



WOW Newsletter 1/2026

West Orange Women

Fun Friendship Philanthropy



Hello Ladies!

Happy New Year! As we welcome January, I hope your holidays were filled with joy, laughter, and special moments with family and friends. A new year always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and I'm excited about what lies ahead for our club.

January is a wonderful time to reconnect, try something new, and enjoy the friendships that make our group so special. Our club continues to be a place where women come together to share conversation, laughter, and support—and that spirit is stronger than ever because of you.

Our January meeting will be held on January 15 at Stoneybrook West Golf Club, and it promises to be both fun and meaningful. We will be hosting a Treasure Sale, featuring new and nearly new items generously donated by our members. Tickets are \$5 each, and all ticket proceeds will be donated to our chosen charity. It's a great opportunity to find a little treasure while supporting a wonderful cause.

As we move into the new year, I encourage everyone to stay involved, invite a friend, and consider lending a hand when opportunities arise. It truly takes many caring volunteers to make our gatherings, luncheons, and activities such a success, and every contribution—big or small—makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community. I look forward to seeing you on January 15 and sharing another year of friendship, fun, and memorable moments together. Wishing you health, happiness, and many smiles in the year ahead.

Alice Bergenson, President 248-921-6025

CHARITY NEWS

It feels strange wishing you a happy new year before we're done with Christmas, but if you're anything like me, it will probably be the new year before you read this. In any event, I'm going to begin the new year the same way I ended the old one -- thanking you for your continued generosity.

Our first opportunity for some fun giving will be the Annual Treasures Sale at our January luncheon. For those of you who have not yet experienced this fun way of supporting our charities, you're in for a treat. Here is an overview of how it works. Bring new, fairly new, or gently used items to the luncheon. Last year the treasures included home décor; bottles of wine; clothing and accessories; and hosting items. We'll give you one ticket for your donation(s). Whether or not you bring a donation, you can buy tickets for \$5 each. Each ticket will allow you to take home a treasure of your choice. We will randomly call each table to go "shopping." With any luck, your favorite item will still be available when your table is called.



We will need about eight people to help us make it as much, if not more fun than the last time. As a volunteer, you will have to come at least an hour early to help us receive member donations; properly display them; and distribute tickets both to donors and purchasers. If you're interested in helping, please send an email to me at westorangewomen@gmail.com.

The second opportunity to kick off the new year in a meaningful way is brought to you by **Karen Tiffany**. WOW is going to start the new year by blessing the homeless men, women, and children in our community with another magnificent Italian meal at Matthew's Hope. See Karen's message below for details.

Linda M. Pinto

WOW, 4th Vice President, Charity

Hi Ladies, **The Mathew's Hope** meal is on Jan 20th. All food needs to be there by 9:30 am. We'll need:
Meatballs Sausage Pasta with red sauce Pasta with Alfredo sauce Caesar salad Tossed salad Fresh fruit cups Italian bread Cookies Juice

I will also need 3 people to serve. Everyone can be reimbursed for what they purchase and prepare, so save receipts. I need to know who is bringing what, so contact me at 407-496-6709 or karen7274@hotmail.com. Thank you, Ladies, for your generous efforts to assist the homeless at Matthew's Hope. Karen Tiffany

Please join us on January 15th for our Luncheon/Meeting
Stoneybrook West Golf Club: SB Prime

15501 Towne Commons Blvd, Winter Garden, FL

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



Jennie Reagan
1st VP

\$32 food, drink, tax, tip

Buffet Menu

Starter: House Salad with vinaigrette

Entrées: Chicken Piccata or Eggplant parmesan

Sides: Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Artisan Rolls with Butter

Dessert: Tiramisú

Drinks: soft drinks, coffee, tea, lemonade

Program: **New & Nearly New Treasure Sale** (Please bring your new or nearly new treasures, unwrapped)

Allergy – Special Diet adjustments: contact Jennie Reagan 407 383-6424 by January 12th

\$32 Payment Due January 8th

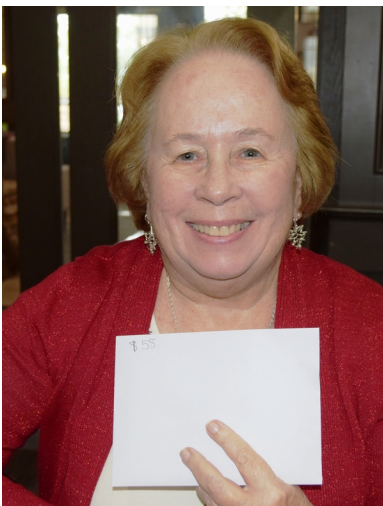
No Refunds after January 8th

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



Debbie Erickson won over \$60 in the 50/50 raffle. **Gail Carman** also won, her 3rd win.

Opera Orlando CEO and Grammy winner, Gabe Preisser, sang for us at the



December luncheon. He sang many holiday favorites as well as opera selections with his beautiful baritone. He received a standing ovation from our ladies.

You can enjoy more
Opera Orlando:

The Mozart Dinner January 31 at Steinmetz Hall
Silent Night - February 6 & 8 at Steinmetz Hall

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 1/3 Noel McGuigan '94
- 1/05 Loretta Hanan '23
- 1/10 Rhonda Stanek '25
- 1/11 Nancy Colaci '25
- 1/13 Sofia Mendelson '15
- 1/17 Lois Kushner '08
- 1/21 Sharon Abramson '18
- 1/21 Betty Ann Hack '15
- 1/21 Phyllis Tepper '10
- 1/26 Susy McConnel '24
- 1/29 Karen Tiffany '16



Ladies, we've packed away the tinsel and holly. We've eaten dozens of Christmas cookies and sat back to remember our wonderful Christmas program with Gabe Preisser. It's time now to ring in 2026 filled with fun, fellowship, and new friends.

We welcome our newest member, **Mary Wright**, to join us in our many exciting activities. Lastly, I wish you peace, joy, and much laughter in the New Year.

I will have hard copies of the directory at our January luncheon in case you need one. Please remember to let me know if you have any changes to the information in the directory.

Jan Penrose, Membership janpenrose28@gmail.com

New Member:

Mary Wright Eddy
 1944 Remark Lane 2/24
 Winter Garden, Fla. 34787 GA
 Carriage Pointe
 407-654-9594
wright.mary@hotmail.com



These Ladies celebrated their December birthdays at the Luncheon:

**Jan Penrose,
 Louise Clayton,
 Carolyn Conner,
 Mary Beth Moss,
 Patti VanDam,
 Gail Carman**

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 sent the following ecards:

Thinking of You card to: **Pat Rixman**

Get Well cards to : **Elaine Wilson, Patti Williams, Janice Arcella, Solly Haber, Patty Todd, Fran Jarolimek**



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE**Shari Barker, 3rd VP Activities**

Hello WOW Members,

It's been a great 2025 filled with wonderful monthly lunches, charity opportunities, and a variety of group activities to participate in. There are always so many opportunities available in this group!

As the year nears its end, I want to once again thank all of the Group Activity Leaders for their hard work. Without you, we would not have such successful and well attended activities. As always, if you are interested in participating in a group, please check out the Activity List located on the website for more information, or you can contact me directly.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and hope that you get to spend it with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you in 2026!

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 pattwilliams1946@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 pjttodd1021@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