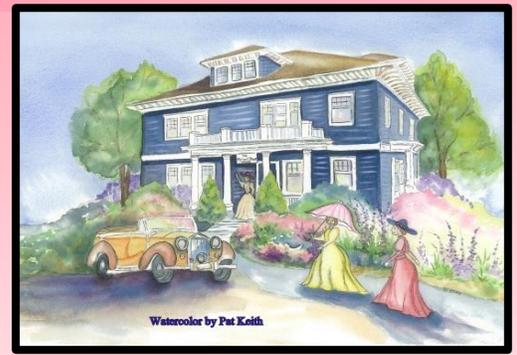


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MAY WCO MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the concerns and health guidelines set forth by the State of Washington, the May meeting (both day and evening) of the Woman's Club of Olympia is cancelled. We sincerely hope the June meeting will be held and we can join together to congratulate our scholarship winners.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone, This will be my last President's message. It is with great sadness that my term has ended without getting to say "Good-Bye" to each of you in person at the May meeting. On the other hand, I am quite proud of all that we have accomplished together this last 2 years. Let me start with the completing of the kitchen remodel the previous Board started. Now we have the locks and labels on the cupboards too.

Thanks to you reporting your hours, and Mary Siddell's report writing, we won quite a few awards in 2019, with the highlight of a \$1000 dollar scholarship from GFWC-Washington State. We were able to donate \$1000 dollars of the June Martinson \$10,000 bequeath to scholarships, back to GFWC-WS, in honor of June.

We hosted a very successful Peninsula District meeting in October, where 7 other clubs came to our clubhouse to hear what everyone is doing in their own communities. Katrina Wycoop-Simmons stepped up and handled the statistics for the meeting, and it was her first Peninsula District meeting. Alyssa Wiseman stepped to help that day with the luncheon and was a great help with the clean-up.

We had the piano tuned in November from a renter that rents the clubhouse for their families' Thanksgiving feast.

We had a fabulous Christmas Bazaar in November, and a wonderful Christmas open house as part of the Olympia Historical Society.

We got the Grant money for the clubhouse, so we started more projects. Painting the ballet studio, the upstairs hallway, our entryway, and the meeting room..... so marvelous. We've bought new lighter tables and chairs. We'll have a new audio-visual set-up when we get finished, so maybe better

PLANNER

NEXT MEETING,

May 5, 2020 CANCELLED



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rental potential. The electrician has been there and has put in new electrical boxes. The emergency exiting stairwell has been repaired, with a new door panel with access to the water shut-off valve.

Ann Finn has given out many membership packets. Hopefully they will reappear after the virus is gone and we can meet again. Our honorary member, Shana Stevenson was the speaker for our March 2020 Women's History month. She told us the history about our 9 founding members of the Woman's Club of Olympia, very interesting..... and then the meetings were canceled!

The Peninsula District meeting has been canceled and the GFWC-WS state meeting has been canceled... 😞 .. so my term ends on a sad note. While we usually have these 2 meetings to find out who wins the awards, I don't know how that will happen this year.

I do have happy news, our scholarship winner just won 3rd place at the state, so wins another \$700 for her education. On that note, I'd like to remind you all, if we keep winning the state scholarship award, maybe we should donate to the GFWC-WS Scholarship fund? We could also donate to the GFWC-WS Arts fund, so next year there will be money to award to our art students.... or maybe our own members' arts projects?

I am glad to pass on the torch to Sandra, but sad not to have the installation for the next term of officers. It's been a great 2 years. I thank you all for being my "Keys to Success."
Good Luck and continued success for the next 2 year term.

Sincerely, Linda Wolfe, Immediate Past President 🙋

ELECTION HELD VIA EMAIL AND PHONE

As you know we held our election of officers via e-mail and phone vote. There was a quorum of voters who responded. The slate of officers for 2020-22 is as follows:

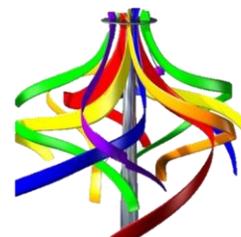
Sandra Groves	President
Pat Keith	Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer	Mary Siddell
Librarian	Luellen Charneski
Scholarship Committee (new member)	Linda Wolfe

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2020

Due to Emergency Coronavirus Stay at Home Order, there was no April meeting.

**Who remembers the
maypole?**





The WCO needs funds to operate.

Since we have no rentals, we have no funds! I am proposing an easy fundraiser that you can get started on right now, even if you are quarantined at home. Begin collecting clothes you no longer wear, do not fit, or you just need to get rid of. Collect other household items under the same criteria. Anything helps. I plan

to schedule a non-profit fundraiser with Value Village where we get paid by the pound for what we turn in. After the quarantine is over, we will collect all your items and either turn them in or you can do so yourself on the date chosen. This type of fundraiser not only raises money, it helps you organize your closet and your house! A two for one proposition! Also, you can report your hours under recycling or conservation in your monthly volunteer hours report.

Start collecting now.....



