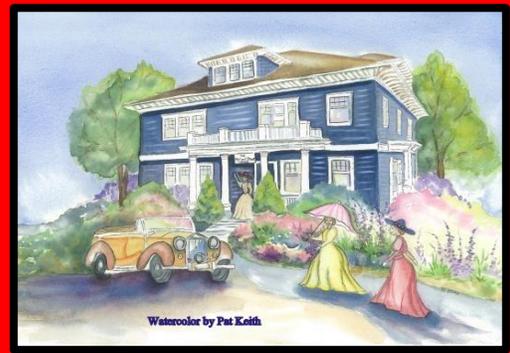


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wow! What a past few months we have had! As the summer is now upon us, we begin making plans for the upcoming new administration. I am proud to serve as your new President and I trust that you all will join me in making The Woman's Club of Olympia the best it can be. Teamwork is key for my administration and **TOGETHER WE ARE FABULOUS!**

Fun activities, volunteering, getting involved in our local community will be our focus and I know for a fact that after having taken off 6 months, we will be ready in September to meet and get things moving again.

Our first meeting is scheduled for September 1st. The outside forces willing, we will be able to meet and enjoy each other's company again while catching up with old and new friends. I certainly am looking forward to it and I hope you are too.

Sandra Groves, President

GRANT FUNDS UPDATE

The Committee working on the projects to be done using the Grant money from the State have been continuing the process over the last few months. The painting is complete except for the area of the ceiling and



walls around the cupboards in the main meeting room which will be torn out. Final painting will be done when that project is finished. We met with the cabinet maker and the contractor for the Let in the Light project, decided on wood faced cabinets to match the flooring and the tearing out of the cabinets will begin on June 30th.

The parking lot is done and it looks wonderful! The wood floors are set to be refinished and currently we are the calendar for a date in August to have that part of our mission done. The projects are progressing more quickly than originally planned because we are taking advantage of the down time when we have no renters in the building. When one door closes, another opens!!! We have had some cost overruns, especially on the painting because the doors and trim all needed to be completely stripped to prevent paint peeling. Nevertheless, we are still within our budgeted amounts and we are keeping a close eye on the funds.

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

September 1, 2020 at NOON
Program – Hands On Project
Tea Committee - Executive Board

✓ **September 9, 2020**
Evening Meeting (7:00 pm.)

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



SOCK COLLECTION REPORT – Carol Valley

The socks collected this year will be donated to the Little Red Schoolhouse project. The goal for 2020 was to collect 500 pairs. With the help of the Peninsula District and students from Olympia High School, the collection grew to 1,339. We appreciate every pair donated and we know there will be more warm feet in the coming year!



With the stay at home orders, many of us have taken the time we had to work in our gardens. I know I spent many hours this spring sprucing up the yard, buying plants, and getting lots of dirt under my pictures of my front and back yard.

I know Linda Wolfe was playing in her flowers a lot also and the payoff has been lots of flower arrangements for many happy friends. Below is a bouquet she gave me of her gorgeous peonies.



As the 19th-century poet Minnie Aumonier wrote,

“When the world wearies, and society ceases to satisfy, there is always the garden.”

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things

- Mother Teresa



New Board Positions for 2020-22 Administration

The Board for The Woman's Club of Olympia consists of the Executive Board which are the elected officers and the Committee Chairs make up the remainder of the Board. According to the Bylaws, the day to day operations of the Club are handled by the Board which meets once a month on the third Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Abigail Stuart House.

Your Executive Board Members are:

Sandra Groves, President
 Pat Keith, Vice President
 Mary Siddell, Secretary/Treasurer
 Luellen Charneski, Librarian
 Mary Siddell, House Chair
 Jennifer Minich, Evening Group Coordinator



The remainder of the Board consists of the Committee Chairs. The following is a list of the Committees and those persons who have agreed to serve. As you can see, we still need an Arts & Culture and a Civic Engagement Chair. If you would like to serve, and volunteer for either of these positions or on another committee, please contact Sandra Groves at sandragroves10@gmail.com and your name will be added and appear in the new membership book to be printed in August.

Arts and Culture
 Civic Engagement
 Communications/Publicity
 Education and Libraries
 Environment
 Health & Wellness
 Hospitality
 Membership
 Programs
 Remembrance
 Scholarships
 Tea
 Women's History

Sandra Groves
 Anna McKinney
 Linda Wolfe
 Carol Valley
 Dody Saeger, Carol Valley
 Dottie Simonsen and Ann Finn
 Board Members
 Dody Saeger
 Denise Laflamme, Linda Wolfe, Dianne
 Weaver & Katrina Wynkoop-Simmons
 Anita Quintana
 Luellen Charneski

We have some new board members and some experienced members, so there is a good mix to represent the general membership. The first Board meeting will be held on July 14th at the Clubhouse. We will make plans for the September meeting and take care of some business necessary to keep the club running in the coming months.

