility.

This year, we are collecting the following school supplies:  
**backpacks, loose leaf paper, composition notebooks,  
notebooks, pencils, pencil pouches, crayons, markers,  
highlighters, binders, folders, and rulers.**



Please drop off your donations at the club office (9:30 am – 1:00 pm on Monday through Thursday) no later than July 7.

If you find it easier, we can do your shopping for you with your cash donation. Please make checks payable to the Woman's Club of Winter Park (memo: Back to School). Thank you for your support!

## Committee News

Judy Allen, Elizabeth Fullington, Debbie Kirkwood and Kathy Parham represented the Charitable Giving Committee of the WCWP at the May 13 Winter Park Housing Authority 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The WCWP has partnered with the Winter Park Housing Authority for several years by providing “Back to School” donations and “Adopt-A-Family” Christmas gifts. The Charitable Giving Committee will also be represented at The Sharing Center’s annual Beacon of Hope donor appreciation reception on June 11. The Sharing Center recently received one of our annual awards to non-profit organizations.



The assembly of school supply kits for A Gift for Teaching (AGFT), usually held in the summer, has now been scheduled for January 2026 at the request of AGFT.

This summer, we will be touring two of our local non-profits that received funding awards this year – more information to follow via email.

We welcome all past members of the Charitable Giving Committee to join us again in 2025-2026 and welcome all club members to join the committee.

**Debbie Kirkwood & Kathy Parham, Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs**



## Hospitality

The monthly sign up sheets are all printed up for the 2025-2026 year and the Board has had the first option to fill in the many blanks. Now it's YOUR turn. The October page needs a Team Leader for Take Down to work with Kathy Parham. Ladies are needed for Greeters, Pourers, "Tea" Sandwiches and Cookies. Just pick a week There are five that month and YOU will be able to make a selection early.

We look forward to being all set when the Thursdays begin in the fall.

Thank you for your Service in advance.  
Text Natalie at 740-503-8057



**Natalie Hill and Fran Myklusch, Hospitality Co-Chairs**

## Scholarship



The scholarship committee is working on sending out scholarship checks to the college and universities for the students that were awarded scholarships. Still waiting on several students to send in the name of the school along with their ID number so we can mail their checks.

**Patty Munsey and Jane Koubek, Scholarship Co-Chairs**

## House and Gardens



Perhaps you saw the pictures of our stunning Landscape Lighting in last Monday's calendar? ...even if you did, still worth repeating!

"A picture's often worth a thousand words," however in this case you will also want to do a sunset drive-by. Many compliments are flowing in- gorgeous, beautiful, impressive, wow, followed by; "enhances the beautiful features of our Grand Lady and makes a beautiful corner in our Historical City of Winter Park, shine even brighter!"



It's not too late, the Landscape Lighting project appeared on our Founder's Day Preservation list as a Named Donor opportunity for \$8,500. We sincerely hope you like what you see and wish to take part in our continuing efforts to honor this Grand Lady, her mission from within and presence in our Historical community.

Thank you to Jason Rainey, The Electricity Concierge, for his caring and thoughtful planning in making our first summer 2025 Preservation project such a success, I believe we have yet another family member!

