

# The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Linda Wolfe is on her way to Yuma, Arizona and will be returning in March. While she is away, and if you have questions or want to talk with her, she will have her phone with her on the journey and will have internet access while she is in Arizona. We wish her happy and safe trip.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Katrina Wynkoop Simmons, Anita Quintana and Pat Keith have volunteered to serve on the nominating committee for officers of the next administration. If you are willing to serve as an officer or if you have a nomination, please contact one of these three members. The month of February will be dedicated to obtaining volunteers and their report to the general membership is due at the March meeting. Elections are held at the April meeting.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The Scholarship Committee has contacted the schools, provided the application and criteria for the 2024 scholarships and is awaiting receipt of applications from students. At time of publishing this newsletter, they have received 6 scholarships.

## TEA COMMITTEE INVITES YOU

Come to the February 6th general meeting and enjoy time together and yummy refreshments. The Tea Committee will be providing an assortment of pies for your enjoyment, along with other choices to meet dietary preferences. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Mary, Anna and Dani

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING GFWC DATES

1. March 6, GFWC-WS Peninsula District Spring Board Meeting
2. April 6 GFWC-WS Peninsula District Spring Conference
3. April 18- 21, GFWC Washington State Spring Convention
4. September 5-8, Western States Regional Conference

## PLANNER

### NEXT MEETINGS

### General Membership

**February 6, 2024**

**Program: Safeplace**

### No February Evening

### Meeting:

### March Meeting Program by

**Innovations Human**

**Trafficking Collaborative**

### **Contact Us:**

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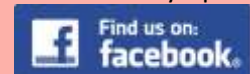
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# VOLUNTEER CORNER



## CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES



Anna McKinney has notified us that she will continue to collect prescription bottles as long as you are willing to provide them to her. If you have empty prescription bottles with caps, do not throw them away. The bottles need to have the labels removed containing your personal prescription information. Anna will collect the bottles which will eventually be sent overseas to developing countries with medical supplies.



## SOCK COLLECTION – Carol Valley

We now have 369 pairs of socks toward our goal of 700!

## HOUSE REPORT

The dishwasher in the kitchen is going to be replaced. The cost for a new one is over \$7,000. One of our generous members has notified the Executive Board that she will purchase the new dishwasher as a donation to the club. Her generosity is beyond reproach and is much appreciated by the Club.

**HELLO**  
I am a

*New Member*

## NEW MEMBER TO BE INITIATED IN FEBRUARY

Selina Winner has made application to join The Woman's Club of Olympia. She is a friend of Dani Lewis and is eager to become a member of our group. Be sure to welcome her at the February meeting.



## COLLECTING RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

Anna McKinney is continuing to collect and package the plastic for our recycling project. We have 365 days to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic to earn a bench with our name on it. Anyone who is willing to go to Fred Meyer before 9 a.m. is encouraged to coordinate picking up plastic from them. The plastic is used to wrap pallets of deliveries and they just throw it away. We can add it to our collection if someone is willing to get it. There may be other stores willing to step up as well to help us.

## WINE, CHOCOLATE AND BINGO!

The Fundraising Committee is planning an event for February 9<sup>th</sup> which includes wine, chocolate and bingo. More information is going to be coming but be prepared to help us by volunteering or attending. We need more "Member Participation" in our events.



*Wine, Chocolate and Bingo!*  
*Join us for an evening of fun, sipping, and sampling*  
*4 to 7 p.m.*

**The Woman's Club of Olympia  
1002 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501**

**Support our scholarship program!**

**\$20.00 per person**

**Prizes for bingo winners**



## Woman's Club of Olympia General Membership Meeting January 2, 2024

Called to order by President Linda Wolfe at 12:00 p.m.

Members present 13. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Collect was read by members and guests.

Guests: Angie Dorian

**Program:** Angie Dorian from Relay For Life and Paws 4 A Cause spoke to us about their combined fundraiser for Cancer. It will be held on May 4 this year. The goal is to raise \$25,000. It will be quite an event with food trucks contests, markets, demonstrations and a walk. A motion was made for WCO to become a sponsor of this event. The motion was passed.

**Thank you Tea Committee:** Sandra Groves, Pat Keith, Katrina Wynkoop Simmons  
February 6 Tea Committee: Mary Siddell, Anna McKinney, Dani Lewis

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 5 general meeting were approved.

