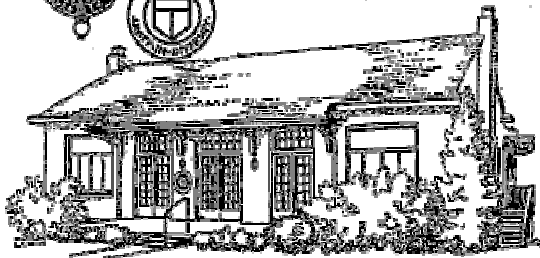




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The Kirkland Woman's Club 1947

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Though our meeting year is coming to an end, we find ourselves saying, Welcome! more than Good-bye:

- ~ Welcome to new members
- ~ Welcome to a new slate of officers
- ~ Welcome to new Committee chairs
- ~ Welcome to new project ideas
- ~ Welcome to a small change here and there

We also welcome projects we instigated last year and would like to build upon:

- ~ Improvements to our building and grounds, such as our handsome new iron railing and graceful planter urns
- ~ The Teddy Bear Bake Sale, increased newspaper publicity, and other Outreach efforts
- ~ Special events such as viola we awarded to Cynthia's deserving student and the nursing home concerts
- ~ Our introduction to the Earthquake Preparedness project, our new website and our new informative brochure

And we welcome traditions that we have continued over the years: our friendly coffee socials, our layette-making, Bunko (*yes, Bunko is now a tradition!*), our High Tea, our music and education scholarships, our treasured holiday activities, our traditional charities and other events.

Things change as the year comes to a close. We welcome change. But we never say goodbye to our traditions, our values, and our **purpose of service** to others.

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

POTLUCK
Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, June 5
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 24
Clubhouse, 10:00 AM



SUMMER PLANNER

NO June
Coffee Social

NO Meetings
in July

Summer Garden Picnic
Thursday, August 7
Place TBD

Summer Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 26
Clubhouse, 10:00 AM

~ Mia Scherich, President, Kirkland Woman's Club ~



International Corner

Around the World Coffee in May at Molookeh Moattar's lovely home was a pleasant event which attracted about 15 members. The group enjoyed the coffee on the deck as the weather was nice and tried out the specialties from Iran, Middle East, France and of course America. The members got the opportunity to view the exotic wedding dresses and some even tried the evening wear. Everyone present had a great time. I want to thank Molookeh for inviting us and to Polina Kogan, Shahin Mckinnie, and Molookeh for preparing the lovely treats. I also contributed.

Report Receives Award. At the May luncheon meeting, we learnt Shirin Velji as Chair of International received a Certificate from the GFWC-WA for her well-written International Report for the year 2007.

International Day of Families May 15. With a theme of "Fathers and Families: Responsibilities and Challenges," this UN-proclaimed day reflects the importance the international community attaches to families as basic unit of society, as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world.

Internat'l Day for Biodiversity May 22. The theme for this year's International Day for Biological Diversity was "Biodiversity and Agriculture." It highlighted the importance of sustainable agriculture not only to preserve bio-diversity, but also to ensure that we will be able to feed the world, maintain agricultural livelihoods, and enhance human well-being into the 21st century and beyond.

Microcredit Forum May 29. UNA Seattle held a free public forum held on the UW campus on "UN Millennium Development Goals and Microcredit: How Small Loans Support Development." Microcredit programs extend small loans, often of less than \$100, to the very poor, enabling them to grow their own businesses and thus greatly improve the quality of their lives and the futures of their children. Increased earnings are invested in better food, health care, housing and education. The returns not only to the family but to society are impressive.

**-Shirin Velji
International Chair**

Federation News

Bone China Tea Featured at GFWC Headquarters. International President Jacqueline Pierce reports that "the GFWC Mothers Day Bone China Tea was held at Headquarters on Monday, May 12. All in attendance were honored to meet and hear Dr. Ethel Siris, President of the National Osteoporosis Foundation and a recognized expert in the field of osteoporosis. It was most meaningful to host such an event in observance of Mother's Day and in recognition of National Women's Health Week. At this event, GFWC clubs sponsoring Mothers Day Bone China Teas were recognized. This is an excellent program and I encourage you to plan such a Tea for your next club year."

Women's History Museum Seeks Site. Jacqueline Pierce reports that the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), which currently displays at venues around the country and online, would like us to lobby Congress to provide them with a permanent museum site. Hopes were high that space might open up at the Smithsonian, but a recent Request for Qualifications for a private entity to occupy a building on the Institution's campus was subsequently withdrawn.

The NWHM points out that Congress has designated museum sites for the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. They feel that women should be considered a distinct cause as well.

Federation Donates to Virginia Tech. GFWC is raising money to purchase an advanced life support ambulance for the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad in memory of the 32 who lost their lives in last spring's tragedy. Clubs or individuals so inclined may send donations to:

GFWC
Virginia Tech Fund
1734 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-2990.

**- Peggy Stephenson
Federation Liaison**



This April Gwen and Corrine had the honor and privilege of penning their names to a huge vinyl "Million Voices Campaign" pledge banner at the state convention in Richland. Our state's banner, joined with banners from clubs all across America, will be displayed on the GFWC building in Washington, DC, representing 10,000 GFWC members nationwide who have pledged to support domestic violence awareness.

The Million Voices Campaign is a drive by the National Domestic Violence Hotline to get one million people to sign a pledge stating that they agree:

- that domestic violence must be stopped in America
- that they will speak out against domestic violence and spread the word about the National Domestic Violence Hotline
- that they will encourage others to join in the campaign

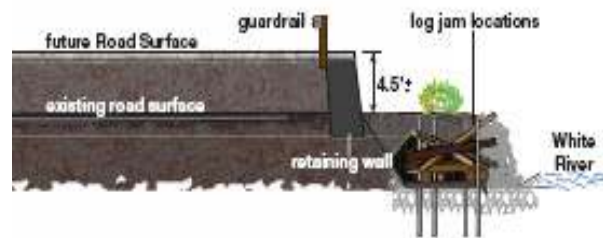
NDVH hopes to get 1M such pledges by October of 2008. Almost a year ago, our International President Jackie Pierce pledged 10,000 signatures from federation clubs nationwide. Nancy Jones, our state's Domestic Violence Chairman, subsequently pledged 1,000 signatures from Washington (our club sent in several, as you recall). **Pledges from GFWC will go a long way towards NDVH's goal.** As NDVH Chief Executive Sheryl Cates stated when our pledge was announced, "I don't know of any organization with more passion, capacity, and ability to accomplish this mission than GFWC."

The Clubwoman reports that, according to a census of conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, services designed to aid victims of domestic violence are coming up very short. In a single day, domestic violence programs served more than 53,000 adults and children in the United States. However, a significant number of requests - **more than 7,700 - went unmet** because domestic violence agencies lacked the funding and staff to meet the demand.

- Corrine Hieb

FLOOD-PRONE HWY DUE UPGRADES

The White River, which flows through "our" Federated Forest State Park, can flood SR 410 during spring melt and fall rains, cutting off access to Crystal Mountain and adding more than 70 miles to a cross-Cascades trip. As it flows through the Park, can jump its banks and use the highway as a riverbed, eroding it and causing it potentially irreparable damage. WSDOT is planning to fix this by **elevating the highway**, installing culverts beneath it, building a retaining wall, and installing engineered log jams to deflect river flow, prevent erosion, and provide a protective rest stop for fish:



The Muckleshoot Tribe, which has treaty-reserved fishing rights in the area, had proposed re-routing the highway instead of simply repairing the existing route. Their proposal was rejected, however, since carving out a new path for the highway would have destroyed too many old-growth trees and adversely affected the environment.

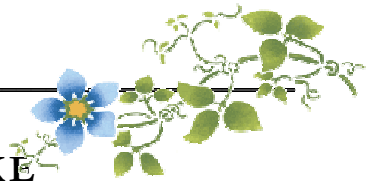
- from Peggy's Information

KWC WINS 8 AWARDS

KWC received eight awards at the State Convention in Richland April 12, including:

- Education - Lifelong Learning – 1st Place
- Home life - Helping Hands – 1st Place
- Community Improvement – 2nd Place
- Short Story – 2nd Place
- Poetry – 2nd Place
- Women's History and Resource – 3rd Pl
- International Affairs – best written report
- Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of our efforts to improve the lives of others

The competition was heavy, with 33 clubs participating. All the clubs can be proud of their accomplishments. It was heartening to listen to what the winners have done. All showed perseverance, creativity, and, above all, the **spirit of working together.**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANNA REICKE

A treasured member passed away on Tuesday, May 27th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family and friends. Anna was a long-time dedicated Kirkland Woman's Club member who served terms as Recording Secretary and various other committees. Her favorite was the Scholarship Committee.

With a pleasant smile, Anna was a happy, charming and compassionate lady and a friend to all who knew her. Her entire working career was secretary to a local construction company and she brought those organizational skills to the club.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 6th at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Kirkland Parish, 7355 - 120th Ave NE. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorials be donated to the Kirkland Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. A special eulogy will be given at our June meeting.



FOND FAREWELL TO RENTAL AGENT

Our rental agent *exemplar*, Virginia Kaiser, has proffered her resignation from the post effective June 5. Virginia has served as rental agent for eight years, and has been a **tremendous boon to our Club**, not only in keeping the rentals up but in maintaining the facility and supervising our custodians and groundskeepers. Virginia's service to KWC has been **invaluable**, and her resignation a great loss to the Club. But as with us all, she needs – and deserves – a break. Kudos to Virginia for a job excellently done! We will miss your faithful service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, OFFICERS

Yes, its June already – time to initiate our new members and install our new officers. New members are Mariam Kohn, Kim Spencer, Mary Madij, and Elizabeth Fletcher.

