

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



November 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

We were off and running all through last month with a nudge from Milton. Our western themed party brought together many new and familiar faces and lots of bandanas, thanks to Emy Rodgers. The chef program was canceled due to the storm and we made up for it with a fantastic Fall Luncheon chaired by Karen Rodda and her committee who painted the room pink clothes and chair bows plus roses everywhere. They were in honor of our Rose Walleze who passed away in August at the age of 99. Our turnout was great with 70+ in attendance and featuring our new caterer, Shelley Garza, who provided a delicious buffet. She will serve us later in the year at the Holiday Luncheon and the Spring Fashion Show.

In the fourth week, we had a triple header with presentations for Quilts of Valor and JOSH followed by a performance by three young musicians of the Ruby Holland Foundation. Last, but not least was the Halloween event featuring the poetry of Edgar Allen Poe and a costume contest.

As we slip into November, with a shorter number of meetings, we will learn about Pause for a Cause, floral arranging and our Friendsgiving Luncheon served by YOU the members. So, get out your favorite recipes. The last Thursday is Thanksgiving and time for all to reflect on their blessings and families. If you travel, take care and we will be keeping you all in our hearts.

A special thanks goes out to our October Team Leaders: Lucy McDonough, Elaine Ellman, Jean Rife and Carol Nawrocki.



Natalie Hill, President

Membership

I would like to give recognition to a very special lady in our club - **Marilyn Shepardson**. She has the longest continuous membership in the Woman's Club of 34 years! When asked why she joined, Marilyn was a teacher & had just retired. She wanted to be involved with other women in the community. Ruth Bliss was very instrumental in bringing her to the club. They both attended the same church, St. Margaret Mary. Marilyn knew a lot of people from there that had joined the club. As a member, Marilyn served as the Treasurer and was on the Scholarship & Hospitality committees. When asked why she has stayed so long, she said "it's the people. It's a great group of women." Thank you Marilyn for your many years of service and friendship.

**Chris Bush,
Membership Chair**

Happy NOVEMBER Birthdays



Churchhill Thompson 11/07
Ann Hicks Murrah 11/09
Deborah Williams 11/10
Jo Ann Palmer 11/11
Elaine Ellman 11/12
Kennedy McClain 11/12
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 Laegeler 11/30

**Chris Bush,
Membership Chair**

Historian



Kim Mould with her thoughtful and thorough table presentation honoring Rose Walleze.

**Kim Mould,
Historian**

Scholarship

Working on sending out save the date invitation to the 2023/2024 Scholarship recipients. Also, working on scholarship reception. Also, working on sending out new scholarship applications to Orange County and Seminole County Schools along with putting it on our Wcof WP website.

Patty Munsey, Scholarship Chair

Ways and Means

Our Holiday Luncheon is December 12th - 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. Sign up sheets will be available in November. The last two years we made over \$600 each year. Let's top that this year, as 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

House and Gardens

October ...A few days of Calm before the Storm and now Calm again!
And roll with the punches we did!

President Natalie already shared our fabulous Program Committee's offerings for the month, hope you were able to attend, and November appears equally great! Success takes teamwork so I wanted to share a couple of behind-the-scenes happenings, here at the Clubhouse during this crazy month.



Our staff, Roy, Chip, and Ricky, came to the rescue on many occasions:

1. Starting with Helene, ripping out the stitching and blowing our awning (contacted our Co. and were quoted \$2,000 to repair or \$3,400 to replace) Ricky says "Oh no that's not happening, and within 3 days has stitched by hand back in place!

2. All three kept the Office, and AV Computer's running with spotty connections all during and after Milton, and all the AV rental needs were met by making adjustments accordingly, renters were thrilled!



3. One of our remaining beautiful yellow Tabebuia trees was broken near the top and was leaning over our Bride's room sidewalk and parking area, again Ricky to the rescue, cutting away the necessary branches and all helping to clear away and removing other debris from the grounds, in time for a next day rental. It would have easily been a \$500 project to hire out!

4. And last-but-not-least- All three jumped in to help with bartending and tending to many other kind acts during the Fall Luncheon, so our Committee could join in the gathering!!

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, we are so blessed!

Karen Rodda, House & Garden Chair

Programs

November Programs

Thank you for a great start to our 2024 season! We have another packed November filled with more fun for everyone!!

Thursday November 7, 2PM – PAUSE FOR THE CAUSE

Charitable Giving will host another 'Pause for the Cause' event highlighting 3 Organizations who were among the awards recipients from this year!



Conductive Education Center of Orlando

The Conductive Education Center of Orlando (CECO) was founded in 2001 by a family in Winter Park, Florida, motivated by their son Joseph's journey with cerebral palsy. A six-week pilot program with five children was held utilizing the learning method of Conductive Education. As the weeks progressed, parents saw dramatic changes in their children with neurological motor disabilities to move and progress beyond the expectations of doctors, producing outcomes that exceeded what was believed possible.

Conductive Education is learning method, originally theorized in Hungary, for individuals with neurological motor disabilities, like but not limited to cerebral palsy, which integrates an intensive and motivating approach to the development of gross and fine motor skills, mobility and balance, flexibility and motion, social skills, communication and speech - allowing individuals to maximize their physical independence and strength.

