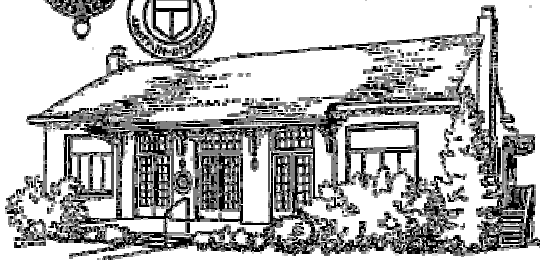




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, New Year! What energy New Year's fireworks reflect – the energy we bring to our fresh new endeavors this year:

- High Tea and Musical Revue, *Gigi*
- Winter-Featuring Layettes
- Pot o' Gold Bunko Party
- Music Scholarship Recital
- 'Round the World Social
- Mother-of-the Bride Fashion Show
- Summer-Featuring Layettes
- Summer Garden Picnic

Not only do we have a full spectrum of energizing events planned right here locally, but we also have the King County Spring Conference and the Washington State Women's Club Convention coming up in the spring to spark our enthusiasm.

How blessed we are to have found our way to KWC. How energizing to be part of the greater community.

~ Mia Scherich, President
Kirkland Woman's Club

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Luncheon

Thursday, Jan. 3
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Arts Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 8
Cynthia's, Noon
Lunch Served!

Coffee Social

Thursday, Jan. 17
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

Board Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 22
Clubhouse, 10:00 AM

Layettes

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Clubhouse, 10:00 AM



Announcing . . .

TEA WITH GIGI - NEXT MONTH!



HIGH TEA AND MUSICAL REVUE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 3 PM
KIRKLAND WOMAN'S CLUB
407 FIRST ST - KIRKLAND, WA

\$25⁰⁰

FOR RESERVATIONS MAIL CHECKS TO
KIRKLAND WOMAN'S CLUB
PO BOX 2502 - KIRKLAND 98083

PLEASE NOTE "GIGI" ON MEMO LINE
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED
TEA WAS SOLD OUT LAST YEAR

Club News**GIGI PREPARATIONS
DOWN TO THE WIRE**

Cynthia had a lunch meeting on Tuesday Dec. 11th at her home. As usual, we had a splendid lunch. We discussed what we will wear as servers at the tea. Our theme will be pink and black. We will wear long black skirts, white blouses, white aprons and a pink scarf tied in a bow at the neck. Corrine showed a sample of the little boxes we will give as favors - they are lovely. We also discussed food and table decorations. The table will be full of delicacies. We encourage every member to attend - this will be our fourth annual tea. We can promise a delightful afternoon.

**DECEMBER PARTY**

The Kirkland Woman's Club December meeting quickly turned into a party. The decorating committee had done a wonderful job. Several of us thought the tree was the prettiest we have ever had. The food table almost sagged under the large array of delicious food. The individual tables were decorated with fresh holly on mirror tiles and cups of candy and nuts. The fun part was the gift exchange. President Mia as usual had a unique plan for the distribution. We sat in a circle and held a gift. Mia read a story. Every time she said the word right, we were to pass the gifts to the right and when she said left, pass the gifts to the left. Every sentence contained these words several times. You might say we were "getting hit left and right". We turned into laughing, grabbing and passing people. Some of us turned the wrong way. A bow fell off of one gift. One was dropped. When the story was over, we opened the gift that was left (or was that right?) in our laps.

Cathy and Gwen were the lunch committee and want to thank the many ladies who helped us.

Everyone went home happy.

~ **Gwen Langwell**
Newsletter Editor

**EVERYONE A WINNER
AT COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Everyone who came to last month's Cookie Exchange was a winner – even those of us who somehow failed to bring cookies. That's because, of course, we all got to *sample* the delicious treats!

But as to judging the cookies, just the bakers were winners. I was not among them.

