

# The Woman's Club of Winter Park, Inc.

## February 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



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### President's Column

Welcome to the month of red and white Valentines. We've been blessed with a fruit expert, Buffett history, a chef demo and lastly the on-site visit to our local history museum. Onward to a painting demo, plants and exercise tips with our **Founder's Day** evening event slipped in between. Needless to say, we are acquiring vast amounts of knowledge in all kinds of areas. Details for the Founder's Day are attached and we look forward to a good turnout. Please RSVP to this event as soon as possible so the committee will be able to plan accordingly.

As we step into the second part of the 24-25 year, our **Nomination Committee** is looking to line up our slate of officers for the next year. Chris Bush, Cynthia Gerken, Kathy Parham and Churchill Thompson and Linda Rinker head this group and need your help. We encourage our new

members to get involved and try their hand at a Co-Chair position.



A Big Thank You goes to **Hospitality Team Leaders** for January- Kathy Parham and Pam Naplachowski for a super job, well done. This month the task goes to Emy Rodgers and Jan Bowman to set-up and take down each Thursday. We will have our sign-up sheet for volunteers to do the jobs of greeting, pouring, and bringing in sandwiches and cookies (another opportunity to excel). As mentioned earlier in the year, I hope that each member will volunteer at least twice for filling in their name on the sign-up sheets placed on the card tables each week.

Because this is Valentine time represented by a Heart, I send out this greeting for Your Valentine's Day as **YOU are the HEART** of the Woman's Club of Winter Park. Thank you all!! *(photos were placed without the permission of Natalie by her non-compliant son :)*

Natalie Hill,  
President

## Happy February Birthdays

Lucy McDonough 2/3  
Jessica Peebles 2/7  
Julie Wadsworth 2/11  
Marilyn Shepardson 2/12  
Annette Kelly 2/14  
Diana Sidawi 2/14  
Lynne Wiley 2/15  
Peggy Rogers 2/16  
Margaret Griffith 2/17  
Monica Clarke 2/22  
Jeanie Freeman 2/25  
Kathy Dunn 2/27



New member:

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Linda Rinker e-mail:

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Lauren Mickler birthdate: 12/1

*Sandra Blossey's new phone  
number! - **689.322.8833***

### **Corrections to the membership book:**

Please, if everyone could check your information in the membership book and if there are any corrections, please send them to me.

Many thanks.

**Chris Bush, Membership Chair**

### **Scholarship.**

We are continuing to reach out to the high school guidance counselor to make sure they know about our scholarship and the deadline is March 3.

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

## Charitable Giving

### Valentine's Boxes – Member Outreach

For our February project, we will be collecting wrapped Valentine's candy and small packages of cookies to include in Valentine's boxes for our member outreach. Donations (and receipts) can be dropped off at the office on Monday – Thursday anytime from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm through February 5th.

The Charitable Giving Committee will be assembling the Valentine's boxes in the boardroom on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. ***Club members attending the program on February 6th are encouraged to stop by the boardroom after the program to pick up a few boxes for delivery to our homebound and other members (delivery from February 6th – 13th).*** Thank you for helping to let our members know that they are remembered!



### A Gift for Teaching

**All are welcome** to help A Gift for Teaching on February 25th at 1pm – 4pm. Club members will be prepping the free Teacher Supply Store (6501 Magic Way). Please RSVP to the club's office by February 21<sup>st</sup> if you are available to help. We will carpool from the club to the store.

### Fill-the-Pantry

We're continuing to fill the pantry for over 105 homeless students from Killarney Elementary. The pantry is currently in need of 8-16 oz. jars of peanut butter. Used clean plastic bags are still needed. Please bring your donations and receipts to the club meetings.

### 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 County or Seminole County), please let them know about this opportunity.

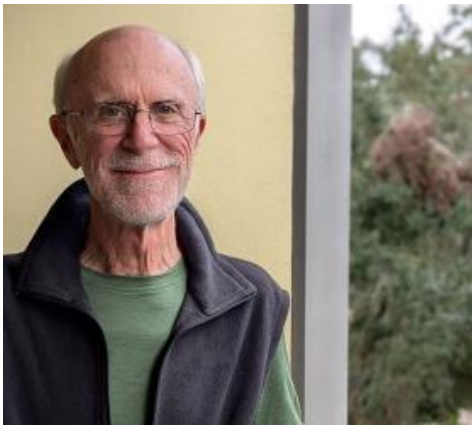
**Lucy McDonough,  
Charitable Giving Chair**

## Programs

### February Programs



#### Thursday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 2PM – Robert Ross Winter Park Painter



MEET: Robert Ross - He is a Winter Park-based artist who is known for his oil paintings of interiors and urban landscapes. His work is characterized by strong composition, light, and color. Ross's paintings have won awards at art festivals in Florida, including Winter Park. He has been honored with a one-man exhibit at Daytona Beach Museum of Art and Science and his paintings included in an exhibit at Polk Museum of Art. He is represented by Arts on Douglas Gallery in New Smyrna Beach and ARTicles Gallery in St. Petersburg. He will do a demo as he speaks at the Club.

