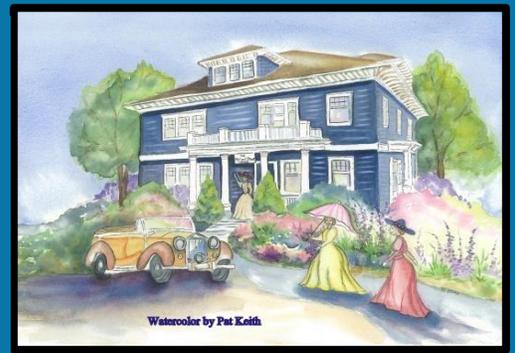




The Woman's Club of Olympia

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Take a look at our updated website for the Club at www.womansclubofolympia.org. I spent a lot of time making updates since our host (Google) changed their requirements and we had to update to a new format. After lots of swear words, and frustration, we now have it up and running. Click on all the different pages to see what we have done. All of the newsletters are also available on the site. Brittany Svach, our Reservations Coordinator has been working on the Abigail Stuart site for rental information and our Facebook page. We are also starting to get inquiries for events, weddings, etc., so the near future is looking up!!

Sandra Groves, President

NEW MEMBER INITIATED

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan was initiated into The Woman's Club of Olympia at the May 4, 2021 meeting. Linda brings a wealth of experience with her and is an active member of other organizations within the community. Welcome to Linda and we look forward to having you participate with us in future events, meetings and volunteer opportunities!

We have also received an application from another prospective new member and we expect her to be initiated in June.



PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

June 1, 2021 at NOON

IN PERSON

Program - Scholarships
Lunch will be provided

Evening Meeting:

June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

IN PERSON

Planning Meeting

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

HOUSE REPORT – By Mary Siddell

We have a new custodian! Mia Myette. Her business is "Maid It Right". Mia is available to work evenings following any rentals. We hope you will have a chance to meet her soon. I wish to thank Brittany Svach, our reservations coordinator, for all the extra work she has put in to making our clubhouse ready for events. New keypad locks have been installed on the front door, the dance studio and the upstairs kitchen. This will eliminate the need to give keys to renters. Brittany can control these locks on her cell phone, so our venue is ready for renters. We have a second estimate coming in for repairs on the upstairs porch outside the dance studio. Our grant projects continue.

CELEBRATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS – Mary Siddell

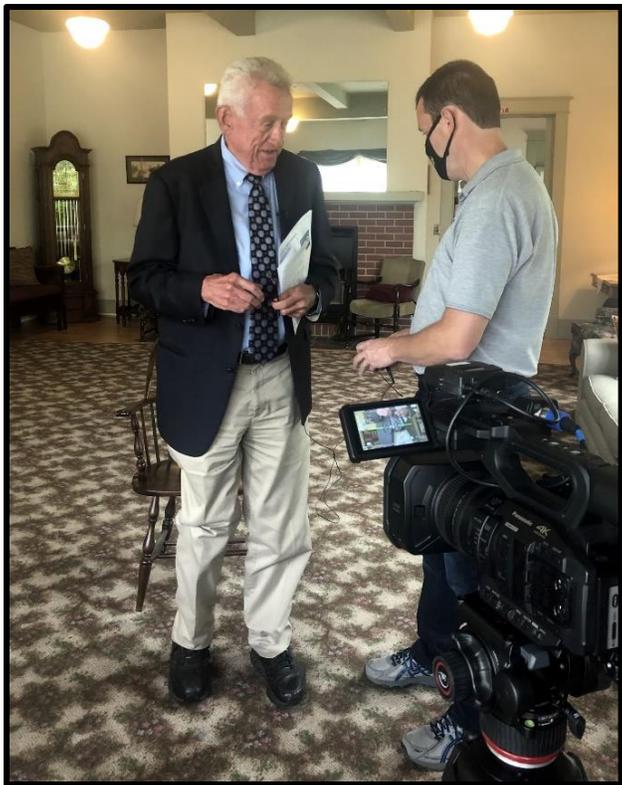
On June 1st at 12:00 noon, WCO members will welcome our 2020 scholarship recipients at our General Meeting. Lunch will be served. Our award winners will be introduced and each will tell us about future educational plans. This is always a celebration. We will follow recommendations for COVID. Lunch items will be purchased, not made by members. Sandy Peltola has offered her talents for decorating. If COVID restrictions change, we will send out an email with a change in plans. Please watch for this. Please RSVP for the luncheon to Mary Siddell by calling or text 360 790 8855 or email msiddell@comcast.net. We hope to see you at the meeting

EVENING MEETING PLANNING FOR COMING YEAR- Jennifer Minich

The June evening WCO club will meet in person at the clubhouse on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. The group will be planning September-June 2022's schedule, choose a theme if we can and choose a charitable focus if we can. We will also be discussing the specifics about going up to Federation Forest for an enjoyable day out and a clean-up party. We will also be picking up our summer reading books at the meeting.

