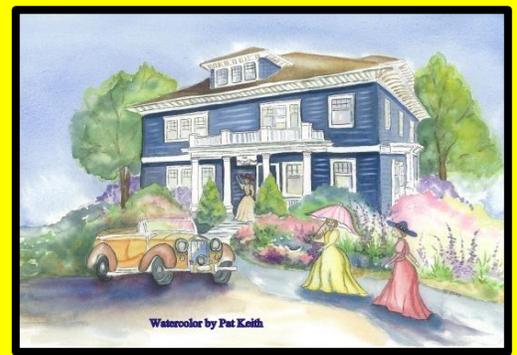




The Woman's Club of Olympia

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings WCO Members, It is with sadness and safety that the Board is canceling the April 7th meeting and the evening meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as many other events that are being held in our building. Our first priority is to you and our community to stay safe!

Remember your neighbors in this time of quarantine, while we need to shelter in place, look for ways that you can still help your community. Order a meal from a to-go restaurant, so they can keep their business. At the grocery store, buy an extra can of something for the food bank, (the store employees can delivery it). Many charities are running on a budget that didn't count on funding to get them through the Covid-19 virus so look on the websites of charities that you support and donate what you can. And remember we can report the hours we are online looking for ways to help our community as well as keeping track of what you give / donate.

Our collect says....." and always generous". Let's all try to live that as our country tries to get through this awful pandemic and truly... Stay Safe!

WCO Members; If you need assistance and can't get to the grocery; please call me, Linda Wolfe 360-491-7593 (as long as I'm symptom free) I will try and get the items you need to you.

### Cancellations:

- Peninsula District Conference March 21st, postponed to June
- Homeless Backpack on April 1st is canceled.
- Board Meeting April 21, 10:30 possibly canceled
- Book Club April 27 1:30 pm possibly canceled

On a happier note the Abigail Stuart House won the Best Venue for 2019. Yea!

The HBP has always helped kids with weekend food and now that schools are closed, it's a challenge for the children and us to get the food to them. HBP delivered 1215 bags to Thurston County schools this week (double the usual weekly number) to many different schools because most of the high schools have been closed. If you feel able to donate time or money to HBP, please let me know, but above **all remember to keep yourself safe.** Crazy times we are living in.....

Your President, Linda Wolfe

## PLANNER

### NEXT MEETING,

April 7, 2020 CANCELLED



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## APRIL WCO MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the concerns and health guidelines set forth by the State of Washington, the April meetings (both day and evening) of the Woman's Club of Olympia is cancelled. The May and June meetings may also be cancelled but you will be updated as those dates draw near.

## DISTRICT AND STATE SPRING CONFERENCES CANCELLED

Due to the emergency situation with the Covid-19 virus, both the District and State Spring Conferences have been cancelled. The Peninsula District was set to meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> and would have included an installation of new officers, including Linda Wolfe as Vice President and Sandra Groves as Secretary. The GFWC Washington State Conference was to be held in April in Moses Lake, Washington and it has also been cancelled.



**The Abigail Stuart House has been named as the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of the Best of South Sound for the 2019 Best Wedding/Event Venue!!!**  
**What an honor for us to be voted by the community we serve. We owe thank you's to all who voted for us and we plan to capitalize on this award by letting everyone know!!!!**

## ELECTION TO BE HELD VIA EMAIL AND PHONE CALLS

Our election of officers is supposed to be held at the April meeting, but since our April meeting is cancelled, the Board has resolved to hold the election via email and by telephone if members do not use email. Through the Nominating Committee and by much needed requests for volunteers, the following Members are nominated for the respective positions:

Sandra Groves  
Pat Keith  
Secretary  
Treasurer

President  
Vice President  
Mary Siddell  
Mary Siddell *(Mary has agreed to do the simplified version of our bookkeeping for the Club with the computer work being done by Heather Avery)*



**You will receive an email the first of April asking you to vote.**



# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell

Our grant projects are in full swing: The interior painting has moved to the meeting room on the main floor. The hallway and bathroom are painted. The furnace which heats the main floor has been installed and we have a new thermostat. Davis Co. completed the repairs and painting of the Emergency Stairwell. What a difference! We are scheduled to receive a new electrical panel on Tuesday, March 24. The power will be out all day.

Walt Bowen is working on the audio visual upgrades that have been planned.

The Let In the Light project will begin in May. We will be finalizing the details of the project once we are able to meet again.

The chart below shows the amounts we have spent to date from the grant funds and the remaining balance to be used. We remain on track and are diligently keeping track of the funds and projects.

ITEM	AMOUNT	BALANCE
		\$245,000.00
Rectangle Tables	\$ 908.09	\$244,091.91
Chairs	\$ 2,214.51	\$241,877.40
Round Tables	\$ 1,953.77	\$239,923.63
Kitchen Remodel	\$ 30,526.86	\$209,396.77
Emergency Stairwell	\$ 18,460.77	\$190,936.00
Painting Services	\$ 19,220.32	\$171,715.68
<b>TOTAL SPENT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 73,284.32</b>	

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES -- Mary Siddell

Linda Wolfe has been working hard to meet the challenges of distributing food through Homeless Backpacks. Thank you to everyone who is working hard for this important service.

Once we are back to normal, we will look forward to meeting for our ESO Book Club to share all the reading we did while staying home. Bring books to share.

## What are you doing to cope with “Social Distancing?”

Are you spending all your time glued to the news and watching the progress of the Covid-19 Virus? Are you calling your friends and family to let them know you are okay or not feeling well? Whatever you are doing, it is a hardship to leave our normal routines behind and cope with isolation. If you live alone, you should have a contact person to check in with. If you are a family, everyone in the family is sheltered together. If someone is sick in a household, everyone must stay indoors and not go out even if no one else is sick. There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself busy. Clean out that closet or drawer you have meant to tackle but never had a chance to do it. Housecleaning is also a good use of time – mop your floors, polish your furniture, wash your windows!

Read a book, replant your houseplants, try a new recipe. Whatever you do, keep track of your house for next year's reporting. Here are some examples of things people are doing to cope during this time:

- **Organize your planner for the next month**
- **Toss out all of your expired products**
- **Delete contacts from your phone that you definitely won't ever use again.**
- **review all of your paid subscriptions**
- **unfollow accounts you don't like anymore.**
- **delete unwanted, unneeded, and duplicate pictures**
- **Call your long-distance friends.**
- **Listen to personal growth podcasts.**
- **Create a to-read book list -**
- **Check if your finances are in order**
- **Create your happy list- Write down all of the things that make you happy**
- **Make a list of people you are grateful for**
- **back up your phone and computer**
- **Leave positive reviews for the purchases or places you love**
- **Organize something around the house.**
- **Clean your keyboard and computer screen.**
- **Take an online course in something you've always been curious about.**

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES March 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Linda Wolfe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a group reading of the Collect. We began the meeting with our program.

### PROGRAM

Shanna Stevenson spoke to us about the connection between founding members of The Woman's Club of Olympia and the history of women's advocacy for the vote. The Woman's Club of Olympia was established in 1883. Our founding members' pictures are on our clubhouse walls but they are not labeled. Today we were introduced to many of them by Shanna who researched their role in the suffrage movement. What an amazing opportunity for each of us to glimpse these powerful women who worked towards women's voters rights. In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the United States Constitution. This amendment gave women the right to vote. This is the 100 anniversary year commemorating women's suffrage .

### GUESTS

We welcomed many guests today. Members of the South Sound Women's Action Network came in vintage dress to commemorate the anniversary giving women the vote. After introduction, each guest spoke about her character. Our guests today were Sharonda Amainits,, Treen Brooklyn, Judi Hambrick, Sharyl Solberg, Carolyn Woodling, Sue Leany, Cynthia Ivey, Zoe Groutdi, Nardine Sandberg and Cynthia Pratt. ( I apologize if I misspelled names.) All guests were invited by President Linda Wolfe to join WCO.

### MINUTES

The minutes from the February 4, 2020 General Meeting were approved as written.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandra Groves gave us the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statements for the Club and the House. We have a minus balance for the House because we have paid out money for the grant projects. We are waiting for reimbursement. Heather Avery reported that we have received a letter from the IRS stating that they are working on our account and they will respond to our request to waive penalties for our late taxes within 60 days.

### GRANT MONEY AND HOUSE REPORT

Our grant projects are moving along quickly. Ben, our interior painter, will finish the hallway once he has a two day window, as the fumes will bother any renters. All the broken chairs were taken away by the folks at Lake Cushman Resort. We have collected two bids for the Let In the Light Project and will be moving forward soon. We accepted the bid from K and K Asphalt to resurface and repair our parking lot. They will schedule this around our rentals. The main floor furnace is being replaced on Wednesday by Sunset Air. We will have a new thermostat. Our audio visual work is in process. Walt Bowen and Reliable Electric are working towards installing our upgrades.

### HOME LIFE

Carol Valley thanked us for all the sock donations which total 1,200 as of this meeting. WCO members have donated 354 pairs towards our goal of 500. We will collect socks for The Little Red Schoolhouse until the August distribution day.

### REMEMBRANCE

Dody Saeger talked with Ann Bowen recently. Ann is unable to join us for meetings due to health concerns but she sends her hello. Marcia Killam-Nunn's husband recently passed away. We all send our thoughts to her as she deals with this difficult time.

### ARTS

Anita Quintana is still working on collecting waivers from our art winners for submission to the GFWC-WS art contest.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Anita Quintana discussed recommendations for our WCO officers for 2020-2022. We need a treasurer and a scholarship committee member. Please consider these important roles. The treasurer no longer needs to know Quick Books. A simple register will be in place to record financial activity. The register data will be placed in Quick Books by Heather Avery each month.

### **TEA COMMITTEE**

Sandy Peltola thanked Anita Quintana, Birte Olsen and Nancy Broach for their delicious tea contributions. What amazing bakers! Dody Saeger, Priscilla Quinton, Carol Valley and Charlyn Broadbent will host the April General Meeting on April 7.

### **EDUCATION**

Our ESO book club will meet at the clubhouse on Monday, March 23 at 1:30. Margo Anderson is our new member. All are welcome. WCO members support all volunteer activities done by members for children. Mary Siddell volunteers in her daughter's first grade each week. Pat Keith gives tours to school age children at the Governor's Mansion. Betty Brinkman volunteered as a dorm mom at Tech Trek Camp for a week this summer. Please report any volunteer hours you complete working with children, especially in educational settings.

### **PROGRAMS:**

Priscilla Quinton announced that the program for the April meeting will be Spring Fling on a Shoestring Style Show. Members are encouraged to buy an outfit or accessory at the Children's Hospital Bargain Boutique at Harrison and Division. Wear this to the April Meeting for a fashion Show. All proceeds go to the uncompensated care fund at Seattle Children's Hospital.

### **MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK**

The Women's Action Network will hold a get-together at the Abigail Stuart House on March 8 from 1-3. The Woman's Club of Olympia is a sponsor and will have a table with membership information at this meeting. The League of Women Voters and Altrusa will also be represented. Plans will be made to commemorate Women's Suffrage for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women's right to vote.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Priscilla Quinton and Scholarship Committee members met the deadline for submitting our candidate for a GFWC-WS scholarship which will be announced at the state conference in April.

### **FRIENDLY WATERS**

The benefit for Friendly Waters titled No Such Thing As a Free Lunch on March 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled until further notice.

### **EVENING GROUP**

The Evening Group will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00. Alyssa Wiseman is Chairman.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

John Tinsley, husband of Pat Keith, will take a new photo of members at the entrance of the clubhouse at April's general meeting. Please join in. Membership information will be available at the March 8 meeting of the Women's Action Network. Sandra Groves designed a new flier titled Our Impact in 2019, summarizing our reporting for 2019.

