

The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.



January 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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President's Column

The Ball has dropped in **NYC's Times Square** celebrating the New Year and we are off and running with our plans for the Woman's Club in the months ahead. Incidentally, that is the place of my birth, (but in a hospital.) Please read ahead to check out the programs for the month and other comments from our board members.

I am thankful for the extra rest from the holiday events we held at the clubhouse in December. **The Christmas Party and Scholarship Reception** were well attended, but there was a big concern from the committees in charge. Namely, the lack of responses to the RSVPs. On Thursday's evening only 4 students had said they would be there and we almost cancelled. The room was set up with 6 tables and 6 chairs each. By the time for the program, the room was full and we had to add 2 more chairs to each table. Many members and the families of the students did not "Respondez S'il Vous Plait." Hopefully, we will all be more considerate in the future.

When the Board has its monthly meeting on the 8th we will be firming up the calendar and giving everyone time to see the offerings. Some requests from my end are to be sure to sign in each time you attend a program. Many come in the Fairbanks door and don't get all the way across the room to the card table. We also have the volunteer sheets to **sign-up** for greeters, pourers, cookies and sandwiches. Our Team Leaders for **Hospitality** this month are Kathy Parham and Pam Naplachowski.

Happy New Year to All and we look forward to seeing you at our special Historic building.

Natalie Hill, President



Happy January Birthdays



Cindy Price 1/1
Betty Wasicek 1/1
Cheryl Crooks 1/4
Ali DeMaria 1/4
Kelly McClain 1/4
Kim Griffin 1/5
Emy Rogers 1/13
Kay McGee 1/14
Jacqueline Stewart 1/18
Christina Bolduc 1/20
Patricia Johnson 1/21
Arlene Bridges 1/23
Mabel Rasmussen 1/23
Sue Foreman 1/26
Frances Myklus 1/26
Pat Shenton 1/28

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**Chris Bush,
Membership Chair**



Historian

January 13th 2025 marks the 110th Anniversary of the first official meeting of the Woman's Club of Winter Park! The meeting took place at *Osceola Lodge*, the home of the club's first President, **Mrs. Helen Morse**.

**Kim Mould,
Historian**

Ways and Means

Ladies, we put \$514.00 in our account from the December bake/craft sale! Thanks to all who participated, the bakers, crafters, and shoppers. Again, we saw how creative our crafty ladies are and boy do we have some bakers!!! If YOU have an idea for a fundraiser with \$\$ to go to Charitable Giving, please let me know.

**Cindy Abeel,
Ways and Means Chair**

Charitable Giving

Adopt-A-Family

Thank you 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 make Christmas extra special for five 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 Pam send thanks to the wonderful ladies of the WCWP on behalf of the families who received our many gifts.

Awards to Non-Profits

We are currently accepting applications from local non-profits for funding awards. Information about the awards program and the application for funding is available on the Charitable Giving section of our website. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2025, with decisions on awards to be made in the mid to late March timeframe. The proceeds from the 2024 rummage sale and holiday luncheon bake and craft sale are the primary sources of funding for the 2025 awards to non-profits. If you know of a non-profit organization doing good work in our community (Orange or Seminole County), please let them know about this opportunity.

Charitable Giving Meeting

The next Charitable Giving meeting is on **January 17 at 1pm** at the club. All are welcome.

Lucy McDonough,
Charitable Giving Chair

Scholarship



Photos from the Scholarship Reception Dinner in December!

Patty Munsey,
Scholarship Chair

Programs

It has been a fantastic first half of our Club season!

We appreciate all of your help to make our Programs run smoothly throughout the year so far!!

We are thrilled to share our upcoming



January Programs schedule!!

Thursday, January 9th at 2pm



Jennifer Coleman has been with the Central Florida Fruit Society for over ten years as the Tasting Table Lead and currently the President. She hopes to share her enthusiasm for landscaping with tropical and sub-tropical fruits and inspire creative cooking with these seemingly exotic fruits right from her yard.

Mission Statement of Central Florida Fruit Society: The specific purposes of the Central Florida Fruit Society nonprofit is to raise awareness and educate members and the general public about: --the many tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate fruits which can

be grown in the Central Florida region, --the acquisition, propagation, site selection, cultivation and harvest of these fruiting plants including organic cultivation methods, --the use of fruiting plants in the creation of an edible landscape, --storage and preparation of home-grown fruits for consumption.

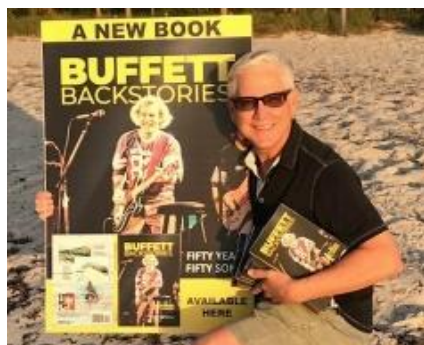


Central Florida Fruit Society

Thursday, January 16th at 2pm

Author Scott “Flash” Atwell

‘Buffett Backstories, Fifty Years, Fifty Songs’



Parrotheads!! And all other Jimmy Buffett fans! Have you ever wondered what led JB to pen his iconic songs? On January 16th, you’ll have a rare peek at why Jimmy wrote many of his hits, when writer Scott Atwell presents “Buffett Backstories” (and you will be able to purchase the book by the same name featuring 51 songs).

