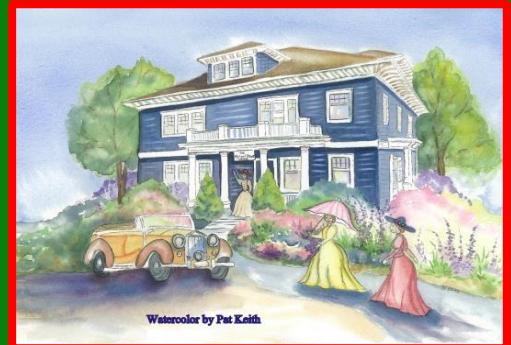


The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL

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PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

✓ December 3, 2019 at NOON

Program –

Olympia Chamber Choir

POTLUCK COMMITTEE:

Dianna Davis, Susan Kibbey

✓ December 11, 2019

Evening Meeting (7:00 pm.)

✓ December 17, 2019

Board Meeting (10:30 a.m.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays, Everyone!



We have been busy gathering items to donate for the needy. Pj's for the Salvation Army, Socks for the Little Red Schoolhouse, Diapers and Purple Infant Hats for FESS, and blankets for Seattle Children's. You are living up to the "always generous" in our collect!

Thank you for all your donations.

Some of us helped Homeless Back Packs with their chili drive at the Lacey Fred Meyer, where 1,041 cans of chili were donated along with \$325 in cash.

Our December meeting is my favorite, as the high school choir comes to sing for us. Bring a friend.... to our potluck, but be sure to let the phone committee know so we can set up enough tables and chairs for all our guests.

WCO decorating for Christmas will be at the clubhouse December 1st from 11 to 1pm ? (no Seahawks that day!) Please join us if you'd like to help. I'll bring in pizza and treats.



We are on the Olympia Historical Home Tour again this year. December 8th from 12 to 4. If you'd like to help please let me know at the December 3rd meeting. They would like store brought cookies so people with allergies will be safer.

It's almost Thanksgiving, and I am so thankful for all my friends at WCO. Without your giving and volunteer spirit we couldn't collect all the hours that we collect for our reports. Please collect your hours, (there is still time) and turn them in to Mary Siddell..... so you can continue to be my "Keys to Success"!

Your President, Linda



OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Dody Saeger's brother passed away this week and the entire Woman's Club of Olympia provides Dody our heartfelt condolences to her during this time of sorrow.

HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

The House Committee met this week to go over the House projects which will be part of the Grant. We have a timeline that begins now, so some are already in progress. Here is an update: Tables were purchased from Walmart and used for the bazaar. New chairs will be ordered from Costco around the first of the year. We have asked Walt Bowen to present a proposal for a new sound system for the meeting room after our next Board meeting. We are getting proposals from several companies for our "Let In the Light" Project. Mary is arranging those now. Our painter is beginning the interior painting around December 6. We are finalizing arrangements now. Sandra is keeping us on track. Thank you, Sandra.



EDUCATION REPORT – Mary Siddell

Our ESO Book Club will meet on Monday afternoon, November 25 at the clubhouse at 1:30.



Please keep tracking your hours for any classes you teach or take, or any volunteer projects you do for children's education. Also, don't forget to take a book from our lending library. We hope you enjoy browsing the selections when you come to the house.

Please contact Mary Siddell with suggestions or bring book donations to the meetings.

SOCK REPORT – Carol Valley

We have lots of socks so far ... thanks to the generous donation of 533 pair of socks at the Peninsula District meeting our current total is 688 pair of socks! Our group has collected 155 pair so far and I'm sure we'll keep adding to that number each month.



Carol Valley's cat inspecting sock donations and helping with the final count!



CHRISTMAS SWEATER MEETING

Wear your “favorite” Christmas sweater to the December 3rd meeting! We will make the meeting a festive occasion to begin the holiday season and to welcome the singers from Olympia High School.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the 2019 Holiday Bazaar. I appreciate everything everyone did to make it a success once again. The Bake Sale as usual was a success and was stocked well with lots of goodies. We sold 133 tickets for the raffle and the winner was presented with the holiday afghan. The White Elephant tables were also financially a success with the donated items from members. Linda Wolfe and Denise LaFlamme made soup and chili and both were a hit! The vendors were also very happy and we had a good variety of items for sale. The numbers are as follows:

BAKE SALE	\$290.00
LUNCH	\$105.00
WHITE ELEPHANT	\$270.60
RAFFLE	\$133.00
VENDORS	<u>\$820.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,618.60



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by President Linda Wolfe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a group reading of the Collect. Anna McKinney was introduced as our guest.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 1, 2019 General Meeting were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dianne Weaver stated our books are in audit so we will have written reports available at the next general meeting. GFWC State and District dues have been paid.

GRANT MONEY

Sandra Groves said that we have purchased 8 foot and 6 foot folding tables which will be stored in the basement. We are waiting on a bid for our "Let In The Light" project.

BAZAAR:

Sandra reminded us that the Bazaar will be on November 9. Dani Lewis will bring her 15 year old son and his friend on Thursday to set up the tables for this event. The boys set up the tables for the Peninsula District meeting which was a big help. Dani said the boys are willing to help us with tables and heavy lifting whenever needed. Sandra Groves crocheted a lovely afghan for our raffle prize. Tickets will be \$1.00. Pat Keith will be unable to chair the White Elephant Table so Carol Valley and Priscilla Quinton will take over this duty. All items for the White Elephant Sale and the Bake Sale may be delivered on Friday from 10 -6. All are encouraged to spread the word about the Bazaar and come and support it.

