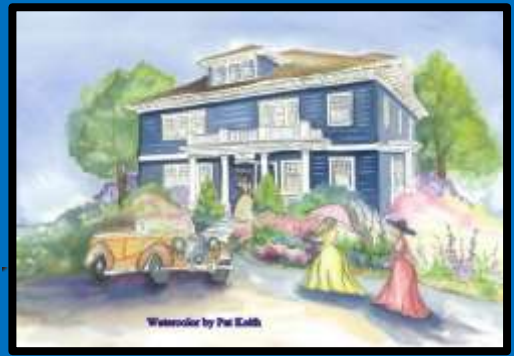


# The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer WCO Members and Friends. I had a wonderful summer. My Iowa family came to join me for my July 4th birthday party.... fireworks and all! My son, Michael took his family to the beach, to Tolmie and Federation Forest on his way to Mt. Rainier...they don't have mountains or oceans in Iowa! It was great fun to join them at Tolmie and watch the kids

turn over rocks to see the little crabs scurrying about.

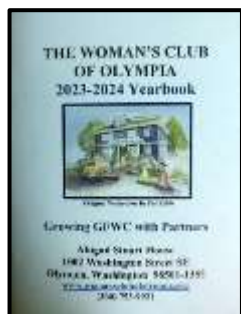
I hope you had a wonderful summer too, and are ready to get back into the swing of things as your WCO Board has many, many fun and money raising activities planned for you. A Woman's Club activity for every month! So please be ready to participate in making this year, our best year ever!

Starting off the new year, Pat Keith will be initiating 2 new members, Denise Kinney and Lauren Rodgers. We have also invited some guests, so please help me make them feel welcome! It's your club, so let's keep it going, and get our name out in the community, so we can make it to the next 100 years, and be proud of all our accomplishments along the way!

Also on September 23rd in our clubhouse, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Washington State (GFWC-WS) is holding their Board meeting. This is a perfect opportunity for new members, or members that didn't want to travel, to see what the GFWC-WS Board does, and how they conduct business. I'll have the paperwork at the next meeting if you'd like to attend. The cost will be \$55 for registration and lunch. I'll be there, please join me.

See you in September.... starting the last year of my 2 year term as President!

Take Care, Linda Wolfe, WCO President



## YEARBOOKS READY!!!

Every year we publish a Yearbook which contains information about the Club, its meetings, dates and times, and a roster of our current members. This year's book is finished and will be handed out at the September meeting.

## PLANNER

### NEXT MEETINGS

#### General Membership

**September 5, 2023**, at noon  
Program: Little Red Schoolhouse

#### Evening Meeting:

**September, 13, 2023** - 7 p.m.  
6:30 Social Time

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# VOLUNTEER CORNER



We will be doing the cement leaf fundraiser on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with lunch at noon. After a lunch provided by Linda Wolfe, the creativity will begin. There are plans to make lots of small leaves to be offered for sale on the front porch for Period Day on October 7<sup>th</sup> and also at the holiday bazaar in November. \$25 will get you 2 leaves to take home and you can help make the fundraising leaves as well. Please RSVP by September 12<sup>th</sup> to Linda Wolfe so we can plan for how many to serve for lunch and how much supplies we will need to purchase.



September 14, 2023 from 1 to 3 p.m. we will be resuming our Bunco get-togethers at The Abigail Stuart House. Please RSVP to Anna McKinney so we know how many tables to set up and refreshments to provide.

## SAVE YOUR PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

If you have empty prescription bottles with caps, do not throw them away. Anna McKinney is doing a project to collect these items. The bottles need to have the labels removed containing your personal prescription information. Anna will collect the bottles which will eventually be sent overseas to developing countries with medical supplies.



## ESO MEETING RESUMES MEETINGS

After the summer break, the ESO Book Club will resume meetings on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. Bring a list of the books you read over the summer, report on a favorite, and enjoy refreshments and social time with other avid readers!

# PERIOD action DAY

## OCTOBER 7 IS PERIOD ACTION DAY

As the Evening Group members have done in past years, this year we continue the Period Action Day collection of feminine hygiene products. This year's collection will be held on the front porch of the Abigail Stuart House on October 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow but you can begin to collect items to donate at any time.

## ALL KIDS WIN RECEIVES AWARD



All Kids Win received an award from Showcase Magazine as the best organization giving back to the community. Board members including our own Linda Wolfe accepted the award at a dinner held in Tacoma at the LeMay car museum. Also pictured are Miss Washington and Mrs. Washington.

## Woman's Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes General Meeting – June 6, 2023

The minutes for the June meeting were published in the Summer Newsletter and will be voted for acceptance at the September meeting.

## GFWC-WASHINGTON STATE TO MEET IN OLYMPIA



The Fall Board meeting of GFWC Washington State will meet on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Abigail Stuart House. All Olympia members should show support for the club by attending. Check the GFWC-Washington website at <https://www.gfwcws.org> for more information. If you have never attended a conference for the State, now is your chance. Registration forms will be available at the September meeting.



## FUNDRAISERS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR

We are going to try something new this year for fundraising and we hope you will be able to participate in one or more events throughout the year. Anna McKinney and Sandra Groves have made a plan to hold one event per month. In order to raise funds for scholarships or for our year end donations to other non-profits, we will earmark funds from certain fundraisers for that cause. The following is a list of the planned events. We will be asking for member participating in helping to hold these events so pick out what you would like to do.

- October 3:**        **Fundraiser Lunch at Meeting**
- October 5:**        **Watercolor Class with Nancy Broach 6- 8 p.m.**  
(Funds to All Kids Win)
- November 5:**      **Art Show**  
(Funds to Annual Donations)
- November 11:**    **(Holiday Bazaar**  
(Funds to General Fund)
- December 9:**     **Pancakes with Santa**
- No date yet:**      **Gift Wrapping**  
(Funds to Scholarships)
- January 25:**      **Bingo**  
(Funds to Scholarships)
- February 8:**      **Chocolate & Wine**  
(Funds to Civic Projects)
- March 21:**        **Book Author Evening**  
(Funds to Education/Libraries)
- April 12:**         **Spaghetti/Lasagna & Silent Auction**  
(Funds to General Fund)
- May 4:**            **Plant Sale with Spring Art Show**  
(Funds to Relay for Life)

## FALL BOARD FOR PENINSULA DISTRICT



The Fall Board meeting for Peninsula District will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Ram at 10019 – 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. Dinner and social time begins at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6:30. All dues paid members are invited to attend, not just board members. Carpooling will be available and information also supplemented at the September meeting of The Woman's Club of Olympia.

# RECYCLE PROJECT

Trex Corporation is holding recycling projects for organizations, schools, etc. to collect plastics over a 6 month period of time. The Woman's Club of Olympia is going to participate by recycling and collecting a goal of 500 pounds of plastics. When we reach our goal, Trex will provide a bench made from recycled product and we can place the bench with The Woman's Club's name on it. The bench can be located in a place of our choice. You will hear more about it at the September meeting but in the meantime, collect the items listed on the flyer below and bring them to the meetings monthly.


COMMUNITY PROGRAM

plastic film recycling challenge info sheet



## 1 How does the challenge work?

- Determine a six-month collection time period.
- Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,000 plastic film and bags.
- Weigh and record amount of film recycled each month.
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling.
- Report recycling totals to Stephanie Hicks [shicks@trex.com](mailto:shicks@trex.com) each month.

### What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue*



## 2 What does Trex provide?

- Two recycling bins
- Posters
- Award

## 3 Award

- If goal is met or exceeded, group will receive a Trex bench

register on the website: [trex.com/recycling](http://trex.com/recycling)

## EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Anna McKinney

During the late 1800's, Women's Clubs began advocating for Bookmobiles in the state of Texas and throughout the United States. Kate Rotan of the Women's Club in Waco, Texas was the first to advocate for bookmobiles. She was the president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC). During this time Women's Clubs were encouraged to promote bookmobiles because they embraced their ideas and missions. After receiving so much support and promotion these traveling libraries increased in numbers all around the United States. In the state of New York from 1895 to 1898 the number of bookmobiles increased to 980. The United States Women Clubs became their primary advocate.



