

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



March 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

March is here signaling the awakening of spring & bringing a revitalizing energy that inspires us to appreciate every blooming flower & lengthening day! It's a time for renewal, growth, & the anticipation of vibrant days ahead.

We start off the month with cookbook author Pam Brandon. New recipes & helpful hints in the kitchen! The highlight of the month is our Fashion Show luncheon on March 12. Our own members will be modeling fashions from BiJou. Please see the Program section for more information. There will be a special Game Night on Tuesday, March 17! Come & celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your friends. The fun begins at 5:30. On March 19, learn about Winter Park's historical Seminole Hotel from the executive director of the Winter Park History Museum, Christy Grieger. Finishing out the month, we will take an adventurous trip to South Africa, presented by our very own Liz Morehead & her husband, Harry. All you world travelers won't want to miss this!



Our deepest sympathies go out to Cynthia Gerken in the loss of her mother, Catherine Ralston. May you find comfort in the thoughts & prayers from your friends here. Daylight Savings Time begins March 8. Don't forget to "Spring Ahead"!

All the best,

Chris

Christine Bush, President

Preservation Campaign

Thank you for the tremendous support of the Preservation Campaign. Your commitment helps keep our House central to members' lives and preserved as a distinguished Winter Park landmark. Whether large or small, your contribution to the 2025–2026 Preservation Campaign makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you!!



Happy March Birthdays

Sue Busby	3/2
Sandra Blossy	3/4
Catherine Bronza	3/6
Sue Grafton	3/7
Jane Koubek	3/11
Judi Andrews	3/14
Pamm Ferguson	3/14
Madela Thompson	3/14
Linda Barnby	3/16
Randi Bernstein	3/18
Betty Gilleland	3/18
Deborah Kirkwood	3/23
Nancy Ludin	3/23
Barbara Danagher	3/29
Jean Jackson	3/29
Nancy Flaherty	3/30
Aimee Kakos	3/30



Judi Andrews and Cecelia Slavish, Membership Co-Chairs

Charitable Giving

Valentine's Boxes – Member Outreach

Thanks to all who donated candy, assembled, and delivered Valentine's boxes for our member outreach project. Your efforts were much appreciated!



Killarney Kids

Thanks, too, for continuing to bring in your jars of peanut butter for our Killarney Kids! The peanut butter and the bags you bring for them to carry it home make a difference to these children.

Charitable Giving Committee Meeting

The last Charitable Giving Committee meeting of the club year will be on March 18 at 2:00 pm. The committee will be making decisions on funding awards.

Kathy Parham, Charitable Giving Committee Chair

Cookbook Committee

Attention Food Enthusiasts!

The Cookbook Committee is creating a delicious new edition and we'd love for you to contribute your favorite recipes!

Attached is the recipe collection sheet. Additional copies are available at the sign-in table at Thursday meetings. If you prefer, you may copy your recipes and attach them to the collection sheet - don't hesitate to include a personal touch or a special story about your recipes!

Please return completed sheets at the sign-in table or email them to lucymcd3@aol.com by April 15.

We look forward to celebrating your culinary contributions in the Woman's Club of Winter Park cookbook!



Ways and Means

It's never too soon to be thinking about our annual Rummage Sale, September 4th and 5th, the biggest fundraiser of the year, which depends upon YOU to make it happen and make it successful. As you are going through household items in the next few months, please set aside the ones you are no longer in love with or need, to save until they may be brought (or we will pick up) to the Clubhouse the week before the sale. If you cannot store items until the week before the sale or if you have space in your garage or home to store such items ahead of time, please let me know. We don't want to miss out on any great donations! Set aside time from August 29th through September 3rd to help with set up and September 4th and 5th to work at the sale. Contact me with any questions or information.



Cindy Abeel, Ways and Means Chair

March Programs

Thursday March 5th at 2PM – Pam Brandon

Pam Brandon is a 30-year feature, food and travel writer based in Winter Park, Fla. Her newest cookbook is “Orlando Kitchens,” and she has written 28 cookbooks for The Walt Disney Company, as well as two award-winning Florida cookbooks for University Press of Florida, “Field to Feast” and “Good Catch.” She is the dining editor for Winter Park Magazine and was co-founder of Edible Orlando magazine. Brandon started her journalism career at the Charleston Gazette in Charleston, W.Va., and later worked as news editor for Orlando Magazine. She was a senior publicist for Walt Disney World Resort prior to creating her own company in 1995.



Title: “An afternoon with Winter Park cookbook author and food writer Pam Brandon”

Pam’s serendipitous career in cookbook writing started with a single inquiry when she was a Walt Disney World publicist that led to 30 years of working with chefs to share their recipes (as well as a few of her own). And her latest job as dining editor for Winter Park Magazine has its own fun twists and turns. She’ll share her story as well as tips for writing your own cookbook!