PENINSULA DISTRICT MEETING:

Linda Wolfe prepared a report for the Peninsula District meeting that summarized our accomplishments for the year. She presented this report again at this meeting. Highlights included our grant, the kitchen remodel, The "Let In the Light" Project, our scholarships totaling \$7,000, Relay for Life support, new members, and the Bazaar. Meeting attendees commended us on the lovely piano music played by Ann Finn. It is always a special touch. Thank you, Ann, for sharing your talent with us at meetings and special occasions.

HOME LIFE:

Clubs from around the Peninsula District donated 530 pairs of socks for our Little Red School House project. We added these to our 93, collected so far. We have 627 pairs, meeting our goal of 500. Carol Valley reminded us that close to 3,000 children attend Distribution Day in August. She thanked everyone for the socks brought to our meetings and encouraged us to keep donating. There are never enough socks to go around.

REMEMBRANCE:

Dody sent cards this month to Marcia Killam-Nunn, Sandy Peltola, Pat Keith, and Gary Davis.

HOUSE:

Mary Siddell reported that we have bids coming in for our "Let In the Light" Project. Tables have been ordered for our bazaar and clubhouse rentals. The fire door which had been found open was inspected by Always Safe and Lock and they told us the lock on this door is original to the building and should remain. It is secure and a real treasure.

EDUCATION:

Our ESO book club meeting will be held at the clubhouse on November 25 at 1:30. All are welcome. Come to share books you are reading and enjoy conversation. We encourage all to enjoy the Lending Library in the hall by the restroom. We always love new book selections so your donations are appreciated. If you are teaching classes, attending classes, or working with children in an educational capacity, please report this.

PROGRAMS:

Priscilla Quinton said that the Chamber Choir from Olympia High School, under the direction of Dan Swartz, will entertain us at our December Meeting. Please consider making cookies for these amazing musicians.

TEA COMMITTEE:

Sandy Peltola thanked Heather Avery and Dianne Weaver for our delicious tea and treats served today at the meeting. The December General Meeting will be a potluck. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Set up will be on Monday, December 2 at 1:00. We will have a Silver Tea donation bowl on the table for Military support.

EVENING GROUP

The Evening Group meets on the second Wednesday of every month. This month they are hosting a fundraiser on November 17 from 2 – 5. Participants attend a glass fusing party where they make ornaments. Proceeds will benefit Relay for Life. Donation is \$35. For more information, text Katrina at 360 789 9731 or see the Relay for Life website. In January, they are planning a “Wellness over 50” program with speakers. It will be held on January 8.

ARTS

Anita Quintana reported that letters have been sent to all Thurston County high schools announcing our art contest. Art work will be received on January 7. Three winners will be chosen. Prizes will be first place, \$75, second place, \$50, and third place, \$35. Mary Siddell recommended that the Coins for Art jar be placed on the welcoming table along with the raffle basket for donations to support the GFWC art prizes.

DONATIONS FOR 2019

The membership voted to make a \$100 donation to each of these charities for 2019: Friendly Waters, Homeless Backpacks, Safe Place, Thurston County Food Bank, and Veterans.

PROGRAM

Our speaker today was Captain Sterns from the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has served in Olympia for 130 years. This volunteer organization serves the specific needs of each community. They have an Emergency Disaster Division for taking care of first responders, They have Community Care Ministries for hospital and nursing needs, and they reach out with shelter and food for people on the streets. They are a church that provides pastoral care. The Kettles at Christmas time provide the single largest fundraising of the year. 90% stays in the Olympia area and 10% is donated to outreach communities. We presented Captain Sterns with over 20 pairs of pajamas for their clients.

50/50 RAFFLE:

Katrina Wynkoop-Simmons took home \$22 as winner of the 50/50 Raffle.

The next General Meeting will be held on December 3, 2019 at 12:00. It is a potluck.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Submitted by,
Mary Siddell, Secretary



2019 Woman's Club of Olympia Member Name _____
Community Service Volunteer Hours and Contributions

Enter your total hours and contributions. We will report these projects to the State GFWC. Bring this form to the monthly meeting, email to tom.siddell@comcast.net or mail to Mary Siddell, 7723 Cooper Point Rd. NW, Olympia WA 98502.

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	DOLLARS DONATED	IN KIND DONATIONS
ARTS Attended concerts or plays Arts Walk				
CONSERVATION Federation Forest Recycling Gardening				
EDUCATION Scholarship Program Attended Classes Little Red Schoolhouse Volunteer with kids Labels for Education Homeless Backpacks ESO or Reading Teach Classes				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT Domestic violence awareness and prevention Period of Purple Crying (purple hats) Relay for Life				
HOME LIFE Food Bank Baby Layettes and Blankets; diapers Exercise				
PUBLIC ISSUES Fisher House Preservation of Abigail Stuart House				
MEMBERSHIP Yearbook Tea Initiation				
FUNDRAISING Holiday Bazaar				
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Friendly Waters for the World				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				