



The Woman's Club
of Evanston

Building community, friendship and leaders

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From our President ~

A new journey to be started.

A new promise to be fulfilled.

A new page to be written.

*Go forth unto this waiting world with pen in hand, all you young scribes,
the open book awaits.*

Be creative.

Be adventurous.

Be original.

And above all else, be young.

For youth is your greatest weapon, your greatest tool.

Use it wisely."

(This is a quote from Wonder Woman, the playful theme of this year's Board and Leadership Retreat)

Welcome 2016-2017!

The new club year is upon us. Let us be young at heart, in energy and in spirit. Let us build on 128 years as we look to the future.

I am truly honored and privileged to be the 2016-2017 President of this wonderful organization. I am in awe of what we as a philanthropic organization have accomplished and continually do year after year.

Kudos to the 2015-2016 Board of Directors and Leadership Council! What a thoughtful, hardworking and dedicated group of leaders. I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to each of you for your tireless service. Of course I must thank Jan Hartwell for her amazing tenure as our 2015-16 President for her leadership, friendship and mentorship. I learned so very much from her and each of you.

A big thank you to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors and Leadership Council. These ladies have already been hard at work behind the scenes ensuring a smooth transition and making plans for the upcoming year. You will find the names inside this bulletin and your chairs will be reaching out to you. They are energized, excited and eager to work together with you. Our super strength comes when we work together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Denise Gifford and her outstanding Nominating Committee members for their tireless work in putting together what I believe to be a dynamic Board for this coming year. I look forward to working with each one of them and know they will bring a wealth of knowledge, ideas, energy and just plain fun to the table. We are in for an exciting year!

In mid-May, we held our Board and Leadership Training. We were fortunate to receive a grant from a board member's firm that allowed us to bring in a facilitator, Laura Grisolano of Bridge Mediation and Dispute Resolution. Laura helped us learn to quiet our inner critics and provided tips for being an effective leader and managing conflict within a team all to the light hearted lens of being our own super heroes, our own Wonder Women. It was a thoughtful day and we discussed how we can best work together, collaborate, welcome and engage new members and have fun. We will continue to work on these topics. More than anything, I felt grateful for our leaders and their commitment to the Club and to you.

I do believe in the strength and power of women and of friendship. I hope this is a fun, powerful year for each of you and you feel inspired. I am humbled to be your President. I will do my best for each of you and for the Club. And along the way this year I hope we can make a difference for our community, raise funds to support our many worthy local non-profits, care for our lovely Clubhouse and have some fun.

Have a lovely summer!

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