

The Woman's Club of Olympia

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January 2025 Edition

PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership

January 7, 2025, at Noon
Program: Legislative Action

Evening Group

January 8, 2025
Program: Legislation with
Guests

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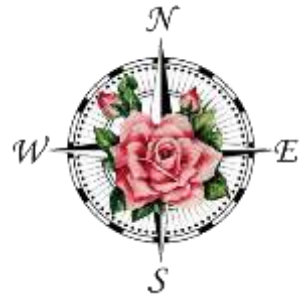


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you like the updated newsletter format using the red rose? After 6 years of doing this newsletter, I thought it could use some change! You can give me feedback at the meeting or via email message. I would love to hear from you.

2025 is upon us and the Club is in a good position. We have lots of things planned for the coming year and we have an abundance of rentals coming up to keep the house prospering. We have hired a new Reservations Coordinator who will hit the ground running in January. Both the Club and the House websites are up and running and will continue to be our face on the internet along with our Facebook page. Be sure to check in on social media once in a while for updates and fun!

I want to personally thank everyone who helped with the Pancakes with Santa to make it special for the kids and everyone who attended. The next event will be our Wine, Chocolate and Bingo event in February. Stay tuned!!!

Sandra Groves, President

BRING CANNED GOODS TO MEETING

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thurston County Food Bank at our December General Meeting. As an ongoing project, we will continue to collect canned goods throughout the year at our monthly meetings



SOCK COLLECTION

At last count we have already collected **211 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!

PANCAKES WITH SANTA PHOTOS



SALVATION ARMY FAMILY UPDATE

This year's family will have a very Merry Christmas thanks to each of you!!! And thank you to Luellen Charneski and Dani Lewis for taking on this important project this year!

50 plus items were donated with a combined value of \$970. \$70 worth of food items were donated. \$165 in gift cards were also donated.





The Olympia High School Chamber Choir once again delivers Christmas spirit to the December meeting. We always enjoy their music and enthusiasm!



DO YOU READ? JOIN US JANUARY 27th

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 PROJECTS CONTINUE

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 here, 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.





- ❖ Monthly Coffee Meet ups
- ❖ Bunco Games – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM
- ❖ January Meeting Program – Legislature in Session
- ❖ 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.



January 8th begins the 2025 Bunco games. Bunco games will continue to be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Abigail Stuart House. Fun, snacks and prizes.

GULL HARBOR ART SHOW UPDATE

The Gull Harbor Art show held in November raised \$1,007.30 for the Woman's Club to donate to All Kids Win. The show was well attended and many people made cupcakes for the event. Cupcake sales raised \$340!

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVE LOCAL UPDATE

For two weeks in November, The Woman's Club of Olympia participated in the Community Foundation's Give Local online donations. We had our website directing viewers to see what we do, the programs we support and who we are as a non-profit. We received donations totaling \$3,550 during those 2 weeks. The Give Local Program added a donation from their general fund in the amount of \$351.33. Our final total will be **\$3,901.33** and will be deposited into our account at the end of December.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS TO BE INITIATED IN JANUARY

We must be doing something right! We have 3 new members who will be initiated into the Club at the January meeting. Lisa Ornstein, Suzanne Beatty and Lesia Alexander will be our first 2025 members. Please be sure to welcome them.



CLUB JOINS WASHINGTON 250 – Sandra Groves

The Washington State Legislature established the Semiquincentennial Committee via Senate Bill 5756 to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The committee is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and supported administratively by the Washington State Historical Society.

Washington's framework for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States creates ways for all communities to get involved in public history and commemorative activities. We ask Washingtonians to consider the Semiquincentennial around three themes: We the People, Power of Place, and Sharing History. Why these themes? To inspire Washingtonians to ask themselves and their communities the following questions:

SHARING HISTORY

- How can we tell a more inclusive history? How can more inclusive histories help us better understand the past and build stronger, more connected communities in the future?
- How can we support local and regional history organizations to be sustainable and better serve their communities?
- What new approaches can we use to improve history and civics education in our state?
- How can the study of history help diverse Washingtonians find common ground?
- How can we engage all generations in learning about and appreciating history?

As President, I signed up The Woman's Club of Olympia as a partner with Washington 250. This group is planning events for the 250 Anniversary of the United States and they are promoting groups in Washington. We certainly have a history in Washington and it will be good to be a partner with them. You can visit their website at <https://america250wa.org>.

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The following members have birthdays in December and January.

Luellen Charneski	December 6
Linda Malanchuk-Finnan	December 30
Denise Kinney	January 10
Irene Lewis	January 11
Katrina Wynkoop Simmons	January 24
Dani Lewis	January 30





URGENT REQUEST

The Family Education and Support Services (FESS) has put out a request to our Club to participate in a coat drive in January. New or gently used items are acceptable and there is a great need for students to have warm coats, gloves and scarves for the winter months. The need has exceeded their resources so they are reaching out. If you want to donate, bring items to the January meeting.

The Woman's Club of Olympia General Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

Meeting called to order @12:02pm by Sandra Groves
 Collect and Pledge of Allegiance recited
 Guests- Suzanne Beatty
 Olympia High School will be here about 12:45pm
 Minutes from last meeting moved, seconded and voted on for approval.
 Treasurer's report moved and seconded. Approved for audit.

General business-

- Potluck lunch today
- People who RSVP'd have a gift bag on the back counter
- Raffle items will be called throughout the meeting
- Breakfast with Santa is December 7th. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

12:12 Lunch line started

12:45 Olympia High School Chamber Choir program starts

Coffee Klatch- TBD

Voted and approved the end of year donations to nonprofits.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES OR RESOLUTIONS

As we welcome in the New Year, a common activity across many cultures is the setting of New Year resolutions. New Year pledges or promises are not new. This practice has been around for some time. Most ancient cultures practiced some type of religious tradition or festival at the beginning of the New Year. Historically, the first recorded people to set New Year pledges (later to become known as resolutions) are the Ancient Babylonians some 4,000 years ago. The Babylonians believed if they fulfilled their New Year promises, then the Gods would look favorably upon them in the New Year. Ancient Rome continued the tradition of celebrating New Year and setting New Year pledges. In the Middle Ages (around 500 to 1500 A.D), medieval knights pledged their allegiance and renewed their vows to chivalry and knightly valor each new year.

Resolutions had become a common activity, and people were making and breaking pledges just as they do to this day. Conceptually, however, New Year resolutions continue to capture people's imagination, hopes, and promises for betterment. Even after 4,000 years, the New Year continues to symbolize a new threshold. An opportunity for a fresh start.



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



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 _____
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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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