



WOW Newsletter 12/2025

West Orange Women

Fun Friendship Philanthropy



Hello Ladies!

What a wonderful time we had at our November luncheon at Carrabba's! With 62 members in attendance, the room was filled with conversation, laughter, and friendship. Jennie Reagan kept us all smiling with her lively Balloon Race game—what a treat to see so many ladies take the challenge and join in the fun!

As we look ahead to December, we have a truly special program planned. We are delighted to welcome **Gabe Preisser**, a Grammy Award-winning baritone, who will be sharing holiday music with us. Some of us had the pleasure of hearing him perform this fall in downtown Winter Garden, and we were absolutely captivated by his warm voice and charming presence. We are sure to enjoy an uplifting and memorable performance.

I hope you will join us for our **December 18th** luncheon/meeting at **SB Prime at Stoneybrook West Golf Club**. It's a wonderful time of year to come together, celebrate the season, and enjoy the company of good friends.

Warmly,

Alice Bergenson, President 248-921-6025

CHARITY NEWS

Ladies, in our 12th year of WOW members individually buying and signing Christmas cards for our military veterans in Orlando, you all "knocked it out of the park!" Darby Turnipseed reports that 262 Christmas/Holiday cards were signed, by our WOW members, at our November luncheon. Thank you, WOW ladies!!



In addition, more than 10 of you showed up to serve the children of Eight Waves, during their after school "Thanksgiving Dinner." You also provided so much food, that many children went home with "to go boxes!" I would be remiss if I didn't tell you about the generosity of our "crafty ladies." They provided the materials, and showed up in force to help the children make yarn ornaments, which somehow found themselves comically displayed on many heads. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. We are so grateful for all of you, that we can't thank you enough. I look forward to sharing information with you about opportunities to bless our neighbors, because I am convinced that you really do care. Thank you.

Linda M. Pinto

WOW, 4th Vice President, Charity



Please join us on December 18th for our Luncheon/Meeting
at **SB Prime, Stoneybrook West Golf Club**
15501 Towne Commons Blvd, Winter Garden 34787 407-395-3590

Doors Open: 11:00 AM Meeting: 11:30 AM Lunch 11:45

\$32 food, drink, tax, tip

Buffet Menu



Jennie Reagan
1st VP

Starter: Harvest Salad

Entrées: Rosemary Roasted Turkey with Gravy OR Vegetable Lasagna

Sides: Sauteed Green Beans, Garlic and Chive Mashed Potato

Dessert: Carrot Cake

Drinks: soft drinks, coffee, tea, lemonade

Program: **Holiday Music by Orlando Opera Singer: Gabe Preisser**

50/50 Raffle – Jewelry-Books-Puzzle Sales

Allergy – Special Diet adjustments: contact Jennie Reagan 407 383-6424 by December 7th

\$32 Payment Due December 7th

No Refunds after December 7th

Zelle: use WestOrangeWomen@gmail.com, not a phone number

Venmo: Cynthia Guarino@LadyOfLeisure17

Checks made out to WOW to Cynthia Johnson-Guarino, 10508 Gleam Court, Orlando, FL 32836.

Ladies, Please text Cynthia if you mail a check so she can add you to the list. The mail can be very slow and miss the deadline. Cynthia (407) 697-1309



These Ladies
celebrated their
November
birthdays
at the Luncheon:

Helene C,
Mary M,
Joan R,
Jennie R,
Lil G

Next Luncheon - **SAVE THE DATE**
January 15 – 3rd Thursday



Thanksgiving Dinner for 8 Waves children

Yarn ornaments project turned into hats for some.

The Balloon Blast Game was a hoot and harder than it looked!



Cynthia J-G and Pam I are ready—set— go!



Jovine R was a winner!



Jan M really focused on technique



Mary B was undefeated.



2nd time was the charm for Barbara A

BIRTHDAYS

December

12/2	Laura DiCicco '22
12/5	Donna Barley '20
12/6	Tipping Ellis '23
12/8	Cherry Ebeling '23
12/8	Mary Beth Moss '24
12/8	Patti Van Dam '21
12/9	Jan Penrose '14
12/9	Carolyn Ridgway '13
12/12	Margie Arkin '19
12/12	Silvana Giafrancesco '25
12/15	Klasina Brun '94
12/15	Marina Gosselin '25
12/15	Cathy Nesi '24
12/17	Brenda Heistand '25
12/18	Kristi Schuppert '24
12/19	Louise Clayton '17
12/20	Jeanette Lawrence '22
12/25	Carolyn Conner '19
12/29	Nancy Fortin '25
12/31	Gail Carman '07



Mary Durney and Joyce Banks were our 50/50 winners at the November Luncheon.