#### Thursday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 2PM – Plant Prana Wellness – Microgreens Food Sampling

MEET: Joseph Longhany - He is the co-owner of Plant Prana Wellness | Microgreens and is certified in plant-based nutrition through Cornell. As a passionate mentor and educator, he helps others embrace a plant-based lifestyle. When he's not tending to vertical farm or offering microgreens at farmers' markets, Joe teaches writing at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and works closely with schools, teaching kids how to grow microgreens. In addition to his hands-on work in farming and education, Joe is experienced public speaker who brings his expertise in nutrition, sustainability, and personal transformation to audiences of all ages. Whether leading workshops, speaking at community events, or engaging with students, he strives to inspire and empower others make healthier, more sustainable choices.



Also, on **Thursday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 2PM** - Join us as we celebrate **Galantine's Day!!**

Wear your **Pink** and **Red**

## Thursday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm - Founder's Day Dinner

### Come Join Us to Celebrate 110 Years at The Woman's Club of Winter Park

We will be honoring Dr. Sandra C. Blossey, past President (2013-15), for her outstanding work in support of our Mission for Preservation, Scholarship, and Charitable Giving. Each decade has brought new challenges and rewards for our club. At this year's dinner, we will highlight our most recent successes (2015-25) made possible by our past President and her efforts. This same Mission is detailed on our new Historical Marker generously provided by the City of Winter Park, which will be acknowledged with special recognition during our event.

Please come and celebrate Sandra, the dynamic group of women, and our community partners who continue to support our Mission. A special video will highlight many of the significant activities accomplished this past decade, using perseverance and resilience during some of the more difficult times. The video will also include plans for the near future preservation needs and wishes, and the importance of continuing to support our preservation fund so that, as noted on our Historical Marker, "The Woman's Club remains a vibrant, intellectual and social center as it engages in charitable giving, scholarship awards, and a deep commitment to historic preservation."

We encourage all members to come and celebrate with each other and bring your spouse and other guests. We are a special team! Our catered dinner will include a social time with wine and charcuterie on the terrace, followed by a Beef Tenderloin carving station and Salmon Florentine in the Helen Morse Hall. A vegetarian option will also be available upon request with your RSVP. Please see the invitation attached to this newsletter for more details. The RSVP deadline is Friday, February 14, 2025.

### Thursday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 2PM – Tai Chi with Instructor Grace

Grace will demo simple exercises to focus on balancing in order to prevent injuries and falls.

MEET Grace: My English name is Grace and my Chinese name is Liu Hanqing. My son works in Winter Park, so I came to Orlando to reunite with my son and his family after I retired from China in 2012. I used to work in sports and basketball in China, and I was also a Tai Chi coach. I have been teaching Tai Chi in Orlando since I came here. I am also one of the 21st generation inheritors of Chinese Tai Chi.



**Lindsey Pelosa and Elaine Ellman,  
Programs Co-Chairs**

## Historian

This month, we are excited to be having our annual Founder's Day Celebration on February 20th.

This year will be focused on the many accomplishments of the last 10 years here at The Woman's Club of Winter Park. We will be dedicating our beautiful new Historical Marker generously provided by the City of Winter Park.

We will also be honoring past President Sandra Blossey for her leadership in making this past decade possible. Especially the creation of our 501(c)(3) and the \$300,000 Centennial Fundraiser in 2015 for our Club House and Grounds Restoration and Preservation Projects.

Our love and gratitude towards Sandra is profound. Please join us on this fabulous occasion!

**Kim Mould, Historian**



## House and Gardens

It appears someone is enjoying our newly sodded front lawn.  
Thank you, Roy for capturing this special moment!!

...and we need to thank Ricky for yet another "Great Feat!" for all the extra attention given to our Gardens and Grounds. His preparation, including pressure washing all the sidewalks, (yes, in the freezing weather!) for two large outdoor weddings, one last week and another February 1, cannot be beat!!

### Founder's Day Celebration, Thursday, February 20th, 6 PM

Plans are well under way, and you may have already seen some details elsewhere within these Highlights. Please make note and plan to attend and celebrate together, Nancy's video will be honoring all our many committee members and their Mission-driven activities.

**Preservation Projects** will also be featured; completed this past decade, those on the drawing board needed now, and a wish list for the near future! A picture is worth a thousand words, so come see what it's all about and how you can help. It's not always about the money.

**Dress Code Suggestions:** We are repeating one of our favorite themes and color schemes; Peacocks! Sitting proudly atop our new Historical Marker and a favorite of our honored guest, Sandra; however, we're also using lots of black and gold, or anything vintage would be just as fun!

Please RSVP today, just three weeks away! Flyer attached with details.  
Hoping to see you there!