READ YOUR BYLAWS.....- Sandra Groves

Last month I was checking the Bylaws for another topic and realized that each Committee Chairperson is supposed to submit a yearly report at the May meeting as to what their committee did over the past year. At the May meeting, I brought this up and asked that the Chairpersons provide a short written paragraph or 2 about their committee's accomplishments. I have received the Membership Committee's report, but no others. As President, I am obligated to provide a report at the June meeting, since it is our last meeting of the year and I would like to have your reports ahead of the meeting. You can send to me via email and I will incorporate your report into my end of year report. Thank you.



"MY FAVORITE PLACES" DOCUMENTARY FEATURES WCO

Local television station, TVW, is featuring the Woman's Club of Olympia and the Abigail Stuart house in a documentary with former Secretary of State, Ralph Munro. Mr. Munro hosts a series of documentaries of his "Favorite Places" and he chose our building as one of his favorites. Three cameramen photographed the house on May 17th and Ralph Munro joined them talking about the house, its history and some of his times visiting the clubhouse. We are honored and look forward to seeing the finished documentary later this summer.

TVW cameraman "mikes" up Ralph Munro for presentation on documentary of The Woman's Club of Olympia and The Abigail Stuart House.

RIBBON CUTTING / GRAND REOPENING

The Grand Reopening of the Abigail Stuart House and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony being planned is well underway. **The date has been changed to June 21st at 2:00 p.m.**

The date change was necessary to allow Senator Sam Hunt to be available for cutting the ribbon. The invitations are ready and the committee is addressing printing of programs, brochures and planning the event. We hope for 100% (or close to it) participation by WCO members. We will have a photographer on site and plan to take a group photo on the porch. Please plan to attend. If you volunteered for food and snacks, you will be contacted closer to the event date. If you signed up to be a hostess or want to help out with conducting tours of the house, be ready to sign up at the June meeting. We will prepare a short script to those who will meet and tour the guests so you have the information on the house and its history at your fingertips. This event will be a success with your help and it will go down in history as one of our great accomplishments.



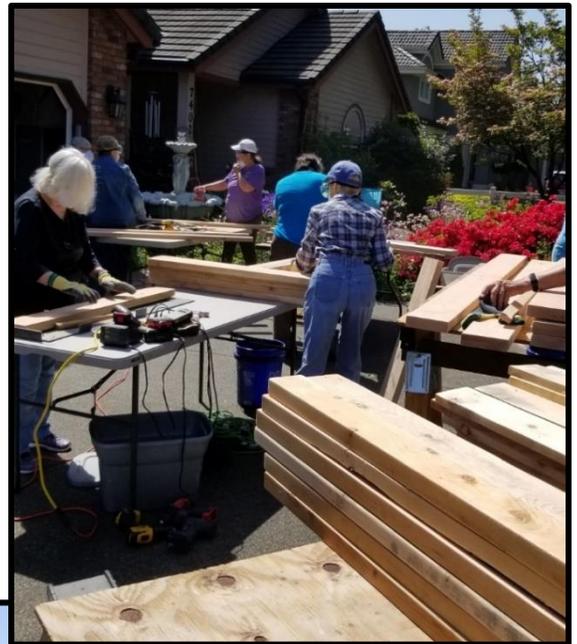
BUILD A BED WORKSHOP A SUCCESS!! – Jennifer Minich and Linda Wolfe

On May 15, 2021, instead of holding the regular evening meeting, the evening group of the Woman's Club of Olympia group hosted a work party to build beds for children to not sleep on the floor in our community. Twelve people plus Keith Neeley from Sleep in Heavenly Peace participated -- Linda Malanchuk-Finnan, Jennifer Minich, and Susan Herring were in attendance from the evening group along with evening group guest Eleanor "Pat" Vernon. Other members helping out were Linda and Mike Wolfe, Anna McKinney, Gail Crump, Avalon Club's Marilee Massari, Ellen Wagner, Peninsula District President, Cindy Bassage and her husband Ron.

Keith, from Build a Bed, came with lumber, tools, and stain to make 6 beds. We sanded and pounded. We drilled and stained. We laughed and chatted and had pizza and snacks. We were cleaned up and everything loaded back on the truck by 2:00 pm. Tired but happy, our group felt good knowing that a few more kids won't sleep on the floor tonight! If you'd still like to help, you can donate sheets, pillows, or blankets for twin sized beds.

Participant statements overheard: "A definite rah rah rah" "Thank you for your hard work and comradery All. It was a very good day and well organized". "It turned out to be a great day." "Appreciate all the support for making the project a huge success."

A huge thank you goes out to the snack and lunch crew, Cindy Bassage, Linda Wolfe, and Jennifer Minich; and to Keith for being such a willing teacher and leader for the work party and his story – the journey from working in the trades to this nonprofit – was compelling. Thank you also to members of the Peninsula District, Avalon club, and Olympia's club's day and evening meeting groups for joining in this work party. Thank you to Mike and Linda allowing your home as the location.





MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING May 4, 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. Thirteen members attended in person and five attended virtually.

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on April 6, 2021 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet as of April 15, 2021 were presented and accepted. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

We have a new custodian, Mia, who is available to clean after each of our rentals. We had an estimate for the repairs of our balcony above the front door. It was for over \$26,000. We agreed to seek more bids for this project.

