



# WOW Newsletter 10/2025

## West Orange Women

Fun      Friendship      Philanthropy



### Hello Ladies!

October marks a special milestone — the **31st Anniversary of the West Orange Women's Club!** We are so fortunate that this club was founded, as so many of us thoroughly enjoy the friendships, activities, and sense of community it brings.

This month also brings an exciting update — our traditional **New Member Tea** is evolving into the **Welcoming Appreciation Tea**. This event will not only celebrate our newest members but also show our gratitude to our Activity Leaders who help make our club so vibrant.

While the focus is on welcoming and appreciation, **all members are invited** to attend. The Board, along with wonderful volunteers, will be hosting this special event. It is always a lot of fun — though it takes many helping hands! To add to the celebration, we encourage you to **wear a festive hat — prizes will be awarded!** Invitations will be sent soon, and **RSVPs will be required.**

I also hope you are participating in one of our many activities and joining us at our Regular Luncheon Meetings. We had such a joyful September gathering — nothing but smiles all around — and October promises to be just as special!

*Alice Bergenson*, President

### SEPTEMBER 2025 CHARITY NEWS

Forgive me if I'm beginning to sound "like a broken record," (a phrase that I am confident this group actually understands), but we don't want you to miss out on the opportunity to share your blessings with your neighbors. We launched the annual fund-raising drive by mailing a letter to each of you, asking for your financial contributions, to fulfill our commitment to help Eight Waves fund crucial projects, and make a meaningful impact on our community. As many of you may remember, in April 2025, the general membership, by vote, selected Eight Waves, Inc. as the 2025-2026 recipient of the donations that WOW will receive from its annual fund-raising drive. Your contribution, in whatever amount, will directly impact the lives of children and families right here in West Orange.

You can give cash, check, or use Zelle as detailed in the letter that we sent to each of you. We would very much appreciate receiving your financial contribution no later than October 3.

In the letter detailed below, Laura Radius identifies additional opportunities for you to further support the organization. As many of you know, Laura Radius is the WOW member who has, for many years, served as the link between WOW and Eight Waves. **Linda M. Pinto**, WOW, 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Charity



Ladies,

As you know Eight Waves is the Chosen Charity of West Orange Women for the 2025/2026 club year. The ladies of WOW have always been more than generous in their contributions to Eight Waves. If you are interested in learning more about the after school program or any of the volunteer opportunities, please let me know and you are welcome to join me for a volunteer day. I volunteer every Monday from 2:30 - 5:00. These are the grammar school age kids who mainly come from Dillard School and Maxey. We serve them something to eat, help with homework and reading and have some fun time at the end of the day. Please call or text me (708.308.9863) if you have a Monday you would like to join me.

Once a month, I also cook a meal (food provided by WOW) for the kids. I will be serving the meal on the following Wednesdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 (Thanksgiving feast - more info to follow). I will update later for 2026 dates. If you are interested in helping on one of the Wed., please call or text me. I will take volunteers in order as I only need one or two helpers per session. Thank you again for all you do for the Eight Waves families - it's truly appreciated!! **Laura R**

Please join us on October 16th for our Luncheon/Meeting at  
**Bahama Breeze**

8849 International Dr, Orlando, FL

**\$30**

Arrive: 11:00 AM Meeting: 11:30 AM Lunch 11:45 Program after Lunch

**Menu**

(let your server know your choices on the 16th)



Jennie Reagan  
1st VP

**SOUP OR SALAD**

- House Salad -Fresh greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, and pumpkin seeds drizzled with island vinaigrette.
- SOUP-Bahama Seafood Chowder - Classic creamy chowder with shellfish and vegetables
- Cuban Black Bean Soup-Slow simmered and drizzled with cilantro cream.

**ENTREE SELECTIONS**

- Tostada Salad -Choose grilled salmon or chicken. A bed of fresh greens with tomatoes, corn, and black bean salsa is topped with avocado, island vinaigrette, and a crisp tortilla with melted cheese on the side.
- Half Rack Baby Back Ribs - Glazed with our guava BBQ sauce and served with fries.
- Applewood Bacon or Cheddar Burger: Crisp bacon, cheddar cheese, pickles, tomatoes, red onions, and lettuce on a brioche bun.
- Jerk Chicken Pasta -Sliced chicken breast, fresh asparagus, and mushrooms tossed in a rich parmesan cream sauce with bow-tie pasta.
- Coconut Shrimp - Large crispy shrimp with yellow rice and broccolini.

