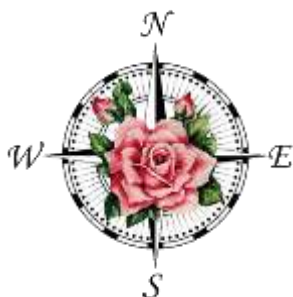


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



December is upon us (again)! The year has flown by. We, as a Club, are as vibrant as we have ever been and we will continue to be so with participation of all of our members. There are a lot of events coming up and lots of opportunities to help. Be proud of what we are all accomplishing in our community. We are decorating the house on December 1st for the holidays. You can help with that. We need servers and clean up for Pancakes with Santa on December 7th. In February we will again have our Wine and Chocolate event along with Bingo. It was a hit last year and will be bigger this year. Pick and choose how you want to volunteer and help. It's fun, it's rewarding, and you are wanted and welcome to participate.

Sandra Groves, President

BRING CANNED GOODS TO MEETING



Thank you to all who contributed to the Thurston County Food Bank at our November General Meeting. We collected 64 food items for an in-kind donation of \$190.14. Please bring

canned goods to the December meeting to be donated to the Thurston County Food Bank. Anything helps! This is the time of year that the Food Bank receives more requests for food so we can help.

SOCK COLLECTION

At last count we have already collected **183 pairs of socks** for this year which will be donated to The Little Red Schoolhouse. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs before next July. That is definitely an attainable goal!



PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

December 3, 2024 at Noon
Christmas Choir & Potluck

Evening Group

No December meeting

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PANCAKES WITH SANTA

The popular Pancakes with Santa will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 to noon. We will need your participation help get the word out and to publicize to make this a great event. Tickets are \$10 each and \$5 for children under 12. Bring the family, the neighbors and friends to have breakfast with us.

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

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

January is approaching, so get your volunteer hours turned in to Mary so she can begin preparing the club's 2024 reports. If you do not want to use the form at the end of this newsletter, then please just send your hours to Mary Siddell via email.

THANKSGIVING CARDS DELIVERED

The Arts and Culture Committee provided cards to the residents at Roo Lan and Fieldstone for their Thanksgiving celebrations. We delivered 240 cards in total.





- ❖ **Monthly Coffee Meet ups**
- ❖ **Bunco Games – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM**
- ❖ **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.



BUNCO GAMES

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



DECEMBER MEETING POTLUCK

The December meeting is a potluck. If you signed up in November to bring a dish, please remember to do so. Contact Anita Quintana for additional information or to add your name to the list.

MAKING CONTACTS

Barbara Pugliese, Linda Wolfe and Sandra Groves attended the Thurston County Chamber Forum event and promoted The Woman's Club of Olympia and the Abigail Stuart House. We made several contacts, added names to our mailing list, and felt overall it was a good way to make our presence known.



PERIOD DAY SUCCESS

The Period Day collection was a success again this year. Linda Malanchuk-Finnan reported that 6,905 items were collected and divided and delivered to several different organizations with a need for the products. Way to go everyone.



SALVATION ARMY FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Dani Lewis and Luellen Charneski are spearheading the Christmas family collection. We have a family with 2 children and 2 adults. The wish list was emailed to everyone and you can bring your items to the December meeting. Check in with Dani Lewis to find out what is still needed or if you want to just donate money and someone will do the shopping for you.

The Woman's Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes November 5, 2024

Meeting called to order @12:02pm by Sandra Groves
24 in attendance, Collect and Pledge of Allegiance recited

Guests- Shanna Stevensen

Martha Hocut

Lisa Ornstein- Olympia Historical Society, looking for docents 12/8 and 12-4pm in 2 hr shifts. Historic tours are resuming. Hoping to have 2-3 people who would be interested in helping.

Minutes of last meeting moved and approved.

Treasurer's report- printed copies given to the group, moved and approved.

4 tours and 4 events scheduled in the house for November. December has 1 event.

Refreshments-supplied by the tea committee

General business- *Moment of silence in memory of Birte Olson.

- Sandra has information on a wreath fundraiser if you are interested. Although \$ will be due. 11/9/2024 and kind of short notice for this year but may be good to think about for next year.
- Next meeting will be pot luck and the high school choir will be in attendance for a performance.
- Preparedness update-The great shake out video shared.
- Disaster preparedness for women in particular as they are disproportionately impacted. Having 72 hours supply of food and water. Build a support network. Consider keeping an emergency fund in small bills (places may not be able to give change, and card readers may not work) and insurance papers somewhere safe (freezer is suggested in the group as they are almost always left standing and undamaged by flood or fire. Learn first aid. If you have a preparedness kit check expiration dates. Fliers handed out with a check list of emergency items.
- Holiday Bazaar is 11/09/2024, if you are bringing bake sale items please drop off with Sandra on Friday. •
- Breakfast with Santa is December 7th. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.
- Gull Harbor Arts and Crafts fair is on December 14th, there will be a \$40.00 gift certificate to the use at the fair, given to the winner of the cupcake war.

- Bylaw changes have been presented for a third and final time for review. Changes moved and approved. Committee reports- *Period day collected over 6,000 pads and tampons. There are 2 more weeks left to donate, and will have a boot at the Arts Walk table as well.
- Evening meeting will happen in November.
- Pen Pals-gathering letters due no later than November 15th. Ok to place in kitchen mailbox.
- Salvation Army adopted family will send out details as soon as they have.
- Nutcracker dates are December 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22. Let Luellen or Dani know if you want to go.
- Always looking for volunteers to help pack at the Umpqua Bank for All Kids Win at 1 pm 11/6/2024.

Coffee Klatch- TBD



December 7, 2024 9 to 11

The Woman's Club of Olympia

1002 Washington Street SE

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Support our scholarship program!

Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

Adults: \$10.00

Under 12: \$ 5.00



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 _____
 Description:

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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