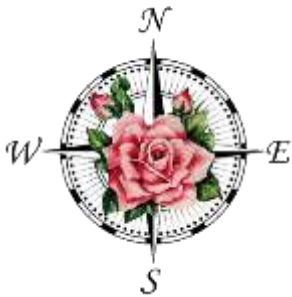


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had 5 guests at our September meeting, one was initiated as a new member and another is joining in October! We are working toward not being the "best kept secret" in Olympia!

You are again challenged to invite and bring an interested person who may want to check out our club. This is a great opportunity for them to see who we are. **If you invite and bring someone, your name will be entered into a drawing for a great basket of goodies.** I have been informed that there will be more guests in October so keep up the good work!



Sandra Groves, President

PERIOD DAY COLLECTION

October 12th from 10 to noon, the Evening Group will be having a feminine hygiene product drive on the front porch. Collected items will be distributed to organizations who will then provide them to in need. Bring your items to the October meeting if you cannot attend Saturday, the 12th. This event has always been a success so please participate.

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

October 1, 2024 - Noon
Olympia Police Presentation

Evening Group

No meeting in October

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DO YOU READ?

If you like to read, whether books or digital books, you are invited to join the ESO Book Club at The Woman's Club of Olympia. We meet the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and we discuss the books we are currently reading, have finished, and get ideas for books to read in the future. We always have refreshments and fun. If you are looking for a social time with other club members, consider joining us. You won't be disappointed.



RECYCLING UPDATES – Anna McKinney



PLASTIC: We are still collecting the plastic (however, everyone will need to inform Anna if you drop off plastic at the house and where you put it when you left it).

MEDICINE BOTTLES: Recycling of the medicine bottles will start up again in September and continue until June. Bring your bottles without labels to the meeting.

POP TABS and BREAD TAGS: Pop tabs and plastic bread tags will be collected year round at our regular meetings.

EYE GLASSES: If you have old or unwanted eyeglasses, please bring them to meetings and they will be given to the Lions Club as part of their eyeglass collection project.

REPORTING HOURS

Don't forget to record your volunteer hours using the form at the end of this newsletter. If you do not want to use the form, then please just send your hours to Mary Siddell via email. She will compile all our efforts for reporting at the end of the year.

HERITAGE DAY EVENT and GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Thurston County Historic Commission is holding a Heritage Day Event on October 26, 2024 at the Thurston County Fairgrounds Heritage Hall. At previous Heritage Day events, groups have set up tables to display information about their achievements made possible in part by the Heritage Grant Program which is awarded yearly to applicants to support historical preservation projects. This year, The Woman's Club of Olympia is applying for a grant from this organization, so put this date on your calendar to attend and support the Commission.

The Woman's Club of Olympia has applied for grants from the Nisqually Tribe Foundation and the Thurston County Heritage Grant Foundation. We should get word in October as to the status of these applications. If we receive funds from these organizations, we shall paint the clubhouse in the spring.

If you have ideas or places to apply, please contact Sandra Groves.



We have our hand out for funding and it never hurts to ask!



- ❖ **Monthly Coffee Meet ups**
- ❖ **Bunco Games – October 9 at 11 am**
- ❖ **October 17th Open House**
- ❖ **October Meeting Program – Olympia Police Department**
- ❖ **November 9th Holiday Bazaar**
- ❖ **January Meeting Program – Legislature in Session**
- ❖ **March Meeting Program – Sock Hop**

If you have ideas for more fun, social time, field trips, etc., please contact any Board Member.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This year's Holiday Bazaar will be November 9th from 10 to 3 p.m. at the clubhouse. Table spaces for vendors are going quickly. We will need members to supply items for our famous bake sale and we will need help setting up, working the day of, and tearing down. Be prepared to sign up at the October and November meetings. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year so let's make it spectacular!



The Gull Harbor Art Fair will be held at the Woman's Club on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This event is also a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale of cupcakes and a portion of vendor proceeds go to a charity of choice and our members are encouraged to bake cupcakes for the event. Contact Nancy Broach for further information on baking.

WANT TO BE A PEN PAL AGAIN??

The Woman's Club of Olympia is reaching out to a 4th Grade Class at Griffin School to be pen pals with us over the next school year. If you want to participate, more information will be at the October meeting. It's always fun to write and receive these letters, so plan to sign up.





BUNCO GAMES TO RESUME!!!

