

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

# December 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

The Holiday season is upon us. I think it came early this year as some of my neighbors put up their Christmas lights right after Halloween! But the twinkling lights are very pretty & I do enjoy them.

We have some wonderful events planned for this month here at the club. December 4 is a program on Manatees. Please see Programs for more information.

December 11 is our annual Holiday Luncheon along with the Bake & Craft Sale. It begins at 11:00 am, with lunch being served at noon. Music will be provided by the Orlando Dickens Carolers. You MUST RSVP by December 8. Cost is \$25.00.

The Winter Park Chain of Lakes boat tour, for those that signed up, takes place on December 17 at 5:00 pm. Please meet at the boat dock. It might be a little cool out on the water, so please dress accordingly.

The Scholarship Reception on December 18 at 6:00 pm is not to be missed! Along with recognizing our scholarship winners & their families, music will be provided by violin prodigy Petar Del'Olio. It promises to be a delightful evening. Please RSVP to Patty Munsey at [pmmuns@aol.com](mailto:pmmuns@aol.com).

With Hanukkah on December 14-22 and Christmas on the 25th, there are many events happening in & around Winter Park. Preparation can be a stressful time-shopping, cooking, wrapping, parties, family commitments. No matter how stressed you are, remember how blessed you are!

Wishing all of you a very happy & merry Holiday season!

**All the best,**

*Chris*

**Christine Bush, President**



# Happy December Birthdays

Sara Woodward	12/3
Karen Buchanan	12/9
Valerie Reeves	12/13
Elizabeth Taylor	12/13
Suzanne Bliss	12/22
Jackie Byrd Thompson	12/22
Pat Miller	12/25
Julie Rankin	12/26
Beverly Cox	12/27
Karen Berg	12/29
Maureen Bell	12/31
Diane Breth	12/31
Chris Bush	12/31
Barbara Hughes	12/31



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

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## Ways and Means

Second reminder that our **Annual Holiday Bake and Craft sale will be December 11**, coinciding with our fabulous Holiday Luncheon!! Some Club members are dusting off their favorite holiday recipes - be it cakes, pies, jam or jellies, soup mixes, chocolates, and more. Others are busy crafting items to delight shoppers. **If you are a crafter, please let me know you will be there**, so adequate table space is set up and reserved for you. There is a signup sheet, BUT whether or not you sign up, please plan to bring homemade or store-bought goodies. We will have table space for whatever you bring. **ALL members bring some extra dollars for purchases**. All proceeds flow from Ways and Means to Charitable Giving so that we can be extra generous to other worthy organizations.



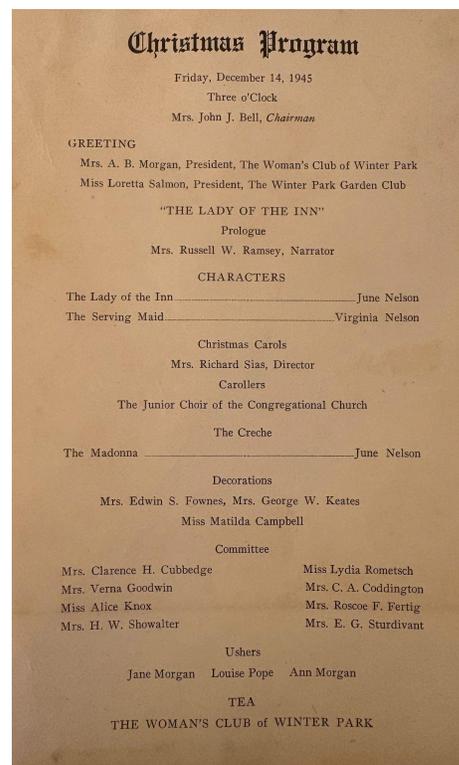
**Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair**

## Historian



Mrs. Kathryn Morgan (later Sommer) served as Woman's Club of Winter Park President from 1944 – 1946. Several years ago, her daughter, the truly gracious Ann Morgan Saurman, told me of Ann's pleasure in walking over from the Elementary School located on Park Avenue to the clubhouse to meet her mother as she worked on a variety of Woman's Club projects and events. Ann still lives in the beautiful and historic family home at 1041 Osceola Avenue facing Lake Mizell. In the Club Archives, I found this wonderful Christmas Tea Program from

December 14, 1945, which notes Mrs. A. B. Morgan giving the Greeting and her daughters, Ann and Jane Morgan, serving as Ushers. As noted on the appreciation plaque located in the Board Room, in 2015, during our last Preservation Fund Drive, Ann and Jane generously provided the idea and funds needed to restore the Terrace in memory of their mother, Mrs. Alexander Bradford Morgan.



**Kim Mould, Historian**

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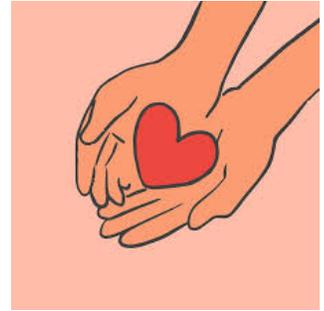
## Preservation Campaign - 2025 - 2026

The Preservation Campaign is off to a strong start! You should have received campaign details and a pledge form in the mail. Please consider supporting our efforts – each contribution moves us closer to preserving our beloved House.

