

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

JANUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Column

A Very Happy New Year to you and yours!

It's the time of year when we must all remember to write 2024 on our documents. Goodness does time fly when we are busy!



We celebrated December with many fantastic events. Thanks go to all of our amazing chairs for their hard work, dedication and talents. From decorating the Red Pepper Tree, gifts for our adopted families, our spectacular Holiday Luncheon, the Bake and Craft sales, our tour of the Chain of Lakes, learning to make a cheeseboard to our Holiday Party with Mr. and Mrs. Claus – we celebrated the season with joy. It was an incredibly busy time for our Woman's Club and for all members. Thank you for making it such a memorable and joyous month. If I were to list the names of all individually responsible for our success, I would run out of column space, so please be ready to hear your name in person.

In addition to our own events, our clubhouse was the venue for many celebrations. Thanks go to everyone who kept our clubhouse beautifully decorated and in fine shape.

We start our January, 2024 with some fantastic programs, a celebration of our scholarship recipients and some wonderful, welcome new members. Founders Day celebrations will cap off our Jubilant January with details to come in your weekly email.

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Katie Campbell, President

Announcements & Updates

Charitable Giving

Adopt-A-Family – Holiday Gift Program



Thanks to our club members who supported the Adopt-A-Family holiday gift program by donating gifts or making a monetary donation for gifts. Your generosity helped to make Christmas extra special for three single parent families (with a total of 10 children) at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility. Additional thanks to committee members who shopped for gifts and/or coordinated the receipt of gifts at our weekly meetings in November and December. Winter Park Housing Authority staff members Tarena and Amaris (see photo below) send thanks to the wonderful ladies of the WCWP on behalf of the families who received our many gifts.



Charitable Giving Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Charitable Giving committee will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the board room. We will be discussing charitable giving projects for the second half of the club year. There will be no projects for the month of January.

Happy New Year!

**Lucy McDonough & Kathy Parham,
Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs**

House and Gardens

Happy New Year 2024

As we ring out the old and bring in the new, may each of you find renewed health, faith, and happiness to guide you!!

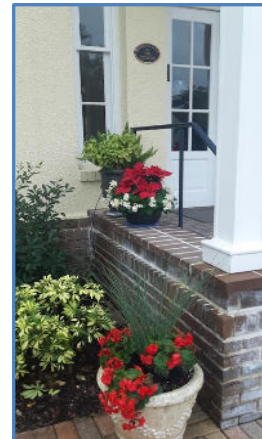
Accolades to our Club Members, Staff, and Community for the many volunteer hours and financial support while we continued to march on, heads held high, throughout 2023. We learned to have patience at every turn; waiting for spring to show us what parts of our beautiful grounds had survived the winter freeze, and again in June following the extensive cutting back and removing lots of vegetation for the tenting of our Grand Old Lady! The good news is, "We've come a long way baby!" Unlike Spring of 2023, 2024 will be filled with projects that were delayed, along with some recently approved (Surprises!!) We will continue to be very good stewards of monies in our Preservation account, and again, thank you to those who continue to be so generous while we address unexpected expenses.



June 2023 Tenting of the Clubhouse



2022 Plants covered for the holiday freeze



2023 Plants able to show off for the holidays



July 2023 WCWP Clubhouse back to normal

Some good news to share! We had a record number of Rental Events, not to mention our many terrific in-house programs, in the months of November and December. The even better news is, "Hats off to our fabulous staff, Julie, Chip and new on-board Ricky." What a team!! Coordinating each event from start to finish; Julie, covering all aspects of each rental contract, Chip and Ricky, AV appointments, set-up, Event on-site Manager, break-down, cleaning ...repeat!

2024, Bring It On!!

Looking forward to seeing you soon at our great programs each Thursday!

**Karen Rodda,
House & Gardens Chair**

Ways and Means



Ladies, we made \$663 at our bake and craft sale!! I don't remember a total that large since I have been a member of our special club; you really stepped up and I am honored to work with you and see what the New Year brings. With our Rummage Sale making \$14,559.86, it is a banner year! Thank you , thank you, thank you for all you have done.

