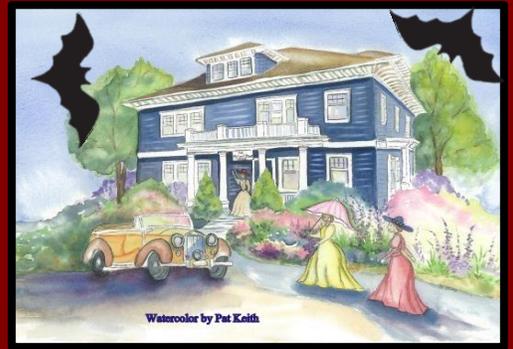




The Woman's Club of Olympia

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is in the air, on the trees and in our gardens! The crisp blue skies and colored leaves make it a very nice time of the year. Gone are the 100 degree temperatures and we even had rain after over 3

months. I'm ready to begin a new season and I hope you are as well. Meetings are happening and I am looking forward to all the new programs and fun activities we have planned. Stay tuned for what is coming up! Raffle prizes at both day and evening meetings!

Sandra Groves, President

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

Pat Nelson and Irene Lewis were initiated at the September daytime meeting and Lisa Smith at the September evening meeting. We welcome each of these new members. We also got caught up with having new members sign the Registry Book.



Lisa Smith and Pat Keith



Pat Nelson, Irene Lewis and Pat Keith



Cindy Bassage signing registry



Callie Wilson signing registry

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership Via Zoom and In-Person

October 5, 2021 at noon
Education & Library -
Shelly Willis and Heather
Antanais are speakers
No Food or Drink

Evening Meeting:

October 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Dispute Resolution Center
speakers

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



WCO RESUMES COLLECTING SOCKS

The WCO sock donation program is back! In years past, before the pandemic, our Club gathered socks as donations for the Little Red Schoolhouse non-profit organization. This group gathers and distributes clothing and school supplies to local schoolchildren each year, which is critical to helping many kids get a start toward a quality education. Carol Valley and Pat Keith are restarting this **Socks for Kids** project. As you may remember, socks are the number one most requested clothing item.

In order to make the WCO sock donation fun (or, as we like to say “put the FUN” back in fundraiser!), everyone who donates socks will get to print their name on a ticket that will go into a basket, and then will be eligible for a monthly drawing for prizes. It does not matter if you donate two socks or twenty. Prizes will be items like chocolates, popcorn, granola bars, cookies, etc. You can make multiple donations during the year and get a ticket each time. While the winning ticket for the month will get removed, the rest of your tickets stay in the basket and will be eligible for future drawings. So gather those socks and bring them to the Club! Thanks!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Mary Siddell

I just turned over the scholarship manual to this year's committee and we are in the process of paying the scholarship funds to colleges as our recipients begin their first year. We have received such nice letters of appreciation. I will bring these to the next general meeting. Each year, we also receive letters from past winners, telling us of their accomplishments and thanking us for our help. These letters are gems! WCO has provided scholarships to Thurston County High School students for years. It would be fun to research just how long we have been offering this help. Our new committee is headed by Linda Wolfe, with Katrina Wynkoop Simmons and Cindy Bassage working with her. Let's hope that this is a good year for students.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT



We have a new committee associated with the House. Ellen Wagner and Cindy Bassage have volunteered to work on tech issues that are associated with our clubhouse and with rentals. These issues are just too complicated for most of us, so we need expertise. We are looking into phone service, WIFI enhancement and keypad lock changes that will benefit our renters and our club members. Thank you, Ellen and Cindy for taking on this important responsibility.



FUNDRAISER AT NEXT MEETING

You all know about the famous Linda Wolfe bouquets of flowers! Linda will be bringing several bouquets to the October meeting which she is offering for sale as a fundraiser. Linda does an outstanding job of making these works of art and this is your chance to get one of your own!!

ALL KIDS WIN

Bagging of food for All Kids Win (formerly Homeless Backpacks) is always a worthy activity for our club. The first Wednesday of each month, help bag fruit from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lacey Columbia Bank building. Placing fruit cups or applesauce in a plastic bag, sealing it up and doing it again is all that is required. An assembly line and conversation make it easier and more fun. Consider helping and record your hours!



HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

We are down to the final \$5,000 of grant money, and we are thinking hard on prioritizing needs. The state grant money has made possible so many necessary improvements to our clubhouse. Both Reliable Electric and 24 ResTech have completed their work. Sandra Groves is in the process of turning in the paperwork for reimbursement. The House Committee will consider the last projects and report to you. Thank you to all who have helped with this grant. What fun this has been!

REPORTING – Mary Siddell

Our reporting year ends December 31, 2021. We have three more months to make contributions. Our Holiday Bazaar and Period Day project are in the works. Please remember to turn in volunteer hours and donations at the meetings. The newsletter includes the reporting form, but anything works. Send to msiddell@comcast.net if that is easier. Remember to report any gardening hours, any exercise hours, and any local art, music or drama events that you supported. Your contributions are important to us and to the community. Thank you.

PINECONE WREATH PROJECT – Linda Wolfe



Happy Fall!! As the Environment Chairperson, I'd like to again ask you to plant bulbs (tulips & daffodils) this fall. The pollinators will have food in the spring, and the flowers are so cheerful after a long cold winter! It always makes me smile to see the flowers peeking through, and to know that spring and warmer weather will be just around the corner. To fund this project, I have a cone wreath to raffle at the October meeting. I'm hoping to make 2 wreaths this year so we can sell raffle tickets at the bazaar too.

If you would like to be part of the Environment Committee, please let me know. I'd love to have new ideas and maybe plan some garden tours as a group in the spring. Thank you for your support.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP September 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Sandra Groves followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Collect by members. Eleven members attended the meeting in person and four members attended virtually.

We are still under requirements by the Governor to avoid the spread of COVID. Seating is socially distanced, masks are worn and food is not served.

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on June 1, 2021 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A statement of activity from June 1 to Sept. 7, 2021, and a Statement of Financial Position as of Sept. 7, 2021 were presented and accepted. Sandra Groves pointed out that the balance on our House Account is in the negative, but this will change when we are reimbursed by the state from grant money. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

RESERVATIONS

We have 4 or 5 weddings booked at the Abigail Stuart House, and more are in process. We get an average of 2 requests daily to see the house. Anna McKinney shows the house for us on Wednesdays and Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKS

Please, pick up the 2021-2022 Yearbook and keep it for reference. There is a lot of information about WCO in it.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Irene Lewis and Pat Nelson to membership in The Woman's Club of Olympia. Pat Keith led the initiation ceremony, presenting our newest members with a GFWC pin and rose. Each signed our Membership Book which we have kept as a club since 1883.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our fundraising Chair this year is Cindy Bassage. Together with Sandra Groves, she will be organizing our Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on November 13, from 10 to 3 at the clubhouse. Linda Wolfe will provide lunch for our vendors, members will contribute baked goods for sale, and we will have either a White Elephant sale or a silent auction. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Luellen Charneski announced that Chairperson Dani Lewis has two dates in mind for friends and family of WCO to attend The Nutcracker together. December 12 or 19, Sunday matinees, are possibilities. Let's hope that we can attend the ballet in person, enjoying time together.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School is in session! Please consider volunteering in classrooms, tutoring, or providing teacher support as the year progresses. Our club supports these volunteer activities. Hours and donations are reported under Education. Chairperson, Anna McKinney, also urged us to enjoy the books in our lending library. Our ESO book club will be held on September 27, at 1:30. All are welcome to come and discuss the books you are reading. We have lots of fun.

ENVIRONMENT

Chair Linda Wolfe will be auctioning off a pinecone wreath to members and friends. Her wreaths are so beautiful! Proceeds will be used to buy bulbs for members to plant in their gardens and around the clubhouse. These bulbs are pollinators.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

24 ResTech has completed work on repairs for our upstairs porch as part of the state grant. Reliable Electric ran lines for extending WIFI into the downstairs parlor and upstairs in the kitchen and parlor areas. Mary Siddell proposed that we form a technology committee to research any tech needs for the house. Currently, we are considering upgrading our clubhouse WIFI. We would also like to put a keypad lock system on the front door. Brittney has proposed a new phone system, Ooma, which will save us money and will organize the reservations information. Ellen Wagner and Cindy Bassage volunteered for this committee.

