

The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL



March 2025 Edition

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

March 4, 2025 at Noon

Program: Sock Hop and Senior Services

Evening Group

No Meeting in March.

Group will assist at Author Evening Event on March 19th

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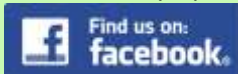
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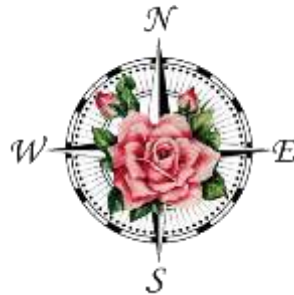
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who helped and attended the Wine, Chocolate and Bingo night. We were exhausted after the close of the evening but we earned close to \$2,000. We expected only a maximum of 50 and 75 people attended. The money goes toward our scholarship fund.

There are daffodils and iris plants peeking out of the ground at The Abigail Stuart House. Spring is on its way!!!

Check out page 2 of this Newsletter to see how your volunteer hours were recorded for 2024! Great Job!

Sandra Groves, President

Let's Go To The Hop!



The March General Membership meeting will be a Sock Hop! Nope, we are not dancing. Bring socks to donate and wear a pair of your favorite socks. We will have prizes for the most colorful, most outrageous, and the warmest socks. You will model your socks so make sure there are no holes in them!!!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLYMPIA DOES? WE ARE A FORCE LOCALLY AND HAVE BEEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR 142

YEARS! In 2024 we accomplished quite a few items and it all is made possible by our members volunteering, donating and putting in the effort.

Our Impact in 2024

Education Projects

110 Volunteer Hours
\$7,090.00 Donated

Arts Projects

270 Volunteer Hours
\$2,370.50 Donated

Environment Projects

121 Volunteer Hours
\$275.00 Donated

Community Outreach Projects

70 Volunteer Hours
\$2,566.00 Donated

Health & Wellness Projects

815 Volunteer Hours
\$9,415.00 Donated

Other Projects

1,755 Volunteer Hours
\$5,806.00 Donated

**72 Projects Completed
3,156 Volunteer Hours
\$27,522.00 Donated**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lyn Kappert
Pat Booth
Callie Wilson
Carol Valley

March 3
March 7
March 27
March 29



REQUEST FOR NOTE CARDS

The local craft shop, Lost & Found Crafts is collecting blank note cards as well as Thank You and Thinking of You note cards which will be sent to an organization called "Creative Kindness" for kids who have been affected by the fires in California. Bring any cards you may want to donate and they will be dropped off at Lost & Found. Sometimes just a note can make a huge difference!!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW READERS



The ESO Book Club is looking for new readers to join us. It only costs \$1.00 to join and we have lots of fun and eat homemade goodies while we talk about our books.

We meet the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and we discuss the books we are currently reading, have finished, and get ideas for books to read in the future.

SAFEPLACE NEEDS OUR HELP...

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.

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

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).

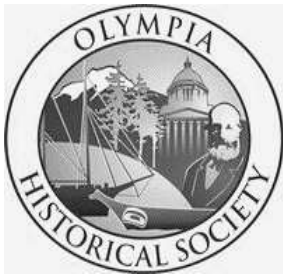
MEDICINE BOTTLES: Recycling of the medicine bottles will start up again in September and continue until June. Bring your bottles without labels to the meeting.

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.



NEED HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIAISON



The Woman's Club of Olympia is a member of The Olympia Historical Society and we are looking to partner with them on community events, projects, and beneficial efforts for collaboration. It would be great to have a member (or more) who are interested in local history and women's history to be a liaison to the Society and keep the Club informed of opportunities to partner and "show the flag". The Historical Society is well established, does fundraisers, events, and keeps the community aware of what is happening in the community with respect to historical events and people. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandra Groves at sandragroves10@gmail.com.



EVER WANTED TO MAKE SUCCULENT GARDEN?

On April 17, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m., we will have a class on succulent gardening. Bring a container or choose one from the instructor. Create a pot, a mini-garden, or just learn how. You can purchase the plants at the class. More details coming as to price of the class and items. Put it on your calendar!

SCENES FROM WINE, CHOCOLATE AND BINGO



Guest Tables



Table Decoration



Bingo Prizes



SOCK COUNT UPDATE

At last count we have already collected **294 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.

