

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



November 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

November is the month of Thanksgiving. I want to thank all the women of this club for their outpouring of love & support for me during my husband's illness & passing. I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate all of you & your kindness shown to me. I will be forever grateful.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Nancy Miles in the loss of her mother, Jane Watkins. Jane was a long time member of the club & she loved to pour tea. May you find comfort, Nancy, in the thoughts & prayers from your friends here.

For all you music lovers, The Messiah Choral Society will present their annual free concert of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 at the Steinmetz Hall at Dr. Phillips. It will also be live-streamed so that you can watch it in the comfort of your home. Yours truly will be singing in it.

There are some exciting programs planned for this month. We will be highlighting 3 of our Charitable Giving recipients, a tour of the Benefit Shop, & our Friendsgiving Taster's Choice Luncheon. (That's Pot Luck for all of our new members). So find that special recipe that you would like to share & come & have a delightful lunch. And make a copy of the recipe for the Cookbook committee.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



All the best, *Chris*

Christine Bush, President

Preservation Campaign 2025 – 2026



We're off to a strong start with our **2025 Preservation Campaign** and are deeply grateful to the Club members who have already contributed.

You will soon receive a letter with full campaign details and a pledge form. Please consider contributing - every contribution, regardless of size, helps bring us closer to our goal of preserving and enhancing our House for the enjoyment of current and future members.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Woman's Club of Winter Park!

Happy November Birthdays

Churchill Thompson	11/7
Ann Hicks Murrah	11/9
Ann Clement	11/11
Jo Ann Palmer	11/11
Elaine Ellman	11/12
Kennedy McClain	11/12
Charlotte Hattaway	11/13
Natalie Hill	11/14
Lindy Freeman	11/18
Elizabeth Fullington	11/20
Karen Schuermann	11/20
Meredith Murphy	11/23
Katherine Kern	11/28
Shirley Osgood	11/29
Elaine Hall Laegeler	11/30



Judi Andrews and Cecelia Slavish, Membership Co-Chairs

Ways and Means

Our Holiday Luncheon is December 11th - and you know what that means - our Annual Holiday Bake and Craft sale!! Some Club members are dusting off their favorite holiday recipes - be it sweets, jam or jellies, soup mixes, chocolates, and more. Others are busy crafting items to delight shoppers. ALL members bring some extra dollars to purchase these tempting goodies. Signup sheets will be available in November. All proceeds flow from Ways and Means to Charitable Giving so that we can be extra generous to other worthy organizations.

Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair

Historian

On Tuesday, November 11th, our country celebrates Veterans Day, a day to honor the military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Originally known as Armistice Day, the event commemorated “the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front” ending World War 1. Woman’s

Club of Winter Park members have always been patriotic in our efforts to support our country in times of peace, as well as conflict. In 1936, leading up to the rise of Nazism, Fascism, and the horrors of another world war, a Miami Herald newspaper article dated April 30 titled “Women’s Clubs Asked to Help Preserve U.S.” explores the “important role that women play in forming and maintaining a democracy.” A General Federation of Women’s Clubs article from February 1936 titled “American Citizenship” implores clubwomen to oppose “political systems” that “undermine our democratic form of government” and “safeguard the rights of free citizenship.” Here are a few items from our Club Archives from the WW II era, including a complete ration book set in a leather case, membership books, the one from 1945 is particularly interesting in its plain stapled paper format, a program guide, a vintage Bundles for Britain pin, and a new Rosie the Riveter pin (thank you Nancy Miles!). So, in this season of Thanksgiving, let us appreciate our numerous blessings and show gratitude to our military veterans, past and present, especially our loved ones.



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Kim Mould, Historian

Charitable Giving

PAUSE FOR THE CAUSE – WCWP NOVEMBER 6th PROGRAM

The Charitable Giving Committee is sponsoring the annual Pause for the Cause program on November 6th. This program features three non-profit organizations that received donations or funding awards from the WCWP in the last year. Come hear their stories and learn about their contributions to our local community.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

The Woman's Club is participating in the Adopt-A-Family program again this year. We will be collecting holiday gifts for four families at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority (WPHA) facility. The following is a summary of the program:

1. The WPHA staff have provided us with wish lists for our assigned families. Sign-up sheets with the wish lists were available at the October 30 meeting and will be available at our November meetings and our December 4 meeting. The sign-up sheets will also include a \$50 Publix card for each of the families. We are asking club members to sign up to donate a gift for one of the children or one of the Publix cards.

NOTE: The November 13 meeting will be at the Winter Park Benefit Shop rather than the club. The Charitable Giving Committee will have a table set up by the entrance to the Benefit Shop for club members to sign up for the Adopt-A-Family program.