See you there at 10:30 a.m.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The fundraiser to collect used clothing, household items, shoes or linens, is ongoing. Remember we were collecting our unwanted items to be donated to Value Village for their non-profit fundraiser program. The store pays by the pound. I found the following on their website to help guide you in collecting items. Ask your friends, family and neighbors to do the same. The more the better. The store is not yet open for business but once they are, we will obtain a date for our fundraiser and then all you have to do is show up with your items on that day, tell them it is for The Woman's Club of Olympia and they will do the rest. Keep collecting until further notice!!!!!!

Donations: What we take on behalf of our nonprofit partners

Clothing & Shoes, Accessories, Books, Magazines, Records, Media, Computer Software, Dishes, Pans, Utensils, Glassware, Vases, Small Appliances, Power Tools, Stereos, Speakers.

We accept clothes, shoes, and linens in any condition except wet, moldy, or soiled contaminated with toxic/flammable/hazardous materials. Worn-out, stained, and ripped items are turned into new products such as carpet padding, insulation and wiping rags. A single item such as a glove, sock or shoe is paired up with others for re-use (in other markets).

MANY EVENTS CANCELLED

Club meetings, the Peninsula District Spring Conference, the Washington State Spring Conference and the National Convention of GFWC were all cancelled this year. These cancellations affected elections and protocols for clubs and have made it necessary to take "emergency" measures to authorize new leadership.

This predicament has shown that we need to make plans for any future closings and delays there may be. To that end, Bylaws are being changed throughout the country to allow for electronic means of voting and holding of meetings. "Zoom" meetings and other electronic applications to hold video conferencing has taken the place of in-person meetings.

How does this all affect The Woman's Club of Olympia? We, fortunately, were ahead of the curve since we amended our Bylaws in 2018 to include "e-voting". The following is what our current Bylaws says regarding this subject:

Section 6. E-Voting

Voting by electronic mail (e-mail) is permitted under these Bylaws. Such calls of vote are to be reserved for issues of importance. This may arise, for example, In the event a quorum is not present at a formal meeting, or in the event that Board action is considered desirable at a time between regularly scheduled meetings. In such cases, all Board Members have the right to submit a vote within a specified time period (no less than 48 hours, no more than 7 calendar days). Vote by e-mail shall be conducted in the following manner:

- (a) The President or any three (3) Board Members may request a vote via e-mail. All Board Members shall have three (3) options regarding their vote:
- Vote to pass the motion
 - Vote to reject the motion
 - Express the opinion that the motion is not amenable to an electronic vote.

If any member objects to the electronic vote, the motion would remain subject to the "in person" quorum voting rules. If no objections are received, a simple majority of all Board Members is required to pass the vote.

I am proud that our group took this action early for voting. We should entertain the idea of holding "virtual" meetings, and the Board will take on this subject in order to make a recommendation to the membership. If you have thoughts on this subject, please contact officer or Board member prior to July 14th.

WCO SUPPORTS EQUAL MEANS EQUAL



The Woman's Club of Olympia signed on as a supporter to the Equal Means Equal Amicus Brief which was filed in an appeal for the Equal Rights Amendment. If you would like to read the Legal Brief, it can be found here:

<https://equalmeansequal.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/EQUAL-MEANS-EQUAL-et-al-v.-FERRIERO-20-CV-10015-DJC-AMICI-CURIAE-BRIEF-6-25-20.pdf>

You can also just scroll to page 78 to see our message of support.

NEW ABIGAIL STUART HOUSE CUSTODIAN



James Schwartz will be taking on the duties as our new custodian for the Abigail Stuart House and Woman's Club. He has been living in the Olympia area since March and is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get started at the house. James is originally from Michigan but has spent the last several years in Hawaii. Since we have had no rentals, there has been no necessary cleaning. One of the dance groups will be starting up again on July 2nd, so the dance area, stairwell and railings and upstairs restrooms will need to be regularly cleaned. As more events are scheduled in the coming months, he will be taking on more duties.