Twenty-three years later, CECO is the largest Conductive Education Center in the United States!

The Orlando County Regional History Center

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a historic courthouse in the heart of downtown Orlando, offers four floors of exhibits exploring 12,000 years of Central Florida's rich heritage. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum also offers visiting exhibitions and a wide range of programs for families, children, and adults. Our mission is to serve as the gateway for community engagement, education, and inspiration by preserving and sharing Central Florida's continually unfolding story.

Welbourne Nursery & Preschool

Welbourne Nursery & Preschool is approaching its 100-year anniversary! Welbourne began its service in 1927 to assist Winter Park's Westside community by providing a high-quality childcare and preschool education program. Over the years, Welbourne acquired its real estate, built its five individual, age-appropriate classrooms and bathrooms (*infants thru four-years old with capacity for 64 children*), extended its hours to 7:00AM thru 6:00PM as women began to take jobs, opened a cafeteria and began serving 3-meals per day (*64 children x 5 days = 320 meals per week*), added basic health/hearing/dental/counseling care, established an academic relationship with the Rollins' Early Childhood program – and has evolved into an A+ school, aiming to graduate its children to kindergarten with social confidence and academic competence!

Thursday November 14, 2PM – Eclectic Floral Arrangement

We are very fortunate to present Lyndsey Boekenkamp, a floral designer who teaches amateurs, like us, how to make floral arrangements look professional.

We will all go home with our own arrangement. It is so much fun to see all the different designs!

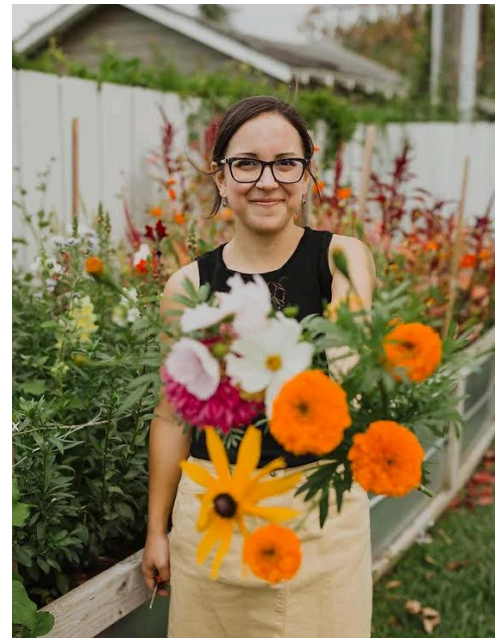
Even if you do not wish to participate, watching this process is so interesting and surprisingly easy!

For participants - it would be helpful for everyone to bring:

- Any cuts from their own gardens (foliage, flowers etc) which they might like to incorporate
- I would also ask that guests plan to bring a medium size vase (no bigger than a 32 oz mason jar). I will have a few extras onsite for anyone who forgets.
- Please have all participants bring their own snips/scissors. I will NOT be providing these.

MEET: Lyndsey Boekenkamp. She is a flower farmer and floral designer living and working in Orlando, FL. She grew up in her mother's garden and has loved growing gardens and working with flowers ever since. She feels strongly that locally grown American flowers have an important role in the organic farming conversation and are the key to the most beautiful design work. As a result, Lyndsey is passionate about providing organic flowers, sustainable design services and educational opportunities in her community.

Lyndsey has more than a decade of farming and floral design experience and earned her certificate in horticulture from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. She is a graduate of the Floret Workshop and proud member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers.



Beyond the flowers, Lyndsey has a Master of Arts degree from New York University in Arts Administration and works at a major non-profit cancer center raising funds for cancer research,

her other passion. She lives with her husband Scotty and yellow lab Mighty in College Park, Orlando.

Tuesday November 19, 5:30PM – B-I-N-G-O Extravaganza

All are invited – spouses and friends

Prizes include luxury handbags, beach towels, perfume and much more.

RSVP Lindsay Pelozza– ASAP so we will have enough seats and food for all to enjoy!

Seats will fill up fast!! (330) 608-7159

(If you need a ride to the event, please contact Lindsay and we will have that arranged)



Thursday November 21, 11:30AM –Friendsgiving “Potluck” Luncheon!

Members who plan on attending can sign up at the Check-In 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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**Lindsay Pelozza, Elaine Ellman,
Programs Comittee**

Charitable Giving



Salvation Army Stuff-A-Stocking Program

Thank you to our club members for your generous support of the Salvation Army Stuff-A-Stocking project.

Killarney Elementary - Food Collection

Killarney Elementary located in Winter Park has over 105 homeless students. The Rotary Club organizes a food pantry and assembles a weekly food package that is given to these children.

The Items needed are: "individual" serving sizes of fruit cups, granola bars, Jif to Go, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, Starkist Chicken, and peanut butter crackers. Used clean bags are still needed.

Please bring your items to the Woman's Club meetings on November 7th, November 14th, and November 21st.



Adopt-A-Family - Holiday Gift Program

The Woman's Club will be participating in the Adopt-A-Family program again this year. We will be collecting 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 have 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 7th 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.
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 12th. Gifts and receipts can be returned to the office during business hours from 9:30 am - 1pm on Monday - Thursday or at our Thursday Club meetings.

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

**Lucy McDonough,
Charitable Giving Committee Chair**

