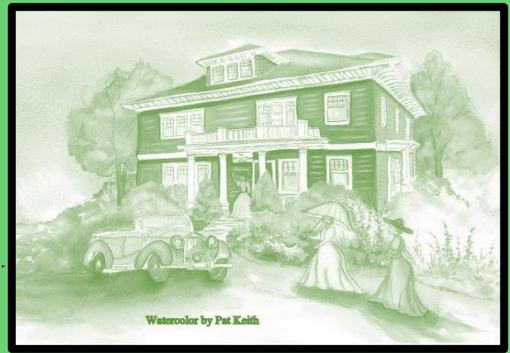




The Woman's Club of Olympia

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are coming fast! Within this newsletter there are several Rudolph the Reindeers. Count them and if you are correct and the first one to tell

me at the December meeting, you will receive a prize! You have to be there and tell me!

We have a special singer who will be presenting some Christmas songs for our enjoyment at the December meeting. She was found by Dani Lewis. Thanks to Dani for this and don't forget to come and enjoy the music and the holiday desserts!

There has been so much happening at the house it is becoming hard to keep up. Events, meetings, memorial services, showers, weddings, and many more events scheduled throughout 2022!!! Brittany and Anna have done an amazing job with the rentals. They deserve your congratulations for a job well done! Mary Siddell, our House Manager has also done a great job keeping up with getting locks installed, scheduling painters, and we have new Wi-Fi coming. Our new internet service will be amazing!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and see on December 7th at noon.

Sandra Groves, President

Nutcracker



WCO members will be attending the December 12, 2021 performance of the Nutcracker at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in Olympia. We have our tickets and eagerly await this holiday event.

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership Via Zoom and In-Person

December 7, 2021 at noon
Christmas Concert and
Holiday Desserts

Evening Meeting:

**NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER**

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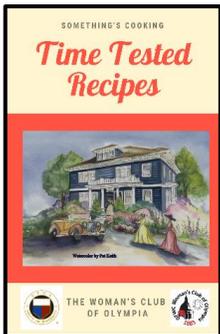
VOLUNTEER CORNER



HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE – Cindy Bassage

Many thanks to all the members that participated in the Bazaar. Thanks to each and every one of you it was a huge success. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. We could not have succeeded without each and every one of you. THANK YOU!!

The Holiday Bazaar was a tremendous success. The lunch and beverage service brought in \$90.00; the raffle tickets for the wreath brought in \$70.00 with a request to make another one for \$100.00 for a total gained of \$170.00; the bake sale and the white elephant table earned \$615.13; the vendors paid a total of \$1,075.00 for table space, electricity and a spot to advertise on our website. The GRAND TOTAL is **\$1,950.13.**



NEW FUNDRAISING PROJECT – Cindy Bassage

We are off and running on to our next fundraising project. Once again we need the help of each and every member to make this successful. It is a pretty easy request and costs you nothing. We would like you to send us your favorite recipe for a cookbook that we will put together. There were so many yummy baked good at the Bazaar. Consider submitting the recipe for what you donated. More information on this will come later but the first step is collect your favorite recipe. Please email it to Sandra Groves or Cindy Bassage. Thank you In advance for your help in making this a successful book.

SOCKS UPDATE

Socks are coming in as members donate and we are more than half way to the goal! We currently have 253 pairs of socks toward our 500 pair goal this year. You have until June to donate. Socks are on sale at this time of year and some are half price so this is a good time to stock up.



ALL KIDS WIN

Bagging of food for All Kids Win (formerly Homeless Backpacks) is always a worthy activity for our club. The first Wednesday of each month, help bag fruit from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lacey Columbia Bank building. Placing fruit cups or applesauce in a plastic bag, sealing it up and doing it again is all that is required. An assembly line and conversation make it easier and more fun. Consider helping and record your hours!

HOUSE REPORT – Mary Siddell



We depend on rentals to pay for the upkeep of The Abigail Stuart House. It costs us between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year to keep our beautiful clubhouse in running order. Since the COVID pandemic, rentals have been restricted. Finally, they are returning and we are back in business. A team of members have been fine tuning our rental procedures. Brittney Svach and Anna McKinney have been invaluable to this process. We still have glitches. The House Committee will be meeting soon to identify our successes and challenges, and seek ways to make things even better. We will present opportunities for you to help. Please consider how you can be of service in keeping our clubhouse running.

The final grant project will be the completion of the painting on the main floor and on the porches of the Abigail Stuart House. The painting project is scheduled for December 27 - 31.

The door codes are programmed into the new keypad lock on the kitchen door. Please email Brittney Svach at womansclubofolympia@gmail.com to receive your code. If you had a code for the last lock, it should already be programmed into this new one. Brittney will confirm that. This new lock makes it possible for Brittney to control all functions through her cell phone. She can set lock codes easily and she knows who is using the building.

