

# The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL



April 2025 Edition

## PLANNER

### NEXT MEETINGS

**General Membership**  
April 1, 2025 at Noon  
Program: YWCA

**Evening Group**  
April 9, 2025  
Program to be Announced

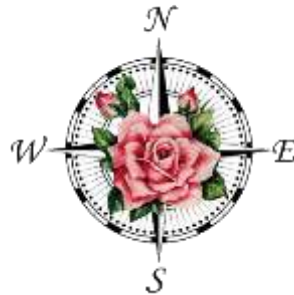
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Showers Bring May Flowers! Spring is a time of growing and The Woman's Club of Olympia is growing and being nurtured. These flowers are in bloom outside the clubhouse.



If you are a new member and want to see what other clubs are doing, please join us at the Peninsula District Spring Conference in Lacey on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The registration info is attached to the newsletter. Hopefully our club will receive awards for our volunteer efforts for the past year and you can meet and greet other club members. This District is composed of 9 other clubs.

Our "Compass" is still guiding us toward our goals as we make a difference in our community.

Sandra Groves, President



## NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

Patty Mitchell, Lesia Alexander, Suzanne Beatty and Jean Garwood initiated by Sybil Goodkin at March meeting.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Broach

April 22

Sandra Groves

April 30

## SAFEPLACE NEEDS OUR HELP...COLLECTED ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP AT APRIL MEETING.

Below is a list of items Safeplace needs so we are collecting these items now through the end of March. Bring donations to the meetings in March or contact one of your Board members to drop off at the house. Safeplace will be invited to accept the donations at our April meeting.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ Gift cards/gas cards          | ✓ Paper Towels                |
| ✓ Cellphones (old / not in use) | ✓ Grocery Gift Cards          |
| ✓ Shampoo/conditioner           | ✓ Laundry detergent           |
| ✓ Body wash                     | ✓ Duffle bags/small suitcases |
| ✓ Deodorant                     |                               |

## The Woman's Club of Olympia General Membership Meeting Minutes February 4th, 2025

Meeting called to order @12:01 pm by Sandra Groves. Collect and Pledge of Allegiance recited

Guests- No Guests

March Birthdays- Happy birthday to Pat Booth, Carol Valley, Callie Wilson, Mary Lyn Kappert

Minutes from last meeting moved and seconded. Ayes have it.

Treasurer's report handed out to members, no questions. Report will be submitted for audit-\$2,020 was raised at the chocolate, wine and bingo.

New member initiation-Reading of the oath and signed the book. Please welcome Jean Garwood, Patty Mitchell, Suzanne Beatty and Lesia Alexander.

12:15 Sock Parade-Prizes for Funniest, Warmest and most Colorful.

12:22 Refreshments

General Business- Presentation by Sara Ketter Re: Senior Helpers in home senior care. They service Lewis/Mason and Thurston County. Their phones do not have a phone tree. Pamphlets and information in the front lobby to have if you are interested.

Check in on the self care calendars from last month? Did anyone follow them for the month?

### Upcoming events-

Coffee Klatch- TBD

March 19th NW authors will be at the Abigail Stuart house.

March 6th 6-8 pm watercolor class

Whole month of March collecting donations for SafePlace. Contact Dani for a list of items to be collected.

# EVER WANTED TO MAKE SUCCULENT GARDEN?

## BRING A PLANTER SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 17  
6-7:30pm  
Abiligail Stuart House



You bring a planter of your choice to this fun event, and TSS brings everything else!

### INCLUDES

- Instruction
- Specialty soil
- Succulents
- Moss or rock topper
- Care card
- Post class check-in



Prices include everything listed above ↑

Pots 2-4"	\$ 21
Pots 5-7"	\$ 27
Pots 8-10"	\$ 33
Pots 11-13"	\$ 39

Sign up here:



If you don't have a pot to bring, there will be some available for purchase also!



# MARCH SOCK HOP WINNERS ALL!!!

## TRIED OUR HANDS AT WATERCOLOR!

Four of us participated in the watercolor class taught by member, Nancy Broach and we each completed our landscape painting. What fun we had!



## Bunco Games Paused

Due to a lack of participants showing up for regularly scheduled game days, we are pausing the Bunco Get-Togethers. If you really want to reconvene these games and attend, please contact Anna McKinney.

## RECYCLING PROJECTS CONTINUE

**We are no longer collecting pop tops from drink cans.**

**PLASTIC:** We are still collecting the plastic (however, everyone will need to inform Anna if you drop off plastic at the house and where you put it when you left it).

**MEDICINE BOTTLES:** Recycling of the medicine bottles will start up again in September and continue until June. Bring your bottles without labels to the meeting.

**BREAD TAGS:** Plastic bread tags will be collected year round at our regular meetings.

**EYE GLASSES:** If you have old or unwanted eyeglasses, please bring them to meetings and they will be given to the Lions Club as part of their eyeglass collection project.



## SOCK COUNT UPDATE

Lots of socks were donated at the last meeting and at last count we have already collected **383 pairs of socks** for this year which will be donated to The Little Red Schoolhouse. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs before next July. That is definitely an attainable goal.



## UPDATE ON WASHINGTON 250

### NATIONWIDE KICK OFF OF TWO LIGHTS

The Woman's Club of Olympia will participate in Washington State America's 250 **Two Lights for Tomorrow** on April 18 and 19, 2025. We will place 2 lights in the front window to commemorate the celebration of the famous ride of Paul Revere and shining the light as a unifying call to action for our citizens to celebrate and serve.

