

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

NOVEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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President's Column

It's Fall y'all! And a very Happy Autumn to each and every one of you. This month brings the golden colors of leaves, which is quite a change from our brilliant celebration of Pink during the month of October, the start of our 2023-2024 Season.

And what a fantastic month it was! We had pink signs thanks to the concept of Sue Luongo. She was joined by the artistic talents of Churchill Thompson and Nancy Miles who created beautiful pink signs to honor our breast cancer survivors and in memory of those we have lost. Thanks also go to you, our wonderful members who donated for signs, raising funds for our operating account. Thank you all for joining in together.

We Flamingled during an evening event, which was celebrated with music for those unable to attend our regular Thursday tea. Thanks go to Lindsey Pelosa and our fantastic flamingo hospitality ladies Jacqueline Stewart and Shannon Harris. Our Thursday events were full of wonderful speakers and truly amazing music with thanks to The Ruby Holland Foundation and Elizabeth Fullington, Libby's Legacy, the talents of the Bach Festival with Dr. John Sinclair, and Lauren Bradley of Rollins. We finished our month with a record number of vendors at our Artisan's Showcase and our first Pumpkin Fest! Thanks go to Linda Rinker who chaired the Artisan Event, Nancy Miles for the brilliant banners and the amazing talents of Kathy Parham, Natalie Hill, and Churchill Thompson who organized the Pumpkin Fest.

Our clubhouse was full of joy for our Fall Luncheon. It was so wonderful to see our ballroom full of 81 members and guests. Thank you to the committee under Churchill Thompson, Kathy Parham and Lucy McDonough's lovely leadership. We also started Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army, Kathy and Lucy will fill you in with an update.

We begin November with birthday celebrations as we Pause for the Cause with community representatives. Followed by an art demonstration by a renowned painter, Stacy Barter. November brings our Friendsgiving Luncheon on November 16th, which will be a Taster's Choice. We are using a new way to sign up for this event through an online RSVP system. This is a test of its suitability for future use. You will find a link to click and register for this event and give an indication of what type of dish you will be bringing. I don't know about you, but I can't wait for it – the colors, the variety and the culinary talents of each of our members are as outstanding as the company.

We will end November learning how to be Brave, and Lose The Beige.

Wishing all of you a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for every year, and sharing it with all of you at our WCWP is a great joy.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Katie Campbell, President

Announcements & Updates

Charitable Giving

Salvation Army Stuff-A-Stocking Program



November 2 is the deadline for returning your filled stockings! Stockings can be dropped off at the office during business hours from 9:30 am – 1 pm or at the November 2 club meeting. Please remember to include your receipts!

Adopt-A-Family – Holiday Gift Program

The club's final charitable giving opportunity for 2023 is the Adopt-A-Family program where we collect holiday gifts for families at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority (WPHA) facility. The following is a summary of the program:

1. The WPHA staff has provided us with wish lists for our assigned families. Sign-up sheets with the wish lists will be available at the Charitable Giving table beginning with the November 9 meeting. The sign-up sheets will also include a \$50 Publix card for each of the families. We are asking members to sign up to donate a gift for one of the children or one of the Publix cards.
2. If you prefer, you can provide a monetary donation to the WCWP, and we will do your shopping for you!
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) by Thursday, December 14. 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.

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

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

Scholarship



Scholarship committee is working on getting applications out to schools in Orange and Seminole county schools.

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

Ways and Means

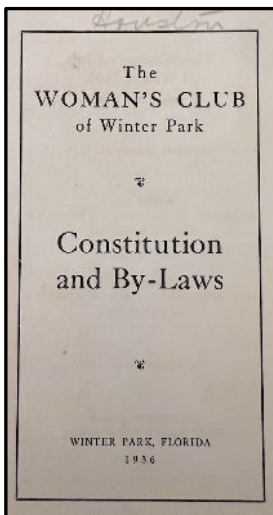


December 14th, at our Holiday Luncheon, we will again have a bake and craft sale. You, our members, bake from your heart and are so talented in crafts. We look forward to many goodies to tempt our members from your favorite recipes. If you are a crafter and would like to donate proceeds or a portion of your sales, we would be so grateful. Ladies, please bring some extra dollars to the luncheon for your purchases!! Signup sheets will be at the sign in table in November. All proceeds will flow from the Ways and Means Committee to our Charitable Giving Committee.

