# MIND YOUR MANOR

ORWIN MANOR WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION – Serving Orwin Manor Westminster since 1983 No. 4 Fall 2024

## President's Report
## OMWA Centennial Update

By President Stephen Pategas

The Centennial Celebration is **Saturday, Nov. 16, 12-4 p.m.** at The Park at Orwin Manor as we launch our Centennial year. Look for the Bowls for Tu food truck next to the park from noon to 3:00 (menu link below), recognition of longtime residents, historical displays, a petition for property owners to explore interest in a historic district within the Winter Park portion, corn hole, and chalk painting. We will provide beverages and tables. Please bring food and set ups if you wish along with chairs.

**Order a Centennial T-shirt or other shirt in time for the Celebration.** We sent logos to nearby Big Frog Custom T-Shirts at 975 S. Orlando Ave. (at Michigan Ave.), Winter Park. There are many available styles of shirts and colors. One or two of the logos above may be placed in various locations. Mention Orwin Manor logos and they will walk you through the process: 321.972.8879/ orlando@bigfrog.com / www.bigfrog.com/Orlando. Pictured is the Next Level brand in Tahiti blue which can be seen on our website. FYI: For a culinary experience check out Mama Napoli which is next door to Big Frog.

We wish to recognize **longtime residents** of OMW at our Centennial Celebration. If you have lived here for ten years or more, please let us know your name and what year you moved here or if you are a repeat resident the cumulative number of years.

Our food truck is **Bowls for Tu** and check the menu for rice bowls and tacos: Bowls For Tu https://streetfoodfinder.com/bowlsfortu?tab=menu

Join the **Centennial Celebration Volunteers** by emailing Stephen Pategas at https://orwinmanor.org/contact/

### Arches Update

Have you seen our arches? The City of Winter Park has been formally notified we are interested in having the demolished gateway arches rebuilt along Orange Ave. south of Orlando Ave. Join our Rebuild the Orwin Manor Arches committee by contacting Stephen Pategas at https://orwinmanor.org/contact/. The next step is a "Measure the Arch" event followed by drawings by a structural engineer.

### 100 Reasons for Living in Orwin Manor

Share your thoughts about why it's great to Live in Orwin Manor we will post them on Facebook. Email them to info@orwinManor.org.

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# Around The Corner

## AROUND THE CORNER

by neighbors & board members

• Susan Ellis once again invites us to her home for a Holiday Gathering – Tuesday, December 10th, 5:30 -7:30 at 1415 Buckingham Rd. Bring a beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share.

• We wish to recognize long-time residents of OMW. If you have lived here for 10 years or more, please let us know and for how long.

• **In Memoriam** – Rob Cavanna age 75 of Westchester Avenue who moved here with his wife Betsy in 1995 passed away recently. Our condolences to Betsy. Rob was frequently spotted in the neighborhood on his morning walks.

• **SEEKING A NEW MYM PUBLISHER FOR HIRE** – Our long-time publisher Kris Stell is retiring. We are in need of a new publisher for hire to publish this quarterly *Mind Your Manor.* The next issue is scheduled for February of 2025. If you are interested or know of someone, please let us know at https://orwinmanor.org/contact/.

### Kudos

• Our many thanks to Kris Stell for her 19 years of publishing our *Mind Your Manor* newsletter. Her first issue was Autumn of 2005. Under her steady hand, 76 issues were produced.

• Winter Park's Park and Recreation department installed a new message board in The Park at Orwin Manor. It replaces one donated by former board member Alan Hatchitt

• Welcome to Our New Neighbors – please say hello when you meet them and let us know recent arrivals so we can send them a welcome letter

- Susan Smith at 1635 Berkshire Ave.
- Julia Teason at 1638 Berkshire Ave.
- Cody and Laura Herr at 1501 Westchester Ave.
- Gilson Wieck and Michelle Pineda at 1303 Canterbury Rd.
- Alvin and Dallas Austin at 1355 Pelham Rd.
- Perez Hernandez at 1355 Devon Rd.
- Drew Johnson and Sarah Wood at 1411 Buckingham Rd.

### Neighborhood Bits

• *The Unquenchable Florida Land Boom, Walter W. Rose*, and *Orwin Manor* by our historian Stephen Pategas lives on! The Winter Park Library recorded the Casa Feliz presentation and it can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUS0v4qmd70

• **OMWA E-News Update** – The E-News is moving to a MailChimp platform which will provide more flexibility. The E-News goes out usually no more than once a month. We promise you will not want to opt out. So far, we reach about one-third of our neighbors. What are two-thirds of you missing? Sign up at https://orwinmanor.org/omw.

### Community Calendar

- Winter Park Hazardous & eWaste Saturday November 9 from 8-12 at 2525 Cady Way. Visit cityofwinterpark.org/fixitdontpitchit
- GrowVember at Mead Botanical Garden November 8, 2-6 pm and November 9, 8-4 pm with plants, speakers, workshops, kids' activities, food, music, beer garden. www.MeadGarden.org

## About OMWA

The Orwin Manor Westminster Association (OMWA) founded in 1983, offers the best of two worlds – a neighborhood association with voluntary membership but without the rules, regulations, or assessments of a homeowners' association. If our neighborhood was within an HOA, every household would be assessed mandatory fees. Many volunteers contribute their time and energy to improve our neighborhood. OMWA advocates with municipalities and is responsible for launching The Park at Orwin Manor, creating the bronze identity signs, hosting events, and researching our history.

- Orlando Museum of Art Festival of Trees - November 16-24. Special events include the Opening Night Party, Breakfast with Santa, and a children's Reindeer Romp party. https://councilof101.org/pages/festival-of-trees-orlando

**PLEASE JOIN OUR BOARD!**

Meet neighbors, make friends and support the neighborhood you love. Requirements: be a member of our association; attend a minimum number of the six board meetings each year in a two-year term, serve on a committee and help at event(s).

Please contact us at https://orwinmanor.org/contact/

## OMWA Events Calendar

- Centennial Celebration - Saturday, Nov. 16, 12-4pm at The Park at Orwin Manor
- Orwin Manor Aglow – Monday, Dec. 9, after 6, (Most Traditional, Most Creative, Most Lights)
- Holiday Gathering – Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 onward (hosted by Susan Ellis at 1415 Buckingham Rd.). Bring a beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share.
- Luminaries – Sunday, Dec. 24 (rain date 25), 6 p.m.
- Annual Meeting 2025 – Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, 7-9 pm at Commerce Bank & Trust

OMWA BOARD MEETING DATES
Third Tuesday or as noted 7:30-9pm

- December 10 (2nd Tuesday)

*Please join us! Call 407.622.4886 to place an item on the agenda and for the locations.*

### NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

Join us at the historic clubhouse at Dubsdread Golf Course, 549 West Par Street, Orlando every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We reserve the long high top table adjacent to the bar in the Taproom.

Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday, November 13, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 15, 5:30 pm

# OMWA Centennial Update

## Centennial Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

- **Level 1:** Knight - $75 w/ recognition (MYM, Facebook, and message board recognition)
- **Level 2:** Noble - $250 w/ above + web ad, t-shirt, recognition at our events
- **Level 3:** Crown - $500 w/ above + 1/4-page MYM ad
- **Level 4**: Royal - $750 w/ above + booth space at the Centennial Celebration on Nov. 16, 2024 12-4 at The Park at Orwin Manor

Funds are needed for: the Centennial Celebration, rebuilding the missing gateway arches, event signs, and T- shirts.

Donations may be sent as checks to Orwin Manor Westminster Association at P.O. Box 2367, Winter Park, FL 32790-2367 or visit www.orwinmanor.org/membership and use PayPal, a debit card, or credit card. Please explain your donation.

**Donors to Date – THANK YOU!**
***Donations of any amount are welcome.***

- Crown $500: Hortus Oasis Landscape Design – Stephen & Kristin Pategas
- Noble $250: Bette-Jo Foster, Bre-Elle and Tristan Ishtar, Greg Hartung and Leslie Williams
- Knight $75: Meg Barclay & John Scholz, Laura & Jason Alphonso, Molly, Manny & Penelope Keesee, Ann & Bill Legg, Mary & Jim Piercey, Scott & Posey Bowers, Peggy Williams, Tom & Cindy Helton, Penny Potter , Becky Nickol
- Other: Nancy Martin, Julie Sullivan, Suzan Goldin, Alexis and Zach Heller, Warren Lindsey

The Centennial Celebration is Saturday, Nov. 16, 12-4 at The Park at Orwin Manor. So far, we are planning music, food trucks, recognition of longtime residents, and historical displays.