VOLUNTEER CORNER

HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

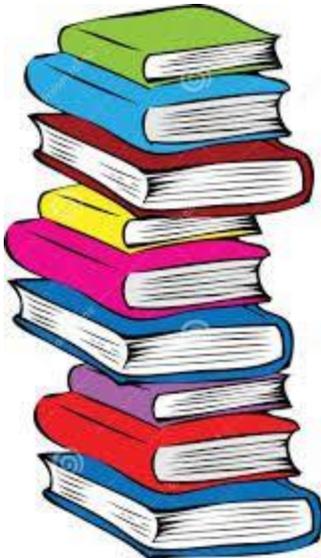
While we are all sheltering at home, work at the clubhouse continues. Ben, our painter, is able to complete the interior painting. He has done a wonderful job with colors and difficult surfaces. Specifically, he painted the ceiling of the meeting room a light color, which really brightens it up. Our electrical panel has been replaced and we have new circuits to use when we complete our Let In the Light project. I have been in contact with K and K Asphalt about completing the resurfacing of our parking lot. They have scheduled this work for right after restrictions have been lifted. At that time we will begin demolition of the cabinets in front of the windows in the meeting room. We will first finalize the details of the project, making sure it is exactly what we want. Our new furnace is installed and paid for. We have had many cancellations of our rental space, but with the grant money, our projects continue. Please feel free to email me with any questions or thoughts on these projects.

SOCK COLLECTION UPDATE – Carol Valley

We have currently collected 1243 pair of socks. 397 have come from club members, 533 from the Peninsula District meeting and 313 from students at Olympia High School. The club goal was 500 and members can still donate. Bring any socks to the June meeting with you so all socks can be distributed in August for the Little Red Schoolhouse.

REPORTING – Mary Siddell

Don't forget to keep a record of your exercise, your reading, and your gardening hours. I am also collecting hours for the blankets, hats, and layette items you make. Send these to me through email if you wish to keep current. I always enjoy hearing from you.



ARE YOU READING?

During the Stay at Home time, are you reading books? If you are, this would be a good time for you to join our ESO Book Club. It costs \$1.00 to join and \$1.00 for every 10 books you read. We have a great time meeting at the Clubhouse the last Monday of each month. We are not meeting in person until the Emergency Order is lifted, but you can certainly join us virtually by reading and preparing a short review of the books you read. You might as well

HOMELESS BACK PACK UPDATE – Linda Wolfe

Homeless Back Pack (HBP) is still bagging weekend food bags for the High School and Middle School kids...but we've expanded. All the school districts in Thurston County have reached out to us to help them feed their

students. So we feed all students now. We have gone from 600-620 to 2400 bags per week.

While we budgeted for until the end of school year, we did not plan for 2400! Some of you have donated to HBP on their website (homelessbackpack.org and click the donate button) and

I thank you so much. It has been helping.



I have been bagging every Wednesday 1 to 3 pm at HBP in Lacey, the Columbia Bank building. We have been using social distancing, face masks and hand sanitizer, so only 6 to 8 volunteers at a time. So it takes longer to fill 2400 bags. I lead the bagging for Wednesday's group, so if you'd like to help, call me first, so we don't have too many volunteers at a time.

If you can't do that, buy a case of chili cans, or hold a food drive with your friends. Cans of tuna fish is another item in the bag that's in need. Ramen is another item that is hard to get. You can even buy the bags we put the food into, so if you can help in anyway, let me know.

ODE TO LINDA – Sandra Groves



Linda is my friend. Linda has been a mentor, an educator, and a compass when I am lost or have lost direction. Linda gives of herself freely in her time, her energy and her love of The Woman's Club of Olympia and The Abigail Stuart House. Linda is the kind of person you can rely on when you need to talk, when you just want company, or just to share something with.

Linda and I have participated in both District and State level conferences and meetings, we have travelled and roomed together, and we have taken day trips to the dahlia gardens in Oregon, the Federation Forest, bagged and done tasks at the Homeless Backpacks, and have weeded and cleaned at the Yashiro Japanese Gardens.

The Woman's Club of Olympia is so lucky to have Linda as a Member and cheerleader. During her last two years as President, she shepherded me through the various aspects I needed to learn in order take over the reins of the position from her. I could not have done it without her and I appreciate her so much. Linda's term as President may be completed, but her presence and membership will always be there for all of us.

NEW CEILING IN MEETING ROOM



DOORS RECEIVING NEW PAINT



SOME MEMORIES FROM THE PAST YEAR



Making Paper Hats for Homeless Backpack Tea



Sock Donations at District Meeting



Sandra Speaking at State Conference



Flower Arrangement by Linda Wolfe for sale at Seattle Children's Boutique



WCO Members at Peninsula District Fall Conference

2020 Woman's Club of Olympia Member Name _____
Community Service Volunteer Hours and Contributions

Enter your total hours and contributions. We will report these projects to the State GFWC. Bring this form to the monthly meeting, email to msiddell@comcast.net or mail to Mary Siddell, 7723 Cooper Point Rd. NW, Olympia WA 98502.

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	DOLLARS DONATED	IN KIND DONATIONS
ARTS & CULTURE Attended concerts or plays Arts Walk				
ENVIRONMENT Federation Forest Recycling Gardening				
EDUCATION & LIBRARIES Scholarship Program Attended Classes Little Red Schoolhouse Volunteer with kids Labels for Education Homeless Backpacks ESO or Reading Teach Classes				
HEALTH & WELLNESS Food Bank Baby Layette and Blankets; diapers Period of Purple Crying (purple hats) Exercise				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH Friendly Waters of the World Fisher House Preservation of Abigail Stuart House				
MEMBERSHIP Yearbook Tea Initiation				
FUNDRAISING Holiday Bazaar				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECTS Domestic violence awareness and prevention Relay for Life				