

# The Woman's Club of Olympia

# JOURNAL



February 2025 Edition

## PLANNER

### NEXT MEETINGS

#### General Membership

February 4, 2025, at Noon  
Program: Gratitude

#### Evening Group

February 12, 2025  
Program: Poet Laureate  
6:30 social 7:00 p.m. meeting

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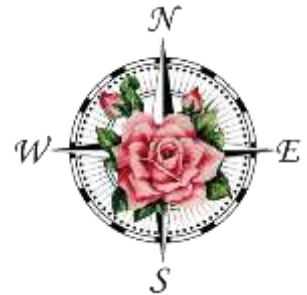


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Woman's Club of Olympia is growing and continues to do so. We are so pleased to welcome 6 new members since September! That being said, the new members need to know more about how the club works, what they can receive from the club, the opportunities for service to the community, etc. I would like to invite all new members to an orientation get together in February. I will discuss more at the upcoming meeting. If you would like to participate, please let me know. There is so much you can learn and be a part of.

We have a new Treasurer for the club. Denise Kinney has stepped forward to take over the office since Anna McKinney has decided to step away. We all must thank Anna for her diligence and work over the past years. Thank you Anna! Welcome Denise!

We have had record attendance at our last few meetings and it such a good sight to see. Thank you everyone for showing up and RSVP'ing to attend or not. It is a huge help to know how many to set up for.

Sandra Groves, President

## BRING CANNED GOODS

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thurston County Food Bank at our last few meetings. We will to collect canned goods throughout the year at our monthly meetings.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

**Lauren Rogers – February 1**



## SOCK COLLECTION

At last count we have already collected **260 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!



## WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone for bringing coats for the coat drive to benefit the Family Education and Support Services. The coats will be picked up at our February meeting.



## EVENING GROUP TO HOST POET

The evening group of members is hosting Poet Laureate Cynthia Pratt at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Her poems appeared or are forthcoming in numerous journals including Ravens Perch, Last Stanza Poetry Journal, Kestrel, Sing the Salmon Home, Bird Brain anthologies and others. Her manuscript, Celestial Drift, was published in 2016. Cynthia Pratt is a founding member of the Olympia Poetry Network and Lacey's Poet Laureate. You can check out her Website at [Cynthia-pratt-poet.net](http://Cynthia-pratt-poet.net). All are welcome to attend this event and you are encouraged to bring your own poem to share. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. with a 6:30 social time beforehand.

## PAINTING PROJECT FOR ABIGAIL STUART HOUSE

A surprise arrived in the form of notification that The Woman's Club of Olympia did receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Thurston County Heritage Council. This grant is earmarked for the painting of the house in the spring or early summer months, depending on weather. The Board has voted and approved moving forward on the project. The painting company will allow us to make a down payment and then make 2 additional payments for the project which will allow us to take money from one of our certificates of deposit when it matures next. The painting will spruce up the house and the repairs slated will allow us to move forward in the future. More details are forthcoming as we are assigned a date on the painter's schedule.



## REPORTS FOR 2024

Mary Siddell has been hard at work compiling all your volunteer hours and projects for the past year. The reports will be provided to the District and State where awards are given out for winning reports for the clubs. We have done so much for our community and club in the past year, so we should expect some awards for our work. Grateful for everything each of you have done!!! Good Work!

## REQUEST FOR NOTE CARDS

The local craft shop, Lost & Found Crafts is collecting blank note cards as well as Thank You and Thinking of You note cards which will be sent to an organization called "Creative Kindness" for kids who have been affected by the fires in California. Bring any cards you may want to donate and they will be dropped off at Lost & Found. Sometimes just a note can make a huge difference!!



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## RECYCLING PROJECTS CONTINUE

### We are no longer collecting pop tops from drink cans.

**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.

**BREAD TAGS:** 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.



- ❖ Monthly Coffee Meet ups – Dates to be announced monthly
- ❖ Bunco Games – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM
- ❖ February Wine, Chocolate and Bingo
- ❖ March Meeting Program – Sock Hop

If you have ideas for more fun, social time, field trips, etc., please contact any Board Member.

**FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL CALL TO THE PENINSULA DISTRICT SPRING BOARD MEETING. All members are invited to attend and encouraged to do so. See what other clubs are doing and participate in discussions, meet new friends, and learn about the organization. Hope you can make it to the meeting.**



### **Official Call**

**GFWC-WS Peninsula District  
Spring Board Meeting  
Saturday, February 15, 2025**

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

11:00 am – 2:30 pm - Potluck

12.00 Board Meeting will begin – All Board Members are expected to attend.

**Location: Mountain Greens MHP Clubhouse**

5280 55<sup>th</sup> Ln. SE

Lacey, WA 98503

For questions call 360-455-0466

Please RSVP to Rena Johnston so I know how many will be attending.

Preliminary Agenda includes:

Welcome

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Nominating Committee Election

Report information for Conference

By-law changes

Spring Conference Information – March 29, 2025

Drexel House – speaker (tentative)

List of items for donation

Summer 2025 picnic, possible location, July or August



## The Woman's Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes January, 2025

There were no minutes provided at time of publication. The minutes will be sent out separately via email to all members for review.

### Woman's Club Evening Meeting Notes January 8, 2025

Host: Susan Herring

Notetaker: Linda Malanchuk-Finnan

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse and after some socializing before 7:00 pm, the meeting was called to order. The Collect was read, the Pledge of Allegiance recited and the visitors introduced. Lisa Parshley, newly elected Representative to the 22<sup>nd</sup> District, was the first to speak. She introduced herself as a veterinarian and a person working for change. She has long combined her interest in helping animals and people with the Paws 4 a Cause cancer walk and fundraiser. She ran for Olympia City Council first to get more experience and to start at a level she thought she could make a difference at. Now as a state representative, she is looking to help other people navigate to get what they want and need, to center on People. She is trying to put finances in every conversation she has...to get people to apply for grants, resources, planting seeds to help themselves and others. There are often resources there, people need to know how to access them and sometimes be pushed to apply for them.

Rachel Grant is newly elected Thurston County Commissioner. She ran as Rachel Dreon and has just married. She comes from a background of experiencing first hand many difficult parts to life and the law. Grant described herself as a proud 2004 graduate of Thurston County Drug Court. She now has a master's degree in public administration from The Evergreen State College and wants to improve behavioral health equity in our county. She feels because of her lived experience she has important insight into ways to do so and involve others. There are also city and county commissions which lack residents who could help out on them and gain experience themselves.

We had a good discussion about upcoming legislative issues like medical mergers and the need for comprehensive human services. Human trafficking was included in the discussion as we talked about shelter beds and services. It is probable we will need more as the World Soccer Cup is held here in 2026 since trafficking ramps up with any sports gathering and we already have few enough compared to the need.

Upcoming events like the Authors BookTalk on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Wine and Chocolate Bingo on February 7<sup>th</sup> were announced. For the February evening meeting we hope to center on poetry. Susan will invite Cynthia Pratt, Poet Laureate of Lacey, to be our speaker and everyone is encouraged to bring a piece of poetry to share for Valentine's Day! Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

American Heart Association.



*Friday, February 7, 2025*



*Wine, Chocolate and Bingo!*

*Join us for an evening of fun, sipping, and sampling*

*4 to 7 p.m.*

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**Support our scholarship program!**

**\$20.00 per person**



# Spend an evening with 2 Northwest Authors



## AARON RYAN

Aaron Ryan is the author of the bestselling series, *Dissonance*, a sci-fi post-apocalyptic saga and his latest sci-fi thriller "*Forecast*" as well as the business reference books *The Superhero Anomaly* and *How to Successfully Self-Publish & Promote Your Independent Book*.



## STACY KEAN

Stacy Kean is the author of the historical fiction novel, "*The Nazi Housewife of Queens, New York*," based in part on the true story of the first Nazi war criminal who lost her U.S. citizenship and was extradited to Germany in one of the longest war crime trials in German history in the 1970's.

**March 19, 2025 - 7 to 9 p.m.**

**The Woman's Club of Olympia**

**1002 Washington Street SE – Olympia**

**\$10 per person**



**REPORTING FORM / VOLUNTEER HOURS: Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**ARTS & CULTURE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ENVIRONMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COMMUNICATION & PR:** 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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