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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear WCE Friends, Neighbors and Supporters,

It is my honor to serve as president of The Woman's Club of Evanston. Here at the WCE, we are steadfast in our mission to build community, friendship and leaders while finding new ways to engage in the community and support

each other throughout the year. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and strive to build on the work, friendship and society they helped envision.

Since 1889, the WCE has had a legacy of responding to the issues of the day and positively impacting the community. We got our start tackling women's suffrage, child labor laws and public health. Today, we support a myriad of organizations that are focused on everything from literacy, food scarcity and mental health to senior services, women's and youth programs, and arts and STEM education. The community has faced different challenges over the years, and the club has always found a way forward through determination, grit and an outreached hand.

The WCE not only raises funds for and donates thousands of dollars to local nonprofits through grants but also dedicates thousands of

volunteer hours. Our nearly 300 members are active and socially conscious. Membership in the WCE is open to all women. No matter what you may be looking for—whether it's opportunities to volunteer, lead, or socialize—you can find it here! Please visit www.wcofe.org to learn more.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many projects that keep our members engaged with the community and with each other. Special thanks to the dedicated Yearbook Committee who worked to put together this book.

Our historic clubhouse is the center of our social gatherings and philanthropic work. When it was built in 1912, the goal was to "build something we can all be proud of" and "consider the future of the town." The building is now a jewel in the crown of the Evanston Historic District. After the last couple of years, we are especially excited to have members of the community and of our beloved organization at 1702 Chicago Avenue. Welcome back and welcome home!

Best,

Jessica Trent
2021-22 WCE President

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Leslie Sevcik and Jessica Trent

OUR HISTORY

First official meeting of The Woman's Club of Evanston on March 23	1889	
	1892	Evanston incorporated as a city
The WCE donated a significant contribution to the establishment of Evanston Community Hospital	1892	
	1897	Welfare Sewing initiated sewing for various causes; this initiative continues today as the Sewing Circle. Visiting Nurse Association created with help from the WCE; the WCE's support of this organization continued into the 1990s
Mobile library organized by the WCE to give children access to education	1902	
	1913	Clubhouse opened at 1702 Chicago Avenue
Evanston Community Kitchen opened in the basement of the clubhouse	1917-18	
	1951	Community Fundraiser Benefit Show began; continues as the WCE Revue
Sponsored Evanston's first Mothers March on Polio as part of the March of Dimes campaign	1952	
	1965	Antique Show created to raise funds for building maintenance
Charitable Foundation created	1968	
	1987	Merry Merry Market began; evolved into Cornucopia and continues today as Holiday Bazaar
Fairy Tale Trail began providing a safe Halloween experience for children of all abilities; the annual event took place for 25 years	1990	
	2005	Dreams Delivered began: outfitting ETHS students for prom
Clubhouse added to the National Register of Historic Places	2006	
	2022	133 years and The Woman's Club of Evanston is still going strong!

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OUR MISSION

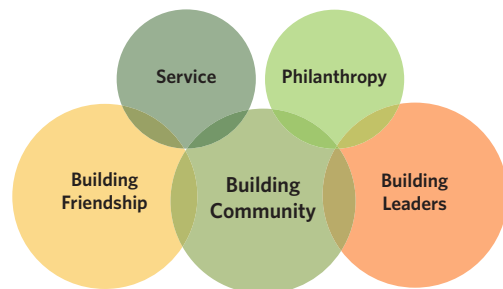
The Woman's Club of Evanston is a nonprofit organization composed of a vibrant, diverse group of women from the North Shore and beyond. The WCE has long been a force for service and progress in the Evanston and neighboring communities. Founded in 1889 by 42 original charter members, the club is committed to community service, philanthropy and friendship.

Our mission is to connect women behind a shared purpose of volunteerism, social empowerment and community support.

The talent, hard work and dedication of our membership continues to have a tangible, positive impact on our community. Every year, the WCE donates thousands of volunteer hours and raises an average of \$150,000 for local nonprofits—nearly \$2 million over the past decade alone.



