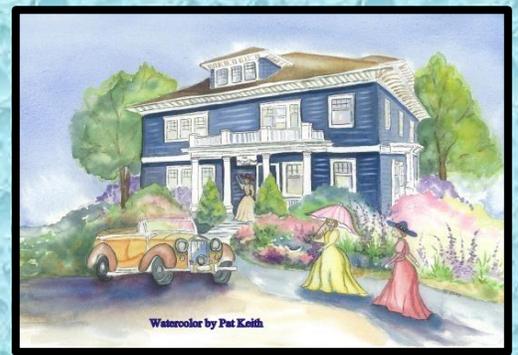


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it is now almost 2021 and as we hope for a different year this year, we are still under restrictions to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We will have our January meeting via Zoom, so please plan to attend. We have fun on the Zoom and it is easy and fun to participate. With the new year, we look forward to the vaccine which will make it possible to come out of the dark and back into the world as we once knew it. The Woman's Club is looking forward to being able to rent the house again and there are some exciting changes coming on that front.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year's and keep up the good fight so we can get together soon (in person)!

Sandra Groves, President

New Reservations Coordinator

Brittney Svach is beginning the job of Reservations Coordinator for the Abigail Stuart House. Brittney has an employment history in real estate, property management and event planning. She has plans to prepare a marketing plan while branding the house and name so the two are synonymous while she begins work on the website, Facebook and will be showing the house to prospective clients. Ideas for new uses for the house, innovative new approaches and great enthusiasm all come together for a bright future for more rentals for us. We welcome Brittney and look forward to her ideas being put into practice.



PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership
January 5, 2020 at NOON
Program – Fundraising

Evening Meeting
January 13, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**BOTH MEETINGS WILL
BE CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM**

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

ESO GROUP MEETING

For the time being and until the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted, the ESO Book Club will not be meeting. We keep reading and keep reporting our hours though. You too can participate and join us by reading books and reporting on them. Contact Sandra Groves if you want to join. It only costs \$1.00 to join!!

HOUSE REPORT – By Mary Siddell

Sandra has paid all our bills and tracked all our data. She reports that we have \$34,242 left in the grant funds for use in refurbishing our clubhouse. We have brainstormed future projects and are collecting estimates for completing them. Here are some considerations: We would like to put in a security system so that we have cameras around the building to monitor what goes on while the building is empty. Ring was suggested and we are looking into that. Sunset Air has a solution for getting hot water into the kitchen quickly and many members feel that is important. We have spoken with Reliable Electric about updating the electrical fixtures on the ceiling of our parlor and meeting room. Our upstairs porch needs some repair. There is rotting wood visible. We would like to choose just the right shades for our new windows in the meeting room, and a committee is working on that. Other projects in consideration are to repaint the parlor on the main floor, put air conditioning in the meeting room, and put a shut off valve on our outside faucet. I appreciate the hard work of the House Committee who enthusiastically research these projects and make it happen. Thank you!

REPORTING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Remember to send me your volunteer hours and costs. I will be checking with you as I write reports, so thank you in advance for your patience and help. I am so proud of the work you do for our community. I see the impact first hand when I write this all up.

HEARTSPARKLE PLAYER ZOOM PROGRAM – Fran Beard

“Reclaiming the Land, Reclaiming Ourselves” will be presented in collaboration with Haki Farmers Collective who seek to bolster and uplift Black, Indigenous and People of Color to reclaim sustainable farming practices and traditional medicine creation.

Friday, January 8th and Saturday, January 16th at 7:00 pm

Donations accepted (no one will be turned away)

Visit [Heartsparkle Players Online Playback Theater](#) to register.



COLLECTING ITEMS FOR FUNDRAISING – Sandra Groves

I will be accepting donations for the fundraiser until December 31st. If you have items, please contact me before that date to meet me at the house to add yours to all the other stuff we have!

The delivery date is January 9th at 8:45 a.m. My plan to use a truck donated by Luellen and Jack Charneski's business, has gone by the wayside and their truck will not be available to us. I will need to rent a truck and get the stuff into the truck the night before and then deliver in the morning of the 9th.



If you are interested in helping me sort and bag the items collected, I plan to be at the house to do that on Wednesday, January 6th and Thursday, January 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I hope some people show up to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

FLOWER BULBS PLANTED

Sandra and Dave Groves planted the leftover flower bulbs (about 50) in the garden lining the parking lot at the Abigail Stuart House. After planting, the rains came in and drenched them. Upon visiting the house a couple of days later, it appears the squirrels have enjoyed lunching on the bulbs. Sandra then replanted some of them and we shall see what is left this spring when they shoot through the soil!!!!



OLYMPIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETING

OHS will hold its virtual Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 1:30 pm

Program:

The program will highlight the 90th anniversary of the Thurston County Courthouse, built in 1930. A distinguished panel will discuss the history of the courthouse from a first-hand perspective along with the successful efforts to preserve the building.



Thurston County Courthouse 1930,

Vibert Jeffers Photo, Susan Parish Photo Collection, State Archives

If you wish to attend the program, e-mail olyhistory@gmail.com by January 21 at 5:00 pm to receive the meeting link.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING November 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Sandra Groves followed by a reading of the Collect by Luellen Charneski. Fourteen members attended virtually.

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on November 3, 2020 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandra Groves presented us with the profit and loss statement from October 20 – November 17 for the Club and House. We also received the Balance Sheet as of November 17, 2020. Our telephone bill reflects 3 months of overdue charges which have been paid. Our Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. A wedding was held at the clubhouse last week. The wedding party left our space immaculate. A second scheduled wedding was cancelled. The AA group will continue to meet twice weekly. They will use our TV for Zoom meetings during COVID restrictions. Our dance group will be on hold until restrictions are lifted.

THURSTON STRONG GRANT

Under the Federal Cares Act, we received \$10,000 which was deposited to our House Account to pay our bills. We qualified for this grant because we are a nonprofit and we have lost income due to COVID restrictions. Sandra Groves applied for this grant on our behalf.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Chair, Pat Keith, initiated a new member to The Woman's Club of Olympia. Fran Beard is joining us today and will participate in the Evening Group. Because we were meeting virtually, we were unable to present Fran with the traditional red rose and the GFWC pin. We also were unable to have Fran sign our Register of Members that dates back to 1883. All this will happen once we meet again in person. Pat administered the Oath of Membership and we welcomed Fran to WCO. Pat explained that she and Linda Wolfe are planning to initiate a mentor program for new members. In the meantime, new members may contact Linda Wolfe if you have any questions about our projects or club practices.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Dani Lewis and Luellen Charneski surprised each member with a little bag of goodness, full of treats and fun. These bags were hand delivered by elves to our homes. Our program today centered on these bags which contained a box of crayons, a Christmas card to color, and many yummy treats. Each member displayed their coloring creation in front of the zoom camera. We all shared a laugh and a virtual hug and thanked our elves for such a fun treat. Dani announced that she is sending out letters to the art teachers at all Thurston County High Schools to see if an art contest is possible for this unusual year. Her responses will help us decide if we will hold the contest and if we will submit entries to the GFWC art contest. .

FUNDRAISING

Sandra Groves reminded us to continue to collect clothing and household goods for our Value Village fundraising event. Please encourage friends and family to participate in donating items to us through December 30. Items can be stored at the clubhouse. Please consider volunteering in early January to sort and bag the contributions for delivery to Value Village. A truck will be available for transportation. We receive money by the pound from Value Village, but all items must arrive in one load.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Gail Crump is presenting the program for February. She hopes to arrange a speaker from Fisher House.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Anna McKinney has organized and updated the book selections in our lending library. All are encouraged to share books from this library located in the first floor hallway.

ENVIRONMENT

Please plant the bulbs that Linda Wolfe donated to beautify our spring gardens and help our bees and butterflies do their jobs. They can go in pots or in the ground. Any leftover bulbs will be planted in the garden outside our new windows. Don't forget to report your hours for planting.

HOSPITALITY AND REMEMBRANCE

Pat Keith sent a card to Dody Saeger to wish her good thoughts as she gets better from her recent illness. Mary Siddell will meet up with Dody and pick up the supplies she used for the Remembrance Committee and deliver them to the clubhouse.

HOUSE REPORT

We have about \$30,000 left to spend for our state grant so it is time to identify projects that will best use these funds. Please contact Mary Siddell if you have projects to suggest. The Board will decide how to go about this final phase in the grant when we meet this month.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Luellen Charneski said that we received quite a few documents about women's suffrage that documented the role our founding members played in this movement. Luellen will present a program in March highlighting this information. Sandra Groves reported that we are in the final stages of approval for a sign that recognizes our founders as integral members in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mary Siddell recently received an email from an interested applicant for our scholarships asking for clarification of the requirements this year. We are happy that the information is being given to interested students at the high schools. Applications are due on January 11.

TEA COMMITTEE

Anita Quintana thanked Pat Keith for donating a new coffee pot to WCO.

FAMILY IN NEED

In the newsletter, Fran Beard asked us to consider donating items to families in need for Christmas. She is organizing this and will accept donations in the form of toys, clothing or gift cards. Please read the article in the December Newsletter and consider donating. Target or Walmart gift cards provide good value to the families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting -- December 15 at 10:30 Next General Meeting will be held on January 5, 2020 at 12:00. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary

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				