GRANT FUNDS

We have \$25,254.48 in grant funds left to spend. We have two projects pending, the rewiring of our lights on the main floor and the balcony repair. All other projects are paid for and reimbursed by the state.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Thursday, June 10, we will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the reopening of our beautiful Abigail Stuart House after COVID restrictions and remodeling. Sam Hunt has agreed to cut the ribbon. Representative Beth Doglio and Representative Laurie Dolan were very instrumental in helping get the grant. They will also be invited. A sign-up sheet of committees for this event was passed around. Sandra encouraged us all to participate in this event.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION

Pat Keith initiated our new member, Linda Malanchuk-Finnan. She introduced herself and we all greeted her following the ceremony. Linda will be a welcome member. She has many interests and talents to share with us.

PENINSULA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sandra Groves presented us with the certificates we received from the Peninsula District Conference. We received awards in Arts & Culture and Women's History. Dodi Saeger was awarded an ESO pin for completing over 40 book reports.

PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

Committee Chairs, please email a short paragraph to Sandra Groves so she can prepare a report in June about our accomplishments as a club. This requirement is part of our by-laws.

Sandra appointed an Audit Committee for our books. We audit them every year at this time. Cindy Bassage and Ellen Wagner volunteered.

PROGRAM

The program for this meeting was presented by Pat Keith and Linda Wolfe. The theme was Recruiting and Retaining Membership. Our club began in 1883. The goal was to improve the lives of women and serve the community. We are nonprofit, nondenominational and nonpartisan. It is very important that we provide feedback about how the club is working, how can we do better and how can we better meet the needs of our community and our members. There will be a survey available for you to share your thoughts. Please participate. We need your input.

ALL KIDS WIN

Linda Wolfe invited us all to attend a food bagging party on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 at the Columbia Bank in Lacey, to prepare food bags for schools.

BUILD A BED WORKSHOP

On May 15, a Build a Bed workshop will be held at Linda Wolfe's house from 9 – 2. Please consider attending. You may register with Linda. All materials will be provided.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

All donated items have been delivered to Foster Care Services.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Anna McKinney encouraged us to be mentors to children who are struggling during COVID with their studies. Our ESO Book Club met in April with 5 attendees. We reported on many books as this is our first meeting this year. Our next ESO book club meeting will be held on May 24 at 1:30 at the clubhouse.

ENVIRONMENT

Please remember to report your hours for planting and gardening to Mary Siddell. Thank you to Linda Wolfe for the delightful daffodil and tulip bulbs which are blooming beautifully in our gardens.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Carol Valley has taken all of our sock donations and will deliver them to our contact at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

HOSPITALITY

Pat Keith asked us to contact her if we know of anyone needing cards and well wishes. Dody Saeger expressed her appreciation for all the kindnesses given to her during her recent health issues. Sandra Groves will send our thoughts to Ben, our painter, expressing our condolences following the death of his brother.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Luellen Charneski is finding options for getting our historical photos digitized. She is pursuing grant opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

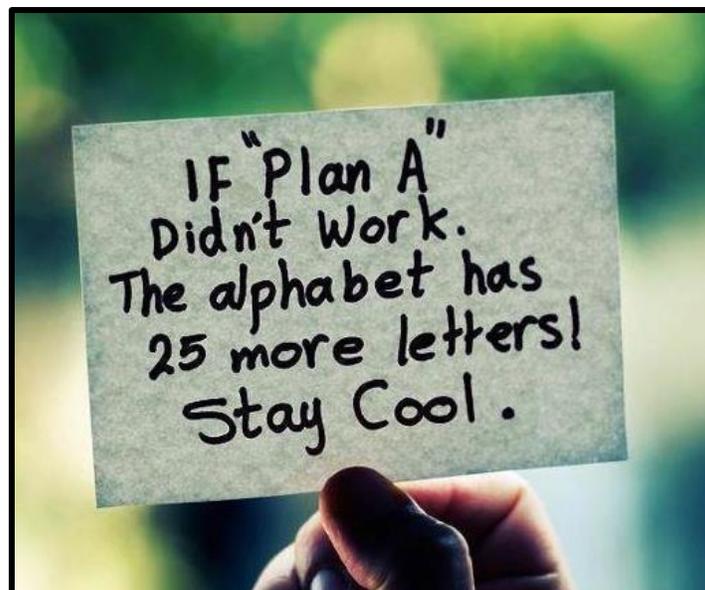
Our first place scholarship recipient, Keyona Tartt, will be attending Brown University. She is unable to accept our scholarship award. Heer Patel will now receive \$3,000, Allison Holder will receive \$2,000, and Rebecca Walker, our alternate, will receive \$1,000. Our scholarship winners will be invited to a luncheon at our June 1 meeting to honor them and introduce them to our members. We will decide by May 25 if this luncheon will be allowed or cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Please consider attending the Federation Forest Clean-up Day which will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 10 – 2.

50/50 Raffle was held. Linda provided flower bouquets for more winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary.

Something I ran across this week.....



Community Service Volunteer Hours and Contributions

Member Name _____

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

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$ DONATED	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				