2. If you prefer, you can provide a monetary donation to the WCWP, and we will do your shopping for you! If you would like to donate a gift but are unable to attend the club meetings for sign up, please email Debbie Kirkwood at daku cf@aol.com or Kathy Parham at parhamkathryn@gmail.com, and we can let you know which items are still available on the wish lists.
3. All gifts should be new. Please wrap your gift and label it with the child's name.
4. Please return all gifts (and receipts with your name) by Thursday, December 11th. Gifts and receipts can be returned to the office during business hours from 9:30 am – 1 pm on Monday – Thursday or at our Thursday club meetings.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR AWESOME GENEROSITY with the Salvation Army Christmas stockings project. The WCWP members filled 75 Christmas stockings for teens! Thank you all for your giving hearts! What a fun Christmas morning these teens will have thanks to you-all!

PEANUT BUTTER AND BAGS PROJECT – KILLARNEY ELEMENTARY

Do you find yourself dreaming about Peanut Butter??? Wonder if the food insecure kids at Killarney do; but for certain their dreams are happy ones because they aren't hungry because of the WCWP's loving kindness! THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH for always tossing a jar or two in your cart when you shop and, if you can, please keep it up so these children can continue to have something in their tummies at night!!

Thank you for your generous participation in the club's charitable giving activities!

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

House and Grounds

As you all may have noticed, Rollins College has begun site work on their property across from our Lyman Street entrance. This has resulted in fewer parking spaces for folks in the area. A perk of our Woman's Club membership is the ability to park in our lot when you are in the area. In order to preserve your spaces, we are placing notes on vehicles who don't display our WCWP Parking Sticker. A second unauthorized parking occurrence will result in towing of the vehicle, as per our sign.



If you don't have your parking sticker, or may have misplaced it, please see our Club Administrator Roy. You are always welcome at our Woman's Club of Winter Park! Let's display our stickers proudly.

And a huge thank you to our House Team of Roy, Chip and Ricky for keeping our clubhouse running smoothly and looking fabulous. We are fortunate to be hosting so many wonderful events.

Katie Campbell, House and Grounds Chair

Hospitality

Greetings from the Hospitality Committee

This committee is the heart of our club's warmth and spirit. We're the ones who help create a welcoming atmosphere at every event, support meaningful connections among members and ensure that everyone feels seen, appreciated and at home here in our club.

Please help us by signing up for our various hospitality duties at our sign in table.

The needed positions are monthly group leader, - set up and or take down - greeter, pourer, sandwiches, and cookies to contribute to our efforts. The creative talents among you may wish to sign up for centerpiece displays for our two food tables at our meetings.

Your ideas, talents and energy are what makes our committee thrive.

Let's make this a wonderful season together!

Natalie Hill and Fran Myklusch, Hospitality Co-Chairs

November Programs

Thursday Nov. 6th at 2PM- Pause for the Cause

Our annual Pause for the Cause program sponsored by the Charitable Giving Committee features three non-profit organizations that received donations or funding awards from the WCWP in the last year. This is an opportunity to hear their stories and their contributions to our local community.



Winter Park Housing Authority (WPHA)

Speakers: Tarena Grant, Executive Director and Pamela Pinder, Resident Service Coordinator

Organization Overview:

For more than five decades, the WPHA has been rooted in our mission to provide a secure, sanitary, non-discriminatory, crime and drug-free environment in a nurturing community where residents have access to resources to become self-sufficient and independent.

Established in 1970 by a City of Winter Park ordinance, the WPHA is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates affordable housing within the city limits. WPHA manages 705 apartments across 6 multi-family rental properties, including 171 public housing units.

At WPHA, we go **“Beyond just Housing”** through our resident focused programs such as the Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program. Through strong partnerships with local business, organizations, and community groups, we connect our residents with real tools for real change — from job training and education resources to wellness programs and family services.

These partnerships enhance our efforts and support our goal in helping our residents overcome barriers to achieve self-sufficiency.

We believe that everyone deserves more than just a place to live — they deserve a place to grow, connect, and thrive. And that's exactly what we're here to provide.

Jewish Pavilion Senior Services –

Speaker: Nancy Ludin

Organization Overview:

Imagine what it would be like to lose your health, your spouse, your friends and your home.



No one wants to grow old alone! Jewish Pavilion Senior Services is a life-line for the elderly in long-term care. Jewish Pavilion staff and volunteers visit 40 elder care communities where we come together to share our culture with residents of all faiths. We are there to look after loved ones, brighten someone's day with a gift or lift someone's spirits with a visit or holiday celebration.

The Jewish Pavilion offers a unique service. Seniors in long term care have long been forgotten by the community. They no longer belong to a synagogue and the facility where they live celebrates secular and Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter and regularly serves foods like ham and cheese sandwiches. Any religious services provided at the facility are Christian or Catholic. The Jewish seniors long for the familiar culture they grew up in. They want to celebrate Hanukkah and eat a bagel with lox and cream cheese.

No other community in the US offers an outreach service like the Jewish Pavilion. While many larger communities have a Jewish Home for the aged, few provide outreach to seniors who do not live there. As life becomes more hectic, an increasing number of family members will choose to put their parents in a place close to home. Outreach to residents of a particular faith will become increasingly important. The Jewish Pavilion's model of service can be replicated across the country and/or copied by other faith groups in Orlando.

The Jewish Pavilion also offers a free information and referral service, staffed by people with expertise in seniors. This service is for anyone experiencing issues pertaining to aging. Family members from all over the United States can call us for free advice. 407-678-9363. Many of the calls we receive pertain to health issues.

Modern Widows Club – Speaker: Jeanice Young

Organization Overview:

Modern Widows Club is dedicated to supporting women and partners through the complex and emotional journey of loss with compassion and understanding. We provide a safe, inclusive community where every individual feels heard, valued, and supported. Our mission is to empower members and volunteers to rebuild their lives, offering guidance, tools, and encouragement to discover new purpose and hope after loss. Through shared experiences and meaningful connections, we foster resilience and strength, helping individuals navigate grief and move toward growth.



Founder's Story:

Modern Widows Club® began with a simple yet powerful idea: to create a supportive community for widows who felt isolated and alone in their grief. Founded by Carolyn Moor in 2011 after the tragic loss of her husband, the club started as a small gathering in her living room.

Carolyn quickly realized that widows needed more than just a place to share their stories—they needed a network of understanding, inspiration, and empowerment. What began as a local support group has since grown into a global movement, connecting widows from all walks of life who are determined to rebuild their lives and thrive after loss.

Over the years, Modern Widows Club® has evolved into a direct services organization dedicated to providing resources, education, and event further, as both an educational and advocacy platform for widows worldwide - The Movement for Widow Care™.

With a focus on fostering resilience, personal growth, and community, the club offers a range of programs, including local and virtual support groups, educational webinars, and wellness initiatives.

Through these efforts, MWC collectively has become a beacon of hope and strength for widows everywhere, helping them not only survive but also find purpose and joy in the next chapter of their lives.

**Thursday November 13th at 2pm – The Benefit Shop Tour
(meet at the store)**

Please RSVP Lindsay by: November 10th (330) 608-7159

The Winter Park Benefit Shop located at 450 Harper Street (near the new library off of Morse) is excited to welcome the Woman's Club of Winter Park for a tour, tea and scones, and a private shopping day (cash only!) on November 13th from 2-4 pm. Our Club's involvement and support of the Benefit Shop dates back to 1935 when it was started by Mrs. Spurr who was a WCWP member! It was a part of the Welfare Association started in 1917 by Mrs. Charles Morse and continues today as an all-volunteer thrift shop that turns donated clothing and household goods into vital support for local



charities that support children and families. This year, every penny spent at the Benefit Shop on donated goods will go to the following local charities: Winter Park Day Nursery, Christian Service Center, Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Freedom Ride, Harbor House, House of Hope, Orlando Rescue Mission, Russell Home for Atypical Children, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Boys and Girls Club.



Every donated item extends a hand of kindness. Every volunteer helps make it all possible. You are cordially invited to come see what we are about, learn a bit about our history and maybe even consider joining our volunteer team. This is the kind of place where giving back feels good and every day brings a new treasure. We sincerely appreciate the support the Woman's Club of Winter Park has given us for the past 90 years by providing volunteers and hosting events to raise awareness and provide donated items. If you have an item or two you would like to donate, please bring it with you on November 13th.



Thursday November 20th at 11:30am Pot Luck–Friendsgiving Luncheon



Sign-up sheets will be available – more information to come

Lindsay Pelozza and Elaine Ellman , Programs Co-Chairs

From the Cookbook Committee...

Our Cookbook Committee is now collecting recipes. Please read the directions carefully. This is the beginning of a new legacy of our family recipes.

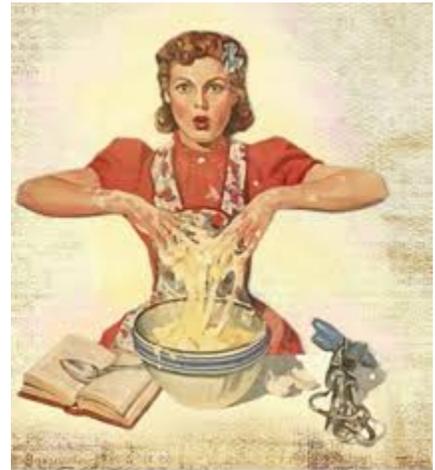
It is optional, but please consider including a sentence about the recipe.

For example,

“Mother used to bake these cookies every holiday.”

“This recipe is a family favorite of Texans.”

“This recipe is from a famous restaurant.”



We will also include many historical facts about our club.

This is what makes the WCWP cookbook special! There will be plenty of hard copies of the recipe collection sheets at every meeting.

I have also attached a copy of the collection sheet for you to work on at home. Please email copies to Dreelman@gmail.com or bring it to the meetings.

Warmly,

WCWP Cookbook Committee

The Red Pepper Tree on Morse Ave

Come help decorate The Red Pepper Tree on Morse Ave with our new holiday decorations on [Thursday, November 6th, at 9am!](#) Of course, the City of Winter Park will drape the tree with lights and a star on top, and most of the ornaments - but we will hang ornaments where we can reach! We'll also have donuts and coffee!



We cut and painted 75 new birch ply ornaments during the summer - and it was a lot of fun!
Hope to see you on the 6th!

~Churchill Thompson