Thursday March 12 at 11:30 AM

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Fashion Show presented by: *Bijou*



“We specialize in limited edition outfits and women's clothing. Located in College Park near downtown Orlando, Bijou’s Boutique is your one stop shop for unique clothing, jewelry, and gifts for special occasions and everyday wear. Everyone's favorite place to shop for "one of a kind" clothing, shoes, accessories, gifts, cards and more. Our great friendly team at Bijou's is here to help you with all your fashion needs.”

Tuesday March 17th at 5:30 PM
St. Patrick's Day – Wear your Green

Taster's Choice – please bring a dish or dessert



All are invited: Please RSVP Lindsay (330) 608-7159

Which game are you interested in playing or learning to play?

Mah Jongg – Canasta – Bridge – Mexican Train – Rummikub

If you would like to join and not play, please come and enjoy visiting with our members – this is a great opportunity to meet new members and grow our friendships within our club.

Thursday March 19th at 2 PM
– Winter Park History Museum - Christy Grieger

First Seminole Hotel (burned down in 1902) and the “archaeological dig”

Unearthing the Past: Winter Park History Museum Executive Director to Share Story of Seminole Hotel and Newly Discovered Artifacts

A presentation focusing on the rich legacy of the historic Seminole Hotel and recent archaeological discoveries at its original site.

Built in 1886 along the shores of Lake Osceola, the Seminole Hotel was a luxurious winter resort that played a central role in the early development of Winter Park. Known for its grandeur and elegance,

the hotel attracted prominent visitors and became a cultural cornerstone until its tragic destruction by fire in 1902.

In this engaging presentation, Christy Knobloch and Dena Salas will recount the hotel's captivating history—its significance to the community, the lifestyle it fostered, and the mark it left on the city's identity. They will also unveil findings from a recent archaeological dig at the site of the former hotel, where a varied collection of artifacts was uncovered!



Thursday March 26th at 2PM

– Join **Harry Morehead and Liz Morehead** as they share their Adventurous trip to South Africa
Dress in your favorite animal print attire!!



Join us as we share the highlights of our 2023 trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe and the travel lessons learned along the way. Cape Town, Johannesburg, Victoria Falls and Kruger National Park are all on the itinerary.

Lindsay Pelozo and Elaine Ellman, Programs Co-Chairs

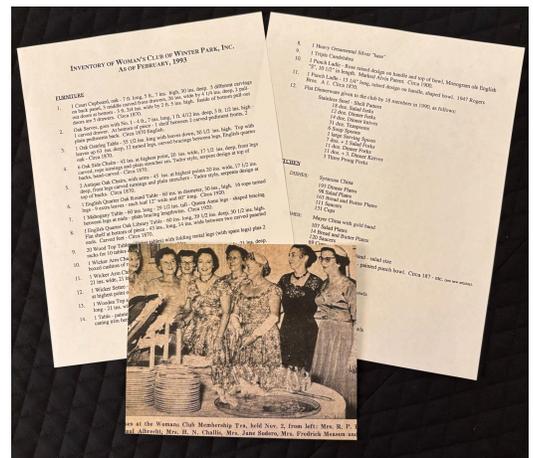
Scholarship

The deadline for Scholarship applications is March 2 so the Scholarship Committee. There will be 2 meetings in March - Monday 3/9 & Monday 3/23 - @11am @ the club. It is important that committee members join in review of applications & student videos to choose recipients for 2026-27 school year.

Patty Munsey and Jane Koubek, Scholarship Committee

Historian

From our earliest years, Woman's Club of Winter Park members and friends have been incredibly generous with their donations of furniture, silver pieces, dish and glassware, and decorative items from artwork to florals to event decor, including the Club china collection as seen in this vintage newspaper photograph. In the Club Archival Room, in Box 15, several House Inventories have been collected documenting this generosity through our 110 year history. In the coming months, a team of Club members will be updating the House Inventory, including items in the basement. If you are interested in helping with this important work, please contact Kim Mould, Club Historian, and/or Katie Campbell, House Chair, and/or Lucy McDonough, Vice-President.



Kim Mould, Historian

Hospitality



We would like to thank the newest members of the club for jumping right in and volunteering for our Hospitality tasks. As we focus on the last two months of our active season, we urge those of you who took the survey last spring to sign up to volunteer and help fill in all the blanks on our Hospitality calendars.

Natalie Hill and Fran Myklusich, Hospitality Co-Chairs

House and Grounds

Welcome to Rose Trimming Season.

We are patiently waiting for the last freeze to pass before we do a hefty trim!!



Katie Campbell, House and Grounds Chair



Celebrating the life of
Jane Miaso Watkins

April 15, 1929-October 23, 2025

Sunday, April 19, 2026

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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