You and spouses are welcome to join us!!

Dress like a concert goer if you wish, as we celebrate a Margaritaville afternoon! Please **rsvp Cindy Abeel (407) 690-0086** - if you are attending so we have plenty of seating.

Scott “Flash” Atwell grew up in Key West. After graduating from the University of Miami he pursued a sportscasting career with the CBS affiliate in Tallahassee, where he had an opportunity to fill in as the co-host of the Bobby Bowden TV show. Later, he went to work in public relations and also served as Florida State University’s chief alumni officer. After a 35-year hiatus, Key West Flash returned to his island home in 2020 where he hosted a program of exclusive Jimmy Buffett music on the radio, each week illuminating the origins of one of Buffett’s songs. Scott has gathered those stories in book form for the 50th anniversary of the singer’s arrival in Key West, titled Buffett Backstories, Fifty Years, Fifty Songs.

Tuesday January 21 at 5:30pm

Trivia Night



He Will bring us his 7 years of Trivia expertise, for an exciting evening filled with lots of laughter and fun camaraderie!! Invite spouses and children.

Please RSVP and Sign up to bring a snack: contact

Lucy 407.766.1784 or Lindsay 33.608.7159

Thursday January 23rd at 2pm

Founders Day has been changed to Thursday February 20th at 6pm

We are very fortunate to slip in Chef Susan who was cancelled during the hurricanes.

Chef Susan's topic:

- Cooking with Plants, Flowers, Seed, Herbs & Proteins.
- This demo/ lecture will discuss how to incorporate the above into our cooking whether you enjoy —whether you enjoy meats and fish, or are a vegan/vegetarian. Recipes will be provided.

Chef Susan Ytterberg is a professionally trained Chef from **Le Cordon Bleu** and is a *Certified Food Manager in Safe Food Handling*. Her company **Golden Plum Personal Chef Services** provides culinary services offering personal chef weekly cooking for private clients, cooking classes, dinner parties, corporate team building events, and corporate health fairs.



Chef Susan has been recognized as a top, “Women in Food” Chef in 2021 by *Edible Orlando Magazine* and this past Summer of 2023, was featured in *Edible Orlando Magazine* as a “Culinary Superstar”.

In addition to her Chef work, Susan is a published food writer for several magazines including *Edible Orlando & Orange Appeal Magazines* in Orlando. Susan has appeared as a guest on WESHNews TV and Empire internet radio and serves as President of the Orlando chapter of the *USPCA, the U.S. Personal Chef Association*.

Web Site: www.Golden-Plum.com

Social Media: *Instagram @ChefSusanYtterberg*

Thursday January 30th at 2pm

Winter Park History Museum In-person Tour of their current exhibit:

How did so many people end up in this state? It's partly due to the dreamlike, color-saturated postcards that created an irresistible tropical paradise urging folks world-wide to come visit. *Hello Sunshine!* weaves the histories of Winter Park and Florida through these stunning, sometimes humorous, and often surreal, postcards.



The exhibit was inspired by a postcard collection of 1,000 Winter Park images that were donated to the Museum and share the story of Winter Park and Florida through the eyes of tourism. Enlarged maps and postcards share the stories and images from the 1890's- 1960's.

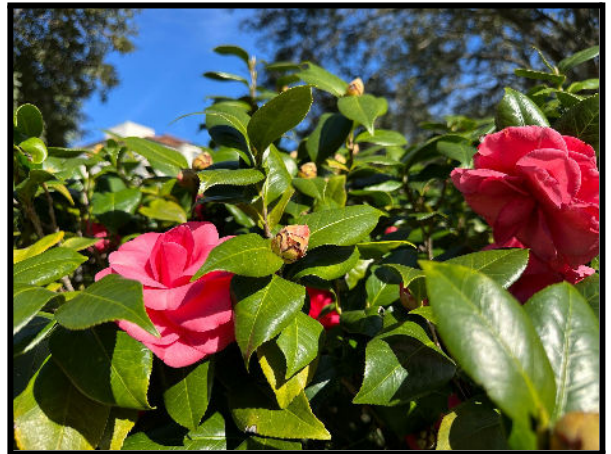
Lindsey Pelosa and Elaine Ellman,
Programs Co-Chair

House and Gardens

Happy New Year to all!

Get ready to jump on board for your first visit to The Clubhouse in 2025, the train is moving fast!

You will be greeted with a fresh, newly sodded front lawn and our beautiful Historical Camellias are bursting open with pride, ready for each Kodak moment (as they used to say) and by all means bring a small container and clippers to take some home.



I encourage you to keep these Highlights handy for important details, the rest of January is action-packed with great programs and you will not want to miss any of them. Come on out and support each of the Committees, they've worked so hard to make this the best year yet but we need all of your smiling faces and helping hands.

So watch for your next stop at 419 South Interlachen and plan to stay for a while and enjoy your visit!!

**Karen Rodda,
House & Garden Chair**