

The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL



May 2025 Edition

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

May 6, 2025 at Noon
Program: Ukrainian Eggs

Evening Group

May 14, 2025
Program: Olympia Tumwater
Foundation

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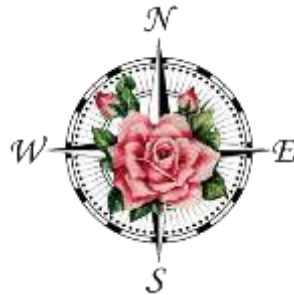


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month's newsletter is smaller than usual. I did not have much time to put it together while preparing for my trip to Ireland. I will be back in time for the May 6th meeting so I will see you there.

Since September we have added 9 new members. I was at an event recently and may have 3 more women to join our group in the upcoming months. Our club is the only club in the State that is growing. We are doing something right and we need to nurture our new members by mentoring them and helping them get acquainted with the club and what we do. To that end, we will be asking the new members to serve on the Tea Committee for the June 3 meeting. It's a potluck so it will be a good time for new members to familiarize themselves with the process.

See you in May!!!

Sandra Groves, President

NEW MEMBER INITIATED



Lisa Underkoffler was initiated as a new member at our April meeting. We welcome Lisa and look forward to having her join us.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sybil Goodkin

May 2nd

Mary Siddell

May 25th



DIAPER DRIVE FOR MAY MEETING!!

We are collecting diapers for Dry Tikes & Wet Wipes during the month of May and will deliver them later in the month. Please bring your donation to the meeting or arrange to bring them to the house during May.

RECYCLING PROJECTS CONTINUE

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 **440 pairs of socks** for this year which will be donated to The Little Red Schoolhouse. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs so we only need 60 pairs!!!



2 LIGHTS AT THE ABIGAIL STUART HOUSE

To commemorate the ride of Paul Revere and the beginning of the Revolutionary War for the independence of the United States, the 2 Lights Project was a part of the celebration of the 250 Anniversary of the country. The Woman's Club of Olympia is a partner in the Washington 250 project and will be participating in upcoming events. The 2 Lights is a kick off to the next year's projects and we are proud to be a part of the effort, carrying forward the ideals of our founding members.





4TH ANNUAL PAWS 4 A CAUSE Saturday, May 3 11 to 3

Heritage Park, Capitol Lake

Join the fight to eliminate cancer! Too many of us have lost our loved ones to cancer – both people and pets. Take a walk with us and make a difference.

The Harlan's Homes 4 Hope Relay For Life Team coordinates this annual event.

Net proceeds benefit the **Animal Cancer Foundation** and the **American Cancer Society** – both organizations dedicated to finding a cure for cancer!

PETS HELPING PEOPLE, PEOPLE HELPING PETS



The Woman's Club of Olympia General Membership Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025

Meeting called to order @12:02 pm by Sandra Groves
Collect and Pledge of Allegiance recited
Guests- Wendy from Safe Place

April Birthdays- Happy birthday to Sandra Groves

Minutes from last meeting moved and seconded. Aye's have it.
Treasurer's report on tables for review, no questions. Report will be filed for audit.

New member initiation-Reading of the oath and signed the book. Please welcome Lisa Underkoffler #948

General Business- Lauren Rogers presents donations to Safe Place director Wendy. \$120.00 collected from the Watercolor paint class for Safe Place. Safe Place offers 90 day shelter for women in need, legal advocates, assault response team- that will go to hospital when an assault happen

12:19 Refreshments

Sybil introduces guest from YMCA Leslie Baker and Brian Irian. YMCA offers reciprocal membership, meaning you can attend other YMCA facilities despite where you sign up. YMCA offers large and small classes, chair yoga, dry sauna and swimming. There are classes you can take without a membership as well. They gave each member attending WCO a day pass to try out their facilities. They also provide services for the unhoused and people living out of doors. Sybil really loves her chair yoga class.

Sandra and several others went to district convention. Our chapter is doing well with membership, health and wellness, reading and arts and culture.

Upcoming events:

Coffee Klatch- TBD

4/04/2025 Hearing for capping rent increases.

04/17/2025 Succulent planting party. Plant expert will be there. Cost will depend on the pot size you pick.

Paws for a cause will be coming in May.

May tea committee will be Selina, Dani and Luellen.

Submitted by Secretary, Selina Winner

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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