## Charitable Giving

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

THANK YOU ALL for your love and generosity for the four families the WCWP adopted at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility, this Christmas. Every family has been spoken for and every child will be receiving the five wish list gift items that they expressly requested.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE TO BRING IN YOUR WRAPPED AND LABELED GIFTS IS THE WCWP HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>. The gifts will be delivered to the administrators at The Meadows after the luncheon so they can quietly get them to the parents of the children for their Christmas morning surprises. Just imagine the wonderful surprises you've created for these children as you enjoy your Christmas morning!! THANK YOU, ALL SO, MUCH.



### **Killarney Kids**

ANN CLEMENT wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone at the WCWP for your generous support of the food insecure children at Killarney Elementary. Ann and Jan Bowman volunteer at the Killarney Elementary food pantry and will keep your donations of peanut butter and bags, and other items as needed, delivered to these children throughout the school year.

### **Charitable Giving Committee Meeting – January 13th at 10 AM**

Committee members, please mark your calendars . . . we have a meeting scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the WCWP.

We will start with a teambuilding project for “A GIFT FOR TEACHING” at 10 AM – 11 AM and then break for a brief lunch (Kathy and Debbie have something light but nice as a treat for everyone), then back to work on committee project planning for the remainder of the year. It is going to be fun so be sure to calendar this meeting. And, if you are not officially on the committee, you are welcome to join us, please just let Kathy ([parhamkathryn@gmail.com](mailto:parhamkathryn@gmail.com)) or Debbie ([dakucf@aol.com](mailto:dakucf@aol.com)) know! The more the merrier!!



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

## House and Grounds



The House and Grounds Committee wishes everyone a wonderful Holiday Season! There are a lot of exciting things on the horizon at the Woman's Club!

**Katie Campbell, House and Grounds Chair**

## Hospitality

Greetings from the Hospitality Committee!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you wonderful and caring ladies who have contributed and who continue to contribute to our club's hospitality program. To our greeters, to our pourers, to our cookie and sandwich makers and centerpiece decorators, to our group leaders responsible for setting up and taking down, we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

You are the very heart of our club and we are so happy to know you.

You dear ladies are such a big part of our fellowship.

May you all enjoy a blessed holiday season and come back in January ready to spread more joy with us in the coming New Year!



Best wishes,

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

# December Programs

## Thursday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2PM – Save the Manatee Club

Save The Manatee Club was founded in 1981 by the late, then Governor, Bob Graham and the late Jimmy Buffett. Its mission statement is 'to protect imperiled manatees and their aquatic habitat for today and future generations'.



Here's a picture of Annie, who is an adoptee and just had her 7th calf two weeks ago. 🐬 This isn't the newest calf.



Trinket Mason will be educating us and discussing ways in which “Save the Manatee Club” protects the Manatees. You will learn how we can support their cause and you can even adopt your own manatee ( :3 ). (Manatee smile)

## Thursday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM - Holiday Luncheon



**THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK**  
**Holiday Luncheon**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025**  
**11:00 AM SOCIAL GATHERING, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE**  
**12:00 NOON – BUFFET LUNCH**  
**\$25 PER PERSON – GUESTS WELCOME!**

**MENU IS A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY FAIR**

**PERFORMANCE BY**  
**THE ORLANDO DICKENS CAROLERS**

RSVP MUST BE MADE WITH PAYMENT BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
PLEASE NO LATE RESERVATIONS!!!  
CALL ROY AT (407) 644 - 2237  
OR EMAIL [INFO@WOMANSCLUBOFWINTERPARK.COM](mailto:INFO@WOMANSCLUBOFWINTERPARK.COM)

**PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK \$25**  
**OR CREDIT CARD \$26 ( TO COVER FEES)**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY**  
**RESTRICTIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW**

Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM - Scenic Boat Tour



A few seats are still available for the Scenic Boat - December 17th 5pm -  
please contact Churchill (407) 808-8757

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

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### **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.

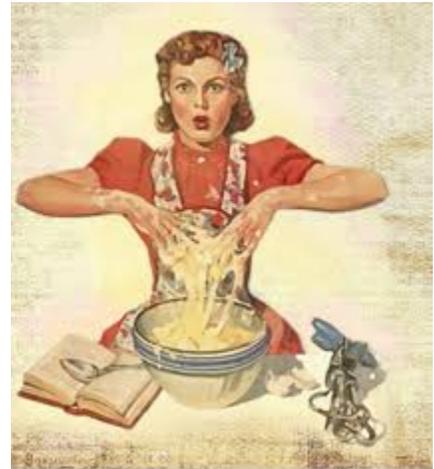
It is optional, but please consider including a sentence about the recipe.

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 [Dreellman@gmail.com](mailto:Dreellman@gmail.com) or bring it to the meetings.

**Warmly,  
WCWP Cookbook Committee**