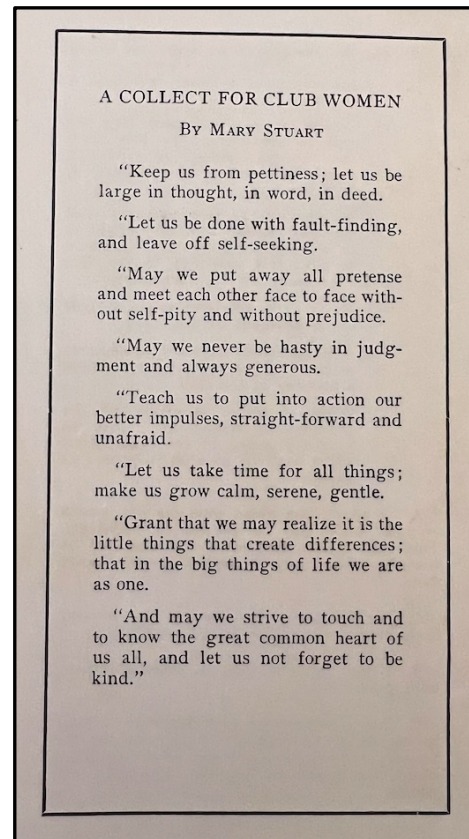
Money from consignments and sales continue to roll in to be added to Rummage Sale profits!

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Historian



From our Club's archival collection, a beautiful copy of The Woman's Club of Winter Park's Constitution and By-Laws, from 1936, with the very special, and still relevant today, Collect. The Collect reminds each of us of all the important ways we can strive to be better individuals, friends, and clubwomen.



Kim Mould,
Historian

Artisan Showcase & Holiday Information

Artisan Showcase & Pumpkin Fest

The Artisan Showcase happened on Saturday, October 28. It was a successful event with a variety of arts and crafts that were incredibly diverse and beautiful. Plenty of choices for all those special presents that we each are looking to find.

Many thanks to the vendors and to our members who dedicated their Saturday to supporting the event.



The Holiday Parade of Winter Park

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the holiday parade of Winter Park, Florida Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. This parade has been held for more than 65 years, making it the oldest holiday parade in Central Florida. Again this year, we will be celebrating the holidays by being in the parade.

Mark your calendars and let's share our time and holiday spirit together by participating in the parade.

Decorating the Red Pepper Tree



The Women's Club of Winter Park will be decorating the Red Pepper Tree in Winter Park this holiday season. Though the date has not been officially established we do know that we are scheduled to do the decorating. As soon as we know the date we will communicate with you.

**Linda Rinker,
Vice President**

Yearbook



Ladies, the 2023-24 Woman's Club Directory was sent to the printer in mid-October and should be in your hands shortly. We were not able to get all the photos by the deadline and apologize for that. As we take on new members, they will be listed in our Highlights each month. Please add them to your books.

**Natalie Hill & Barbara Hughes,
Yearbook/Website Committee Co-Chairs**

House & Gardens

Just a few updates, pictures to follow in December Highlights.



What a difference a year makes!! Last year we were recovering from Ian, not knowing Nicole was on her way!! This year we are slowly but surely catching up with many projects we had to delay due to restraints on time and money. We have had a small ramp and sidewalk work done, in front of the terrace, leading from the paver parking lot, safety first!! Our new Woman's Club historic house signs will be installed this month in the same locations replacing our old, weather damaged ones.

Kudos to our team, Chip and now Ricky for the monster tasks they performed for all our many club programs, events, and extra maintenance during this very busy this past month. Ricky was able to pressure wash, are you ready? ...All our sidewalks & handicap area, kitchen and A/V steps, brick wainscoting, steppingstone path, and entire paver parking lot!!! And thank you, Art Freeman and Ken Rodda for donating and delivering use of their equipment, so the total project cost one third of what using outside vendors would have been. We are so blessed and grateful!

More projects will be underway this month and we'll share pictures soon.

**Karen Rodda,
House Chair**

Membership

It is always difficult for friends and loved ones when a cherished lady leaves this earth, and it was decided that we would include a brief paragraph in our Highlights newsletter to recognize those special ladies who have recently gone before us.

MARGARET PEAKE FAIL

Margaret passed away on September 26 at the age of 86. She had been a long-time member of the Woman's Club. She was loved and cherished by many people, including siblings, children, grandchildren, her many friends, and her pets Ducky Lucky, Probate, and Vicky.

ELLEN JAMES

Ellen grew up in Florida and graduated in education from FSU, but she also excelled in piano and organ. She married a military pilot, raised two children, and traveled the world. She returned to Central Florida in 1974, earned her master's from UCF and subsequently retired from Orange County schools. Ellen was always active in her community, taking on important leadership roles; she was always ready to help; and she was a true and loyal friend.

**Meredith Murphy,
Membership Chair**

Happy Birthday



Churchill Thompson	11/7	Lindy V.D. Freeman	11/18
Ann Hicks Murrah	11/9	Elizabeth Fullington	11/20
Deborah Williams	11/10	Karen Schuermann	11/20
Jo Ann Palmer	11/11	Meredith Murphy	11/23
Elaine Ellman	11/12	Shirley Osgood	11/29
Natalie Hill	11/14	Elaine Hall Laegeler	11/30

Programs



November 2nd, 2:00 p.m.