**The Woman's Club is a Partner with the Washington State America's 250 and we will be participating in several initiatives and activities over the next year. We are an integral part of Olympia's history and it's time the community became aware of our roots and our participation.**



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP

Sybil Goodkin has agreed to be the liaison to the Olympia Historical Society so The Woman's Club of Olympia can partner and work on historical events. This is an important part of our legacy and to help us preserve our own history. If anyone is willing to help with this, please contact either Sandra Groves or Sybil Goodkin.



## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE RAMPING UP FOR COMING YEAR

The Fundraising Committee is vital to our continued existence and being able to have the funds to keep our programs running. To that end, the Committee met and has put forth several ideas for future events which include but are not limited to the following:

- Continuing with the Wine, Chocolate and Bingo Event in February
- Continuing the Holiday Bazaar in November
- Continuing partnering with the Gull Harbor Art Fair in November
- Doing another Bingo or Bunco Event with a Spaghetti or Lasagna dinner
- Printing and promoting a calendar of the history of The Woman's Club of Olympia
- Holding a Date Night with refreshments and dancing

If you have any ideas or would like to help with any of these events, please let Anna McKinney know.

**The registration deadline is passed, but if you would like to attend, please contact Sandra Groves and she will make sure you are included and can sign in at the door.**



**Official Call**  
**GFWC-WS Peninsula District Spring Conference**  
 Hosted by GFWC Avalon  
 "Spring is Sprung"

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

9:15 am: Registration and social hour with light refreshments  
 10:00 am: Conference Begins

Location: **Mountain Greens Mobile Home Park Clubhouse**  
**5280 – 55<sup>th</sup> Ln SE**  
**Lacey, WA 98503**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

**Our Service Project will be collecting items for Drexel House:**  
 household items like laundry soap, toiletries, cleaning supplies, cooking gear, etc.  
 Also, men's clothing, socks, new underwear, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream

First-time club members,  
 Peninsula District handbook, note-taking supplies  
 Cash \$\$\$ for fundraisers

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**BOOK SALES:** Bring used books, books on tape, Puzzles.

**RAFFLE:** Avalon Women's Club is providing a raffle basket

Live Auction: each club is to bring **no more than two items** valued around \$10 to be auctioned off.  
 If you have any questions about the auction call **Julie Thompson (360) 830-4523**

**COST:**

**Registration is \$1.00, and lunch will be \$17.00 for a total of \$18.00**  
 Registration must be mailed **no later than March 22, 2025.**

*There are times to bloom where we are planted,  
 and times for us to be transplanted so we can bloom even better elsewhere.*

Registration for
GFWC-WS Peninsula District Spring Conference



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club(s) you belong to \_\_\_\_\_

Club position (president, member) \_\_\_\_\_

GFWC Peninsula District position (officer, chair, board member) \_\_\_\_\_

GFWC-Washington State position \_\_\_\_\_

GFWC or WSR position \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a: FIRST TIME ATTENDEE \_\_\_\_\_ or GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge: Do you need a name badge made for the conference: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_
(Or will you be wearing one you already have)

Lunch will include:
A variety of salads, rolls, and dessert
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Assorted Beverages and Water

Registration and Lunch \$18.00 - (First Timers to Peninsula District Conference will receive a refund for your lunch)

Total Amount included: \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: GFWC Avalon

Mail no later than March 22, 2025 to:
Gail Crump
16467 Greenbrier St., SE
Yelm, WA 98597

If you would like to know more about Drexel house, here is a link: ccsww.org/services/drexel-house/

# What and Who is The Woman's Club of Olympia



**HISTORY:** The Woman's Club of Olympia was founded in 1883 by Abbie Howard Hunt Stuart and eight other progressive women, six years before Washington became a state, to improve the lives of women and to serve the community. They fought for the right for women to vote, fought illiteracy and poverty, and provided aid for children and needy families before there were public assistance programs. The Woman's Clubhouse was built in 1908 and later named for Abbie Stuart. We are a non-profit, non-denominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization. Learn more at [www.womansclubofolympia.org](http://www.womansclubofolympia.org).

**CLUB GOALS:** The Woman's Club of Olympia is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), GFWC Washington State and the Peninsula District of 9 fellow clubs, volunteer community organizations that support the arts, preserve natural resources, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding. Our current projects include:

- Fundraising and partnering to support other community non-profit organizations sharing our goals;
- College scholarships for Thurston County high school seniors based on academic success and financial need;
- All Kids Win providing food for disadvantaged high school and middle school students; and
- Preservation of the historic Abigail Stuart House, and rental of the house for community programs and organizations.

**MEETINGS:** Our daytime meetings are at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. Our evening group meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. **All meetings are held at the Abigail Stuart House at 1002 Washington Street SE, Olympia.**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER:** Attend two meetings or Club functions, fill out an application and return it with a \$10.00 application fee. After the Board approves the application you pay \$40.00 annual membership dues and will be initiated at the next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:** Woman's Club members are expected to contribute actively by serving on at least one committee or project throughout the year. A Board Member will talk with you about your interests and availability. Also, each member who attends the daytime meetings is expected to serve on a committee to host a tea or luncheon for at least one meeting per year.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:** You have the opportunity to meet, work, and grow with other women who are interested in self and community improvement. You are part of a historical local, state and national organization making a difference in the world.

**Contact [womansclubolympia@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubolympia@gmail.com) for an application.**



**REPORTING FORM / VOLUNTEER HOURS: Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**ARTS & CULTURE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**ENVIRONMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**COMMUNICATION & PR:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**LEADERSHIP:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**WOMEN'S HISTORY:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description: