

## HISTORY

THE KIRKLAND WOMAN'S CLUB has been a vital part of our community since the early days. In 1918-1919 there was no elegant school on the hill, no beautiful City Hall, no churches: just a livery stable, a woolen mill, unpaved roads, and a smattering of houses, mainly on the lake.

WOMAN'S CLUB FOUNDED. Gradually Kirkland grew. The first bank was built: the brick building still standing on the corner of Seventh and Market. Other businesses were established. And the first meeting of the Kirkland Woman's Club was held, January 20, 1920, at the home of Mrs. L. Blake Baldwin. Eight women attended, all in hats and gloves! They realized that in addition to fulfilling a need for friendship and socialization, their organization could also reach out to the community. Mrs. Baldwin extended written invitations to 34 other women, and in due time KWC became affiliated with the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs worldwide.

CLUBHOUSE BUILT. Most fortunate for KWC was when Guy Farrar, of Burke-Farrar Real Estate, donated the site for our beautiful clubhouse. Local citizens, businesses, merchants and club members all worked together to build the structure, which also served as a health clinic and a library. The library, developed and run by the Kirkland Woman's Club, was situated in our clubhouse until 1948, at which time it was turned over to the City of Kirkland.

VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. From the early days, the Kirkland Woman's Club has reached out to each other and to its neighbors far and wide to create a better world. Our founders had the foresight and will to develop and shape our club to be a vital part of our community. It remains so today.

*- from narrative of Virginia Bowen, Past President*

## MEETINGS

*Luncheon Meetings: 1st Thursday of the Month Sept-June*

*Summer Garden Picnic: 1st Thursday of August*

*Coffee Socials: 3rd Thursday of the Month Sept-June*

*~~ All are Welcome ~~*

*For Information or Reservations Call*

**425/576-8908**

*www.orgsites.com/wa/kwc*

## HIGH TEA AND MUSICAL REVUE

### *The King and I*

*February, 2009*

## GET INVOLVED!

Kirkland Woman's Club, in accord with the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, divides its areas of service into six categories:

- ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY, featuring a spectacular High Tea and Musical Revue performed by talented local youth, to raise funds for music scholarships. Next year's tea, held in mid-February, will be ***The King and I***.
- CONSERVATION: Over the years, KWC has planted **over 30 trees** throughout our community, by streets, parks, the Kirkland Cemetery, and Marymoor Farm.
- EDUCATION, such as volunteering to read to **developmentally disabled students**
- HOME LIFE, this year supporting the City of Kirkland's **Elder Advocacy** program
- INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Annual International Luncheon, ethnic dance programs, and support for women's issues worldwide are just some of this group's outreach enrichment activities
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS, with our involvement in civic activities both locally and in Olympia

# KIRKLAND WOMAN'S CLUB



- *KWC is a non-profit charitable organization bringing together women from Kirkland and surrounding areas to promote friendliness and welfare locally, regionally, and internationally.*
- *The Club is part of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization founded in 1890 for the betterment of society.*
- *KWC is located across from City Hall in the historic original Kirkland Library and Health Clinic. It is listed on the State of Washington Historical Register and the National Register of Historic Places.*
- *In addition to providing a gracious setting for our various Woman's Club activities, the Clubhouse is available to rent for such functions as weddings, memorial services, or recurring business meetings.*
- *The Clubhouse features a concert-sized Steinway grand piano, perfect for music recitals or receptions.*

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## GFWC IS:

- an organization of over 100,000 women and 4,000 clubs worldwide uniting women for community service on a world-wide basis
- responsible for contributing an average of 5 million volunteer hours and \$4M on 42,000 projects per year world-wide

## GFWC GOALS ARE TO:

- Build leadership in the home, in the schools, and in our communities
- Provide guidance in a variety of areas such as women's health, family violence, child abuse prevention, shaken baby syndrome, and crime prevention
- Train volunteers who will work to eradicate illiteracy
- Motivate and train the kind of volunteers who can meet the needs of their communities and make a positive impact in Washington state.



## GFWC MISSION:

For more than a century, GFWC has encouraged women to improve their skills, expand their rights, and apply their abilities and special sensitivity to society's problems.

Members of federated women's clubs have been addressing the diverse needs of their communities and countries through times of social change and technological revolution, of war and peace, and an increasingly interdependent world since its founding.

Under the motto "**Unity in Diversity**", GFWC has built an outstanding record of accomplishment. This includes promoting education, preserving natural resources, encouraging healthy lifestyles, working on behalf of the elderly and people with disabilities, advocating for issues of concern to women, children and families, and supporting participation in the arts.

## GFWC STRUCTURE:

Unlike most of today's single-issue organizations, GFWC's structure allows clubs to address the emerging needs of individual communities and the nation and to respond quickly to calls for help. Local clubs have the ability to tap into the expertise available at national, state and district levels as well as the freedom to shape programs to suit particular community needs.

## PHILANTHOPHIES:

KWC'S SPECIAL LOCAL charitable traditions include contributing to the Hopelink food bank, providing clothing and gifts to a needy family from Redmond YWCA's Family Village each Christmas, and choosing three exceptional high school seniors from the Lake Washington School District to receive an educational scholarship.

In addition, we support various charities such as:

- ~ AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
- ~ EASTSIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- ~ KIRKLAND SENIOR CENTER
- ~ FEDERATION FOREST STATE PARK
- ~ KIRKLAND CLOTHING BANK
- ~ KIRKLAND PERFORMANCE CENTER
- ~ KIRKLAND TEEN CENTER
- ~ MS WALK
- ~ NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

*More than 17 million hours and \$50M were donated by GFWC clubs worldwide to 173,295 volunteer projects between 1998 and 2000 alone*

TWO OTHER traditional KWC and GFWC improvement endeavors include:

LAYETTES. Each year the Kirkland Woman's Club hand-makes over 30 layettes and donated to Eastside Public Health for distribution to new mothers whom otherwise would not have cherished items for their cherished newborns

ATHENA READING CIRCLE. Oprah, move over! We've been reading together since the 1920's! Come join us for refreshments and fun at our quarterly get-togethers.