You asked – We deliver!!! Bunco games will resume on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Abigail Stuart House. Fun, snacks and prizes!

OLYMPIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT PROGRAM



An officer of the Olympia Police Department will be presenting a program to us at the October meeting on staying safe in Olympia. Many people do not visit downtown because they feel unsafe. Here is your opportunity to find out about this topic and explore ways to improve this situation.

GIVE LOCAL ONLINE FUNDRAISING

The Woman's Club of Olympia will be participating again this year in the Community Foundation's Give Local online fundraising event in November. We will be asking everyone to help us get the word out by sharing the information with others. Funds are raised by public donations to nonprofit organizations in the community. This will our 3rd time doing this and each year more people become aware of us and what we do. We are currently working on our public-facing webpage to request donations.



NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

The Woman's Club of Olympia is participating in the GFWC National Day of Service by helping to stuff food bags at All Kids Win on **Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** All Kids Win is located in the Umpqua Bank Building behind Fred Meyer in Woodland Square off College Street. Just a couple of hours of your time will be a huge help. Show up and help!!!!

The Woman's Club of Olympia Invites You



to the Abigail Stuart House

**OPEN HOUSE & TOURS
OCTOBER 17, 2024 5 TO 7 P.M.**

COME SEE WHAT OUR VENUE CAN OFFER YOU



The Dance Studio



Upstairs 1940's Kitchen



Main Meeting Room

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Woman's Club of Olympia General Membership Meeting September 3, 2024

Meeting called to order @ 12:00 pm by Sandra Groves

21 in attendance

Guests- Anna brought Paige Porter
Linda Wolfe brought Martha

Minutes of last meeting adopted.

Treasurer report - Anna sent email yesterday with numbers. Board met and approved budget. Similar to last year. Moved and seconded. Approved with majority vote.

General business - Reservations for the house rental are slowly coming in. Discussion on how many have been made this year compared to last year. They are much lower.

- Make sure to get your yearly booklet review and make sure all information looks correct.
- Bunco starting back up. Friday September 13th.
- Club received a lovely thank you from Rio Slevin one of our scholarship recipients.
- Guest Paige is initiated and gave some information about herself.
- Refreshments @ 12:23
- Coffee Klatch- tentatively for Tuesday @ Left Bank bakery

Membership Chair- Sybil Goodkin gave a history of interesting facts about the Woman's Club. GFWC as of 2023 has 60,000 members over 23 states. Jane Cunningham Croly started the club in 1860's called Sorosis in NYC. By 1890 sign the first constitution of the women's club we know today. President Sandra Groves- presented a slide show. As members of the OWC you are also a member of GFWC. History of our club, and what some activities our club engages in. For example, we collect items for charities and recycling.

Sandra really wanted to recognize the longevity of our members. Created a Compass Award for all the current members showing their years of service/membership. Linda Wolf- 31 yrs, Anita Quintana- 27 yrs, Luellen Charneski-25 yrs, Dody Saeger-22 yrs, Dani Lewis-16 yrs, Pat Keith-15 yrs, Carol Valley-13 yrs, Priscilla Quinton-10 yrs, Mary Siddell-9 yrs, Sandra Groves-9 yrs, Ann Finn-8 yrs, Nancy Broach-8 yrs, Susan Herring-5 yrs, Birte Olsen-6 yrs, Katrina Wynkoop Simmons-5 yrs, Anna McKinney-4 yrs, Linda Malanchuk-Finnan-3 yrs, Irene Lewis-3 yrs, Pat Booth-2 yrs, Pat Nelson-3 yrs, Barbara Pugliese-1 yr, Denise Kinney-1 yr, Sybil Goodkin-2024, Selina Winner-2024, Gloria Pardo-2024

President Sandra Groves- Bylaws updated will need to be presented 3 times to the delegation before approving.

Sept 28th 10 am All Kids Win will be stuffing backpacks at the Umpqua Bank in Lacey. All are welcome to come and help.

- Sept 14th Alzheimers Walk
- Gull Harbor Cupcake Wars in November
- October 12th is National Period Awareness month. 10-12 will be porch drop off times for period products.
- Board meeting Sept. 17th

Adjourned @ 1:16 pm

REPORTING FORM / VOLUNTEER HOURS: Name _____

ARTS & CULTURE: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

ENVIRONMENT: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
 Description:

COMMUNICATION & PR: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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LEADERSHIP: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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WOMEN'S HISTORY: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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