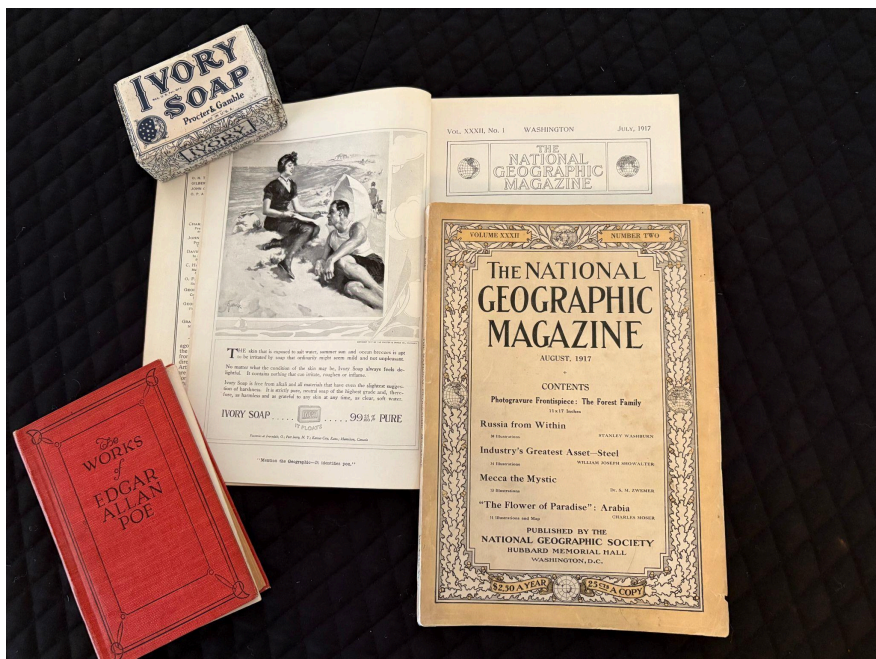
**Karen Rodda, House Chair**



## Historian

A few fascinating “summer” artifacts from our Woman’s Club of Winter Park Archives

Traditionally, The Woman’s Club of Winter Park club year officially runs from September/October to the end of April, especially in the early years before our beautiful clubhouse was built and wonderfully airconditioned. During the hot summer months in Florida, many club members often “went North.” Other residents enjoyed a slower lifestyle with simple pleasures such as swimming, boating, and having leisurely picnics on the shores of the Winter Park lakes and at the coastal beaches, quietly reading books, such as *The Works of Edgar Allan Poe* (1904), while gently rocking on their porches or in their gardens, and visiting with friends and family. Woman’s Club members went on record as being opposed to “immodest dress,” so it would be fun to know what they thought of this young lady’s bathing suit from an old Ivory Soap ad found in a July, 1917 issue of *National Geographic Magazine*. Wouldn’t they be shocked at the bathing suit styles of today!



In 1917, before our clubhouse was built, Winter Park was a sleepy town. On April 6, 1917, the Americans officially entered World War 1 by declaring war on Germany, and American and Winter Park life changed. The ladies of the Woman’s Club swiftly got organized and went to work making jams/jellies to send to “our boys,” working with the Red Cross, and raising money for War Bonds. During the summer of 1917, Americans also educated themselves on world events by reading such periodicals as *The National Geographic Magazine* with its fascinating articles, maps and illustrations. Soon, they would learn of the real horrors, as opposed to Poe’s literary frights, facing both European civilians and American troops on the battlefields and in the trenches of Europe.

A special thank you to our artifact donors, John West for his donation of vintage, beautifully wrapped Ivory Soap bars, to The Winter Park History Museum for a wonderful collection of original *National Geographic* publications from our early years, and a special hug and thank you to our member Maureen Holloway for her very generous contribution of gorgeous heirloom hard cover books, many over 100 years old!

**Kim Mould, Historian**

## June/ July Programs

The Programs Committee has already been quite busy this summer, planning an engaging and enjoyable upcoming season for everyone. We're excited to share some upcoming off-campus events, including the Scenic Boat tour and a visit to the Benefit Shop of WP. These outings promise great opportunities for fun, camaraderie and community spirit.



In addition, our popular 3rd Tuesday evening events will continue as an extra special bonus every month. These casual gatherings are perfect for enjoying delicious meals together along with spending quality time to gather and get to know each other better.

We don't want you to miss out on any of these exciting activities! Stay tuned for more details and additional surprises coming your way soon.



Looking forward to a fantastic season ahead!

**Lindsay Peloza and Elaine Ellman , Programs Co-Chairs**