**\$30** Includes coffee, tea, or soft drinks, Dessert, and gratuity.

Allergy – Special Diet adjustments: contact Jennie Reagan 407 383-6424

**\$30** Payment Due October 10

**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 when you mail your check so she can add you to the list. The mail can be very slow and miss the deadline.** Cynthia (407) 697-1309

**No Refunds after October 10**

**SAVE THE DATES**



**October 13** - Monday at New Member Tea / Activity Leader Appreciation/ All are welcome  
**Stoneybrook West Clubhouse.**



**November 20** – 3rd Thursday at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** 5701 Vineland Road Orlando



**December 18** – 3rd Thursday, **SB Prime** at Stoneybrook West Golf Club, Garden,  
15501 Towne Commons Blvd, Winter Garden





50/50 Winners at the September luncheon were Lilly Montalvan and Lisa Borowsky.



New members attending their first luncheon, September 11, 2025  
Front row -Robin Hillen, Rhonda Stanek, Jovi Chu Richter  
Middle row -Melinda Laureano, Lisa Borowsky, Chris Cobb,  
Back row - Gayle Nigro, Linda Leloudis



**Wynne Sirbu and Jeanette Collet** celebrated their September birthdays at the luncheon.



↑ **International Dining** Met in September at *Bosphorous Turkish Cuisine*. The monthly gathering explores many ethnic restaurants in the area. You can join us by contacting **Gail Carman** at **407-450-8941**.

Our weekly **Hand, Foot, and Knee** group pose for a group picture recently. The group varies between 14 and 20 ladies each week. It's an easy game to learn so join us by contacting **Mary Borgan** at **407-929-3030**.

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# BIRTHDAYS

## October

- 10/6 Holly Morelli '24  
 10/6 Janet Tower '25  
 10/9 Judy Wright '04  
 10/9 Jane Winegard '95  
 10/11 Lisa Schlenk '24  
 10/14 Joann Gaynor '04  
 10/17 Lori Mathews '23  
 10/17 Elizabeth Mnayarji '98  
 10/21 Debbie Saremi '25  
 10/21 Patty Todd '24  
 10/26 Sandy Swanson '24  
 10/26 Sandra Fondren '23  
 10/31 Linda Caimano '10

### 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 text me the info 954-294-3778 or e-mail jclc219@aol.com. I would appreciate your help. Thank you. I recently sent **Get Well cards to:**  
**Donna Ashley and Karen Tiffany**



### New Zoom Travel Group

Whether you love quick getaways just a short drive away, adventures across the U.S. or abroad, or simply enjoy exploring history, culture, or past travel memories — this new monthly Zoom gathering is for you! Even if you consider yourself more of an “armchair traveler,” we’d love to have you join the conversation.

Starting **Wednesday, October 1**, we’ll meet the **first Wednesday of every month from 11 AM – 12 Noon on Zoom**. Each session will be a relaxed, fun way to share travel stories, swap tips, and inspire one another with ideas for future journeys.

To get us started, our first discussion will be simple and open to all: **“What’s the best travel tip you’d share with others?”** This could be anything from finding great last-minute deals, to your favorite packing trick, to how you’ve discovered hidden gems close to home. We’ll also have volunteer “spotlight speakers” in future months to highlight destinations — whether it’s a favorite Florida beach town, a charming U.S. city like Charleston or Santa Fe, or a memorable trip abroad. No matter where the journey takes us, we’ll prepare a simple guide so everyone can join in the discussion.

This group is all about staying connected, sparking ideas, and celebrating the joy of travel together — all from the comfort of home, for just one hour to fit into your busy schedule and at no cost. If you’re interested (or might like to lead a future spotlight), please contact me [susanhavill@yahoo.com](mailto:susanhavill@yahoo.com). A Zoom link will be provided once you’re signed up. Looking forward to traveling the world together — near and far, real and imagined! - Susan Havill

# MEMBERSHIP



Ladies,

While I was at our September luncheon at Cariera's, I couldn't help but notice how we celebrate our Mission Statement of Fun, Fellowship, Philanthropy.

We certainly had **Fun**- the food was great and the pasta bingo gave us a lot to smile about.

