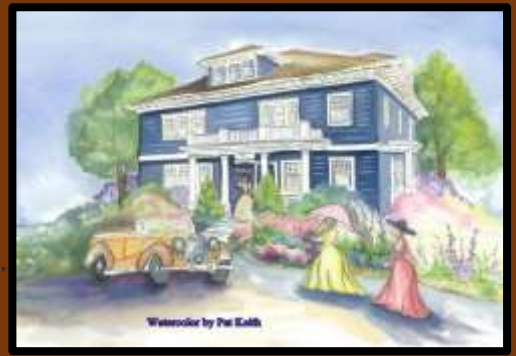


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, WCO Members, The weather is changing, but my flowers are still working hard to make me smile. I hope you're smiling as we prepare for all the upcoming events that our Fundraiser Committee has in store for us. Breakfast with Santa will be a first, so I hope you tell all your friends and make this event a great success.

WCO is heading to the Peninsula District Conference, where I will give a "State of the Club" report...and while I'm there I get to invite those 9 clubs to our Woman's Clubhouse for the Peninsula District Convention in the in April. So please plan to attend the Peninsula District meeting at our own clubhouse.

Period Day on our front porch was a great success. Please give Linda Malanchuk-Finnan and Irene Lewis a high-5 when you see them.

At our November 7th meeting, we'll have a surprise. Beth Dogolio will be stopping by to visit for a few minutes, so we can give her a round of applause for helping us to secure the grant that we used for all our remodeling. Darcy Huffmann will introduce us to Quixote Villages for our program. So please join us and help make this the best year ever. Cheers! Linda

Several of us are baking for the Dessert Dash for the Lacey Mayor's Gala on October 20th. The proceeds for that event will go to fund some of the Gold Star Family Events at the flag wall at the corner of Sleater-Kinney. Thank you for supporting our military families.

HOLIDAY DECORATING AT THE CLUBHOUSE



The holidays are approaching fast. In order to prepare The Abigail Stuart House for the holidays, there will be a decorating party on November 28th at

11:00 a.m. Come and help us make the house sparkle! Maybe we will all go to lunch afterward.....

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

November 7, 2023

**Program: Quixote Village,
Darcy Huffman**

Evening Meeting:

November 8, 2023

Game Playing Party

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



NEW BANNER

We are preparing for the Holiday Bazaar on November 11th. This year we have a new banner (courtesy of Luellen Charneski and family) which is hanging in front of the clubhouse to advertise our event.

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.



WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS A SUCCESS



The watercolor painting class instructed by our member, Nancy Broach, was a success. Each participant painted a landscape (some for the very first time!). Each picture was different and each of us enjoyed the experience. We also collected \$240 for the club as the class was a fundraiser. If you are interested in taking a class, we plan to do another one. Let Sandra Groves know if you wish to participate.

BUNCO PLAYERS NEEDED!

Bunco will be on November 16th at 11:00 a.m. We are looking for more players. Even if you don't know how to play, we can teach you in 2 minutes. Come and enjoy! Prizes! Snacks!

Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes General Meeting – October 3, 2023

Called to order by President Linda Wolfe at 12:05p.m.

Members present 19. Collect read and Pledge of Allegiance recited by members and guests.

Guests: Sandy Bellinger.

Program: The Heart Sparkle Players. The Players provided charming play back theater focused on Woman's Club members experiences.

Motion to approve minutes as written by Anna McKinney. Seconded. Passed.

Thank you Tea Committee Anna Quintana, Sandra Groves, Ann Finn and Mary Siddell for a wonderful lunch.

Treasurer: Anna McKinney: We have an outstanding plumbing bill of \$950.00 and our taxes are due. We will fill out the forms and take care of them. We will keep Kesh Marketing for another year. As of 9/30/2023 Scholarship fund balance: \$38,542.50; Building fund: \$37,918.16; House: \$35,029.79; Club: \$34,347.39.

The Holiday Bazaar needs volunteers. Sandra Groves passed around a sign-up sheet. Please contact her if you can volunteer.

House Report: New toilet is in. We are looking to locks and at ways to secure the kitchen cabinets. The annual inventory needs to be completed and the House Chair will choose a date. Volunteers will be needed. House tour today after the meeting.

Education: Pen Pals for classrooms. Working out the details with Tenino in January. Darcy Huffman will talk with Lincoln Elementary.

Little Red School House sock project: Carol Valley: Goal 700 pairs of socks.

Period Action Day: Linda Malanchuk-Finnan. We are partnering with South Sound NOW, Zonta of Puget Sound, and Soroptomists. New Traditions will have the collection basket up through October. We had table set up at both Co-Op's and collected both product and money. Our WCO porch collection is scheduled for October 7th.

New Business:

- Quixote Village in Shelton just received its license for occupancy. Please bring men's hygiene products to the next meeting.
- Book club will meet at 1:30 on October 23rd.
- Sandra Groves will lead a tour of the Capitol at 10:30 am on November 3rd.

Raffle and lunch: Total \$90.00 so \$45 to the winner. The luncheon collection \$270.00. Adjourn 1:50 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUILDING TOUR



The Sokico (South King County) Woman's Club has scheduled a group private tour of the Legislative Building on November 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Sandra Groves will be leading the tour through the building. Sokico has reserved for 8 persons and Sandra says she can handle more than 8 so if you want to join in with the other club, please let Sandra know before November 1st at her email address sandragroves10@gmail.com.



ART SHOW AND CUPCAKES TO BENEFIT THE WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL DONATIONS

The Gull Harbor Art Show will be held at The Abigail Stuart House on November 4, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They plan a Cupcake Crave Contest with prizes and donations from the Cupcakes will be paid to The Woman's Club of Olympia to support our annual donations and to SafePlace.

If you would like to participate in the cupcake event here is some information.

- The winners of the contest will receive gift certificate prizes to spend at the Gull Harbor Art and Craft Show
- 100% of all proceeds from cupcake and other baked good sales will go to The Woman's Club of Olympia to pass on to SafePlace Olympia.
- Anyone can enter, and you can enter as many different cupcake flavors as you want. In order to qualify for the contest, please bring a minimum of 1 dozen of each flavor you are entering prior to the noon judging with your contact information and a basic list of ingredients. Youth entries are encouraged. PLEASE NO ITEMS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION! Cupcakes for the contest can be dropped off on Saturday morning, November 4th between 10 am-noon at the Abigail Stuart House. We also welcome later donations, they just won't be entered into the contest. We encourage specialty cupcakes such as gluten free and vegan options as well as natural and local ingredients.



Contact Nancy Broach at ncbroach@gmail.com or 360-259-5518.



SOCK COLLECTION GOAL FOR NEW YEAR

Our goal is 700 pairs of socks by next August 2024. We can do it!!!

SUPPORT THE HEARTSPARKLE PLAYERS

The Heartsparkle Players
52 years of Playback Theatre and
27 years of public performances

2023 - 2024 Season
Please join us to bring hope thorough personal stories

Friday, November 10 in collaboration with *Big Brothers
Big Sisters of Southwest Washington*
Friday, January 12 in collaboration with *The Center for
Indigenous Midwifery*
Friday, March 8 featuring *The Thunders*
Friday, May 10
Collaborator to be Announced

6:30pm at New Traditions
300 5th Ave SW
Downtown Olympia

Suggested Donation \$10-20.00 (no one turned away)

EVENING MEETING HAPPENINGS – CALLIE WILSON

Forgive me if your name is Pat or Patricia and you are surprised to get this report. Two women named Pat routinely come to the evening meeting, and I did not know which ones in the Yellow Book were the right ones, so I'm including all possible Pats. I think I know who you are based on joining date, but why risk it?

I've

As note-taker for October 11th, I showed up to the Women's Club, and no one else did. I imagine that we decided that the porch event on the 7th was our October Meeting. See below for Linda Malanchuk-Finnan's excellent report.

The visit was not wasted! I assured the security of our clubhouse, I practiced singing and strode around getting in my 3 miles a day goal – AND I created a scavenger hunt. Example - find the date the Women's Club was incorporated - for NEXT Meeting. A parlor-game-playing party. That's right.

I've been shy about inviting friends to our meetings, needing to match the friend's interest to the topic. It's getting rainy! The November Meeting will be a party – you may invite people with only the promise of a chance to meet and have a good time. That will be officially 7 to 8:30, and I will be there setting up chairs and snacks at about 6:15. You will need to stand up and move about for some games, if you need to stay sitting down, we will accommodate

PERIOD ACTION DAY DROP OFF AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB PORCH – LINDA MALANCHUK-FINNAN

Just wanted to thank all of you who were able to help for some amount of time Saturday morning October 7th in front of our Abigail Stuart House especially Jen, Irene, Linda M, Maggie (Zonta) and Sherry (Soroptimist). Lots of folks we knew stopped by for a quick hello (Lisa, Cindy, Luellen, Katrina, Mary, Susan, Linda W. and Claudia (including passersby!) dropping off Period Day donations. We know more women, girls and others need period products but lack them due to economic instability, job loss under Covid, or other reasons. We will be distributing what we collect to nine local providers of service with access to shelter, tiny house villages, community support and street youth. Thank you so much! Here are totals for the day and our current running balance as of 10/7/23:

For Drop Off Day: 1,815 pads 1,032 tampons 356 liners 162 Poise \$145 cash
Our balance to date is: 2851 pads, 2792 tampons, 1202 liners/wipes, 162 Poise and \$328
(besides the \$200 promised from Zonta who are waiting to see what we will need more of by the end of our campaign so they can order that for us!).

We are still collecting daily at New Traditions Fair Trade downtown which is hosting a basket accessible during its business hours all month as well as other organization and intermittent events. We will announce our grand totals at the end of October. If you have a donation you would like picked up just contact Irene at 360-280-9460 or Linda at lryh@hotmail.com.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR 2023

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 18 vendors. It was difficult to get vendors who wanted to be on the second floor of the clubhouse this year. We will have our usual bake sale, lunch for vendors and raffle prizes.

If you signed up for a job, thank you. Set up will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10th. Baked good can be brought to the house any time after 10 a.m. on Friday or the morning of the bazaar.

This year we have a beautiful quilt made by Janice Miller, quilting artist to raffle. Tickets will be available at the bazaar or beforehand at the November meeting.

We hope everyone will participate either by helping with setting up, taking down, helping during the event, or just shopping if you want some really good holiday shopping ideas!!!! Our success depends on everyone and this event is one of our biggest and best during the year. Don't miss the opportunity to join with other members, the community and get into the holiday spirit.



I am excited to be doing the bazaar this year and look forward to seeing everyone there both as shoppers and as helpers.

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.

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 for an application.

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:

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
Description:

COMMUNICATION & PR: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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LEADERSHIP: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
Description:

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
Description:

WOMEN'S HISTORY: Hours _____ Monies _____ In Kind _____
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