**3rd Annual Pause for the Cause
Presented by: Our Charitable Giving Committee**



MEET: Gina Berko Solomon



She is an executive MBA graduate of the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park. Ms. Solomon served two years in the U.S. Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan as a teacher, community organizer, and mentor before joining ALL in 2005 as program director.

In 2011, Solomon was awarded the competitive Martin. L. Bell Scholarship to the Crummer Graduate School of Business, which recognizes one nonprofit professional annually who has demonstrated progressive managerial experience within the nonprofit sector. She also was honored in Orlando Business Journal's

"40 under 40" Class of 2011, recognizing Central Florida's outstanding young professionals. She served in the 2014 inaugural class of the women's leadership group ATHENA NextGen.

Gina is responsible for developing and implementing the League's English Language Literacy Program, and their GED lab.

David Odahowski, President and CEO of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, said Solomon "is a great example of Next Gen leadership in Central Florida's nonprofit sector. Her experience in the field and her education makes her 'One to Watch'."

A University of Central Florida graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in political science, Berko-Solomon is married to Dave Solomon and her son, Ian, is a junior in Dr. Phillips' visual and performing arts magnet program.



MEET: Nina Yon



As the President and CEO of The Sharing Center, Nina Yon is a dedicated leader who believes that success is best achieved through collaboration, community, and service.

Under Nina's guidance, The Sharing Center has expanded its programs and resources, allowing the agency to double its ability to serve community members experiencing poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness. Prior to her current role, Nina spent 27 years in for-profit and non-profit leadership roles.

Nina leverages her undergraduate degree in Hospitality Management and Master of Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida to build relationships and create strategic growth. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Affairs. Nina's passion for giving back is evident in her deep commitment to local nonprofits and leadership organizations.

Honored with numerous awards, including most recently Nina was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni of the year from UCF Masters of Nonprofit Management program; MLK Jr. Outstanding Citizenship Award from the City of Longwood, The Heart of Florida United Way's Impact Maker Award, the Orlando Business Journal's C-Suite Award Honoree for Nonprofit leaders in 2022, and most recently in February 2023, Nina is one of the five finalists for Orlando Sentinel's Central Floridian of the Year.



MEET: Sarah Miller



Sarah Miller joined A Gift for Teaching in September 2022 as the Development Coordinator. In this role, Sarah has the opportunity to combine her passion for philanthropy and love of school supplies to cultivate relationships with both individual and corporate donors as well as assist with grant writing, host events, and promote AGfT at various community events throughout Central Florida.

November 9th, 2:00 p.m.

Artist Stacy Barter

MEET: Stacy Barter



Stacy Barter will be doing a live demonstration of an oil painting! Stacy's oil paintings depict her intense fascination with light and atmosphere. Working from life, whether it's outside painting a landscape, or in studio, painting fresh flowers or working with a model is her true passion. In her 20 years as a full-time professional artist, Stacy has won many top awards, and is exhibited in museums and galleries and by celebrities. Stacy teaches workshops throughout the country as well as internationally and is on Senior Faculty at Crealde School of Art. Her own learning, growth and development are of utmost importance to her as well and she seeks out study with Master Painter's she holds in high regard.

November 16th, 11:30 a.m.



Friendsgiving "Potluck" Luncheon!

Members who plan on attending can sign up at the Hospitality Table and select your choice of shared dish. Categories include: appetizers, salads, side dishes, light entrees and desserts.

You may also sign up on the attached link that came with the Highlights email.

Tuesday, November 21st, 5:30 p.m.

Blue Bamboo Center of the Arts with Guitarist Duet Chris Cortez & Bobby Koelble postponed until Tuesday, February 20th. Mark your calendar!

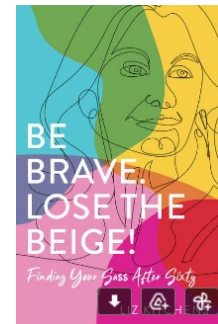
November 23rd

No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!



November 30th, 2 p.m.

Author Liz Kitchens, "Be Brave, Lose The Beige"



MEET: Liz Kitchens



Liz Kitchens was born and raised in Orlando, and her memories of the sweet scent of orange blossoms and of the salty scrubbiness of the landscape inspired her playful spirit and informs her writing. *Be Brave. Lose the Beige!* focuses on issues facing women of the baby boomer generation. She can discuss how to break away from the "beige" expectations for women over 60, why creativity is crucial for the aging process, and lessons from her own life that taught her how to be brave and find her sass!

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