

Photos from February 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
 “Uplifting Words for Your Heart”

**President's Message**

Hi!

I hope this finds you all well.

I'm inspired this month by the Olympics. I love the stories of triumph over adversity and the way the world comes together to celebrate possibility.

I also love competition...and prizes! SO I have a challenge for you all this month.

EVERY MEMBER who brings 2 or more guests to our March meeting will receive a special prize from me (something more useful than a medal--hint, hint)) AND EVERY MEMBER who purchases her fashion show ticket AND one for or by a friend will also receive a special prize from me.

So let's think of this month's meeting as our WWC Olympics and see how many guests we can host and how many fashion show tickets we can sell!

See you Thursday!

All the best,

Cheryl



Cheryl Dunn Bychek, Carol O'Brien, and Mary Kastner



Lynda Chicano and Marcella Ketcham



Carol O'Brien, Phyllis Gauger, and Donna Kuebler

**\*Photos courtesy of Denise Fleischmann**



Marcella Ketcham, Jo Cudnik, Tara Zimmerman, Mimi Barnhart, and Mary Rowe



Cheryl Dunn Byчек and speaker Maureen Budjinski



Mair Armand, guest speaker Maureen Budjinski, and Cheryl Dunn Byчек



Tara Zimmerman, Connie Saxon, and Lynda Chicano



Kathleen Bagwell, Mary Kastner, Cheryl Dunn Byчек, and Connie Saxon



Connie Saxon and Tara Zimmerman



Tara Zimmerman, Phyllis Gauger, and Lynda Chicano



Phyllis Gauger



Harmony House Director Dr. Mary Cauthen



Guest speaker Maureen Budjinski



Phyllis Gauger and speaker Maureen Budjinski



Maureen Budjinski, Phyllis Gauger, and Dr. Mary Cauthen

## MEETING REMINDERS

**\*\*March meeting is in the Grille Room downstairs (like January)**

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Happy Hour / Meet and Mingle starts at 6:00 pm. Arrive then, and have a glass of wine or a cocktail, chat and unwind!

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Please arrive no later than 6:30 pm to check in and be seated.

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Please RSVP to Lynda Chicano for the March 1st meeting no later than Saturday, February 24th! Guest fee is \$30. **INVITE A FRIEND OR 3!!**

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### **MONTHLY DONATION**

The March monthly donation is health and beauty aids (such as Band-Aid's, cold medicines, etc.) for Harmony House residents

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Our guest speaker for the March 1st meeting is Jill Merrell, who will be speaking about positive mental health for a happier life.

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### **DON'T FORGET!!**

Don't forget to buy your April fundraiser tickets at the March meeting. Cost for members is \$25; non-members tickets are \$50. Please bring your donations for our auctions to the March meeting.

## WWC AT SWANK FARMS MASTER CHEF DINNER EVENT PHOTOS



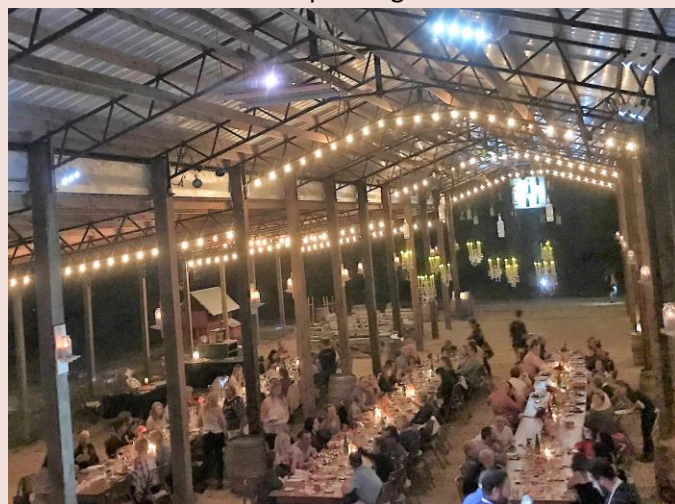
Swank staff setting up



Our heart-shaped baguette bread



Mair Armand, Donna Kuebler, Cheryl Dunn Bychek and Lynda Chicano



The view from atop the (very high) stage during dinner



A peek into the kitchen area before the event

The WWC was asked to be the receiving charitable organization for the Swank Farms Master Chef Series February 10<sup>th</sup> dinner, known as the Valentine's dinner. As you can see from the pictures, the space was large and accommodating, as there were over 100 guests that evening. Those of us who attended were treated to a wonderful piano-playing singer as the entertainment, and wonderful wines paired with delicious food. Lynda Chicano and Donna Kuebler made two lovely "Cheers and Chocolates" gift baskets that we raffled off, and Swank Farms donated a dinner for two for our raffle. It was a very successful evening for our club! We look forward to being part of this event again next season, and hope that more of you can join us for this great event. It really was terrific!

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Tara Zimmerman**

Tara Zimmerman was born on May 25<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Wellington High School, and Florida State University, with a major in business, and a minor in marketing.

Tara and her husband, Chris, both grew up in Wellington, and met after graduating from FSU (4 years apart). Chris is a consultant for Zimmerman Associates, and consults on Building Codes, Compliance and Construction. They have been married for 15 years, and are the doting parents to two daughters: Madison, who is 12 years old, and Kendal, who is 9. Both of her daughters are involved in school competitive cheer squads. Madison has taken up horseback riding this year, and is competing for the first time. The family has one dog, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Lulu.

The Zimmermans live in Paddock Park, and have lived there since they moved back to Wellington from Clearwater six years ago. They wanted to be closer to both sets of their parents (Tara's mom is WWC member Connie Saxon!) who still live in this area. Both Tara and Chris loved growing up in Wellington, and decided to move back and raise their family here.

Until very recently, Tara has worked in Human Resources for the past seventeen years, as a Human Resource Manager, a Human Resource Director, and lastly, as the Talent Acquisition Director for a healthcare company based in Nashville. She just left that position to spend more time with her family, and to help her husband with his local business. She also plans to tackle some projects, and is definitely looking forward to having the summertime off with her girls!

Tara loves to travel, and does so frequently. This past year, she and Chris took a trip to Dubai, which she thought was beautiful and amazing. She loves college football, especially Florida State! She and her husband look forward to attending FSU games and re-connecting with college friends at least once a year.

In her family, Tara is known for being a very determined person; once she puts her mind to something, she can make it happen! She can plan a great vacation, as she has had a lot of experience doing so. In 2001, she won the "Star Award" for being the Employee of the Year, at Integrity Staffing. Tara says her "special talent" is knowing all the lyrics to "Ice Ice Baby" (Wellington's own Vanilla Ice's song), and it is her go-to Karaoke song.

When she was younger, Tara collected spoons from the states she visited; her oldest daughter now is the proud owner of this collection and keeps adding to it. She states that her husband would say that she is a collector of Lilly Pulitzer, and he is the collector of the Lilly Pulitzer bills! While she was growing up, Tara had visions of being President of the United States. However, while she has a great amount of respect for our public representatives, she does not think she could handle or tolerate how divisive and personal politics have become.

Tara has been a Women of the Western Communities club member for three years. She enjoys being involved with our group that supports great causes, and feels that she has met some amazing women! Look for Tara at our next meeting...she will be the one with the beautiful, welcoming smile!



## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Marcella Ketcham**

Marcella Ketcham was born on May 1<sup>st</sup> in New York. She attended St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay, New York, and Uniondale High School on Long Island. She holds a paralegal degree from Florida Atlantic University.

Marcella was married for forty years to Frank Ketcham, who was a Lieutenant on the Boca Raton Fire Department for 24 years. Sadly, Frank passed away from lung cancer 11 years ago.

She has lived in Brooklyn, New York, Oyster Bay, Long Island, and Uniondale, New York before moving to Boca Raton, where she lived for forty years. She now resides in Village Walk in Wellington, with her ninth pure-bred German Shepherd, Lobo.

Marcella once worked for the Boca Raton Police Department for nine years. She was a paralegal for Attorney John R. Howes for twenty years. She even drove a race car for six months at the Charlotte Motor Speedway with NASCAR's lower division, ARCA! But the work she is most proud of is her photography.

She has had a photography business called Wild Eyes Photography, Inc. for the last 25 years, specializing in equestrian and canine photos. Marcella holds a certificate from the New York Institute of Photography for her work, and has been published numerous times all over the world. She has won many awards for her photography.

This natural redhead is very talented! She can play five instruments, and once had her own band in New York. Her parents were professional ballroom dancers, and she was born with a natural ability. Marcella taught Latin dancing while she was in high school at a well-known dance studio in New York.

Marcella excels in writing, as English was her favorite subject in school. She wrote all the motions submitted to judges while she worked for the attorney. She also has written many poems and songs, as that is a great passion for her.

Marcella is a full-blooded Italian, being only one of three people in her family to have red hair. Her great grandfather was a redhead with freckles, and was from Venice, Italy! Marcella's entire family lives in New York.

She collects plates of Triple Crown Winners, and other horse related memorabilia, and her collections mean a great deal to her. Marcella spends most of her time on her photography business, and training her dog, Lobo. She has had some health issues over the last few years, including several eye surgeries for a very serious injury she received when a bird she was trying to save, poked her in the right eye. This led to her having to teach herself to photograph with her left eye, due to the injury. She recently has had some back issues, so when you see Marcella, give her a careful hug!

Marcella has been a member of the WWC since the beginning of this season. She is excited to get involved in community affairs, and enjoys our meetings. We are so happy you are a member, Marcella!





## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lynda Chicano – March 5

Priscilla Fonseca – March 5



## IDEAS FOR AUCTION DONATIONS

UNUSED GIFT CARDS  
GENTLY USED PURSES  
PERFUME  
HAIR ACCESSORIES  
HOME DÉCOR  
CANDLES AND CANDLESTICKS  
KITCHEN ITEMS  
SMALL ELECTRICS  
WINE  
FOODS FOR BASKETS  
ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS

JEWELRY  
SCARVES  
LOTIONS  
COSMETICS  
BOOKS  
COLLECTIBLES  
COOKBOOKS  
CLOCKS  
ALCOHOL  
BAR ACCESSORIES  
MOVIE TICKETS



LOOKING FOR:

- \* MODELS FOR FASHION SHOW, ANY SIZE
- \* DONATED ITEMS FOR FAVORS BAGS GIVEN TO EACH ATTENDEE. NEED 125 OF ITEM.

**PLEASE HELP!**

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

Thursday, September 6, 2017  
Meeting cancelled

Thursday, October 5, 2017  
**Monthly Donation:** cleaning supplies

Thursday, November 2, 2017  
**Monthly Donation:** Thanksgiving food  
Ticket Auction donations

\* Wednesday, December 6, 2017  
**Monthly Donation:** Holiday gifts for Moms and Children at Harmony House

Thursday, January 4, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** Non-perishable food

Thursday, February 1, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** PJs and slippers for Moms and children at Harmony House

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**  
**Monthly Donation: Health and beauty aids / feminine products**

\*\* Sunday, April 8, 2018  
**Annual Spring Fundraiser and Brunch**

Thursday, May 3, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** Mother's Day gifts / gently used purses with useful items inside

\*\*\* Thursday, June 7, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** Summer activities for children

+ Thursday, July 12, 2018  
**Monthly Donation:** To Be Announced

\* Indicates Winter Fundraiser meeting  
\*\* Indicates Spring Fundraiser Sunday Brunch  
\*\*\* Indicates Scholarship Awards / Officer Installation

+ Indicates meeting for September cancellation

