The Woman's Club of Olympia

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PLANNER

NEXT MEETINGS

General Membership
No Meeting until September
Evening Group–
No Meeting until September

Grow, Guide and Give

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to take this time to thank our outgoing president, Sandra Groves. We appreciate all Sandra did during her term.

We welcomed 3 of our 4 scholarship winners at the June meeting.

Plastic will continue to be collected and Linda Wolfe will be the one taking to recycle bin at Food Bank. Collecting prescription bottles WILL NOT continue due to the cost of postage. PLASTIC BREAD TAGS will continue to be collected.

I challenge each club member to invite 1 new person to the club meeting in September.

No general membership meetings in July or August. We will meet at our general meeting, September 1st at noon and our evening meeting, September 9th at 7 pm.

Our Retreat Planning date is July 21st. It will be held at the clubhouse from 10-2. It will be a potluck. We hope you can attend and share your ideas for our club projects for next year. If you cannot attend, please let someone know your wishes for the upcoming year. Sign-up sheets for each committee will be available for you to participate in the committee you are interested in.

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Abigail Stuart House-Woman's Club of Olympia
Have an AMAZING SUMMER!

Anna McKinney, President

TEA COMMITTEE SIGN UPS

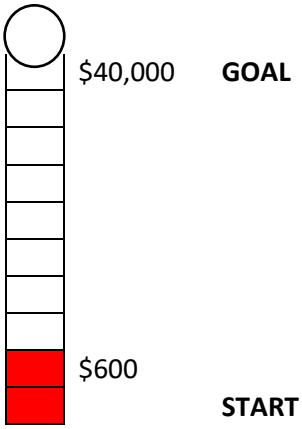
Every member of The Woman's Club of Olympia **is required** to serve on at least one Tea Committee during the year. That means the committee for each month is responsible for refreshments and decorating for the general membership meeting. You do not do this alone. There should be at least 4 on each month's committee. Also, you are not required to do a full buffet lunch – just snacks or whatever your committee decides. If you have not already signed up for a month, please contact Anna McKinney to get the month you want to serve. It's fun and builds team spirit.



SOCK TOTAL EXCEEDS GOAL!

According to Carol Valley, our sock total as of June 16th was 574!!! We exceed our goal of 500 pairs. Way to go WCO!

RAISING THE ROOF!



We need to raise funds for a new roof on The Abigail Stuart House. We are setting a goal of $40,000. So far we have raised $600.

Watch the "thermometer" rise!

ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT JULY 21

For the last several years, a Planning Retreat has been held in July in lieu of our July Board Meeting. All Members of The Woman's Club of Olympia are invited to attend the Retreat. It is a time for bonding, planning, team building, and learning about the Club and where it is headed in the future. Anna McKinney, the new WCO President says**, *"All new members are encouraged to attend! Committees for the coming two years will be formed and it is a time to learn what each committee does and how you fit into the big picture."*** This year's Retreat will be on July 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be a potluck luncheon.

The theme is:

Grow, Guide and Give



DONATIONS RECEIVED

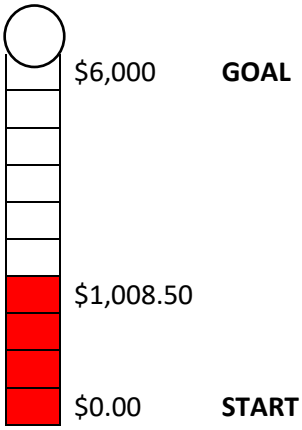
Paige Porter presented a check from the proceeds of the Mystic Fair held in May in the amount of $580. This donation will be put toward the new roof project.

A second donation of $1,008.50 was made for scholarships with the funds raised at the May event where Paige told her story about her time on Mt. St. Helens before, during and after the eruption.



The June meeting of the Evening Group was held on June 10th. Shelly Willis of FESS (Family Education and Support Services) spoke to the group and a collection of items for donation was made.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING GOAL



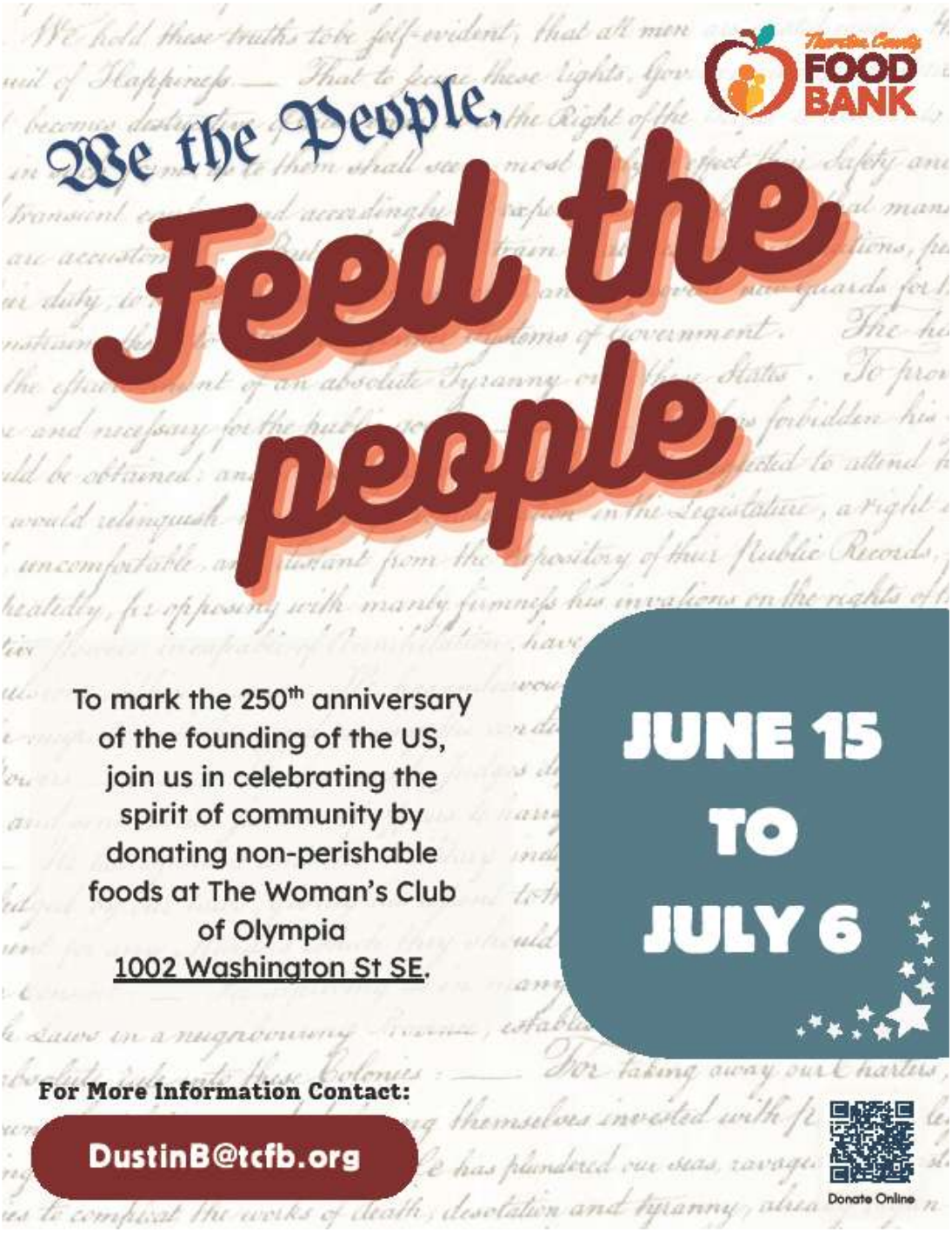
Our club takes pride in presenting four scholarships each year totaling $7,000. We do have designated funds for those awards, but we do not want to deplete those funds, so we continue to raise funds to supplement our goal!

Watch the "thermometer" rise!

SUMMER HOUR COLLECTION

Remember to keep tracking your volunteer and hours during the summer. You can use the attached reporting form (last page of the newsletter) and turn your hours in at the September meeting. If you volunteer over the summer, attend events, or participate in the upcoming food drive, you can count those hours and donations.

The Woman's Club of Olympia, the Zonta Club of Olympia and the Thurston County Food Bank are partnering for a Food Drive. A Drive Thru and Drop Off Event will be at the parking lot of the Woman's Club of Olympia on June 26th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and help, donate and Feed the People.



The Woman's Club of Olympia
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Anna McKinney. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Guests: guests included Judy, a representative of the Little Red School House and Jody Brown, who is a member of the Women's Club in Shelton which is the newest GFWC club in Washington State. In addition, 2026 WCO Scholarship Recipients Han Quatch, Brolin Boelte, and Kolton Nash and parents were in attendance, and students shared their future college plans.

Business/Announcements:
A motion was seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Denise Kinney provided copies of the Treasurer's report and reported that the club's fiscal year ended on May 31 and the club has a net revenue of $11,000. The report will be updated reflecting May 31 and filed for audit.

Judy Kimmeldorf of the Little Red School House, reported that LRSH supports all public schools in Thurston County and the socks the WCO collected will go to schools throughout the entire county. The LRSH is a non-profit organization with all volunteer staff which has been supporting school students since 1992.

Tea Committee: Jean Garwood, Sybil Goodkin, Anita Quintana and Carol Valley were thanked for today's potluck lunch.