EVENING GROUP MINUTES

Woman's Club of Olympia Evening Group's June Meeting

7:00 – 8:45 pm Wednesday, June 10, 2020 (Remote Web-Ex Meeting)

Susan Herring purplecat53@comcast.net

Jennifer Minich jennifer.minich@pa.net

Carol Valley cvalley390@aol.com

Immediate Past President Linda Wolfe lindawolfe4@gmail.com

President Sandra Groves sandragroves10@gmail.com

Guest, Keitha Bryson ksbryson2533@gmail.com

Guest, Leslie Goldstein lagoldstein@comcast.net

7:00 pm Read collect, **welcome new friends** Keitha Bryson and Leslie Goldstein.
Tonight's Theme: "We look for unity, but unity in diversity." GFWC motto since 1901

7:10-7:30 pm

Overall health and welfare check-in, report on upcoming opportunities to help in current club projects.

We heard about Homeless Backpacks, socks for Little Red School House.

Linda is scheduled for surgeries and loves to read cozy mystery books.

Discuss (and maybe even decide?) an annual charitable evening group focus for the remainder of 2020.

Leslie Goldstein brought an idea about renting out the upstairs to CIELO sewers. Linda and Sandra mentioned as a club we could do \$50 per hour for a month (2 hours per week would be \$400 cost to members of the evening group). She will look into the idea. Jen Minich committed \$200 toward the project if it's agreed to by CIELO and the club.

7:30-7:45 pm

Report and Tour of the building renovations led by Linda. You can come in person or watch on the computer from home. If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP so we adhere to phase 2 guidance.

Three members Linda Wolfe, Carol Valley, and Sandra Groves showed the progress on the WCO building as well as what is next on the list.

7:45-9:00 pm

Keep it to 15 minutes or less each - Would any of you be interested in making a short presentation about a book you've been reading? Favorite recipes? Gardening tips to share? Sentiments on race relations? Feel free to share what you want to offer for the next meeting and keep it to 15 minutes +/-.

- Susan Herring is gardening.
- Jen Minich shared a recipe by email.
- Leslie is picking up guitar and also working on a special shawl while journaling.
- Keitha moved to Tumwater just as quarantine began. We welcome her to the community.

- Sandra announced this year's WCO theme is "Together, we are awesome."
- Linda would like to have a suffrage pink tea party mural painted in the back staircase this year, marking the centennial celebration of the right to vote for women. Jen mentioned asking girl scouts to help.

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What are we doing to foster tolerance in our club and community right now? What would you like to be doing?

Resolution 013-260 from 1939 and last amended in 2000 says that the General Federation of Women's Clubs believes that the democratic form of government is endangered by the unchecked growth of prejudice, violence, racism, terrorism, and intolerance. The cardinal principles of our democratic institutions demand respect for the rights of others. Problems resulting from intolerance have a national and international impact.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs supports the observation and promotion of the UNESCO Day for Tolerance (on November 16th).

<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/toleranceday>

The General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to accept responsibility for fostering tolerance, justice and religious freedom in clubs and communities.

This is when we discussed possibly supporting CIELO with their need for sewing space. They may be looking for space to sew (upstairs), bring in their machines for an hour or two a week for a month, while the house is being fixed up downstairs. See the notes under annual project above.

Federation Forest Field Trip Invitation

- Limit 4 people from evening group, and I am attending for a total of 5 maximum. Please RSVP to jennifer.minich@pa.net. Who would like to join?
- Friday, June 26th leave at 9 am from club house 1001 Washington St Olympia
- Caravan or pre-arrange your carpool, depending on your comfort level. Fill tank of gas, get your coffee mug filled up before meeting at 9 am.
- Federation Forest State Park 49201 Hwy 410 E Enumclaw, WA 98022, 8 am – dusk hours
- BYO bagged lunch and/or grilling supplies for a BYO grilling lunch. Bring gardening shears and gloves, cleaning products and supplies, trash bags

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich

2020 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 msiddell@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 & CULTURE Attended concerts or plays Arts Walk				
ENVIRONMENT Federation Forest Recycling Gardening				
EDUCATION & LIBRARIES Scholarship Program Attended Classes Little Red Schoolhouse Volunteer with kids Labels for Education Homeless Backpacks ESO or Reading Teach Classes				
HEALTH & WELLNESS Food Bank Baby Layette and Blankets; diapers Period of Purple Crying (purple hats) Exercise				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH Friendly Waters of the World Fisher House Preservation of Abigail Stuart House				
MEMBERSHIP Yearbook Tea Initiation				
FUNDRAISING Holiday Bazaar				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECTS Domestic violence awareness and prevention Relay for Life				