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

Meeting called to order @12:06 pm by Sandra Groves

Collect and Pledge of Allegiance recited

Guests-Pamela Bergkamp and Jean Garwood

Minutes from last meeting moved and seconded, I's have it. Treasurer's report moved and seconded, I's have it

General business-

- Coats have been collected.
- February is heart health month
- Sandra made crocheted roses for anyone who RSVP'd to today's meeting
- At the front sign in table there are supplemental additions to your booklet with new member birthdays.
- Valentine cards on the tables are for nursing home patients. Please help by signing them form the Woman's Club of Olympia to be delivered.
- One initiation today.
- Books in the lobby are free. Please take as many as you would like.

12:16 pm – Refreshments

New member initiation-Reading of the oath and signed the book. Please welcome Pam Bitlock signing the book at #943.

Linda Malenchuk-Finnan: There was a proposed Immigration crack down by a Senator in Michigan. It did not pass. However it was to put a \$1,000 bounty on illegal immigrants. If you know anyone in need to help. WA immigration Solidarity network is available, they also have legal aid available. More info to come. WA Governor has enacted Family Separation Response Team. Sandra Groves- Women's Club of Olympia cannot endorse political agendas. We as a club will be celebrating women's history month even if the government does not.

Program: Sandra presented a TED talk about self care by Susannah Joy Winters. Sandra passed out a bingo card to encourage self care activities. Along with audience participation with questions prompting something we are grateful for.

Committee reports: Mary is gathering committee hours to report so please let her know how many hours your committee has put in.

Upcoming events: Coffee Klatch- TBD

Spend an evening with 2 Northwest Authors



AARON RYAN

Aaron Ryan is the author of the bestselling series, *Dissonance*, a sci-fi post-apocalyptic saga and his latest sci-fi thriller "*Forecast*" as well as the business reference books *The Superhero Anomaly* and *How to Successfully Self-Publish & Promote Your Independent Book*.

STACY KEAN

Stacy Kean is the author of the historical fiction novel, "*The Nazi Housewife of Queens, New York*," based in part on the true story of the first Nazi war criminal who lost her U.S. citizenship and was extradited to Germany in one of the longest war crime trials in German history in the 1970's.

March 19, 2025 - 7 to 9 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Olympia

1002 Washington Street SE – Olympia

\$10 per person

TRY YOUR HAND AT WATERCOLOR!

On March 6, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m., Member Nancy Broach, a local watercolor artist, will hold a class at The Abigail Stuart Class for anyone wishing to try their hand at watercolor. All supplies are provided for you by Nancy and her easy to follow techniques will enable you to produce a finished watercolor picture by the end of the evening. The cost is \$49 with \$20 going back to the Club for donation to SafePlace..

Fundraising Watercolor Art Class

In this introductory watercolor class you will learn a variety of watercolor techniques. You'll come away with your own unique completed landscape painting, some wonderful new skills and a wider vision of nature's beauty.

Nancy is a local wildlife watercolor artist with work inspired by the beauty we're surrounded by here in the South Sound. She is a trained art educator and loves sharing how to open their artist eye in a relaxed atmosphere.

\$49 per student with \$20 per student donated to support local community causes

All Supplies Included

*Thursday March 6 6-8PM
at the Abigail Stuart House
1002 Washington St SE, Olympia*

*www.wildartwatercolors.com
ncbroach@gmail.com for more informaton*





UPDATE ON WASHINGTON 250

NATIONWIDE KICK OFF OF TWO LIGHTS

Washington counties and cities are invited to participate in a nationwide initiative called *Two Lights for Tomorrow* on the night of April 18-19, 2025. **Two Lights for Tomorrow** is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred on the overnight of **April 18 – 19, 1775**. Two Lights for Tomorrow commemorates that famous ride and uses the imagery of that shining light today as a unifying call to action for our citizens to celebrate and serve.



The two lights were placed in Boston's Old North Church on the night of Paul Revere's ride, April 18-19, 1775, to share an important message. Today, *Two Lights for Tomorrow* is inviting the nation to use those same symbols to share the message of the importance of supporting each other and serving our communities.

Communities throughout the country will recreate this historic moment on **April 18, 2025**, by shining two lights (any kind of lights!) in state capitols, city halls, community centers, libraries, homes, and anywhere else wishing to participate. Then, on **April 19, 2025**, *Two Lights for Tomorrow* invites communities to put the message into action by planning a local day of service. States can promote a day of service on April 19th. At the community level, citizens will be called to serve their communities with volunteer projects ranging from park and cemetery clean-ups (especially with the close proximity to Earth Day) to community builds, food drives, and card writing to residents of care facilities, etc. The possibilities for service can be tailored to the needs of our citizens and in partnership with service organizations

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.



We belong to the Olympia Historical Society and may be able to participate with them on various projects.

If you are interested in history, and want to help our club with these projects, please contact Sandra Groves.

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.womansclubolympia.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 / 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 _____
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