The Women's Club movement in 1904, had the standard to be held accountable for the influx of bookmobiles in thirty out of fifty states. Because of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs from the TFWC, a new legislation to develop public libraries in Texas became possible after much advocating from TFWC for bookmobiles. This new legislation brought in library improvements and expansions that included establishing a system of traveling libraries in Texas. Women's Clubs wanted state governments to step in and create commissions for these traveling libraries. They

hoped the commissions would boost the managers of the bookmobile's "Library Spirit". Unfortunately, the Texas Library Association could not provide the type of service that is already provided to state libraries to bookmobiles.

One of the earliest mobile libraries in the United States was a mule-drawn wagon carrying wooden boxes of books. It was created in 1904 by the People's Free Library of Chester County, South Carolina, and served the rural areas there.

Another early mobile library service was developed by Mary Lemist Titcomb (1857-1932). As a librarian in Washington County, Maryland, Titcomb was concerned that the library was not reaching all the people it could.

## HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

We are fortunate to have had a number of rentals of the clubhouse over the summer. They help us cover our monthly expenses. On August 30, we are meeting with Don from Always Safe and Lock to find the best solution for locking our kitchen cabinets and drawers. We will also ask about replacing the lock on the kitchen door. Our lock is wearing out; we replace the batteries often to keep it running. We have contacted Budget Blinds for a repair on a blind in the meeting room. We hope they will show us how to fix it ourselves in the future. Please let Mary Siddell know if you see any repair needs at the clubhouse. It takes all of us to keep our clubhouse running smoothly.

September  
is here

# WHAT IS THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLYMPIA

**HISTORY:** The Woman's Club of Olympia was founded in 1883 by Abbie Howard Hunt Stuart and eight other progressive women, six years before Washington became a state, to improve the lives of women and to serve the community. They fought for the right for women to vote, fought illiteracy and poverty, and provided aid for children and needy families before there were public assistance programs. The Woman's Clubhouse was built in 1908 and later named for Abbie Stuart. We are a non-profit, non-denominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization. Learn more at [www.womansclubolympia.org](http://www.womansclubolympia.org).

**CLUB GOALS:** The Woman's Club of Olympia is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), GFWC Washington State and the Peninsula District of 9 fellow clubs, volunteer community organizations that support the arts, preserve natural resources, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding. Our current projects include:

- Fundraising and partnering to support other community non-profit organizations sharing our goals;
- College scholarships for Thurston County high school seniors based on academic success and financial need;
- All Kids Win providing food for disadvantaged high school and middle school students; and
- Preservation of the historic Abigail Stuart House, and rental of the house for community programs and organizations.

**MEETINGS:** Our daytime meetings are at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. Our evening group meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. **All meetings are held at the Abigail Stuart House at 1002 Washington Street SE, Olympia.**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER:** Attend two meetings or Club functions, fill out an application and return it with a \$10.00 application fee. After the Board approves the application you pay \$40.00 annual membership dues and will be initiated at the next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:** Woman's Club members are expected to contribute actively by serving on at least one committee or project throughout the year. A Board Member will talk with you about your interests and availability. Also, each member who attends the daytime meetings is expected to serve on a committee to host a tea or luncheon for at least one meeting per year.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:** You have the opportunity to meet, work, and grow with other women who are interested in self and community improvement. You are part of a historical local, state and national organization making a difference in the world.

**Contact [womansclubolympia@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubolympia@gmail.com) for an application.**

**REPORTING FORM / VOLUNTEER HOURS: Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**ARTS & CULTURE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description:

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ENVIRONMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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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