Author and suffrage activist Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, Ph.D. brought together a visionary group of Evanston women in 1889 to create The Woman's Club of Evanston. The WCE's constitution declared the object of the club to be "mutual helpfulness in all affairs of life and united efforts toward higher development of humanity." Within ten years, the club had contributed to the foundation of Evanston Hospital and the creation of the Visiting Nurse Association. The WCE's rich, historic legacy continues to inspire our members who work to exemplify the club motto: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."



The Woman's Club
of Evanston

OUR HOUSE

The Woman's Club of Evanston's clubhouse was built more than 100 years ago and opened its doors in 1913. In 1910, the club purchased a lot at Davis Street and Chicago Avenue for \$8,000, but a few months later—for an additional \$4,000—the women exchanged that lot for the current property at Church Street and Chicago Avenue. The house was envisioned by club members, who worked with the community to raise funds to build it; club members also took out a bank loan, which they proudly repaid in full by 1925.

The clubhouse retains much of the layout from the original blueprints but has undergone some renovations over the years. Most notably, the entrance to the house was moved from Church Street to Chicago Avenue circa 1965, the elevator was installed in 1997 and air conditioning was put in in 2001. Major upgrades were completed after the WCE Capital Campaign in 2005. Additional renovations are in progress thanks to funds raised through the ongoing WCE Landmark Campaign. (For further details, turn to page 31.)

The clubhouse was designated an Evanston landmark in 1994 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

Information Courtesy of The Woman's Club of Evanston: A History

Photo by Eric Allix Rogers



2021-22

WCE BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1889, The Woman's Club of Evanston has been helping support organizations that make a difference in our community through a combination of financial grants, philanthropic efforts and service projects.

In some cases, 2021-22 numbers were impacted by the pandemic.

283

Active members

2,500+

Volunteer hours donated by WCE members to the community

10+

Community service projects

\$140,000

Awarded to local organizations in Community Grants in 2019

Building Community

The WCE donates thousands of volunteer hours to Evanston and surrounding communities through our Community Outreach service projects. Volunteering through the club allows members to interact and impact local organizations on their own schedule. Our members also raise important funds for local nonprofits through the WCE's Community Grants Fund, which also helps designated beneficiaries reach larger financial goals.



Building Friendship

Friendships that can last a lifetime are quickly formed at the WCE as we work together on projects for the community. There are many ways to spend time with and learn from WCE friends both during the day and in the evening.



Building Leaders

There are plenty of opportunities to lead at all levels of the WCE, whether it's by organizing a day or evening program, chairing an annual event, being the business manager for a project, helping produce the WCE Revue, or sitting on the club's Leadership Council or Board of Directors. Put your skills to use, become a mentor or learn new areas of leadership with us.



BUILDING COMMUNITY: SERVICE PROJECTS

WCE members actively engage in a wide range of hands-on service projects that positively impact the lives of individuals and families throughout Evanston and surrounding communities. Even during the pandemic, we were able to roll up our sleeves and team up with local nonprofits to make a difference. The following service projects were organized and implemented by the WCE this past year.

Sewing Circle

The WCE Sewing Circle has a longstanding tradition—since the 1930s—of knitting and sewing handmade clothing and other items to support those who receive services from local hospitals and other nonprofit organizations. Our projects include aromatherapy hearts for premature babies at the Evanston Hospital. We also produce comfort pillows for breast cancer patients and those who have undergone mastectomies through Northshore University Health System's Evanston, Glenbrook, Highland Park and Skokie Hospitals. We make walker totes that are distributed by Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes (SASI) in Evanston as well. We also contribute to Hope 4 Women International's Dress a Girl Around the World.



Sewing Circle

BUILDING COMMUNITY: SERVICE PROJECTS

Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church

WCE members help to staff the Saturday Soup Kitchen monthly, serving meals to local residents who are looking for a hot meal, smiling face and sense of community. This past year, the WCE contributed to food drives for the Soup Kitchen as well. In addition, club members made 45 blankets that were included in holiday gift bags that were distributed to many of the guests we serve at the Soup Kitchen.

Books & Breakfast

The pandemic stopped children from being able to participate in Books & Breakfast, which normally provides daily tutoring support and before-school meals, in the same way they had before. The program wanted to ensure that students were able to stay connected during the summer months. In July 2021, WCE volunteers helped to provide contactless delivery of packages containing books and activities for these children.



