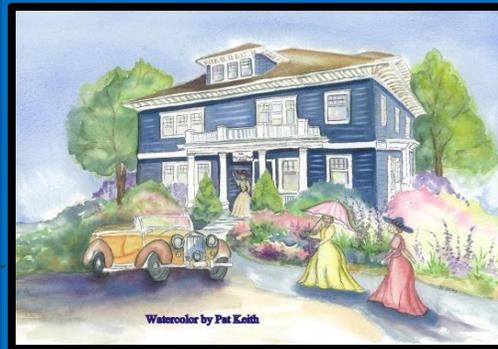


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, this is my last message to you as President of The Woman's Club of Olympia! The past 2 years have been an experience to say the very least. A pandemic started it, having to learn to use Zoom to hold meetings, hiring and working with contractors to get the renovations done to the house while maintaining order and keeping on schedule, plus all the paperwork involved with the State grant process! It was all accomplished and the house looks fantastic.

I had a lot of fun things planned when I was elected and many of those plans were thwarted because we could not meet in person and gatherings were not sanctioned. It's hard to do community service volunteering when under a lockdown! I focused a lot of my attention on the house and organizing it after the remodeling projects were done.

We weren't able to rent the house for almost 2 years, but we hired a Reservations Coordinator who hit the ground running and she has done a wonderful job of marketing the Abigail Stuart House. We have consistent rentals now which is bringing in lost income to pay the bills!

I appreciate you all giving me the opportunity to serve as your leader and I leave you in good hands and only regret that we were not able to be together in person for most of my term.

Sandra Groves, President
The Woman's Club of Olympia

We have 489 pairs of socks toward goal of 500!

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

May 3, 2022 at noon
Program: Luau and Installation
of New Officers

Evening Meeting:

Via Zoom Only

No Regular Meeting:
Attend May 21 All Kids Win
Bagging Party at Columbia
Bank – Woodland Square-
Lacey

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



**PARKING LOT
SALE**

MAY 14TH PARKING LOT SALE PLANNED

The garage sale is still being planned for **May 14th** (unless it snows or is below freezing!!!) between **9 a.m. and 3 p.m.** We plan a work party to get ready on **Friday the 13th** beginning at **10 a.m.** and bring a brown bag lunch to join us as we get organized. If you have stuff to donate, please bring it to the house on Friday and stay to help if you can. We need to price items so if you can price them before donating them, please do so.



The May meeting will be our annual Luau Celebration.

Wear your "paradise wear" and attend the luau for lunch (our first in-person meal in a year!). Linda Wolfe and Pat Keith are making plans for the event.

We always have fun at this event so plan to be there!!!

Please bring canned goods (1 or many) to the May meeting.

We want to collect them regularly and donate them to the Thurston County Food Bank.

Installation of New Officers

Your newly elected officers will be installed at the May meeting. Martha Curwen from the Tacoma Woman's Club will officiate the installation.

ESO BOOK CLUB INSTALLS OUTDOOR LENDING LIBRARY

Our active little book club wanted an outdoor lending library. Dave Groves built the library using recycled materials, Sandra decorated and painted it, and it was finally installed on April 17, 2022.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Anna McKinney

During the month of May, dedicate a half hour each day to reading and call it "Get Caught Reading". Also, May 2-8 is Children's National Book Week, which is the longest running National literacy initiative in our country. It was established in 1919. Our Book Club meets the 4th Monday of each month. We welcome all to join.



WOMAN'S CLUB ON NATIONAL VOTES FOR WOMEN TRAIL



During the last 2 years, Sandra Groves worked with Shanna Stevenson, the Pomeroy Foundation and the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites to apply for a sign recognizing the contribution of some of our founding members to the suffrage movement. Our sign was installed on April 15, 2022.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, a private, grant making foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history and helping people to celebrate their community's history. They meet this mission by providing grants to obtain signage in the form of roadside markers and plaques. The

Foundation partnered with the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites to launch an historic marker program commemorating the history of women's suffrage in the U.S.

Historic markers awarded through the partnership have become part of the National Votes for Women Trail, which is run through the NCWHS and documents the campaign for women's suffrage that took place over more than seven decades and was conducted in parlors, churches, town halls, parks, union halls, and other community locations. The Trail consists of two parts: 1) a database with digital map and 2) a program of historical markers for about 250 women's suffrage sites across the country, funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the federal Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

In partnership with The William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the federal Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, the National Votes for Women Trail also promotes a program of historical markers to commemorate the people, places, and events important to passage of the Nineteenth amendment in 1920. These markers are based on extensive research in primary sources and represent the diversity of places, events, and people of the suffrage struggle. Each state has a coordinator who works with local people to research sites significant to the story of women's suffrage at the national or statewide level. Markers represent the geographic, ethnic, class, religious, and gender diversity of the suffrage movement in each state. All marker nominations must be approved by coordinators for each state, by the National Votes for Women Trail's scholarly advisory committee, and by the Pomeroy Foundation.

Several of the early members of The Woman's Club of Olympia were involved in the suffrage movement in Washington State and the Club has secured a place on the National Votes for Women Trail and has installed their historical marker in front of the Abigail Stuart House, clubhouse for the Club.

Anchoring the story of women's suffrage in specific historic sites brings to life the enormous grassroots commitment all across this country to voting rights for women as citizens of the United States. By honoring the work of hundreds of thousands of participants in the movement for women's suffrage, this project shows how social change happens through citizen action and inspires future generations to treasure their right to vote.



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

April 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by President Sandra Groves followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Collect by members. Fourteen members attended the meeting with 3 guests.

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on March 1, 2022 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A statement of activity from February 15, 2022 to April 5, 2022, and a Statement of Financial Position as of April 4, 2022 were presented and accepted. Sandra Groves reported that our total net revenue was \$342.95. The total assets were \$169,014.62. Our cookbook sales total over \$700.00. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

REPORTS DUE IN MAY

President Sandra Groves reminded Committee Chairs that reports of their committee activities for 2021-22 are due in May. Please submit them to Sandra.

PENINSULA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Peninsula District Conference was held on March 26 at the Rainier Sportsman Club. WCO received awards for the following: Membership, Women's History, Education and Libraries and Leadership. Linda Malanchuk-Finnan was awarded the New Club Woman of the Year. Anna McKinney will represent Washington State as our LEADS candidate. She will attend the GFWC National convention on June 25-28 in New Orleans.

GUESTS

Anca Booth was introduced. She is a teacher and mother of young children. Anca is interested in joining WCO. Nancy Crawford and our guest speaker, Rob Pudman, also attended today's meeting.

PROGRAM: ROB PUDMAN FROM THURSTON COUNTY RECYCLE EDUCATION

Rob presented a very informative program on recycling in Thurston County. Since recycling is a strong focus of WCO members, this topic was extremely helpful in giving us an overview of how recycling works and why it is important. In order to recycle, there must be a market for it. Rob explained why glass is so difficult to recycle, and why Lemay collects it in separate bins. We received printed information on what to recycle and we were given websites for guiding us in our recycling practices. Questions were answered about where to recycle batteries, the plastic bag ban, and how to recycle plastics, paint, and hazardous materials.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-2024

President Sandra Groves presided over the election of officers for The Woman's Club of Olympia for the 2022-24 term of office. Candidates were presented. No nominations were made from the floor.

A motion was made by Linda Malanchuk-Finnan to elect Irene Lewis as Secretary. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Linda Wolfe to elect Anna McKinney as Treasurer of WCO. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Luellen Charneski to elect Katrina Wynkoop Simmons as Vice-President of WCO. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Luellen Charneski to elect Linda Wolfe as President of WCO. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Linda Wolfe to elect Sandra Groves as House Chair of WCO. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Linda Wolfe to elect Luellen Charneski as Librarian of WCO. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Linda Wolfe to nominate Pat Booth and Susan Herring for membership of the Scholarship Committee of WCO. The motion passed.

PAWS 4 A CAUSE and RELAY FOR LIFE

Susan Herring talked to us about sponsoring a booth at the Paws 4 a Cause and Relay For Life event being held on April 30 in Olympia. This year, Paws 4 a Cause is an added element to this event, supporting animals that have cancer. Basically, it is people helping pets and pets helping people. The Olympia Veterinary Services is a partner. Their vets are cancer specialists. The walk will be around Capitol Lake. Pets and people are welcome to walk.

Participants are asked to pay \$25. Vendor space will be available and Susan is asking if The Woman's Club of Olympia would be interested in sponsoring a booth at the walk site. Because we do not have this in our budget, Sandra Groves offered to donate the \$100.00 set aside to help her with convention fees, to go towards the booth fee. Linda Wolfe made a motion for us to pay \$100.00 to Paws 4 a Cause for sponsorship of this event. The motion passed. The Evening Group offered to man the booth. See olypaws4acause.com for the newsletter to read more about this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ENVIRONMENT

Linda Wolfe reminded us to keep track of the hours and dollars we spend on recycling. In addition, remember to report on gardening and exercise. All our tulips and daffodils are in bloom from our bulb project this fall. What beautiful color!

ARTS AND CULTURE

Dani Lewis will purchase tickets for WCO members and guests for the performance of Swan Lake at the Washington Center of the Performing Arts on May 8 at 2 p.m. Please notify her if you would like tickets.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Our Pomeroy Marker has been delivered and is ready for installation. Mary Siddell will have the underground pipes, cables and lines marked in the front garden to prepare for this. A new WACOP sign is needed in our parking lot so Mary will arrange that with Fast Signs in Lacey. Our cleaner, Mia, volunteered to put felt on the bottom of our chairs to protect our floors from scratches. Mia cleans the clubhouse each week. We have researched the purchase of paper towel dispensers to replace ours when they break. Recently, we have had some trouble with them.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We are collecting diapers for our Diaper Drive. Gail Crump thanked everyone who brought diapers and wipes to the meeting. They will be donated to agencies who will distribute them to people needing them.

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

This is National Library Week. Remember to visit your libraries. April is a great month for reading because of all the rainy days. Enjoy time with a good book. The ESO book club meeting will be held on Monday, April 25 at 1:30 at the clubhouse. Please come. Our new Lending Library has been built by Dave Groves and it is ready to be installed. Thank you Dave!

FUNDRAISING

Cookbooks are selling fast. We will sell them at our open house on April 21st. We have a garage sale scheduled on May 14 in our parking lot. Remember to collect items to sell.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We have collected 470 socks for The Little Red School House. We are close to our goal of 500 pairs.

LIBRARIAN

Luellen Charneski has a new committee member, Pat Booth. The Pomeroy Marker is finally delivered and ready to install in our front garden. Luellen spoke about our founding members through ZOOM to the American Association of University Women. It was a fun and interesting discussion.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Keith encouraged us to invite new members to our club. She reminded committee chairs to contact our new members to encourage participation. Linda Wolfe and Pat are collaborating on developing an orientation program for both new and current members. Pat is also interested in WCO interacting with other civic groups to work together on projects that help the community. She proposed inviting other GFWC groups to an informal tea or get together to collaborate on activities.

REMEMBRANCE

Our friend Dorothy Crowder passed away from cancer. Pat will send our condolences and support to her family. Pat would like to know if there is anyone who needs our well wishes and support so please keep Pat informed.

RESERVATIONS

Anna McKinney reported that she has an average of 2 – 6 showings of our clubhouse for rentals a week. There are 3 rentals scheduled in April.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We nominated our first place scholarship winner, Caroline Jenkins, for a scholarship award from GFWC-WS. The winners will be announced at the Spring Convention.

EVENING GROUP

On April 13 at 7:00, the Evening Group is sponsoring a speaker at their monthly meeting, Dr. Danica Anderson, Program Director of the International KOLO. The KOLO: WCCC has over two decades of informed trauma work, war crimes/war of violence against women and children in Afghanistan, Africa, Bosnia/Hercegovina, Haiti, India, to Sri Lanka and now Ukraine. Please join them. Please support Paws for a Cause and Relay for Life. Contributions or participation in the walk are welcome. See the newsletter for more information.

ALL KIDS WIN

Please consider participation in ALL KIDS WIN by volunteering the first Wednesday of each month to pack food bags to be distributed to all Thurston County schools for children needing support. Meet at the Columbia Bank in Lacey from 1-3. Your help is appreciated.

OPEN HOUSE

WCO has invited participants at the GFWC-WS Convention to tour our clubhouse on Thursday, April 21st from 1-4. We will provide tea service and refreshments. Please plan to attend and greet our guests.

50/50 Raffle: Luellen Charneski won \$17.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary.

OLYMPIA WOMEN'S CLUB EVENING MEETING

April 13, 2022

Dr. Danica Borkovich Anderson, founder and director of The Kolo: Women's Cross Cultural Collaboration (The Kolo: WCCC) was our speaker on Wednesday evening. The Kolo:WCCCC focuses on intersecting women's collaboration and representing and advocating for social justice to halt violence against women internationally and nationally. They also promote and provide women's trauma counseling, treatment and train the trainer of lay persons with a feminist perspective coupled with cross cultural practices that enable women in war torn regions, such as Africa (Sub-Sahara), Afghanistan, Bosnia, India and Sri Lanka to become self-sustainable in their communities. Dr. Danica Anderson is also a UNESCO education and science member. Danica shared with us many of her experiences and the stories of her work throughout the world. Thank you Danica for your important work.

We discussed the following events: The GFWC Convention here in Olympia April 21 – 24. Volunteers are needed for the open house on April 21. We're hosting a table at the Paws for a Cause event on April 30. Table set up begins at 9. The Civic Engagement committee is still taking donations of diapers. Drop them by the house before the end of April. Donations are also being accepted for the Garage Sale on May 14.

Our meeting in May is an All Kids Win work party on May 21. More information will be forthcoming. June's meeting is being hosted by Lisa Smith.

Submitted by Darcy Huffman

Dues are due at the May meeting and are still only \$40 for the year.

DIAPERS COLLECTED DISTRIBUTED

A huge thank you is extended to members of both the daytime and evening group for the donation of diapers in April. We collected 1,479 diapers, a package of pull ups and a package of wipes. They were donated to Dry Tikes & Wet Wipes, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based around Olympia, designed to supplement the diaper needs of low income families. Dry Tikes partners with Family Education and Support Services to distribute the diapers. We are happy to be able to assist them in their efforts and look forward to a long partnership.



GFWC WASHINGTON STATE CONFERENCE – Sandra Groves

Awards won by The Woman's Club of Olympia at State Conference

- Top ESO Book Club
- Legislation and Public Policy
- Communications & Public Relations
- Women's History
- Leadership
- Civic Engagement/Outreach (2nd Place)
- Arts and Culture
- The Charlotte Gyllenberg Award for our remodeling project
- Margo Anderson, Mary Siddell, Dody Saeger and Sandra Groves won certificates for ESO Book Reading
- **Our Scholarship Winner, Caroline Jenkins, took 2nd place and will be awarded \$3,000 from the State**

Way To Go!

HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

Our beautiful clubhouse is in great shape as we enter the sunny season. We have accomplished so much because of the state grant. Only a few projects need our attention. We have finalized the details for the WACOP sign for the parking lot. We will be in contact with the contractor to repair our outside porches and complete the painting. Walt Bowen visits often and looks over the tech equipment, keeping it in good order. Sandra and Anna solved the ZOOM mystery. They disconnected the old modem and now ZOOM is back in commission at the clubhouse. Rentals are coming in all the time. We have a lot of interest in our venue. Enjoy our historic clubhouse. It is a gem. Without you, our club members, we would not be able to continue this legacy. Thank you to everyone.

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				