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY**

Pat Keith will be part of the Governor's Mansion Tours on March 4, 18 and 25, commemorating Women's History. Shanna Stevenson wrote scripts for 5 people to portray women in our state government. Pat is portraying one of the first women legislators. If you are interested in attending an event remember to register. ID will be required. Tours fill up quickly. March 10 is the anniversary of The Woman's Club of Olympia.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

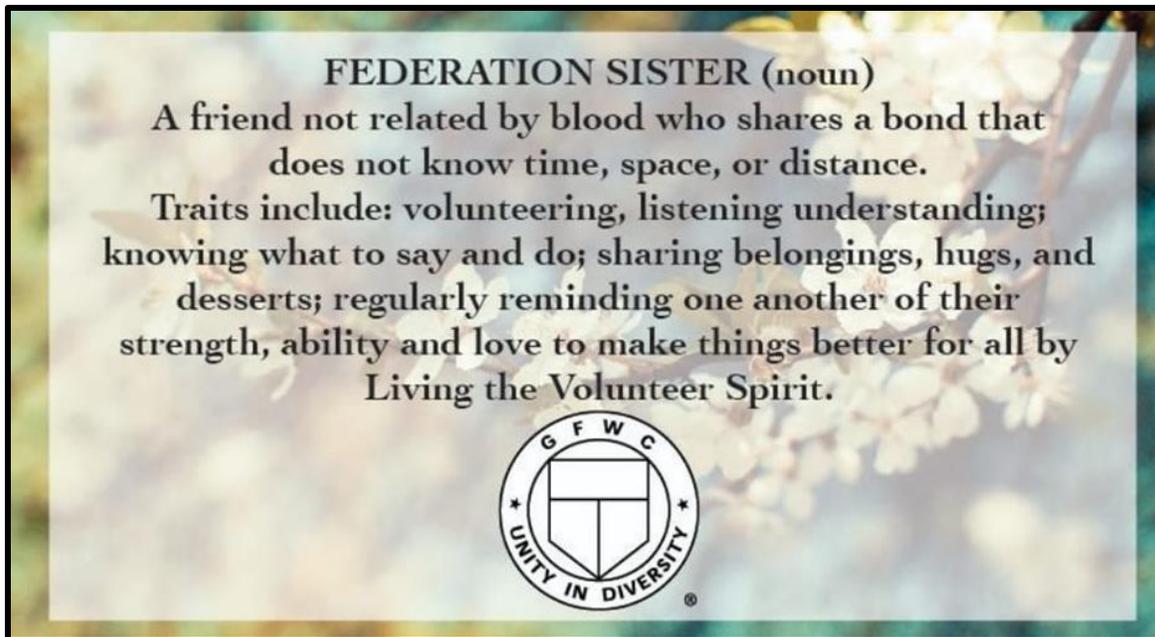
- Governor's Mansion, Historical Tours March 4, 18, 25; Pat Keith will be portray an historical woman in government.
- Homeless Back Packs Packing Party is Wednesday March 4 from 1-3 at The Columbia Bank
- March 8 is Women's International Day Event at the WCO clubhouse from 1-3 pm.
- Peninsula District Meeting, March 21 at 9 am. It will be held at the United Church in University Place. It is hosted by Chambers Bay Women's Club. Bring books and Target gift cards for Foster Kid Program.
- April 9, Votes for women, 100 Years and counting at WSHS Tacoma
- July 4, Tumwater Parade
- July 17, Lake Fair Parade
- July 25, Tenino Parade

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Pat Keith won \$21, winner of the 50/50 Raffle.

The next General Meeting will be held on April 7, 2020 at 12:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary



**From The Newsletter Editor, Sandra Groves:** I want to thank each and every member of The Woman's Club of Olympia for the sister traits you exemplify. In this time of emergency and uncertainty, it is comforting to know we can rely on others, friends, family, and "sisters". If you need something from the store, need an errand run, or just need a call, please do not hesitate to contact me. Linda Wolfe mentioned in her President's Message that she is available. We will see what we can do to get you taken care of. Do not feel you are a burden, that you don't want to ask for help – instead, know that the help is there for the asking and if we cannot step up, we will find someone who can help you!

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