

The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, from Iowa! We are frantically working on making my grandson Carter's graduation party a roaring success.

And Anita and I will be putting the tables and scholarship decorations out to make our winning students feel Welcome, when I get back. I hope you remember that the next meeting is a Potluck for our students and their

families. Bring your best potluck dish and share with us all. I'll bring a main dish and unfortunately I forgot to get a copy of the Food sign-up sheet to Sandra, before I left town, so I hope you remember what you signed up for?!!!!

We had another fun time fruit bagging for the All Kids Win program on the 1st Wednesday in May - the last bagging for this school year will be held the 1st Wednesday in June (7th) from 1 to 3. Come join us! Also, the AKW Tea Party (Mother / Daughter Tea) will be held in

our building on June 4th. If you have flowers, ribbons or lace that you'd like to donate to help with the "crafting hats" please let me know. The crafting tables will be upstairs.

The AKW Board changed the Mother/Daughter Tea's name to the All Kids

Win Tea and it hasn't been as well received and the number of ticket sales are down, so Kesh Marketing asked to move it to our venue.

I hope you will sign-up to help with set-up, craft table, PB&J making or clean-up. This will be the first year back for this fundraiser since Covid. Let me know. 360-491-7593. Some of the hats were quite creative!

Don't forget that dues are due! I want you all to be members so tell all your friends.

Your WCO President, Linda Wolfe



PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

June 6, 2023, at noon
Program: Scholarship Potluck Luncheon

Evening Meeting:

June 14, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
6:30 Social Time

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



Clubwoman of the Year

Our very own Anna McKinney was awarded Clubwoman of the Year at the GFWC Washington State Convention in Pasco, WA. Pictured here are from left to right are: Current State President, Sue Tyler; Anna McKinney, State President Elect, Kim Skagen.

SOCK COUNT – Carol Valley

Carol Valley reports that the Woman's Club of Olympia has collected 652 pairs of socks for this year's goal of 600 pair.



You are invited to Bunco on Wednesday, June 7th at noon. We play at the Abigail Stuart Clubhouse and have loads of fun!



MarySiddell took our letters written by those who participated, to the children and we have received letters back with pictures they drew and colored for us. Our responding letters are on the way to the students. Thank you to everyone for writing letters to these students. This is such a fun and rewarding project.

PAJAMA COLLECTION – Anna McKinney

I want to thank all of you for providing 55 pairs of pajamas to the Pajama Program. I can't thank you enough on behalf of the Pajama Program. These pajamas were delivered to the Family Education and Support Center in Tumwater.

HOUSE NEWS – Mary Siddell

The house is running very smoothly. Our rentals are slowing down, but our rental procedures are in place and working well. We are finished with most of our maintenance projects. We hope to solve the lock problem in the kitchen this summer. Thank you to Susan Herring for volunteering to help with the house. We will get together soon to show her the ropes.

REPORTING – Mary Siddell

Don't forget to send in your hours and donations for projects that we sponsor. Have you volunteered for All Kids Win? Did you attend Arts Walk? Did you participate in Paws 4 a Cause and Relay for Life? How about the digital work on our historical photos? Feel free to send info through email to msiddell@comcast.net or use the form at the end of the newsletter.



JOIN THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLYMPIA RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM!!! – Jennifer Minich

Please donate, walk with us, and visit awhile on Saturday, June 24th at North Thurston High School or join our team today, because together we can help end cancer. Our goal is \$400. Help us double our impact by joining the team today. Donate a few dollars. Walk a few times around a track on June 24. Donate directly using this link to the fundraising page.

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=104241&pg=team&team_id=2684475



BINGO WINNERS AT MAY'S LUAU MEETING

Mary Siddell, Barbara Pugliese, Carol Valley, Priscilla Quinton and Sandra Groves each won \$20 playing Bingo at the May Luau.

Woman's Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes General Meeting – May 2, 2023

Meeting opened by President Linda Wolfe at 12:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Collect read by the members. 17 members attending and four guests: Dottie LaRonge, Charlene Salmi, Barbara Pugliese and Lauren Rogers. The guests introduced themselves. They learned of the WCO from Nextdoor, our Newsletter and from attending one of the classes held in the studio.

Pat Keith proposed we accept the minutes as written. Seconded and passed.

Finances: Anna McKinney – We are slightly in the black and doing better than at this time last year. We currently have 14 rentals scheduled. Activity this month a) \$15,000 was transferred from the House account to the Building account. b) First half of our real estate taxes, \$758. c) Yearly maintenance on the furnace and the repair of the blower totaled \$1401.43) Landscaping and removal of branches interfering with the garbage truck \$936.23. e) Marketing \$405.

Donations: We currently have over 600 pairs of socks and are continuing to collect. Thank you for all those who donated to the pajama program. The pajamas will be delivered to Family Education and Support Services.

Pen Pals: Anna discussed the possibility of participating in pen pal programs. People are suffering from isolation. There are links on line to connect with veterans who need pen pals. Mary Siddell: We have received the letters from the primary school students we sent letters to last month. Hopefully, we can return letters to the students next month. All letters should be brought to the May Board meeting so that the students can respond by June. The letters are wonderful. Some include colorful drawings. We can do this again next year.

Membership: Pat Keith outlined the membership committee's actions such as sending get well and sympathy cards. She will email membership materials to our guests.

Scholarships: Katrina Wynkoop Simmons We chose 4 scholarship winners and one alternate.

The winners are:

1st - Maria Aurelio, Olympia High School

2nd - Kian Foster-Grahler, Running Start & Olympia High School

3rd - Andrew Chappel, Tumwater High School

4th - Annabelle Samson, Capital High School

Alternate - Randall Marti, Rochester High School

Annabelle Samson has chosen to attend Lewis & Clark University in Oregon so she is no longer eligible for the scholarship. Randall Marti will be awarded the 4th place. Maria Aurelio has been awarded the 1st place in Washington State! She will receive an additional \$2500 in the WA State GFWC scholarship and \$1000 in the Kathy Estep Award. Congratulations to Maria! Thanks to our scholarship committee members, Darcy Huffman and Cindy Bassage. Susan Herring has joined the scholarship committee. The vote was unanimous for her.

Program: In the Know Women's Show Dottie LaRonge provided an introduction to the program and we were able to view the interview she did on the show with Linda Wolfe and Sandra Groves concerning the WCO's 140th Anniversary Celebration. They discussed the Celebration and the history of the WCO as well as the current actions and activities.

History:

Women's History: We hope to have our original documents scanned and framed by June and the originals stored safely.

Upcoming:

- The June 6th Scholarship meeting will be a Potluck. Anita Quintana and Linda Wolfe are the Tea committee for June. They would appreciate your help with putting out the food. Please bring enough food for our scholarship winners and their families. A sign-up sheet for the food you are bringing was passed around to all members.
- June 4th All Kids Win Tea Party
- September 16th Alzheimer's Walk
- May 6th Paws 4 the Cause in conjunction with Relay 4 Life
- May 4th Bunco at noon

Raffle: Collection \$66. We played five rounds of Bingo and each winner received \$20.00.

Adjourn: 2:15 p.m



CELEBRATION OF TRAILBLAZING WOMAN

The Pioneer Community Association and the Cathlamet Woman's Club will be honoring Julia Butler Hansen on June 14th beginning at 11:30 a.m. The day begins with a rose ceremony and tours of the Julia Butler Hansen Heritage Center, Color Guard flag raising, refreshments and a book signing at 3 p.m. by John C. Hughes, author of "*Julia Butler Hansen, a Trailblazing Washington Politician*". Celebrate one of Washington's Historical figures and influential women. Contact Sandra Groves or Linda Wolfe for carpooling to his event.

HISTORY PRESERVED

One of the projects The Woman's Club of Olympia Woman's History Committee has wanted to accomplish has now become a reality! With the help of Vicki Connor from Puyallup, who has been a museum curator for many years and archivist, the original photographs on the walls at the Abigail Stuart House have now been scanned digitally. Each photograph was removed from their frame, scanned, and then saved to 2 separate flash drives. Once the pictures were saved, copies of each photograph were made and the team reframed the photographs taking care to identify and catalog them. The purpose of this project was to preserve the original photographs in the event of a disaster at the clubhouse. The originals are now in our fireproof safe and the copies now hang on the walls. We plan to make small brass plates for each photograph which will be attached to the frames so they can easily be identified to anyone looking at them. The committee for this project, Luellen Charneski, Pat Booth, and Sandra Groves spent 1 day with Vicki Conner to do scanning and one day reframing and rehangng the pictures. There are 2 pictures remaining which were too large for the scanner and we are looking into methods to print or copy them. All in all, the project turned out great and we can now rest easy knowing our history is safe!



ESO MEETING FOR JUNE CHANGED

The ESO book club for June will be held on June 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. instead on the 26th. We meet at the Abigail Stuart House and encourage everyone to join us to talk about what we are currently reading. Refreshments will be served. Consider joining the group to learn more about books, reading and general conversation and fun!

DUES ARE DUE

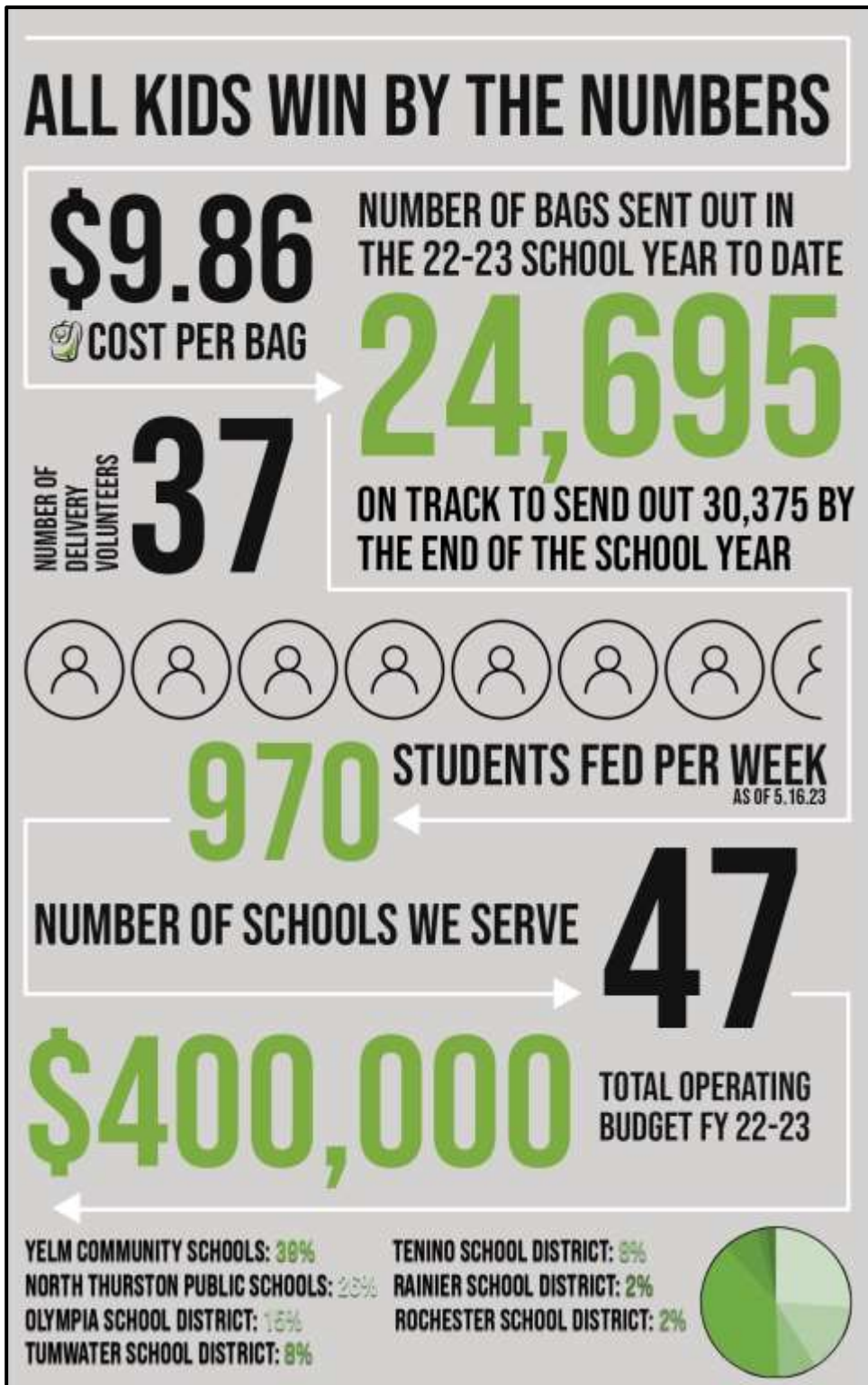
Dues for the coming year are due now!
The dues for a year are only \$40.00 and that buys you a year's worth of

camaraderie, friendships, social hours, games, fun, meetings, chances to volunteer and make your community a greater place. Consider joining if you are not now a member. If you are a member, please provide a check or cash at the June meeting. You can also pay online at our website under the "Members" page. It's easy and so worth it!!!!!!

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

IMPACT OF ALL KIDS WIN – Linda Wolfe

If you have helped with the bagging or deliveries at All Kids Win and want to know how your hours are impacting the community, this chart shows you what is being done!





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.

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 for an application.

REPORTING FORM FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Name _____

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

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$ DATED	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				