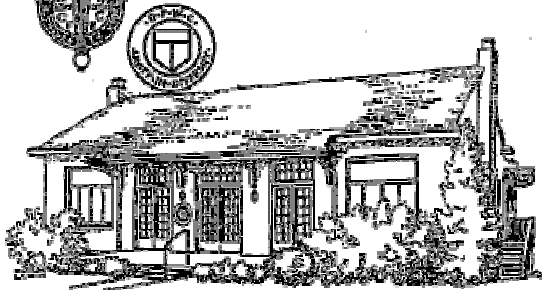




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our award-winners! And a special thanks to Corrine, who wrote up many of the reports. Our club did an outstanding job on the District level – see Page 5 for the results!

Make sure to come to our **Music Scholarship Award Recital** to be held Sunday, April 20. This will be an elegant affair. Congratulations to Eileen, Cynthia and the Arts Committee for their dedication and hard work to make this event a success. Come see the fruits of all our hard work from the Tea!

The State convention is this month in Richland (See Corrine for details), and the International Convention is just a couple of months away!

Educational Scholarships, a new slate of officers, initiation of new members – the year will soon be done! Happy spring!

~ Mia Scherich, President
Kirkland Woman's Club

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Luncheon
Thursday, April 03, 2008
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Arts Committee
Meeting
Tuesday, April 15
Noon, Cynthia's
Light Lunch
Provided-RSVP

Coffee Social
Thursday, April 17
Clubhouse, 1 PM

**Music Scholarship
Award Recital
Sunday, April 20
Clubhouse**

Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 22
Clubhouse, Time TBD

GFWC-WS Convention
April 10-13
Richland, WA





International Corner

Certificate in International – 2nd Place

I attended the GFWC King County Spring Conference hosted by GFWC Cascade in Kirkland on Saturday, March 15, 2008 with few other members. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to meet the officers of the King County and to learn about the programs and events in the region. GFWC Kirkland Woman's Club received an award 2nd Place for International. Thanks to all of you for making donations and participating in the International events for us to get the certificate. Our club also received certificates for other departments.

World Water Day 2008 on Sanitation – March 20

The above Day was celebrated by the UN on Thursday, 20 March. It highlighted issues on sanitation in accordance with the International Year of Sanitation 2008. People around the world were encouraged to celebrate the day to draw attention to the world's sanitation challenge. States were invited to devote the Day, as appropriate in the national context, to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources.

World Tuberculosis Day 2008 – March 24

World TB Day raises awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. One-third of the world's population is currently infected with TB. The Stop TB Partnership, a network of organizations and countries fighting TB, organizes the Day to highlight the scope of the disease and how to prevent and cure it. The annual event on 24 March marks the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch detected the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus. This was a first step towards diagnosing and curing tuberculosis. WHO is working to cut TB prevalence rates and deaths by half by 2015.

'Round the World Coffee

The May coffee social will take place at Moolokeh Moattar's home at 1:00 p.m. Please attend and enjoy the get together of 'Round the World.

PlanUSA Contest to benefit Women Entrepreneurs

Local GFWC clubs are donating to Plan USA, a global women's fund contest that helps women in the Dominican Republic start their own sewing businesses. Donations from GFWC are combined with others, and funds are used solely for programs that center on women's health, livelihood, education, and habitat. This program empowers women so they can empower their communities, and enables individuals to shape their own futures. Plan USA has created an awards program to recognize GFWC club and state participation in the Global Women's Fund Program. Plan USA will track all funds received by clubs and states through May 15, 2008. Every club and state that supports the Global Women's Fund in some way during the 2006-2008 Administration will receive a certificate of participation each year. In addition, Plan USA will present a special award annually at GFWC's Annual International Convention to one state in each size category that donates the most funds to the Global Women's Fund. The club in each state federation that donates the most to the fund (\$300 minimum to be eligible) will have their name placed in a random drawing each year (2007 & 2008), with the winner to be announced at the 117th Annual International Convention in Chicago in June 2008. The winning club will be allowed to select two club representatives to join a trip to country and location benefiting from fundraising efforts. All expenses (airfare, hotel, and meals while in country) will be covered by Plan USA. Winners will be responsible for any meals in transit and discretionary expenditures. Brochures are available from Plan USA explaining the Global Women's Fund program and how each club can become involved. Contact Gail Savoie or call 800/556-7918 ext. 1337 to request copies of the brochure for your club members.

**- Shirin Velji
International Chair**

Federation News

THE GFWC-WS 112TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The GFWC-WS Convention will take place April 10th to 13th in Richland, WA. We encourage members to attend. Corrine Heib will drive and we have reservations for a room for four. Gwen Langwell will be attending with Corrine and both would love to have company. The conventions are fun and interesting and will better acquaint you with the club's history and goals. You will meet women from all over the state. There is still time to sign up. Contact Corrine.

GFWC INVITES YOU TO OUR 117TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

More than a thousand club women will come together to celebrate our 117th annual international convention in Chicago June 28 through July 1. Jacquie writes:

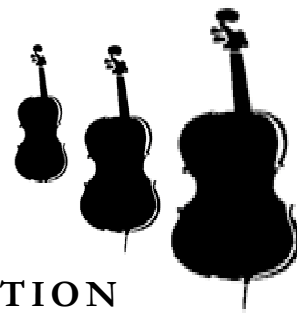
"Exactly three months from today, the GFWC Board of Directors Pre-Convention Meeting, 2008 LEADS training, and GFWC Illinois State Night banquet will be done, and our pre-convention tours and events will have all concluded. And on June 28, a mere three months from now, the GFWC 117th Annual International Convention will begin with the impressive Opening Flag Ceremony at the Chicago Hilton & Towers in downtown Chicago.

"And today, three months prior to the opening ceremony, the convention issue of GFWC Clubwoman magazine is in the mail. This issue contains a whopping 50-page Call to Convention that is full of details on the exciting events, speakers, and activities planned for this gathering of club women.

"If you are not a subscriber of GFWC Clubwoman magazine, please know that all of this information will be made available to you on our website at ww.GFWC.org/Convention2008.

**- Jacqueline Pierce
GFWC International President**

Club News



MUSIC COMPETITION

Accolades are still coming in for our High Tea with **GíGí**. Of course you all know that the proceeds from that annual tea enable us to hold the competition for seniors in the Lake Washington School District. This is our fifth year. We are receiving numerous audition tapes now. The competition will be held at the Woman's Club on Sunday afternoon, April 20 at the Clubhouse (time to be determined). There is no charge to attend and you will be amazed at the talent of these young people. They will be judged by professionals and the money received will go toward their musical training. There will be refreshments and we can promise you that it will be excellent entertainment. We would like all of our members to attend.

ESO READING CIRCLE

The ESO reading circle met at the clubhouse on Thursday, March 17th, at 10:00 A.M. Doreen Vodicka's daughter, Joyce, was our honored guest. Joyce, an avid reader, had a large and varied selection of books. She was moving and unable to take them with her. She graciously donated them to our ESO chapter of GFWC Kirkland Woman's Club. We were to use them in book sales as a fundraiser and to give to charity. We wished to honor her gift by buying a book in her name to donate to Kirkland Library. She wanted the book to be donated in the name of her teacher. She said that without this wonderful lady she would not have learned to read. This book is special because it is about deafness. Joyce has a hearing problem and wants people to learn more about others like her.

MARCH COFFEE HOUR

We had an extra treat for this month, thanks to Julie Devine, Polina Kagen, Eileen Uebelacker and Shirley Ward. We had a Bunco game. We had four tables and lots of fun. Changing tables, yelling "Bunco" and moaning at the turn of the dice, went on through two games. We had lovely desserts, tea and coffee to begin. Prizes were given to the loser (that's right, the loser) and the most buncos and baby buncos. Everyone had a great time and we are pushing for another game soon.

Club News, cont.

KWC RECEIVES DISTRICT AWARDS

Our Club received a number of awards on the District level at the March KC District meeting. Awards included:

~ **Home Life:** 1st Place for Helping Hands and Women's Health Issues (Layettes, Hopelink, YWCA Family Village, Joan's Ombudsman work, MS Walk, Susan G. Koman Race, Charity Donations)

~ **Arts:** 1st Place (My Fair Lady, Music Scholarships, Poet's Corner, Family memories Scrapbooking program, Contributions to Studio East, KPC, and Coins for Art)

~ **International Affairs:** 2nd Place (United Nations, International Luncheon, newsletter announcements, donations, and numerous other involvements)

~ **Education:** 2nd Place (Scholarships, Julie's volunteer work at School, ESO, Windy the Helper Dog program)

~ **Community Improvement Contest:** Honorable Mention for Community Outreach projects (Bring-a-Friend Tea, Teddy Bear Bake Sale, Teddy Bear Donations, Web Page, Brochure, Kellie's Art Show, Map Your Neighborhood Earthquake Awareness)

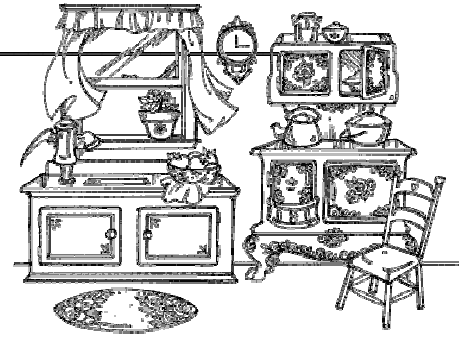
~ **Public Affairs:** Award for Citizenship (Mayor Lauinger asked to speak, Virginia's alerting City Hall to some inadequate signage, donating to the Veteran's Hospital, and getting the State Flag erected; member involvement in KITH, Kirkland Wedding Network, Kirkland Senior Center, Kirkland Heritage Society, and Children's Hospital)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Barbara Roberts, Una Duignan, and Peggy Stephenson have been appointed to the Nominating Committee to choose next term's officers. This will be a two-year term. If you have suggestions for officers see them.

COOK'S CORNER

It is almost time for cook-outs! Here's something to try.



2 Tbsp. lemon juice
pour over half a cut-up fryer - let stand 30 min to one hour.
simple but yummy

for 2 1/2 to 3 lb fryer pieces
1 to 1 1/2 Tbsp salt
2 to 3 cups ice water
pour over the fryer in large bowl at least 1 hour
drain and pat dry with paper toweling
another simple but yummy

fryer pieces
sprinkle both sides with salt and pepper
put in bowl and pour 2 tbsp lemon juice
add two garlic cloves minced and some bay leaves
cover, refrigerate 3 hours, pat dry

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A visionary is one who can find his way by moonlight and see the dawn before the rest of the world"

WANT TO READ A GOOD BOOK?

The Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd

This is not only a well written book and a good story, but you will learn some interesting things about bees. You will not forget this story. I would call it a tale of morality. Each character is well defined and will draw you in. I felt that I knew them and wanted to read more about them.

- Reported by Gwen Langwell



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Peggy writes, "I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!"

'Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

LAOS DEO!

One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington, D.C., there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words: *Laus Deo*. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know *Laus Deo's* history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say '**Praise be to God!**'

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of 'Laus Deo', its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: 'Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.' - *Psalm 127: 1*

- Contributed by Peggy Stephenson



POET'S VIEW

April is poetry month.

APRIL RODE THE RAIN TRAIN INTO TOWN
LOTS OF DROPS TUCKED INTO HER GOWN
SHE GOT OFF WITH SHOWERS
AND HEADED TO THE FLOWERS
AND WATERED ALL THE GROUND

SHE WAS PLEASED WHEN SHE WAS DONE
IT WAS PLEASANT, IT WAS FUN
SHE DECIDED SHE WOULD SPRAY
EACH AND EVERY SINGLE DAY
AND THE CREEKS BEGAN TO RUN

BUT SHE GOT A LOT OF SASS
FROM THE FLOWERS AND THE GRASS
THEY THOUGHT SHE SHOULD KNOW
THEY WERE TOO WET TO GROW
DROOPING THEIR HEADS THEY CRIED "ALAS"

SHE SAID SHE WOULD CHANGE HER WAYS
AND LET THE SUN COME OUT FOR DAYS
SHE TOLD THE PLANTS TO GROW AND THRIVE
BUT WITHOUT HER THEY WOULDN'T BE ALIVE
AND THEN THE SUN BEGAN TO BLAZE

IT WAS GETTING CLOSE TO MAY
SOON APRIL WOULD BE ON HER WAY
SHE TOLD THE PLANTS SHE WAS IN PAIN
SO THEY ASKED HER FOR ONE MORE RAIN
BUT THEY DID NOT ASK HER TO STAY

- Gwen Langwell

Inspiration ~

All people have values, purposes, concerns, and commitments.



- *If a person perceives that you are unaware or disrespectful of his or her values, purposes, concerns, and commitments they will consider you a threat. Consequently, they will actively avoid, resist, and undermine any significant threat. Relationships will deteriorate.*
- *If a person perceives that you are aware and respectful of their values, purposes, concerns and commitments they will join you in conversation. They will share information, co-invent solutions and get into action with you. Relationships will build.*



- Adapted from Conversant Solutions

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