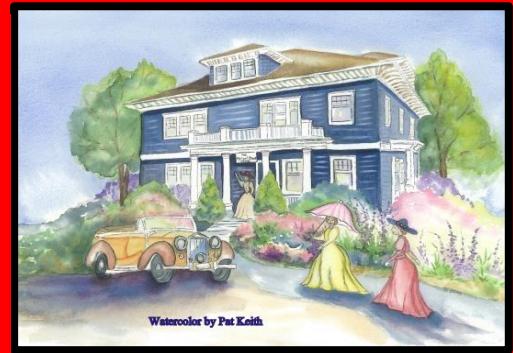




The Woman's Club of Olympia

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We made it through the first year of my administration. What a year it has been with the pandemic and all the remodeling! Next year will be much smoother and we will be able to meet together as we have in the past in our clubhouse. I appreciate each and every one of the members of WCO and I applaud you for sticking with it during the past year. It takes a village and we are a village!

Sandra Groves, President

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONORED AT JUNE MEETING!



Heer Patel, Rebecca Walker, Haven Barnes Allison Holder

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

No meeting until September

Evening Meeting:

No meeting until September

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



EVENING MEETING PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

The Evening group met in June to make plans for their upcoming year of meetings beginning in September. They are also planning a trip to Federation Forest. The schedule they will adopt will be published when it is complete.

RETREAT PLANNED FOR JULY 20 BOARD MEETING

All Executive Officers and all Committee Chairs will be holding a "Retreat" in lieu of a regular Board meeting. The Retreat will be held on July 20th at the property of Luellen Charneski at Carlyon Beach (end of Steamboat Island Road). Carpooling from the Abigail Stuart House will make it easier for parking at our destination.

The agenda calls for a morning of review, discussion and planning by all Committee Chairs for the coming year's plans for activities related to those Committees and the planned programs for the general membership meetings.



Then we plan to take on the topics of fundraising, budgeting, and plans for the house now that we are open for business. It is hoped that a day filled with activity, friendship, and positive progress will move us forward with a plan in hand and everyone on the same page.

If you have ideas, constructive comments, or topics you want to see discussed, please let me know, or any of the Executive Board or Committee Chairs.

HOUSE UPDATES – Mary Siddell

Summer is a good time to finish up our renovations. The lights have been rewired on the main floor. There was a glitch with the new globes, but that is being worked out. The work on the upstairs porch will begin the second week of July. We have asked Sunset Air for an estimate on installing a ductless air conditioning unit for the main floor. Ben, our painter, will complete some interior painting. We are working with Brittany Svach, our new Reservation Coordinator, to establish our procedures as a club for renting the Abigail Stuart House. It should be a busy and fruitful summer.

RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND REOPENING OF THE ABIGAIL STUART HOUSE

Amid the heat, about 50 people gathered to witness the ribbon cutting and grand reopening of the Abigail Stuart House. Everyone in attendance raved about the house, the remodeling, and inquired about renting the facilities. Our committees of hostesses and food servers did an excellent job and they are to be commended. The Mayor of Olympia read a Proclamation naming June 21, 2021 as the reopening of The Abigail Stuart House. Senator Sam Hunt cut the ribbon on the front porch to cheers and applause. Rita Robinson was our photographer and she did a fantastic job as did Walt Bowen who set up the sound system, brought decorations, and took photos. After the ceremony and event, we had a photograph taken on the front porch of the members present.





MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

June 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Sandra Groves followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Collect by members. Sixteen members and nine guests attended. Today was the Scholarship luncheon. It was the first time since March, 2020 that we have gathered for a meal. We decorated with round tables and festive centerpieces. We honored four scholarship recipients: Heer Patel, Allison Holder, Haven Barnes and Rebecca Walker. The program began with the introduction of the Scholarship Committee and the Presidents of WCO and the Peninsula District. Recipients introduced their family members and told us of their future educational plans. Following the program, lunch was served. What a celebration!

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on May 4, 2021 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet as of May 18, 2021 were presented and accepted. Sandra Groves pointed out that the balance on our House Account is going down steadily. We hope to know by August if we are awarded a \$10,000 federal grant from The Cares Act. It costs us \$30,000 a year for upkeep on our house. Recently, there has been some interest in renting The Abigail Stuart House. We have a wedding scheduled for August. We have a committee for auditing our books and this will start after June 30, the end of our fiscal year. (Some discussion was held about whether May 30 ended our fiscal year so Sandra Groves will look into this.) Cindy Bassage and Ellen Wagner are on the Audit Committee this year. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

DUES

Our dues this year are \$40.00. It is time to pay them. We hope all members are returning.

GRANT PROJECTS

We have about \$30,000 left in grant funds. These are projects in the planning process: Repair of the upstairs porch, rewiring of the main floor lights and interior painting. Mary Siddell will look into the cost of a ductless air conditioner for the main floor and a cap for the outside faucet.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on June 21st at 2:00. Brittany Svach designed our invitation and sent it out to over 100 people via email. Some were invited through U.S. mail. The event will be held on our front porch. Guests will be given guided tours of the house in

small groups. Light refreshments will be provided. Sandra Groves went over the committees and responsibilities. A great deal of work has been done to prepare the House for this event. Thank you to all!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandra Groves presented the President's Report for 2020-2021. She reported on all our activities as The Woman's Club of Olympia during this time. We can be proud of the impact we have had on our club and our community during the COVID pandemic. We look forward to building on this foundation as things open up. What a great year! Thank you to all members for your participation.

GRANT PROJECT VIDEO

Sandra Groves recorded a video showing the work completed during our grant projects. She compiled pictures of before and after the projects, and set this to music. We all enjoyed seeing the presentation. This video will be showing throughout the ribbon cutting ceremony and events for all guests to see the scope of this grant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cindy Bassage invited us all to come to the Peninsula District picnic on July 15 at noon. This will be held at the home of Dorothy Crowder. Please RSVP to Cindy.

50/50 Raffle: The winner received \$31.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!! Planning is underway!



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MEMBERSHIP				
FUNDRAISING				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECTS Domestic violence awareness & prevention				