Books & Breakfast



Bundled Blessings

Bundled Blessings

Bundled Blessings is a diaper pantry that assists families in need through partnerships with local social service organizations. Each year, the WCE holds a collection drive for diapers to be donated to the Bundled Blessings team at First United Methodist Church.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: SERVICE PROJECTS



HOW/Family Focus Gift Drive

HOW/Family Focus Gift Drive

The WCE was unable to host its usual in-person party for Housing Opportunities for Women (HOW) in December. However, club members still volunteered to bake cookies and write letters from Santa that were included in holiday gift bags for 75 children participating in HOW programs. Additionally, WCE members once again provided gift cards for 60 children and 20 families from Family Focus and for five children and five families from HOW.

Evanston School Children's Clothing Assistance (ESCCA)

For over 90 years, this important Evanston organization has served the community with its motto "No Evanston child should miss school due to lack of warm sturdy clothing." WCE volunteers support the program by donating clothing and helping families find the clothing they need to keep their children in school. This past year, the club held a back-to-school drive for ESCCA at the start of the year to collect new items students struggle to get via donations. We also sent volunteers to support the program's monthly shopping/sorting efforts.

Interfaith Action Volunteering/Collection

The WCE helped Interfaith Action of Evanston by collecting hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, body wash and lotion. These items cannot be purchased through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and are distributed as part of the program's mission to serve hungry and homeless people. WCE volunteers helped distribute these items through Interfaith's regular Producemobile and SNAPGap programs.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: SERVICE PROJECTS

Father's Arms Ministries Back-to-School Drive

A total of 48 backpacks were purchased and then filled with school supplies donated by WCE members for children who participate in the Father's Arms Ministries after-school program. In addition, 48 hygiene kits were donated for families connected to Father's Arms Ministries.



Father's Arms Ministries Back-to-School Drive

MLK Day of Service

Every year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the WCE participates in a service project—putting together homemade valentines and goodie bags for service women at Camp Pendleton as well as for children at Evanston Hospital. This January, members (and their families, in some cases) created their cards at home for inclusion in the assembled bags.



MLK Day of Service

YWCA Residence Setup

The WCE has a longstanding relationship with the YWCA and annually had participated in updating rooms for women and children residing in the shelter. With the building of a new space by the YWCA, this project was no longer needed, but WCE volunteers helped with final preparations for the new space.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: PHILANTHROPY

Community Grants Fund

Since 1889, The Woman's Club of Evanston has been helping support organizations that make a difference in our community. A combination of financial grants, philanthropic events and community-focused initiatives creates an integrated community impact.

The Process

Each year, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in Evanston and surrounding communities are invited to submit grant applications to the WCE. Since 2000, the WCE's Contributions Committee has designated an annual giving focus, which drives applications around a central community issue or initiative.

Once the giving focus is announced, the club invites organizations that have programs within the scope of the giving focus and that operate within the designated geographic area to submit a grant application. Applications are used to identify beneficiaries of our community grants (typically \$1,000–\$5,000).

Applicants also are invited to apply for our Clubhouse Usage Grant and/or to be the event beneficiary for either the WCE Revue or the WCE Spring Benefit. The application identifies organizations for potential Community Outreach volunteer



service projects as well. The club's annual giving focus and application are announced in September on the WCE website.

Community Grants Fund applications are due annually in early November. For more information, visit www.wcofe.org or email contributions@wcofe.org.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: PHILANTHROPY

2020–21 Giving Focus

The Woman's Club of Evanston collected grant applications from programs and organizations that address inclusion, equity, and access for black and brown communities in Evanston, Skokie and Rogers Park.

2021 WCE Grant Recipients

Evanston Scholars: Funding will support the College Access Program that provides mentors for scholars to access mental health support, academic and financial counseling, textbooks and materials.

Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP): Funding will support three programs for low-income Latina immigrants—Latina's Women's Circle, Dual Citizen Support and Emergency Cash Assistance.

Foundation 65: Funding will support the Black Girl Magic Book Club, which provides age-appropriate books featuring Black girls, connecting the stories to the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and NW Indiana: Funding will support All In: Girl Scouting for Every Evanston Girl, which

provides specially trained leaders and facilitators, and all expenses for new troops seeking to specifically serve black and Latino girls who are homeless or living in extreme poverty.

Humanity Relief: Funding will support the resettlement of low-income families, including basic furnishings and needs, care package distribution for homeless families and a six-month mentorship program that includes ESL instruction and basic computer skills for employment.

McGaw YMCA: Funding will support the Head Start Remote Plus STEAM Academic and Enrichment Learning Pods Program for a new pre-K-5th grade learning pod.

Peer Health Exchange: Funding will support a health education curriculum for one school year, focused on skills and resources to make healthy decisions, for the freshman class at Acero Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz

BUILDING COMMUNITY: PHILANTHROPY

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center: Funding will support launching a new clinical internship fellowship program that provides financial support and mentorship to persons of color entering the mental health care field.

Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.): Funding will support the Out of School Time (OST) program, which serves predominantly low-income high school students of color through initiatives that promote leadership and empowerment, community connections, career exploration, artistic and STEM development, and post-secondary preparation.

2022 Spring Benefit Beneficiary

The Woman's Club of Evanston: The Spring Benefit will support the WCE's ongoing operations and provide funds for much needed clubhouse maintenance projects, enabling us to continue to serve the community as we have for more than 130 years.

2022 Clubhouse Usage

Connections for the Homeless is an agency in the northern suburbs delivering essential services to people facing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Family Promise Chicago North Shore is an agency providing temporary housing and food while working to get homeless families get back to permanent housing and keeping the family together.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: PHILANTHROPY

Community Grants Fund Awards Breakfast

Every spring, The Woman's Club of Evanston hosts a breakfast for the recipients of that year's Community Grants Fund grants. This gathering is yet another way in which the WCE helps build community, bringing together local nonprofits to learn more about each other and celebrate their collective efforts.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an indoor breakfast and award presentation was not possible in 2021, but the club still found a

way to recognize these organizations in person. Awardees and club members were invited to a walk-thru celebration in front of the clubhouse in mid-May, at which we also distributed funds to these deserving nonprofits. The informal event was a joyous occasion for everyone in attendance.

The WCE hopes to welcome members of the community back inside the clubhouse for the 2022 Community Grants Fund Awards Breakfast!

Photos by Chris Popio





THE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Woman's Club of Evanston

The Harbert Society is Our Future!

The Charitable Foundation appreciates the following women of The Harbert Society who have generously included the WCE in their estate plans or made major deferred gifts.

**Martha Conley
Vickie Burke
Mimi Roeder
Tamara McKnight
Patty Sprague
Julie Chernoff
Donna Brown
Loreen Mershimer
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Anne Gilford
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Niki Moe
Heather Silver
Fran Caan
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There are many ways to structure your gift. Members receive a symbolic lily of the valley pin.
For more information, please contact Sara Brenner at wce.charitablefoundation@gmail.com

BUILDING COMMUNITY: PHILANTHROPY



THE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Woman's Club of Evanston



The Charitable Foundation

Sometimes you can't pay it back, so we pay it forward

The Charitable Foundation was incorporated in 1968 to promote and assist The Woman's Club of Evanston in contributing to educational, charitable, civic and philanthropic activities.

The Charitable Foundation is thrilled to share exciting news on its scholarship front.

The Linda Wade Community Service Award: This scholarship was given to two graduating seniors at ETHS who demonstrated exemplary service to the community through volunteer activities. Each student received \$1,000 for one year.

The Charitable Foundation also supports early childhood education. Cherry Preschool received a \$2,500 scholarship, and Learning Bridge received a \$3,500 scholarship

Executive Committee

Sara Brenner, President
Kathy Rocklin, Vice President
Frieda Walter, Secretary
Fern Allison, Treasurer

Trustees

Anne Berkeley	Donna Frett	Heather Silver
Vickie Burke	Lisa Miceli	Mary Watt
Fran Caan	Barbara Putta	

The Charitable Foundation established The Harbert Society so that WCE members would consider including The Woman's Club of Evanston in their estate plan or make deferred major gifts.

WCE PREMIER EVENTS: REVUE



WCE Premier Events

Each year, The Woman's Club of Evanston organizes Premier Events to raise money for local charities. Proceeds from our WCE Revue and Spring Benefit go to selected grant recipients. Our WCE Holiday Bazaar benefits a general fund that is allocated to a pool of small grant recipients. And Dreams Delivered, our annual prom boutique for ETHS students, ensures that every girl, regardless of means, can attend her senior prom. The success of these events relies on the support of not only our membership but the community at large.

WCE Revue

The WCE Revue is an evening of music entertainment that supports a different cause each year. The WCE typically stages this annual musical production for two weekends in early March in partnership with that year's designated beneficiary, giving the show deeper meaning and providing a focus for volunteers' time and talent. Ticket sales are open to the public.

WCE PREMIER EVENTS: REVUE



The WCE Revue has a long tradition of camaraderie and support—70 years' worth! It is the club's largest volunteer project and longest running social event. What began as a fashion show long ago quickly morphed into a variety show, notorious for its clever show titles and irreverent song parodies. These traditions continue to this day.

The WCE Revue is produced by a troupe of volunteers—consisting of club members and their significant others as well as representatives from the selected beneficiary—who write, direct, choreograph and perform onstage in the WCE ballroom,

supported by a professional technical crew and live band.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCE Revue did not take place in 2021 or 2022. However, the club is still raising funds to support the chosen 2021–22 beneficiary: Piven Theatre Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made on the WCE website at bit.ly/WCE-Donations. All proceeds will go directly to funding scholarships for third through fifth graders so that they can attend regardless of their families' ability to pay.

Robert Shivers Photography

WCE PREMIER EVENTS: DREAMS DELIVERED



The Woman's Club of Evanston believes every Evanston Township High School senior, regardless of means, should be able to attend senior prom as part of their celebration of completing high school.

Each spring, we transform the first and second floors of our clubhouse into a prom boutique—complete with formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and other accessories. Every item is free of charge to any interested ETHS student. Personal shoppers take participants and their guest(s) through the experience from start to finish. In addition, our talented WCE seamstresses donate their services onsite so that each outfit feels custom-made.

Over the course of 15 years, Dreams Delivered has outfitted more than 800 students. While we were unable to host this event in 2021 due to COVID-19, we continued to prepare for this year and are eager to help make prom a special occasion again for students in 2022.

As our partner in this endeavor, ETHS promotes Dreams Delivered at school and through the The Ivy Pearl Foundation, Inc.—the philanthropic arm of Delta Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



Want to donate? Contact committee co-chairs Bev, 847-254-7114, or Sheila, 312-662-8992. Note that we are seeking dresses that are new or nearly new (three years old or less) as well as classic/timeless designs that are age-appropriate and in style. We do not accept tuxedos or suits.

Students interested in attending Dreams Delivered can do so by appointment. Please contact Denise Clarke, Student Activities Director, at 847-424-7397 or clarked@eths.k12.il.us.

Dreams Delivered would not be possible without Kenny the Kleener, Chicago's Discount Dry Cleaner, which has dry-cleaned hundreds of dresses for Dreams Delivered, free of charge, over the years. We are grateful for their continued generosity.

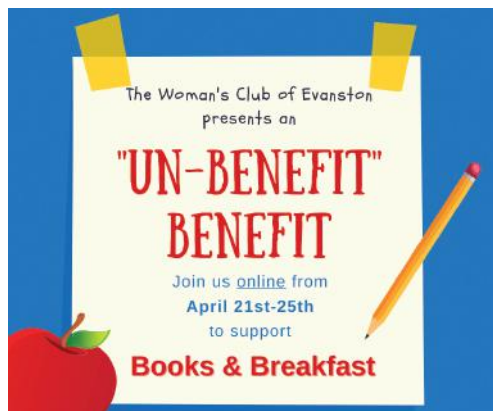
WCE PREMIER EVENTS: SPRING BENEFIT

The annual WCE Spring Benefit is one of the club's Premier Events, with proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships, and fundraising activities going to a designated local not-for-profit organization every year.

The 2021 Spring "unBenefit" supported Books and Breakfast, a before-school program that provides a healthy morning meal and tutoring to low-income Evanston-Skokie School District 65 students in need of additional support. Proceeds helped this

local organization expand programming and services to meet the growing needs of children in District 65 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 Spring Benefit, Viva WCE!, will be held virtually April 2-8. Proceeds from this event will support The Woman's Club of Evanston's ongoing operations and provide funds for much-needed clubhouse maintenance projects, enabling us to continue to serve the community as we have for more than 130 years.



WCE PREMIER EVENTS: HOLIDAY BAZAAR



Holiday Bazaar

The annual WCE Holiday Bazaar is another one of the club's Premier Events, with proceeds from vendor booths, the silent auction and raffle ticket sales as well as sponsorships from local businesses going toward the WCE Community Grants Fund.

This popular art and gift show—held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving—has been a major fundraiser for and highlight of The Woman's Club of Evanston for more than 20 years. After going on hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCE Holiday Bazaar made its return in 2021.

The juried gift fair is held on the first and second floors of our clubhouse and features artists and makers of handcrafted and one-of-a-kind gifts. We showcase nearly 60 vendors each year

whose unique offerings range from accessories such as jewelry to food to clothing, including items for children.

The WCE Holiday Bazaar is open to the public, and admission is free. Donations are welcome and benefit the WCE Community Grants Fund.



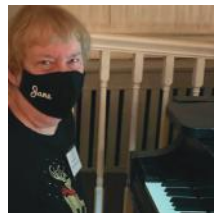
BUILDING FRIENDSHIP

We are a community of women focused on giving back and also having fun socially. It is through our shared experiences at The Woman's Club of Evanston that members develop deep friendships. Interactive day and evening programs and events allow us to engage with and learn from one another. Book Buzz book club gatherings, Flick Chick movie outings, Murder Mystery parties, game nights, bridge lessons and other casual member meetups are among the activities that bring members together, helping to forge lifelong relationships. We also celebrate the WCE and each other at annual meetings in our beloved clubhouse.

Our members are there for one another in times of need. The WCE's Member Assistance Team (MAT) organizes meals and other means of support for any member who is going through an illness, family struggle or other difficulty.



BUILDING FRIENDSHIP



The Woman's Club of Evanston runs on a committee structure led by the Board of Directors and Leadership Council. Leadership opportunities exist at all levels of commitment. Experienced club leaders mentor newer members, providing a nurturing environment for women in which women can grow their skill set while serving the community.

A variety of WCE committees are focused on finance, policy or marketing for the WCE. These committees advise and counsel our Board of Directors and keep our club strategically focused on the future while empowering our members.

The Marketing Committee builds awareness of the WCE by sharing important club news with the public, promoting our events and outreach projects, and managing internal communications.

The Yearbook Committee produces our annual report, which is distributed throughout the community. Ad sales for this publication play a vital role in supporting the WCE's Community Grants Fund.

The Finance Committee is responsible for the fiduciary management of the club's affairs. Finance Strategy Advisory Committee (FSAC) is the advisory investment management committee of the WCE, tasked with ensuring the longterm financial stability of the Club.

The Bylaws and Strategic Planning Committee analyzes, interprets and recommends changes to our policies and procedures to meet our evolving needs, with an eye toward strategic growth and direction of the WCE.

Office of the President: Additional specialized and ad hoc committees provide their skills, experience and insight to advise the WCE President and Board of Directors.

BECOME A MEMBER

A Community of Women

Are you looking to join a community of women focused on giving back and having a great time?

Membership in The Woman's Club of Evanston is open to any person who identifies as a woman and is interested in community service, philanthropy and friendship. We pride ourselves on the significant contributions we make to our community year after year—and we have fun doing it.

Whether you are new to Evanston or the surrounding area, have just had a baby or become an empty nester, are recently retired, want to find out how you can give back or have wandered by our clubhouse and wondered about its story, you are welcome. There is a place for you here.

We believe women are at their best when their lives are full and they are doing what they love, and we are made better by our diversity—from our ages, backgrounds and vocations to our hobbies, interests and personalities.

Benefits of Membership

- Interaction with enthusiastic and dedicated women in service and social settings
- Leadership training for community and club involvement



- Opportunity to serve the greater community during our philanthropy and community outreach events

Learn More

Hear firsthand about WCE membership by attending a Member Information Night at our clubhouse, where you will meet current members and discover everything the WCE has to offer. To find out when our next gathering will be, call 847-475-3800, email membership@wcofe.org or visit wcofe.org.

WCE LANDMARK CAMPAIGN

Launched in May 2019, The Woman's Club of Evanston Landmark Campaign funds critically needed renovations to our clubhouse to ensure its vitality.

A Vision for the Future

The WCE Clubhouse Master Plan calls for a phased approach to interior construction and capital maintenance, prioritizing the most urgent needs of our clubhouse.

First Priority: All New Restrooms and the First Floor Sunporch (Completed in Spring 2018)

The clubhouse now has modernized restroom facilities that equalize access for any gender identity or ability. The first-floor sunporch has been transformed into welcoming multi-purpose space.

Second Priority: Vestibule, Entry Hall, and First floor Tea Room (Completed in Summer 2021)

In this phase, the entrance and vestibule have been enhanced with a repolished marble lobby floor, new lighting, furnishings, painted masonry and center bronze railing on the grand staircase. The first-floor hall and tearoom have received new interior

decoration (paint, carpet, lighting, window treatments, cushions and technology improvements).

Third Priority: Ballroom

The wooden flooring will be restored and refinished. Updated painting, lighting, historic mill-work preservation, and technology improvements, along with new concealed storage spaces for tables and chairs, will upgrade the space.

Fourth Priority: Third-Floor Lobby and Archives Room

In the final phase, the third-floor lobby and archives room will receive new paint and carpeting, as well as updated lighting, window treatments and furnishings.

Maintenance Needs and Future Costs

Campaign donations will be allocated for infrastructure and maintenance expenses. For more information, please visit wcfe.org/LandmarkCampaign. *Horizon Photography*



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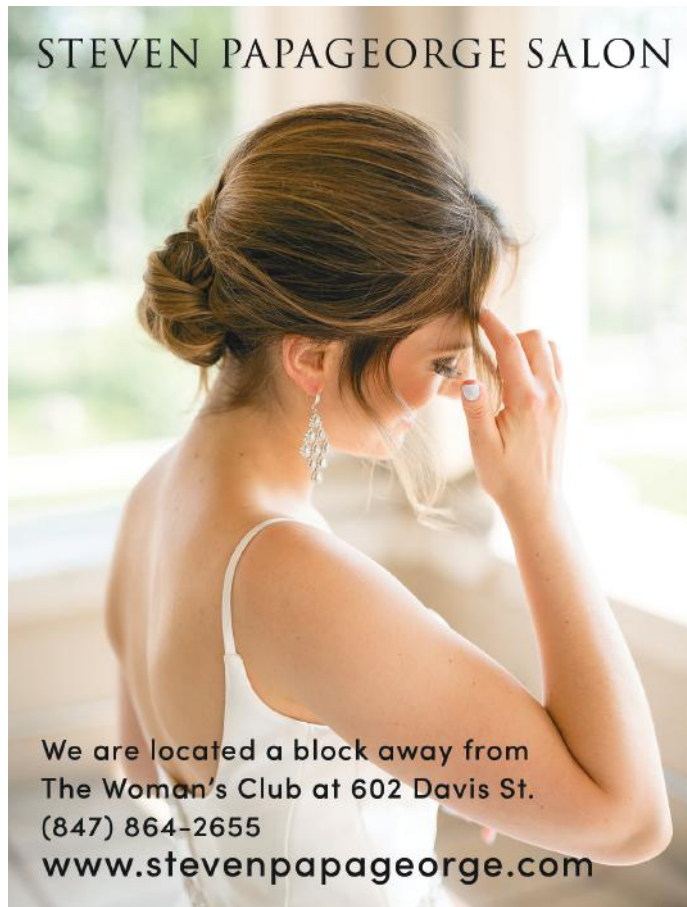
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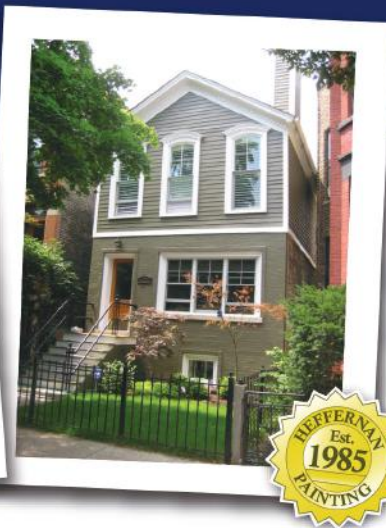


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