Paige Porter reported that the Mt. St. Helen's shared memories event she presented on May 17 was well attended. The event raised $600.00 which will go towards the roof fund for the Abigail Stuart House. The Mystic Faire on May 23 was a success and raised $1,008.50 which will go towards the scholarship fund. Paige is planning a fundraiser on Saturday of Memorial Day next year.

The Evening Group will be collecting hygiene items on June 10th, and Shelly Willis of FESS (Family Education and Support Services) will be the speaker.

Amendment to Bylaws: Amended Bylaws were passed today. Copies of revised bylaws were presented at the past three meetings.

President Anna McKinney read the 2025/26 President's Annual Report submitted by Sandra Groves. Sandra Groves announced there will be a GFWC District picnic in Tacoma on June 8 from noon to 4 pm which is potluck.

Mary Siddell reported that Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month.

Linda Wolfe requested volunteers to bag food for All Kids Win on June 3 from 1-3 pm at Columbia Bank in Lacey. This will be the last one for the school year.

Anna McKinney encouraged members to sign up for Committees and the monthly Teas for the next year and sign-up sheets were provided during the meeting. Anna announced there will be a planning retreat for WCO on July 21 from 10-2 at the Abigail Stuart House which will include a potluck lunch.

Denise Kinney announced that dues are due this month and members can pay online or by mail.

The final pen pal letter of the year is also due now.

Raffle Winner: Ms. Boelte (parent of one of the scholarship recipients).

Member of the Month: Anna McKinney thanked Sybil Goodkin for her awesome job with membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Debbie Weir, Secretary

OVER THE EDGE

On June 13, Sandra Groves and Sarah Ketter participated in a fundraiser event for Puget Sound Senior Services by "Going Over the Edge". The event was held at Huntamer Park in Lacey and participants who raised $1,000 or more were afforded the opportunity to rappel down the side of the Washington Gaming Commission Building (6 stories). The brave souls who participated were first fitted with rappelling gear and instructed on how to use the various ropes, pulleys and the brake and emergency instructions. After scaling a completely vertical ladder to gain access to the roof, they were then attached to the rope mechanism that rounded the climbers. The next step was to back up to the edge of the building and step off! The rest of the story is a combination of exhilaration and terror. Once back on the ground, Sandra was asked if she would do it again. "In a heartbeat", she replied.







SUMMER PICNIC



WHAT: GFWC-WS PENINSULA DISTRICT
GET ACQUAINTED FUN EVENT

WHERE: Wright Park, Tacoma
By the Conservatory

WHEN: July 8, 2026, noon to 4 p.m.

This will be a potluck event.
Tables will be set up.
Bring your own chair!!!
Beverages will be provided.



GFWC est. 1890 GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
GFWC-WS PENINSULA DISTRICT

RSVP to Sandra Groves
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What and Who is The Woman's Club of Olympia

HISTORY: The Woman's Club of Olympia was founded in 1883 by Abbie Howard Hunt Stuart and eight other progressive women, six years before Washington became a state, to improve the lives of women and to serve the community. They fought illiteracy and poverty, and provided aid for children and needy families before there were public assistance programs. The Woman's Clubhouse was built in 1908 and later named for Abbie Stuart. We are a non-profit, non-denominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization. Learn more at www.womansclubofolympia.org.

CLUB GOALS: The Woman's Club of Olympia is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), GFWC Washington State and the Peninsula District of 9 fellow clubs, volunteer community organizations that support the arts, preserve natural resources, promote education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding. Our current projects include:

- Fundraising and partnering to support other community non-profit organizations sharing our goals;
- College scholarships for Thurston County high school seniors based on academic success and financial need;
- All Kids Win providing food for disadvantaged high school and middle school students; and
- Preservation of the historic Abigail Stuart House, and rental of the house for community programs and organizations.

MEETINGS: Our daytime meetings are at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. Our evening group meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. All meetings are held at the Abigail Stuart House at 1002 Washington Street SE, Olympia.

TO BECOME A MEMBER: **Attend two meetings or Club functions**, fill out an application and return it with a $10.00 application fee. After the Board approves the application you pay $40.00 annual membership dues and will be initiated at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES: Woman's Club members are expected to contribute actively by serving on at least one committee or project throughout the year. A Board Member will talk with you about your interests and availability. Also, each member who attends the daytime meetings is expected to serve on a committee to host a tea or luncheon for at least one meeting per year.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: You have the opportunity to meet, work, and grow with other women who are interested in self and community improvement. You are part of a historical local, state and national organization making a difference in the world.

Contact womansclubolympia@gmail.com for an application.

REPORTING FORM / VOLUNTEER HOURS: Name_____

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

ARTS & CULTURE: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

COMMUNICATION & PR: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

ENVIRONMENT: **Hours**_____ **Monies**_____ **In Kind**_____
Description:

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: **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**_____
Description: