

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



May 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

Albert Einstein said "Time flies when you are having fun." As we close out another amazing year, a new one begins. We were honored in April to have Erika Dunlap, Miss America 2004, with us. Many members were able to "wear the crown" in photos with her. Jean Peelen shared her book "Feisty: Lovers and Others". The much loved BINGO provided loads of fun and laughter. A huge thank you to Emy Rodgers for the lovely prizes & pizza. The Silver Tea was the final meeting of the year. Lovely hats & fascinators graced our members' heads. The room was beautifully decorated ala Lilly Pulitzer & we enjoyed sandwiches, cupcakes & sweet treats. Thank you so much, Emy! We donated to the Silver bowl for the upkeep of our magnificent historical clubhouse. Installation of our new board completed the day.

On that note, I would like to say that it is an honor & a privilege to serve as your president for the next two years. I have a terrific board & they are as follows:



Vice President	Lucy McDonough	
Recording Secretary	Meredith Murphy	Linda Rinker
Corresponding Secretary	Jo Ann Palmer	
Treasurer	Judy Allen	
Assistant Treasurer	Sue Busby	
Finance	Nancy Miles	
Ways & Means	Cindy Abeel	
Charitable Giving	Kathy Parham	Deborah Kirkwood
Programs	Lindsay Peloza	Elaine Ellman
Scholarship	Patty Munsey	Jane Koubek
House & Grounds	Karen Rodda	
Membership	Judi Andrews	Cecilia Slavish
Historian	Kim Mould	
Yearbook	Churchill Thompson	Diana Sidawi
Hospitality	Natalie Hill	Fran Myklusich
Parliamentarian	Linda Rinker	Meredith Murphy

I would like to thank Barbara Hughes for serving as Yearbook chair last year. The yearbook is a very important part of our communications.

Wishing all of you a very happy & safe summer. Looking forward to the Rummage Sale, August 29th & 30th. Mark your calendars and clean your closets & ask your friends & neighbors for donations. We can never have too much!

All the best,
Chris

Christine Bush, President

Happy May Birthdays

Carol Nawrocki 5/3
Casey Kish 5/8
Kim Mould 5/8
Patricia Lancaster 5/12
Tiffany Howell 5/18
Meriam Chedli 5/20
Joan Flewelling 5/21
Nancy Williams 5/21
Mercedes Baird 5/22
Nancy Miles 5/26
Judy Allen 5/27
Sharyn Jontz 5/29
Susan Howard 5/31



Judi Andrews and Cecelia Slavish, Membership Chair

Ways and Means

I am honored to continue as Ways and Means Chair for 2025-26, and this year, more than ever, our VOLUNTEER MEMBERS will be the stars of the show!

That means between now and August set up, please put aside new and gently used items for our **August Rummage Sale** and mark your schedules to work at **set-up, August 23-28 (dates may shrink depending on the Clubhouse being booked), and sale, August 29 and 30.**

The Rummage Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year and funds go to the Charitable Giving Committee who will disperse money to local organizations.

For any of you who are not able to store items until late August, please let me know, and anyone with room to store items, also please let me know.



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Cindy Abeel, Way and Means Chair

Charitable Giving

Awards to Non-Profit Organizations in 2024-2025

Thanks to Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair, for her leadership on the annual rummage sale, and the numerous club members who volunteered at the rummage sale or donated items. The proceeds from the rummage sale are the major ongoing source of funds available for our annual awards to non-profit organizations. In addition, two generous club members added to the funds available for awards this year. For our 2024-2025 club year, the Charitable Giving Committee voted to award \$18,250 to the following non-profit organizations:

A Gift for Teaching
Adult Literacy League
Conductive Education of Orlando, Inc.
Family Promise of Greater Orlando
Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc.
IDignity, Inc.
Jewish Pavilion of Central Florida, Inc.
Modern Widows Club, Inc.

Neighbors Network, Inc.
Orlando Rabbit Care & Adoptions, Inc.
Ruby Holland Foundation, Inc.
Samaritan Village, Inc.
The Sharing Center
Welbourne Avenue Nursery & Preschool
Winter Park Playhouse

Other Charitable Giving in 2024-2025

Our club's generosity resulted in in-kind donations of \$5,511, as well as monetary donations of \$915 to the following:

Back-to-School (WP Housing Authority)	Killarney Elementary
Salvation Army Stockings	A Gift for Teaching
Adopt-A-Family (WP Housing Authority)	Orlando Rabbit Care & Adoptions, Inc.
Valentine's Day Boxes	

Thanks to the support of our club members, the WCWP donated a total of \$24,676 in 2024-2025 in support of the club's charitable giving mission.

We hope that the 2024-2025 Charitable Giving Committee members will join us in serving on the committee again in the 2025-2026 club year. We also welcome new committee members, both veteran and new club members!

A special thanks goes to Lucy McDonough who served as a Chair and Co-Chair of the Charitable Giving Committee for the past three years. We will miss her leadership on the Charitable Giving Committee and congratulate her on her new role as the Club's Vice President!

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

Hospitality



During the summer months we will be filling the calendars with the names of Team Leaders for each month. Then in September at the Membership Tea we will ask all members of the club to volunteer to be Greeters, Pourers, Sandwich Makers or Cookie Bakers.

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

Historian



Rollins College Commencement Procession - 1928
Graduates marching from Rollins towards Lyman on Interlachen Avenue
just passing our beautiful Club House.

Kim Mould, Historian, gives a Special Thank you to ...
Department of College Archives and Special Collections
Olin Library, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida



Woman's Club of Winter Park 10th Anniversary 1925

May Programs



Thank You for an Incredible Season!

As we wrap up this season, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of your support and assistance. Your dedication and enthusiasm have truly made a difference in our club's success. Thank you for the extra time and effort you put in each week to make our events so special—from the beautiful decorations that transformed our space to the delicious food that brought us all together. Each contribution has been invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without you! Our programs committee is already busy planning for next season, and we are excited about what's coming up. We hope you all have a fantastic summer break filled with quality time with family and friends, as well as some wonderful travel adventures. We look forward to seeing you in September, ready to create even more memorable moments together. Enjoy your summer!

Warm regards, Lindsay and Elaine

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

House and Gardens

What a phenomenal Team we are so blessed to have here at our Woman's Club!

This past Club year, May 2024-April 2025, we celebrated 110 years in grand fashion as we were very fortunate to complete many delayed House & Garden Preservation projects, set our sights to complete others, and make new plans in our continuing efforts to keep our Grand Lady so deserving of her Historical prominence in our beautiful City of Winter Park.

Last summer, May through August 2024

...while we took a break from Thursday programs, and rental events are generally a bit slower, House & Garden projects hit the ground running!

1. We had our handsome new paver drive, installed by Olde World Brick Paving Co. in our south Fairbanks parking area. This was preceded by having to relocate much of our irrigation to that area, and at that same time, additional irrigation and repairs were done to accommodate many plantings; replacing or new to our Grounds due to the tenting, freeze, and hurricanes during 2023.
2. We also began plans to create and enhance our gardens to reflect their original Historical nature. Teamwork all the way by member Elaine Ellman, co-founder of The Orlando Area Historical Rose Society, our Historian Kim Mould, and staff member Ricky Reasner who planted all our new vegetation including our Historical Rose bushes.
3. Moving into Spring 2025 we had our front Terrace lawn resodded, just in time for 3 large Wedding Ceremonies, all were so excited and complimentary of all our projects, especially because these were booked many months earlier, when plans were barely underway.

This Summer and new fiscal year 2025-26

We are excited to share new projects that will be underway soon. Our front lawn gardens, including our beautiful new Historical Marker, so graciously provided by the City of Winter Park, will be gorgeous with Landscape Lighting by Jason Rainey, The Electricity Concierge. We'll keep you informed so you can plan a first drive by on one of our great summer evenings.

Next, our Fairbanks Clubhouse Entrance will be replaced to align with our Preservation Mission, as was done to our main Lyman entrance in 2016. *More details on this project and others being planned will follow in the June/July Highlights.

*We will need your help along the way, donations including endowments will be sought to keep our Preservation Funds available as needed. Named Projects are also available and encouraged. Wishing you a safe blessed summer no matter where your travels or stay-cations take you!!

Member Aimee Kakos and husband Michael are graciously donating funds to replace the Balustrade that once sat above the pillars on our terrace



Karen Rodda, House Chair