MEMBERSHIP



Ladies,

Our Membership continues to grow and is now 177 members strong. This number includes our 9 Honorary Members (over 90 years old) and our two newest members, twins Tami and Tori. Thank you for inviting your friends to join Wow and be sure to follow us on Facebook.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our members a wonderful holiday season. I can't wait to see everyone in their festive attire at our December luncheon at SB Prime at Stoneybrook Country Club. The WOW membership application and contact information has been updated on our website, **WestOrangeWomen.com**.

Jan Penrose, Membership Chair, janpenrose28@gmail.com

Please email me with any changes to your contact information

Returning Member

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Address Changes/Corrections

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New Members

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MEMBER UPDATE

I'm **Louise Clayton** and I'm in charge of sending out our Jacquie Lawson ecards. I would appreciate you letting me know if you hear of anyone that is ill, dealing with a death, or if you just think we can put a smile on their face with one of our cards. Please send me the info 954-294-3778 or jclc219@aol.com. I would appreciate your help. Thank you.



I recently the following ecards:

Sympathy card Eileen Bergin on the passing of her husband
Thinking of You card to: **Sharon Abramson**.

Get Well Cards to : **Wanda Kennedy**, Gary Cockrell, Tom Barker,
Carole Engle, Brian Erickson, **Patti Williams**

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Shari Barker, 3rd VP Activities

Hello WOW Members,

I love the holiday season with all the decorations, food, and fellowship. It is wonderful spending the holidays with family and friends and I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving!

I googled Thanksgiving and found a couple of fun facts that I thought I would share with you..... I love fun facts:). The first one is that the popular Christmas song "Jingle Bells" was originally written as a Thanksgiving song in 1857. Also, there are four towns in the U.S. named "Turkey" which are located in North Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, and Arizona. I didn't know these, but thought it would be fun to share.

As always, we appreciate all of the hard work that our Activity Leaders do when organizing and hosting the WOW groups and we could not do it without you! If you are looking for a WOW group to join, please check out the Activity List located on the website that lists all of our group activities for you to participate in. It's always fun to be involved and meet new people.

Just a reminder, we are always looking for new leaders for Activities so if you would like to *start and organize* a new activity group, please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

I look forward to seeing you at our December luncheon. - **Shari Barker** **lsybark23@gmail.com**



Most groups have open enrollment, come when you can. Just give your contact info to the leader so you can be updated. For a synopsis of each activity group, visit our website at WWW.westorangewomen.com/

	Book Club 1st Wednesday (homes/restaurants)	Mary Borgan	407-929-3030
	Bridge , Ladies Daytime (homes) 2 nd Tuesdays, 1 pm	Babs Sigman	c 407-766-4186
	Bunco 3 rd Monday 11:30	Jennie Forsythe	407-925-0908
	Bunco, Couples 3rd Saturday, 7-10 pm	Jennie Forsythe	407-925-0908
	Couples Group various days and times Patti Williams pattiwilliams1946@icloud.com 904-687-3625 OR	Alice Bergeson alicedberg@gmail.com 248-921-6025	
	Craft Club 4th Thursday, 1 – 3:30 Text first to get added to contacts so Holly will answer her cell	Holly Morelli	407-405-1095
	Genealogy Group pjtdodd1021@gmail.com	Patty Todd	813-391-3328
	Hand, Knee, & Foot Fridays, 11:15 to 4:00 in restaurants	Mary Borgan	407-929-3030
NEW	Hand, Knee, & Foot Winter Garden all but 2nd Fridays, 11–4 At SB Prime at Stoneybrook West Golf Club	Louise Clayton	jclc219@aol.com 954-294-3778
	Happy Hour Group when/ where varies	Carolyn Conner	321-278-3597
	International Dining 2 nd Tuesdays, 11:30 am	Gail Carman	407-450-8941
	Ladies' Day Out (and Matinee Movie) varies, monthly	New leader needed	
	Lunch and Laughs 1st Tues. 11:30	Alice Bergeson	248-921-6025
	Mah Jongg, Advanced, Players Wed, 11:30.- 3 pm	Phyllis Horing	407-296-9337
NEW	Movie Group (Amazon Prime/via Zoom) 2nd Tuesday, 11AM	Susan Havill susanhavill@yahoo.com	407-701-5510
	Pinochle/Hand & Foot 2nd, 3rd, 4th Weds, 10:30 - 3:30	Fran Jarolimek	352-874-1211
NEW	Travel Group (Via Zoom) 1 st Wednesday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Susan Havill susanhavill@yahoo.com	407-701-5510