**Fellowship**- I noticed that our seasoned members warmly welcomed our eight newest members ( Jovi Chu, Chris Cobb, Robin Hillen, Rhonda Stanek, Linda Leloudis, Lisa Borowsky, and Melinda Laureno). The conversations never slowed and I saw lots of laughter.

**Philanthropy**- So many members approached Linda Pintro with checks for 8 Waves (this year's charity) with open checkbooks and hearts. I heard conversations of "how can we help?". Ladies, you make me so proud to be part of this group that now totals 173 members.

Please mark your calendars ( Oct 13, 2025) for our Welcoming Appreciation Tea Party at Stoneybrook Recreation Center if you have not already done so. It's important that you RSVP to Alice since Stoneybrook is a gated community. All members are encouraged to attend and to wear a Tea Party Hat! **Jan Penrose, Membership Chair.** [janpenrose28@gmail.com](mailto:janpenrose28@gmail.com)

Please email me with any changes to your contact information

### NEW MEMBERS

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Shari Barker, 3rd VP Activities

Hello WOW Members,

What a wonderful way to kick off the new year with the September 11 luncheon that was attended by so many WOW members, including numerous new ones. We love how our club is growing!

On October 13, WOW will be hosting a New Member Tea/Welcome Appreciation Tea which is to welcome both our new members, as well as, show appreciation to our hard working Activity Leaders. The tea is open to all members and we would love to have you attend. Please look for your invitation in the mail and be sure to RSVP. It will be a fun time.

Please check out the Activity List located on the website that showcases 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 on October 13.

Shari Barker

Isybark23@gmail.com



**Flex 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/](http://WWW.westorangewomen.com/)**

<b>Flex</b>	<b>Book Club</b> 1st Wednesday (homes/restaurants)	<b>Mary Borgan</b>	<b>407-929-3030</b>
	<b>Bridge</b> , Ladies Daytime (homes) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 1 pm	<b>Jane Winegard</b>	<b>407-797-1933</b>
	<b>Bunco</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 11:30	<b>Jennie Forsythe</b>	<b>407-925-0908</b>
	<b>Bunco, Couples</b> 3rd Saturday, 7-10 pm	<b>Jennie Forsythe</b>	<b>407-925-0908</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>Couples Group</b> various days and times Patti Williams pattiwilliams1946@icloud.com 904-687-3625 OR	Alice Bergeson alicedberg@gmail.com 248-921-6025	
<b>Flex NEW</b>	<b>Craft Club</b> 4th Thursday, 1 – 3:30 Text first to get added to contacts so Holly will answer	<b>Holly Morelli</b>	<b>407-405-1095</b>
<b>Flex NEW</b>	<b>Genealogy Group</b> pjttodd1021@gmail.com	<b>Patty Todd</b>	<b>813-391-3328</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>Hand, Knee, &amp; Foot</b> Fridays, 11:15 to 4:00 in restaurants	<b>Mary Borgan</b>	<b>407-929-3030</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>Happy Hour Group</b> when/ where varies	<b>Carolyn Conner</b>	<b>321-278-3597</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>International Dining</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 11:30 am	<b>Gail Carman</b>	<b>407-450-8941</b>
<b>Flex</b>	<b>Ladies' Day Out (and Matinee Movie)</b> varies, monthly	<b>New leader needed</b>	
<b>Flex</b>	<b>Lunch and Laughs</b> 1st Tues. 11:30	<b>Alice Bergeson</b>	<b>248-921-6025</b>
	<b>Mah Jongg, Advanced, Players</b> Wed, 11:30 - 3 pm	<b>Phyllis Horing</b>	<b>407-296-9337</b>
<b>Flex NEW</b>	<b>Movie Group</b> (Amazon Prime/via Zoom) Oct 3rd Tuesday, 1 pm 2nd Tuesday, 11AM starting in November	<b>Susan Havill</b> susanhavill@yahoo.com	<b>407-701-5510</b>
	<b>Pinochle/Hand &amp; Foot</b> 2nd, 3rd, 4th Weds, 10:30 - 3:30	<b>Fran Jarolimek</b>	<b>352-874-1211</b>
	<b>Travel Group (Via Zoom)</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm	<b>Susan Havill</b> susanhavill@yahoo.com	<b>407-701-5510</b>