- Best Complete 10" Tall Christmas Tree Cookie award goes to Stephanie and her husband for this amazing entry
- Best Bake-with-your-Grandchild recipe goes to Doreen for her creative chocolate-dipped Peanut Butter Ritz Cracker treats
- Best Luscious Comfort Cookie goes to Polina for her tender Tollhouse contribution
- Best Classic Variety Trays go to the two Marys, Bette, Barbara *et al*
- Best Authentic European Selection goes to Stephanie
- Best I-Know-I-Know-It's-Not-A-Cookie goes to Barbara for her luscious quick bread
- Best Just Incredible goes to Shirley (see recipe in Cook's Corner)

My clever truffles never made it. They tasted all right, but they looked like – well, let's just say they were small and brown and roundish. That's what they looked like.

Mia Scherich
Cookie Lover, Really Bad Cook

**YES, VIRGINIA, IT IS
STILL CHRISTMAS**

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Christmas in January, at least at the Woman's Club. You can tell by the fact that the tree is still up! But no, Virginia, you will NOT be getting more presents.

Since "Twelfth Night" is still a few days off, we are leaving up our beautiful decorations for today's meeting. Thanks to Stephanie and her crew for our gourmet meal.



International Corner

The International Committee and I take this time to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you will all get involved in the International happenings and activities that happen not only in Seattle area but globally. We pray that peace prevails, poverty is reduced, homelessness reduces, domestic violence is lessened and people all over the world live in reasonable conditions and are happy and productive. This will not happen overnight but it will need the Club member's interest and assistance to reach these goals.

Let us all work together to make the world a better place for all.

With best wishes for 2008,
Shirin Velji

Federation News

FEDERATION DATES AND DEADLINES

February 15

- Committee Reports due
- Washington Clubwoman articles due

March 15

- GFWC-KC Spring Conference

April 11-13

- GFWC-WS Convention
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
Richland, WA
509. 946.4121.

Room rate is \$75.00 plus tax per night for up to four persons in the room

GFWC-RV? WELL, OK . . .

Our Washington State president Cheryl Holman has come up with something quite creative, as she reports in a recent letter:

"It just seems impossible that another year is coming to an end. What wonderful accomplishments you have made in your communities - I am so proud to represent you as your Washington State President.

"My husband and I are leaving tomorrow for Arizona and other parts of the southwest.

"I plan to visit a few clubs outside of Washington State. I'll let you know how this goes! Another of my goals has been to start a **GFWC-RV Club**, so I will be spreading the word of GFWC in **parks from Washington State to Arizona!** What fun! We have the license plates on both rigs and it is a good conversation starter.

In another of her letters, Cheryl reports tells first-hand what it was like to be in last month's flooding, and gives us some insight into her "thing" with RVs (ha-ha)!

Dear Friends,

"Thank you for your concerns about how we have handled our weather on the Washington coast. Yes, in fact we did have over 120 MPH winds here, with stronger gusts. Most power went out on Sunday and most was restored last night. Talk about communication problems: no telephone even local for a couple of days, no long distance or cell phones for several days. We felt fortunate that **we were able to move into our RV** after two days and then share our generator with neighbors. Luckily, we were able to save our full freezer and the neighbors. Members of GFWC-Pacific Shores were fortunate to have no damage to our homes. All have alternative heat sources - fireplaces, wood stoves, and/or propane heaters. Our members were generous with those less fortunate and shared warm meals, generators, and chain saws as needed.

"The Red Cross and National Guard are here helping. Our hospital provided warm meals and churches provided meals and housing. Now, the clean up will begin and we can continue to help as needed.

"I want to thank you again and wish you a wonderful holiday season, and to let you know that you do make a positive difference in your communities. We never can be certain what effect our lives have on others, but one thing is for sure: our investments of love, time commitment and caring will earn a bigger return than those made with mere money.

"Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your families. Have a happy and healthy New Year.

**In Federation Service,
Cheryl Holman, President
GFWC-Washington State**

Member News**BETTE FLETCHER:
KNITTER, GREAT
GRANDMA**

We have had a number of friendly new faces join KWC recently. One of our newer members, Bette Fletcher, was introduced to KWC by Stephanie Skomorowski. She hails from Australia, where she met her husband, a Pearl Harbor survivor, during the War. Bette and he later settled in California and raised two daughters. The daughters in turn have given Bette a total of four granddaughters, eight great-granddaughters, and (*finally!*) a great-grandson on the way! Bette has a rich relationship with the entire clan, talking on the phone to some one or other at least once a day! (*What a blessing, Bette! - MS*)

Bette and her husband moved to our state some years ago. Her husband, who passed away recently, was a member of the Washington State Pearl Harbor Survivors Club.

Bette is an avid knitter. She volunteers once a week at Overlake Hospital to knit caps for chemotherapy patients. *Welcome, Bette!*

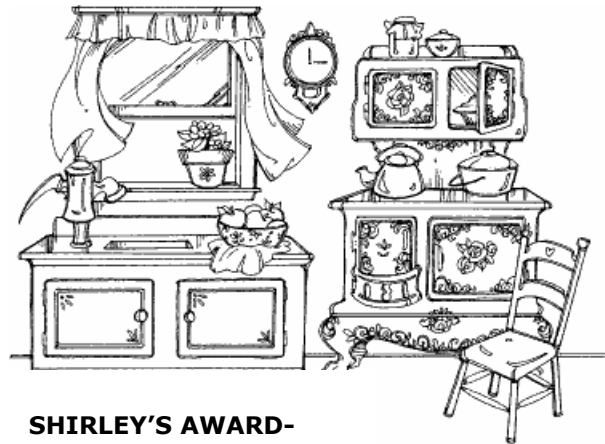
**KNOW STROKE
DANGER SIGNS**

As you know, one of our members recently had emergency surgery to insert a stent in her artery, possibly saving her from heart attack. She had had NO warning that she had a condition until one day when she simply felt faint while on a walk.

This can happen with stroke victims as well – and can go unrecognized by standers-by. If you suspect someone may be having a stroke,

- Ask him/her to SMILE
- Ask him/her to SPEAK
- Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS
- Ask him/her to stick out his TONGUE

If the person cannot smile evenly, speak a coherent simple sentence or raise both arms, or if his/her tongue tilts to one side, then call 911 immediately.

COOK'S CORNER**SHIRLEY'S AWARD-
WINNING
SCOTTISH FLAPJACKS**

Shirley writes: "I first tasted this cookie when the Royal Scottish Dancers gave their performance for us and one of the members brought it. It is so easy to make -- my kind of recipe." These treats are not only easy to make, but they are also they are delicious! They won the "taste test" at last month's Holiday Cookie Exchange.

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| 16-oz. | Rolled Oats |
| 6-oz. | Fine Sugar |
| 8-oz. | Butter |
| 4-tbsp | Golden Syrup (I just used what I had on hand) |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line or grease an 11 x 7 inch baking sheet (I just used my regular cookie sheet which has sides, lined with aluminum foil). Gently heat the butter, sugar and syrup together in a pan until melted. Gradually stir in the rolled oats, combining well with the syrup mixture. Pour onto the cookie sheet in a thin layer and bake for about 20 minutes (Mixture will spread during baking). Score into the size pieces you want when you first remove from oven (while hot), and leave in pan to cool. When cold turn out and break up along scored lines. ENJOY!

~ from *Scottish Teatime Recipes*

YEARBOOK ADDITIONS

Bette Fletcher	425.827.3644
Ellie Gross	425.749.5550



New Year's Resolutions

This new year, resolve to make yourself happier by making others happier. To brighten somebody's day, extend goodwill and improve the world around you with these simple, tried-and-true ways. And it's always fun to be creative about it...

- Allow somebody to go ahead of you in the checkout line.
- Put coins in an expired parking meter.
- Volunteer to run an errand for a friend or neighbor.
- Pay somebody an authentic compliment. Unexpected is even better.
- Share some positive news.
- Pick up litter.
- Leave a more generous tip than usual.
- Tell a good clean joke.
- Let another car take the coveted parking spot.
- Hold open the door for people behind you.
- Offer to walk a dog for somebody short on time or energy.
- Give somebody a sincere smile.
- Befriend a person new to your work, school, neighborhood or place of worship.

Corrine Hieb
Inspirations

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