Our new officers are Mia Scherich, President, Joie Goodwin and Gwen Langwell, First Vice Presidents, Barbara Roberts, Second Vice President, Julie Devine, Recording Secretary, Winkie Jaccard, Corresponding Secretary, and Shirley Ward, Treasurer.

S-O-S CALL JULY 12 IN ELLENSBURG

"**Secrets of Success**" is the theme of this year's GFWC-WA State's 2008 Leadership Training Seminar, to be held Saturday, July 12th at the Quality Inn in Ellensburg. Contact Mia if you are interested in attending.

BACKGROUND OF ESO "A GOOD READ"

ESO, or Epsilon Sigma Omicron, stands for "**Enlighten your own Pathways.**" I was once told it is from the Greek. It was during that discussion - quite a long while ago - that we decided then to call our reading group the Athenas. Athena was the goddess of wisdom, y'know.

Unlike other GFWC programs, ESO exists specifically for GFWC members. An honorary educational society, it was created more than 60 years ago in order to encourage self-enrichment and personal growth. The original ESO club was aided by the Extension Division of Indiana University, where reading courses earned college credit, applicable to a university degree or membership in ESO were created. The original ESO reading courses were compiled by the American Library Assoc., the U.S. Office of Education, Purdue University and Indiana University.

Today the ESO program is part of the Lifelong Learning Program found in GFWC's Education Department.

Our GFWC Kirkland's Athenas ESO Reading Club is alive and active. Meetings are every other month for a couple of very pleasant and informative hours. We have an annual picnic scheduled for our ESO members in July. Newcomers are welcome to enroll. Incoming officers are Corrine Hieb, Director; June Gibbons, Scribe; and Barbara Roberts, Recorder/treasurer. Give any one of them a call for further information.

- **Corrine Hieb**
ESO Director

COOK'S CORNER



QUICK, EASY AND DELICIOUS CHICKEN

6 chicken thighs
with bones and skin
half a stick of butter, melted
2 small minced garlic cloves
fresh white bread crumbs (cut off crusts and use food processor or blender to make crumbs)

add garlic to melted butter
dry thighs, dip into melted butter mix
press fresh breadcrumbs around tops and sides of thighs
bake 350 degrees until done.

can add tarragon or your favorite herb to the crumbs, but is great with just the garlic

- Gwen Langwell



POET'S VIEW

Pretty May had her plans well made
Lots of flowers, sun and shade
But December's wind began to blow
And pushed May aside with its snow
December laughed with each icy step
While pretty May shook and wept

- Gwen Langwell

THE GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

WORD OF THE MONTH

CAVIL- intransitive verb
to raise frivolous or trivial objections
KWC members may not **cavil** during meetings

- Gwen Langwell

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Youth never disappears,
for it is still in touch with the divine."

- Alexander Dumas

THANKS TO LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Thanks to our potluck hostesses, Doreen Vodicka and Eileen Uebelacker; and our greeters, Alice Parsons and Cathy Hackett.
Remember: NO Coffee Social in June.

JULIE PROCURES PLANTERS

Julie has procured two stately planters and two smaller pots to grace our entryway. She has planted them with rose topiary trees, daylilies, and flowers. They are very attractive, and add to the charm of our Clubhouse. *Thanks, Julie, for doing such a good job on this project! They look great!*



SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US THIS SUMMER

It is my goal to make the newsletter entertaining and fun as well as informative. I would like members to contribute a recipe, book review, joke, poem, quotation etc. I hope to have an article for the September newsletter about the summer adventures of our members. I will ask you each personally at our picnic in August. If nothing exciting has happened, tell me what you would have wanted to happen. This could be fun. Think about it.

~ Gwen Langwell
Newsletter Editor

Spiritually Speaking . . .

The ABC's of Healthy, Happy Living



Act Assertively
Be Benevolent
Clear Out Clutter
Delight in Daisies
Explore Everything
Feed Friendships

Grow Gracefully
Harvest Happiness
Invest in Ice Cream
Jump Joyfully
Keep Kindness
Laugh Lots

Seek Simplicity
Take time
Use an Umbrella
Value Veggies
Welcome Wisdom
Xceed Xpectations

Make Miracles
Nurture Nature
Opt for Optimism
Praise People
Quit Quibbling
Relax Routinely

Yell Yeah!
Zzzzzzz's
(Get plenty of em)

from **W**it and
Wisdom of **W**omen

adapted by
Corrine **H**ieb

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