**Treasurer:** Anna McKinney: Anna has paid all bills, including the garbage and pest control invoices. These are the bank balances as of Dec. 31, 2023: Scholarship: \$38,844.44 Building Fund: \$37,937.54 Club: \$40,799.77 House: \$35,255.77

**Nominating Committee:** Anita Quintana, Pat Keith and Katrina Wynkoop Simmons volunteered to be on the nominating committee for choosing new officers for the 2024-26 term.

**Arts and Culture:** 5 attended The Nutcracker together. We gave 240 handmade cards to residents of Fieldstone and Roo Lan at Christmas time.

**Civic Engagement:** Sandra Groves gives tours of the Legislative building on Saturdays. Tours are at 1:30 and 2:30 on January 6. No reservations are needed. Pat Keith gave tours of the Governor's Mansion during the Christmas Season. She invited us to join her during the year. Reservations are required. They are holding two special art tours in March. Email Pat if you are interested in attending.

**Membership and Remembrance:** Pat sent a card to Irene Lewis because her husband is very ill.

**Recycling:** Anna is collecting clear wrap for our Trex project. She has 3 big boxes ready to send. She has collected 176 medicine bottles for Doctor's Without Borders.

**Fundraising:** A chocolate, wine and bingo party will be held at the clubhouse on Feb. 9 from 4-7, as a fundraiser to support Scholarships. The Santa Breakfast was a big hit. Thank you to Pat Booth, Sandra Groves and their husbands for organizing and cooking for the event. Grocery Outlet in Hawks Prairie donated sausages and orange juice.

**Health and Wellness:** Don't forget to report your exercise hours to Mary Siddell.

**Education:** The ESO book club will meet on Monday, January 22 at 1:30 at the clubhouse. Luellen Charneski is hosting. Please come and report on the books you are reading. Pen Pal letters have been sent to our 5/6 grade pen pals at Lincoln Elementary School. We can expect to hear back from them at the February or March general meeting.



**House Committee:** We have contacted three different businesses that sell commercial dishwashers. Lauren Rogers has offered to donate a dishwasher if it works for us. We are looking into this. Our dishwasher must be commercial with a cycle of under 4 minutes, it must boost the water temperature to at least 160 degrees, and preferably the detergent will be automatically added to the wash. Luellen Charneski and Mary Siddell are gathering information and will present it to the Board as soon as possible. We need the dishwasher available for our rentals.

**Socks:** 144 socks were donated at the December general meeting. We have a total of 305 pairs.

**Scholarships:** The application form has been revamped and is available online for applicants.

**Evening Meeting:** The Evening Meeting will be held on January 10 at the clubhouse. The March Evening meeting will be a bagging party for All Kids Win as the house is rented for a 3 day meeting.

**Peninsula District Meeting:** The Peninsula District spring meeting will be held at our clubhouse on April 6. Barbara Pugliese will chair this event. The theme is Reaching for the Stars. We will need baskets for raffle items.

**50/50 Raffle:** The raffle brought in \$90 as a fundraiser.  
Adjourn: 1:45.

Mary Siddell, substituting Secretary for Irene Lewis

## Woman's Club of Olympia Evening Group Meeting January 10, 2024

Susan Herring hosted the program. Jen Minich took minutes.

### Attendees:

Susa Herring, Jen Minich, Pat Nelsen, Pat Kruger (Olson), Linda Wolfe, Sandra Groves, Katrina Wynkoop Simmons, and guest Angie Dorian

### Upcoming Programs:

- The February meeting is cancelled due to Valentine's Day.
- The March meeting is being led by Linda Malanchuk-Finnan (unconfirmed) on the topic of Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative, and the meetings will be taken by to-be-determined.
- The April meeting is open to any of our members to lead. *We may try to have a bagging party for All Kids Win, and Linda Wolfe will look into this possibility.*
- The May meeting is replaced by the Paws 4 A Cause walk.
- The June meeting is open to any of our members to lead. *Please consider picking a topic or an outing or a volunteer day, and lead a meeting.*

We read the collect.

May 4, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Paws 4 A Cause  
Heritage Park at Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA

[www.olympaws4acause.com](http://www.olympaws4acause.com)

- Angie Dorian ([angiedorian@gmail.com](mailto:angiedorian@gmail.com)) is our speaker and the leader of the Paws for a Cause walking event. It is part of Relay for Life.
- City councilor and veterinarian Dr. Lisa Parshley is also very involved. Pet's cancers look a lot like human cancers, so treatments help us understand human cancer better.