REPORTING

Mary Siddell gave a brief explanation about reporting hours and donations. Reporting can be sent to her by email or by forms, which are provided at meetings and are included in our monthly newsletter. As a club, we support committee projects and we support activities for the health and welfare of members. We collect gardening hours, exercise hours and hours attending local arts, music and drama programs. Please feel free to talk with any officer or member about our projects. Each year in February, reports are presented to the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the district and state level. These reports describe all our activities and donations for the year. These reports are available to you at every meeting.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Luellen Charneski mentioned the marker we are expecting for the front of our house. Sandra Groves will check on delivery details.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Keith presented the following suggestions for all members:

- Read the yearbook. It includes interesting historical data about WCO.
- Ask to join a committee. The committee chairs are noted in the yearbook.
- Ask questions. Linda Wolfe has been a member for over 40 years. She would love to talk with you.
- Have an idea? Propose it. We welcome input. We are local, nondenominational and nonpartisan. We welcome diversity.
- WCO is dedicated to self-improvement, community service and friendship.

Linda and Pat proposed having a High Tea this fall to celebrate members, old and new. With the Delta Variant, this is probably not a good time. Let's reschedule this event to spring.

REMEMBRANCE

Pat Keith encouraged us to contact her if we know of anyone who is facing difficult times. She will send cards showing care and support. Dody is on lock-down due to COVID and so is Linda Wolfe. Anita Quintana is caring for her husband who has been ill. Please keep them in your thoughts.

EVENING GROUP

The Evening Group is sponsoring Period Action Day on October 2 from 10 – noon at the clubhouse. They will be collecting feminine hygiene products for women and girls. Information will be provided in the newsletter. Items can be brought down anytime and stored, or you can bring them on Oct. 2. The Evening Group is working with five local organizations to make this project a success.

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH WALK

Luellen Charneski and Dani Lewis are participating in a virtual walk to support Alzheimer's research. It will be held on October 12. The newsletter will provide more information on how to support this cause.

NEWSLETTER

Please send Sandra Groves articles for the newsletter each month. Articles are due the week following our board meeting, which is the third Tuesday of the month. This is an excellent way to keep us up to date on events and activities. Thank you, Sandra, for being our editor!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE EVENING MEMBERS September 8, 2021

Present: Jennifer Minich, Linda Malanchuk-Finnan, Linda Wolfe (Llason), Sandra Groves (President), Lisa Smith, Darcy Huffman, Callie Wilson, Susan Herring and Pat Keith (Vice President).

Induction for Lisa Smith by Pat Keith. Lisa described some of her additional interests. Enterprise for Equity is an important one supporting startups by low income individuals. Part of their requirements is to understand and state the impact of their business on our planet, and speaking to the effect of their business from a multiplicity of views. Congratulations and welcome Lisa!

Minutes coverage: We now have the following volunteers—October—Callie W, November—Darcy H, January—Callie W, February—Susan H, March—Linda M, April, May and June—**still open**.

Programs:

October Program coordinated by Linda Malanchuk-Finnan will be on the Dispute Resolution Center with speaker Kathy Baros-Friedt. Minutes by Callie W.

November Program coordinated by Linda Wolfe will be on Jin Shin Jyutsu encompassing Health and Wellness. Minutes by Darcy H.

December- no evening meeting, free to join daytime festivities.

January program coordinated by Darcy Huffman on the Environment with a possible speaker of David Workman. Minutes by Callie W.

February program coordinated by Callie Wilson on arts and culture. Minutes by Susan H.

March program coordinated by Susan Herring on Civic engagement. Minutes by Linda M.

April program coordinated by Linda M on International Issues. Possible speaker Khurshida Begum. Minutes taker tba.

May program around a Hands on Project with Linda Wolfe.

June Program will be coordinated by Lisa Smith with something on Women's History.

July/August no meetings

Bookclub: Meets 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 pm, coordinated by Sandra Groves. Sign up for \$1 and do reports with template report form. Book reports included The Promised Land by Barack Obama, The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Reid, and Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard. Also, book reports included The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin and A Walk Along the Beach by Debbie Macomber. Callie Wilson went above and beyond in her report with a wonderful vocabulary of botany and forestry lesson.

PROJECTS:

November 13th Bazaar—A booth was purchased by the evening group for Hummingbird Studio for the 2021 bazaar, but they decided they'd prefer not to use it this year for 2 reasons, primarily that they have not resumed in person operations. So it will be kept for them for 2022. Callie Wilson is our primary contact for this. Jennifer requested people who want to support that purchase with \$5 for up to 5 donors would be perfect. Lisa Smith donated \$10, and Linda M donated \$5. Jennifer Minich donated the remaining total.

Linda Wolfe is looking for help with someone to make/provide vegetable chili (vegan) for the vendors that day. If you are interested, the quantity is 20-40 servings or 2 large #10 cans. Cash and Carry appears to not be carrying vegan chili at this time. Let her know if you can do so. There will be tables for a bake sale and a white elephant sale or silent auction so if you have things to offer for any or all of these, let Cindy Bassage know. (See Sept. newsletter)

Period Action Day project was described by Linda M with flyers from Jennifer. It is a collaborative effort with NOW, The Woman's Club, Zonta of South Puget Sound and Soroptimist of Olympia. There will be a Covid-safe drop off of product on **October 2nd** at the porch of the Woman's Club from 10am to noon. Feminine menstrual hygiene products can also be dropped off for your convenience at New Traditions shop (5th and Water Street downtown Olympia) Tuesday-Saturdays 11-5 and Sunday 11-4 starting **September 12th** and going to **October 10th**. All products and donations will be distributed among the five providers including CIELO, Community Youth Services, SafePlace Olympia, Family Support Center and the Other Bank at the Thurston County Food Bank. Checks can go to Thurston County NOW in general or to a provider of your choice. Cash will be used to buy more product (think Costco!) and divided up. If you want yours picked up, call Irene at 360-280-9460 or email lenandirene@msn.com. It was pointed out that during the last WA legislative session HB 1273 was passed that requires free menstrual hygiene products available in school restrooms (grades 6-12) but it will go into effect 2022. Another, SB 5147, finally exempts feminine hygiene products from tax and will save WA women about \$4 million in 2021 alone!

Members highlighted other projects and groups they are working with that may have interest for OWC such as Relay for Life which Susan Herring described (it will be our March program), Asset Building Coalition described by Lisa Smith which engenders a systems approach to people building assets, and an explanation of All Kids Win developing out of the afterschool Food Backpacks project. Darcy Huffman described the Quixote Community of tiny homes, especially for veterans in Orting and Shelton. Adopting a "home" costs \$1,500 and

might be done in a shared or cooperative fashion with other groups or individuals, perhaps even recommending priorities such as older women in need. *Darcy will put together a proposal for the WCO to support a tiny home project. There are sponsorships available for \$1500.*

The meeting ended with a reading together of the Collect.

Submitted by Linda Malanchuk-Finnan

Period Action Day

**Donation Collection of Feminine Hygiene Products on
Saturday, October 2nd from 10am until noon at
The Woman's Club of Olympia
1002 Washington Street SE
Or
Sunday, September 12th to Sunday, October 10th at
New Traditions Café & Fair Trade Gallery
300 5th Ave. SW
Tu-Sat 11 to 5 and Sunday 11-4**

Please join us collecting feminine hygiene products for women and girls in need. Donations will be provided to five local organizations:

- CIELO
- Community Youth Services
- Family Support Center
- Safeplace Olympia
- The Other Bank at Thurston County Food Bank



If you prefer to donate directly to a local organization, please let us know how much product you collected and we will publish a tally in October.

Contact information:

Irene Lewis Cell 360-280-9460 Email: ienandirene@msn.com

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan Email: Iryh@hotmail.com



October is breast cancer awareness month.



Community Service Volunteer Hours and Contributions

Member Name _____

Enter your total hours and contributions. Projects will be reported to the State GFWC.

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$ DONATED	IN KIND DONATIONS
ARTS & CULTURE				
ENVIRONMENT Federation Forest Recycling Gardening				
EDUCATION & LIBRARIES				
HEALTH & WELLNESS				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH				
MEMBERSHIP				
FUNDRAISING				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECTS Domestic violence awareness & prevention				