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Membership



Please add the following pictures to your directory:



Laura Jensen



Kay McGee



Carolyn McGraw



Emy Rodgers



Patricia Stowe

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Happy Birthday!



Cindy Price	1/1	Jacqueline Stewart	1/18
Betty Wasiceck	1/1	Patricia Johnson	1/21
Ali DeMaria	1/4	Arlene Bridges	1/23
Kim Griffin	1/5	Mabel Rasmussen	1/23
Brenda Lusher	1/7	Sue Foreman	1/26
Emy Rodgers	1/13	Frances Myklusck	1/26
Kay McGee	1/14	Pat Shenton	1/28

Programs

January 4th, 6:00 p.m. Scholarship Reception



The scholarship committee is busy getting ready for the scholarship reception on January 4 at 6:00 pm. Evites were sent out to all students. Emails have been sent to all the high schools in Orange and Seminole counties about The Women's Club scholarship applications and that they can be found on our website. This is always such a special event! We invite any members that would like to attend. We are honored to be a part of this committee where we get to invest in the future of so many! Thank you to the club for all your support!

**Sue Grafton and Patty Munsey,
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs**

January 11th, 2:00 p.m.

UCF Bio Mechanics Helen Huang



MEET: Helen J. Huang

Helen J. Huang received her B.S. in materials science and engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and her M.S. and PhD. in biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She worked at Michelin North America as a materials engineer prior to her graduate studies. She was a postdoctoral fellow on the University of Colorado NIH T32 Aging Grant, and an assistant research scientist in the Human Neuromechanics Laboratory directed by Daniel Ferris at the University of Michigan, prior to joining UCF in December

2015.

Huang directs the UCF Biomechanics, Rehabilitation, & Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Laboratory. Members of the BRaIN Lab team include students from biomedical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and biomedical sciences. The BRaIN team studies motor adaptation & neuromechanics of gait and locomotor tasks. Their research currently focuses on investigating brain dynamics underlying motor adaptation, gait, balance and interlimb coordination in young & older adults. The BRaIN team also works on developing robotic exercise devices for gait rehabilitation and fall interventions, and on developing new methods for recording and analyzing electroencephalography (EEG) and electromyography (EMG).

January 18th, 2:00 p.m.

Tour of Rollins' Tiedtke Theatre



We will be touring the new performing arts era at Rollins, the Tiedtke Theatre and Dance with the production of a state-of-the-art, 16,165-square-foot theater and dance center that includes the first custom-built black box theater on campus.

“Students who get to use our new facility will be able to realize productions on a whole new level that will blow everyone away,” says [theatre arts](#) major Mary Fulton '23, a member of the Rollins Improv Players, which evolved over the years on Rollins' past black box stages.

The new Tiedtke Theatre & Dance Centre was made possible by a \$5 million gift from Philip and Sigrid Tiedtke and generous support from Sally Albrecht '76, a prolific and celebrated composer who double-majored in theater and music at Rollins. The center combines cutting-edge technologies with intimate spaces that foster hands-on learning, radical experimentation, and student leadership.

The Theatre is built next to the Annie Russell Theatre.

**January 25th
Founder's Day**

More details to come in your upcoming Monday updates

A NOTE FROM PROGRAMS:

Churchill and I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for making our first half of the season a huge success. Your participation and enthusiasm have truly made it a memorable experience.

We are excited to share that we introduced a fantastic addition to our schedule - the Tuesday evening once a month, designed as an added bonus evening for everyone to enjoy. This new initiative has surpassed our expectations, providing us with even more opportunities for fun and camaraderie.

Now, let's take a moment to reminisce about the delightful holiday party we had last Tuesday. It was wonderful to see around 50 guests attending, with plenty of family and friends joining us. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter as we celebrated together. Another highlight of this season was the Scenic Boat Tour through our picturesque Winter Park. It offered us all a chance to appreciate the stunning views and create cherished memories.

Looking ahead, the anticipation for our 2024 schedule is building. We have exciting plans in store for the upcoming year. If any of you are interested in lending a helping hand or getting involved in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lindsay (330) 608-7159. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and for making our first half of the season a remarkable one. Let's continue to create amazing memories together in the future.



**Lindsay Pelozo & Churchill Thompson,
Programs Committee Co-Chairs**