Join the Centennial Celebration Committee by emailing Stephen Pategas at info@orwinmanor.org

# The Lady on the Scooter

**By board member Leslie Williams and neighbor Gerry Hatchitt**

We're excited to introduce you to "The Lady on the Scooter" and her trusty dog, Penny. This spunky 95-year-old with a sharp-as-a-tack memory is our neighbor, Mrs. Ruth Porch. We were honored to sit down with her a little while ago to learn more about Ruth and what Orwin Manor Westminster was like 70 years ago when she and her husband moved in.

Ruth was born in a house on Parramore Street on November 25, 1928. She was raised on a farm off of U.S. 441 in a family with 10 children. She grew up milking cows and delivering milk seven days a week in this area. Back then, they used a barter system; they paid the grocery store and doctors with milk. She remembers a quart of milk costing 13 cents. When pasteurization came, they had to put milk in cans and take them to the local dairy (T.G. Lee).

Ruth married her husband, Ralph Sr., shortly after WWII. He had proudly served his country during the war in the U.S. Coast Guard. They lived in a trailer on her mother's property in Fairvilla, Florida (approximately 2 miles as the crow flies) until her mom told them they had to move.

Ralph found their first house on Westminster Street, the same house Ruth still calls home today. They moved in on September 1, 1954, when Ruth was 25 years old, and she still remembers how much they paid for the house: $9,279. The parishioners of the Brethren Church built the house, which didn't have air conditioning, but they had a TV.

She remembers with relief how their kids were welcomed into Orwin Manor. They raised their daughter Gail and son Rick here. Gail was 5 years old, and Rick was 4 when they moved in. Ruth spent her days volunteering as a Room Mother at her children's schools and working with the children at their church. Her husband worked at Westbrook Air Conditioning and Plumbing, which gave him a company truck, allowing them to get a second car to ensure that Ruth could get around.

One of her big memories about this area back then was the hospital, currently AdventHeath Orlando. It was a wooden building and a sanatorium. She recalls a mom-and-pop shop on Par Street for their grocery needs. There wasn't an I-4 at the time. She remembers having many neighborhood kids around and can easily recall her neighbors from 70 years ago by name.

Ruth looks forward to her twice-daily phone chats with her younger sister, Shirley, and taking Penny for walks.

Ruth will be 96 on November 25th. She leaves us with a recipe for longevity: "Always trust in God."

**THANK YOU!!!**

**OUR CENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY ORGANIZERS**

- Jimmy Hendrickson
- Shawn Layton
- Richard & Vanessa Verkaik
- Tracy Hadley
- Mark & Teresa Snedeker
- Stephen Pategas
- Leslie Williams
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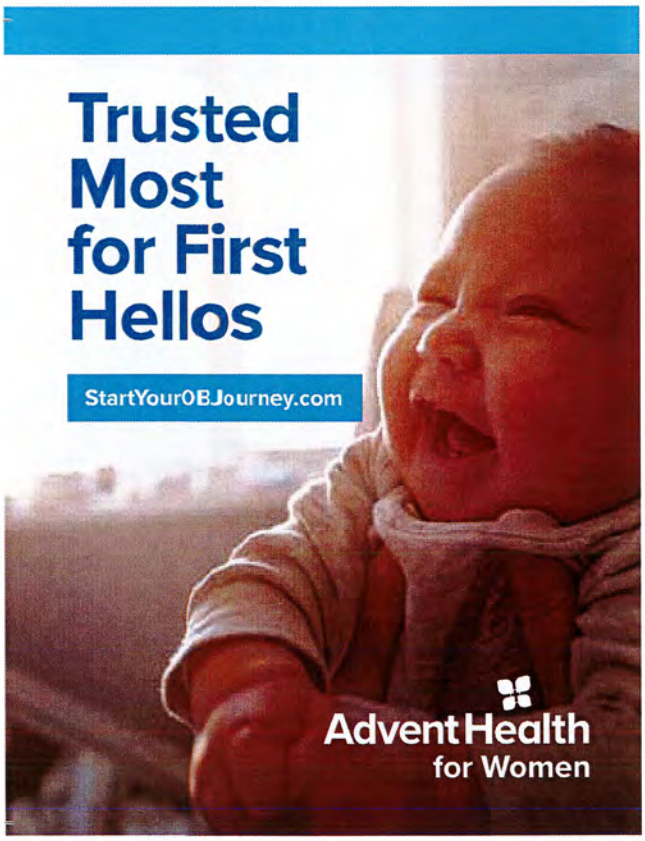
# Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

On Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at The Park at Orwin Manor, Santa will arrive with Mrs. Claus and elves on a sleigh escorted by the police and fire trucks! Young and young-at-heart will have the chance to wave to Old St. Nick himself as he rides his sleigh through Winter Park neighborhoods. Santa will make a short stop at the park so don't be late.

## 100 Years Ago in 1924...

- The residents of Edgewood and Belle Isle areas of Pine Castle in Orange County, FL vote to incorporate separately, splitting from the more progressive Pine Castle, which was eventually forced to declare bankruptcy with its charter dissolved by 1929. In 1916, the paving of the Old Dixie Highway that ran parallel to the train line from Sanford to Kissimmee put Pine Castle on the main route of travel, making it prime real estate for development.
- Hundreds of thousands of acres in southern New Mexico are set aside as the first Wilderness Area in the United States, with the creation of the Gila Wilderness Area
- The first crossword puzzle is published by Simon & Schuster
- Actor Marlon Brando is born and dies in 2004
- A first-class postage stamp is $0.02
- On November 27, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade takes place in NYC
- J. Edgar Hoover is appointed head of the Bureau of Investigation established in 1908 and renamed the FBI in 1935
- Dickson Azalea Park in Orlando began as a natural stream, later named Fern Creek, in a deep ravine surrounded by native ferns, palms, and oaks. It once was a watering hole for cattle herders driving their animals south. State Senator Walter W. Rose (1888-1958) purchased 40 acres of land there in 1916 and platted most of it for the Rosearden development. He sets aside five acres adjacent to Fern Creek for a park, called Senator Rose Park, which he deeds to the city.



# Neighborhood Pro – FALL GARDENING TIPS

By Master Gardener and Board Member Penny Potter

### Care of Mums

When the flowers on your fall mums begin to fade, it is possible to force them into flowering again. Deadhead the fading blooms, then fertilize with a bloom boosting product (10-10-10 or 5-10-5), according to the label instructions. Keep the soil moist - do not let them dry out. When planting them in the ground, the soil should be well-drained and amended with plenty of organic material (ie, Black Kow, etc), in full to partial sun. They are sensitive to cold, but here in Zone 10, that should not be a problem.

### Care of Poinsettias

It's easy to go overboard when buying holiday poinsettias these days - there are so many beautiful new cultivars with different colors and petal shapes. To keep these plants going after the holiday season, it is possible to plant them in the ground. They like well-drained soil, in at least 6 hours a day of bright indirect light. Direct sunlight will dry them out or burn them. Once they start producing new leaves and bracts, fertilize once a month with half-strength general fertilizer (ie, Peters). They are native of Mexico, so they like warm, dry conditions. They may look a little distressed during our wet, humid summers. Try to keep them out of daily rains. You can also leave them in their pots as long as there is good drainage and they are not rootbound.

As always, for more gardening information and answers to your questions, go to these websites: solutionsforyourlife.com or ifas.ufl.edu or call the Master Gardener Plant Clinic at 407-254-9200.

## 2024 Great Pumpkin Judging Results

WINNER – 1444 Norfolk Rd - Chuck Hooper & Doug Gaines

SECOND – 1331 Canterbury Rd - Chip Cathey

THIRD – 1602 Berkshire Ave - John Ruder & Emily Drake

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- 1355 Devon Rd - Ricardo Hernandez & Billy Smith
- 1405 Pelham Rd - Edwy & Reni Snider
- 1333 Canterbury Rd - Jan Martinovic & Chelsea Buck
- 1565 Orange Ave - Jason & Brandy Shapiro
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**Thanks to all our existing and new members for supporting our neighborhood events and newsletter! OMWA dues fund our events, this newsletter, our P.O. box, and so much more. Our dues are only $35 per year.**
**If you would like to join, simply scan the QR code below or mail a check to:**
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