- The first event raised \$11k, and 200 people participated. The second event had 300 participants and \$17k raised. Our goal is to raise \$50k. This year we will have food trucks, too.
- The WCO is a non-profit sponsor. The day group approved that. Starting in March, there will be posters. The event is posted on Facebook.
- The WCO is tabling, so sign up with Susan Herring to table, and the hours are 11am-3pm on Saturday 5/4/24.
- Sandra reported that on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the WCO is holding an art fair. The May cupcake fundraiser at the WCO is going to Relay for Life.
- The WCO will put together a basket. Dog and cat toys, treats, donations toward the basket are welcome. Contact Linda Wolfe if you want to donate to the WCO basket.

The scholarship committee is in process. There are 6 applicants, and the deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The book club requires an application and \$1. You fill out a book report on any book you have finished reading. After you read 10 books, you pay \$1. After 100 books, you get a pin and certificate. Contact Sandra if you want to join or engage with that. They meet monthly at the clubhouse.

The club is collecting diapers to Dry Tikes. Linda W is coordinating this, and she will return prior to the April meeting.

April 6 9:30-3 will be a Peninsula District conference meeting here at the WCO clubhouse. Please attend. Linda W will attend.

We introduced everyone and said what we liked about the holidays.

*Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich*

## **REACHING FOR THE STARS SPRING CONFERENCE**

Barbara Pugliese has volunteered to chair the Peninsula District Spring Conference being held in April at the clubhouse. Being a new WCO member, she has taken on this position and will be reaching out to other members at the upcoming meetings to assist with whatever she needs in way of food for the breakfast, ideas for decorating, helping with lunch, and preparing raffles. Be ready to step up and help as you always do. There are plans to have a “garden” themed basket to raffle which will be put together by our club.



## **SOFT GOODS FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE**

Relay for Life is having a soft goods collection with Value Village on February 10<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has donations, Susan will take care of obtaining them from you before the 10<sup>th</sup>.



## PARTNERING WITH RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

In our ongoing efforts to partner with other nonprofit organizations and combine resources, the Random Acts of Kindness is one group we would like to help. The group picks a charity for each month and members collect items for that organization. If any members of The Woman's Club of Olympia would like to help, please check the following calendar and bring your donated items to our regular meeting or contact Sandra Groves to

arrange a time to receive them. Any and all donations are helpful as we spread our kindness to others.

**February – Lacey Food Bank** Collecting high protein good such as canned chili, peanut butter, beans, or canned meat. Also, pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, baby food, baby cereal and formula.

**March – Concern for Animals** Collecting dry and canned food, litter, bedding, toys, general supplies and gift cards to pet stores. Also paper and plastic bags.

**April – All Kids Win.** Collected items will be announced in March.

**May – Thurston County Food Bank Children's (12 and under) Birthday Bags** Collecting small new toys that fit into a 13 x 5 bag.

**June – Rochester Organization of Families (ROOF)** Collecting soup, tuna, spam peanut butter, cereal, jam/jelly, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, cooking oil, chili, Rice a Roni, juice, canned beans, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and other non-perishable food.

**July – Thurston County Food Bank – The Other Bank** Collecting dish soap, laundry soap, diapers (sizes 5, and 6), diaper wipes, razors and shave cream, deodorant, liquid soap, tissues, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper and feminine hygiene products.

**August – All Kids Win Book Sale** Collecting books to donate to for annual book sale for fundraising.

**September – (1) Lacey Veterans Services Hub.** Collected items will be announced in August.  
**(2) Thurston Col Food Bank - Newborns** Collecting baby bottles, pacifiers, non scented Baby wash

**October – Safeplace.** Collected items will be announced in September.



## REPORTING:

Mary Siddell is working on reports and may have questions during the process so she may contact you for clarification on your reporting of hours for the past year. Reports are due to the District and State by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## HELP SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE BY PLAYING BUNCO.

Member, Susan Herring provided this flyer for the fundraiser on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Other fundraisers are upcoming for this team.

A flyer for a Bunco Fundraiser. The background is a mix of purple and blue geometric shapes. At the top, in white text on a purple background, it says "PHIL HARLAN'S HOMES 4 HOPE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM IS HOSTING A". Below that, a white banner with purple text says "TICKETS \$25 EACH!". The main title "BUNCO FUNDRAISER" is in large white letters on a dark teal background. Below the title, the date "Sunday, February 4, 2024" is in white, followed by the time "2:00-5:00 PM". The location "The Hub at Lacey" and address "676 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503" are in white. The contact information "Contact: Joleen Harlan at (360) 951-2526" is in white. At the bottom, in purple text on a blue background, it says "ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY".

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Lacey, WA 98503

Contact: Joleen Harlan at (360) 951-2526

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# WHAT 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: