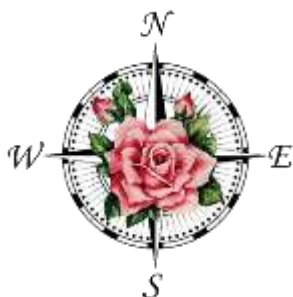


# The Woman's Club of Olympia JOURNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are charting our course to move into the future for the Club (thus, the compass). If we have a plan, we can achieve our goals, if no plan, we will be flailing around accomplishing nothing.

It is my endeavor to get more members participating in our events, meetings and fundraisers. We are getting a good turnout at our meetings. Thank You! However participation in our events and fundraisers is sorely lacking. We held an open house at the clubhouse on October 17<sup>th</sup>. It was widely publicized, talked about at the meetings, and published in the newsletter. Other than the 4 of us who decorated, fixed food, and gave tours, no other members participated. Why is this? I really would like to know. Please email me or call me. It was a beautiful event and the house looked wonderful!!!!

Sandra Groves, President



## BRING CANNED GOODS TO MEETING

Please bring canned goods to the November 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 123 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

November 5, 2024 at Noon  
Shake Out Program

#### Evening Group

November 13, 2024  
6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting

#### **Contact Us:**

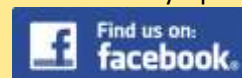
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## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

The Woman's Club of Olympia will resume supporting the Salvation Army by hosting a family this year. The application has been submitted and we will receive our family information shortly. It is a wonderful way to make a low-income, struggling family have a Christmas they would not normally have. It's fun to shop for kids' toys, clothes and whatever they most need. Please plan to participate!!! More information will be available at the November meeting.

## UPDATES ON HOUSE RESERVATIONS



As you may be aware, our current company who handles our reservations, checks email and phone messages, prepares contracts for renters, and keeps our janitor on task for cleaning schedules, will no longer be assisting us after December 31<sup>st</sup>. We have reached out to other companies who could take over, be trained by the current company, and hit the ground running in January. The cost of hiring a new company is in the multiple thousands of dollars. To that end, the House Committee is looking into taking on some of the tasks as a Club. We are working out details now and hopefully doing some of the tasks "in house" will save us in the long run.

**BUT, to do this we need everyone's help. We want to keep our house and in order to keep the doors open, we need a minimum of \$3,000 each month in rental income.** More details are forthcoming.



ALSO, the House Committee is looking for volunteer tour guides. If you can spare a block of time once or twice a month to show the house to prospective renters, please contact Barbara Pugliese. You will receive training as to what to say and we can put you on a volunteer calendar for whatever time you can give us. Once you are on the calendar, we will rely on you to be available if there is a tour. If there are no tours, you will not be required to be at the house. We require renters to visit the house before signing a contract so they can see what is available. Even if you only sign up for a time slot once or twice a month, we can schedule tours with your help. Training for the tour guides will be easy. If you cannot do the stairs, it would be best to have your volunteer time for something else, because guides will need to access the upstairs. Please think about volunteering for us.

## NORTHWEST GREENERY SALES



We are going to try a new fundraiser activity by selling holiday wreaths and greenery. The company is located in Tumwater and is Sherwood Forest. If you want to purchase a wreath or other item, you can do so before November 10<sup>th</sup>. Info packets will be available at the November meeting or you can visit the online website at:

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/TheWomansClubofOlympia>

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST FILLED

The Historical Society requested that the Woman's Club provide them with some photographs from our archives. They are doing a display of photos to place in the windows of the old Olympia Fire Station on Capitol and State Streets downtown. Luellen Charneski supplied them with 5 of our historical photos. The display will be something to look forward to. We will keep you updated.



## PANCAKES WITH SANTA

The popular Pancakes with Santa will be on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon. Tickets are available and will be handed out at the November meeting so everyone can purchase one for themselves and sell them to families with children or the young at heart. We will need your participation help get the word out and to publicize to make this a great event.

## 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. 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

Reported your volunteer hours so Mary Siddell can report to the District and State in January. Don't forget to record your hours using the form at the end of this newsletter. If you do not want to use the form, then please just send your hours to Mary Siddell via email. She will compile all our efforts for reporting at the end of the year.





## HERITAGE DAY EVENT and GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Thurston County Historic Commission is holding a Heritage Day Event on October 26, 2024 at the Thurston County Fairgrounds Heritage Hall. At previous Heritage Day events, groups have set up tables to display information about their achievements made possible in part by the Heritage Grant Program which is awarded yearly to applicants to support historical preservation projects. This year, The Woman's Club of Olympia is applying for a grant from this organization, so put this date on your calendar to attend and support the Commission.



The Woman's Club of Olympia has applied for grants from the Nisqually Tribe Foundation and the Thurston County Heritage Grant Foundation. We should get word in October as to the status of these applications. If we receive funds from these organizations, we shall paint the clubhouse in the spring.

If you have ideas or places to apply, please contact Sandra Groves.



- ❖ **Monthly Coffee Meet ups**
- ❖ **Bunco Games – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM**
- ❖ **November Meeting Program – Shake Out Presentation**
- ❖ **November 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Bazaar**
- ❖ **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.**

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This year's Holiday Bazaar will be November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 3 p.m. at the clubhouse. All table spaces are full. We will need members to supply items for our famous bake sale and we will need help setting up, working the day of, and tearing down. Be prepared to sign up at the November meeting if you have not done so already. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year so let's make it spectacular!





The Gull Harbor Art Fair will be held at the Woman's Club on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This event is also a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale of cupcakes and a portion of vendor proceeds go to a charity of choice and our members are encouraged to bake cupcakes for the event. Contact Nancy Broach for further information on baking.

## WANT TO BE A PEN PAL AGAIN??

Denise Kinney is spearheading the pen pal program this year. The Woman's Club of Olympia is reaching out to a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Griffin School to be pen pals with us over the next school year. If you want to participate, and you have not signed up, please contact Denise Kinney. It's always fun to write and receive these letters, so plan to sign up.



## BUNCO GAMES TO RESUME!!!

You asked – We deliver!!! Bunco games will resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Abigail Stuart House. Fun, snacks and prizes

## GIVE LOCAL ONLINE FUNDRAISING

The Woman's Club of Olympia will be participating again this year in the Community Foundation's Give Local online fundraising event in November. We will be asking everyone to help us get the word out by sharing the information with others. Funds are raised by public donations to nonprofit organizations in the community. This will our 3<sup>rd</sup> time doing this and each year more people become aware of us and what we do. Our public-facing webpage to request donations is up online and ready to go.

Donating begins November 11 through November 22.



## Woman's Club of Olympia General Membership Meeting October 1, 2024

Meeting called to order @12:04 pm by Sandra Groves Guests- No guests

Minutes of last meeting adopted. One initiate Mary Lyn Kappert and seconded. Mary Lyn is sworn in. She signs in at #940 in the member register.

**Treasurer report-** Anna sent email yesterday with numbers. Four tours and 4 events scheduled in the house for October. December has 1 event.

**General business-** Speaker Sargent Josh Marinson spoke regarding personal safety. Key points

- \* Not answering the door to strangers. You do not have to open the door for anyone. Having peep holes for door.
- \* Staying alert to your surroundings.
- \* Recent increase in I-5 collisions resulting in carjackings. Mostly in King and Pierce counties. If this happens to you immediately call 911, do not get out of your car.
- \* If needed the non emergent number for Olympia police is 360-704-2740 \*Have a plan. Know what you would do in case of attack ie. attack back, run away or make a lot of noise.
- \* Homeless being a bigger issue in our area. It is ok to call the non emergent number and ask to have a person removed from property. Try not to engage in the situation yourself.
- \* Ok to let the police know if there is an event in the building in the evening especially in the darker months so they can be aware.
- \* Red flags for scammers on the phone. Do not give personal information or money over the phone. If there is a person calling identifying themselves as family member in trouble. Try calling that person directly to check the story. Do not let a scammer create a sense of urgency.
- \* He suggests a pepper blaster instead of pepper spray. Made by Kimbler can get on Amazon.

Refreshments @12:48

**General meeting:**

October 17th 5-7pm is open house at the Abigail Stuart House. With tours. If willing to help please contact Barbara. Bazaar is November 9th there will be bake sale and helpers needed. Please sign up. There are some new vendors and some returning vendors. Art Fair is November 16th 10am-4pm will include a cupcake contest. Please make sure to include a list of ingredients. Winner will receive a gift certificate for about \$40 to spend at the Art Fair.

There were some members not included in the Compass Awards last meeting. Katrina Weinkoop Simmons 5yrs and Pat Keith 15yrs

Regarding Bylaws- re the phrase "any woman can join" remove and add "any person can join"

Announcement- Marketing contract is not renewing. Reservations will be kept.

**Committee reports-**

Voter registration forms are available and it is really important vote. You can find information about candidates at [www.gowashington.com](http://www.gowashington.com)



Remembrance Committee- Anita had knee replaced a week ago. Sybil is on the East Coast currently. Linda Wolfe- pen pal sign-ups for the 4th grade class is available. Letters will be due November 5th (next meeting)

Period day is October 12th 10-12, pads and tampons can be brought to the Abigail Stuart house front porch for drop off.

Thank you card from the little red school house for the sock donations. Thank you note from the Medical Equipment Bank for donation from the club.

\$33.00 was given to the winner of the 50/50 drawing winner Nancy Broach. No evening meetings this month. Coffee Klatch- TBD October 9th is Bunco at 11am

Selina Winner, Secretary



## **FALL OPEN HOUSE - Scenes from our Open House.**



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

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

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description:

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description:

**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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**LEADERSHIP:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description:

**WOMEN'S HISTORY:** Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Monies \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \_\_\_\_\_  
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