Comcast will be our new WI-FI provider. They are working on the equipment and it will be in place soon. We will have excellent WI-FI service throughout the building.

REPORTING – Mary Siddell

Please send Mary Siddell your volunteer project hours and any donations you made, or any costs you had. We also collect hours for attending music, arts, drama productions, for gardening, and for exercise. When reporting exercise, give a brief description of your type of exercise as it makes for an interesting report. An example for the bazaar: preparation of baked goods, 3 hours, \$10.00. Thank you.



RESERVATIONS

As of the date of the preparation of this newsletter, we have at least 6 events scheduled for December at the house. It is a busy time for us and things appear to be increasing.

SALVATION ARMY FAMILY UPDATE

As you are aware, the club has adopted a family for the Salvation Army for Christmas. The following shows the items purchased to date. Refer to the spreadsheet you were sent earlier via email and choose something other than what has been purchased already. Contact Gail Crump with what you purchased and the amount you spent (this is for our reporting in January). The list will be updated daily and you will be notified by email of the latest updates.

FAMILY	\$75.00 food gift card
SIX YEAR OLD MIYAH	Boots Plush Blanket Hat and Scarf
15 MONTH OLD XAVIER	Crib Coat Pants – 4 pair fleece Shirts – 5 Carters long sleeve body tops Plush blanket – Mickey Mouse Socks – Mickey Mouse and Friends



All items need to be purchased and brought to the December Club Meeting on December 7th in order to be packed to be delivered to the Salvation Army. Do not wrap anything, but I will need boxes for the items and larger boxes to deliver in. The best time to buy is right after Thanksgiving.

As a part of this family adoption, we are also obligated to provide non-perishable food items. Please bring those to the December meeting also and they will put in a basket or box for giving. The \$75 gift card already purchased is for perishable items like, milk, eggs, etc.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP November 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by President Sandra Groves followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Collect by members. Twelve members and three guests attended the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting held on October 5, 2021 were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A statement of activity from Sept. 21 to October 19, 2021, and a Statement of Financial Position as of Oct. 19, 2021 were presented and accepted. Ellen Wagner reported that our total assets equaled \$173,552.13. Our net Revenue was \$12,722.89. The Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit.

SPEAKER: JUDY KIMMELDORF AND MARCIE WAH - LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

We welcomed Marcie and Judy who spoke to us about the work of The Little Red Schoolhouse. The Little Red Schoolhouse is a nonprofit serving over 3,500 school aged children annually. Marcie is “Queen of the Socks” for this organization and WCO members donate socks every year for their distribution day in August. Seven school districts are served by this nonprofit. Children are provided with school supplies, socks and coats at the start of each school year. With COVID, many of the supplies are distributed by school counselors. Schools receive

backpacks labeled by grade level, with items inside. This nonprofit has been working since 1991. Our sock goal this year is 500. We are well on our way.

ALL KIDS WIN: CHRISTMAS CARDS

During our meeting, members wrote messages on Christmas cards to be given out with gift cards during the winter break. Since children will be out of school for two weeks, gift cards are given to families to buy food and presents.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

In an attempt to strengthen the WIFI connection at our clubhouse, Brittney Svach looked into both Century Link and Xfinity services. Cindy Bassage explained that the Xfinity internet services should be faster and better for us. Linda Wolfe made a motion for WCO to sign a contract with Xfinity for three years of internet service at \$69.99 a month. After discussion, the motion passed. (Since this meeting, the final cost came in at \$88.40 plus taxes and fees per month, with \$18.45 a month modem rental.)

ARTS AND CULTURE

We are going to the Nutcracker together, on Sunday Dec. 12, at 2 pm. We will meet at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts at 512 Washington Street SE. Tickets are \$24.00. Members and guests are invited. Tickets will be purchased in advance by Dani Lewis.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Gail Crump has not heard from the Salvation Army about adopting a family for Christmas. We hope to hear from them soon.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Anna McKinney encouraged us to mentor children and help in classrooms. She also suggested we give books for Christmas gifts. Anna would love input from members. Anyone interested in working on the Education Committee should contact Anna. The ESO book club will meet on Nov. 22 at 1:30 at the clubhouse. Our Lending Library has new books. Be sure to take one home to enjoy.

ENVIRONMENT

Linda Wolfe raffled off her beautiful pinecone wreath. With the funds raised, she bought bulbs for us to plant. She gave us a quick tutorial on planting bulbs. She also presented us with a product that is recommended for helping our environment: Earth Breeze. In the packet you have detergent sheets for 60 loads of laundry at a cost of \$13.00. There are many advantages for using this product. Look it up on the internet and see if it will work for you. October 24 is Earthquake Day. Linda explained things to consider if we are in the clubhouse during an earthquake.

FUNDRAISING

Cindy Bassage reported on the Bazaar. She needs one greeter from 9 – 12. Baked goods can be delivered to the clubhouse on Friday, Nov. 12 from 2-5. Please bring them wrapped.

HOUSE

We need a treasurer for the House Account. Anna McKinney is serving as treasurer until we can find a volunteer. We use Quick Books, an on line program. Many of our bills are paid with on-line banking at Olympia Federal. The new keypad door lock will be installed on the kitchen door tomorrow, Nov. 2. Brittney Svach will program it and give out codes shortly. This lock is WIFI connected so Brittney can use her phone to program it. This will be a huge help for our rental use and for our members. We will be finishing up the final projects for the state grant. We want to buy 30 more chairs at Costco, and we have some painting to complete. Davis Co. will give us an estimate of costs. These projects must be completed before the end of the year.

LIBRARIAN

Luellen Charneski has made two signs to put up outside advertising our rental space for dance and yoga. We hope this will help to get some activity. Thank you to Luellen's grandson for making these signs for us.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Keith introduced Ann McIndoo, our guest today, who is interested in membership. She will be a vendor at our bazaar. She is a writer, a crafter, and she has lots of ideas for fund raising. We welcome her.

REMEMBRANCE

Margo Anderson is at Mother Joseph's following a fall. Pat sent a card with our thoughts for a speedy recovery.

RESERVATIONS

Anna McKinney reported that we have 4 rental events scheduled at the clubhouse this month. She is showing the house to 3 more groups on Wednesday. Brittney Svach designed a new brochure for Anna to give out. Brittney also created a new Exit Checklist for after events. Discussion was held about whether to decorate for Christmas. We will not decorate because renters will want their own decorations for their events.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Linda Wolfe reported that all scholarship information has been sent to the Thurston County High Schools. Scholarship applications will be due the middle of December. Interviews will be scheduled for the first two weeks in January. Katrina Wynkoop Simmons has created a tally sheet for use in judging the candidates. We will keep the scholarship rewards the same as in previous years, totaling \$7,000.

WOMAN'S HISTORY

Luellen Charneski has been asked to speak to the AAUW group in Shelton in March about the history of The Woman's Club of Olympia.

EVENING GROUP

The Evening Group will meet at 7:00 on Wednesday, Nov. 10. All are invited to attend. A ZOOM invitation will be put out to members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Priscilla Quinton asked if the Olympia High School choir was invited to sing at our December meeting. Since they have not been invited, and since this is a tradition at WCO, Priscilla agreed to see if they are able to come. November 6, Bazaar at Faith Lutheran on Pacific Avenue

50/50 RAFFLE

Birte Olsen won \$15 from the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33.

Submitted by Mary Siddell, Secretary.



MINUTES OF THE EVENING MEMBERS November 13, 2021 – by Darcy Huffman

On Wednesday evening November 10, we welcomed Donnette Paishon from One Way Jin Shin Jyutsu. Donnette shared with us a few Jin Shin Jyutsu practices that may be able to help us heal from surgeries, injuries, or even daily stress. We also talked about the importance of self-care and that this ancient art of profound healing may work for many of us. Thank you Donnette for the presentation and the handouts.

Our business meeting consisted of conversations about the upcoming Bazaar and how we could help, along with reminders for those who had signed up to work.

We had several "Good of the Order" updates from members of our group. We toasted Darcy Huffman's successful election to the Olympia School Board.

Reminder of the book club meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 and to please use our lending library.

We're seeking a Co-Chair for the Education Committee and that applications for scholarships are due December 15. Please let seniors in your circle know about the scholarship opportunities and have them apply!

Susan Herring updated us on the Paws 4 A Cause Fundraiser on April 30, 2022. This will be a pet friendly dog walk around Capital Lake. The funds raised will benefit the Animal Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society – both organizations dedicated to finding a cure for cancer.

Linda Wolfe spoke to the importance of using environmentally friendly cleaning products. She suggested looking at www.earthbreeze.com if we are interested.

Lisa Smith, Executive Director of the Washington State Microenterprise Association let us know that a recognition of this year's graduates would be available on December 9 both by zoom and YouTube. Contact her at lisa@wamicrobiz.org for more information.

As a reminder, the Evening Club has no meeting in December, but will meet again in on January 12, 2022. The evening club wishes all of you a happy and safe holiday season!!

Community Service Volunteer Hours and Contributions

Member Name _____

Enter your total hours and contributions. Projects will be reported to the State GFWC.

PROJECT	NOTES	VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$ DONATED	IN KIND DONATIONS
ARTS & CULTURE				
ENVIRONMENT Federation Forest Recycling Gardening				
EDUCATION & LIBRARIES				
HEALTH & WELLNESS				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH 				
MEMBERSHIP				
FUNDRAISING				
COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS				
WOMEN'S HISTORY				
LEADERSHIP				
GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECTS Domestic violence awareness & prevention				