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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The King and I High Tea and Musical Revue marks the fifth year for our music scholarship fundraiser, and the third year we have included a musical revue with the high tea. It has become a tradition for KWC, and helps define us as a club and our role in service to the community.

But as much as the tea says about how we can most characteristically give to the wider world, it says even more about how **we can rise to a challenge and cooperate amongst ourselves to make it happen.** That the tea has continued despite losing our two key Musical Arts chairmen to work-related conflicts speaks volumes. Everyone not only voted whole-heartedly to continue with the tea, but volunteered to take up the slack. Many of us took on tasks to which we were completely unaccustomed, boldly contacting school music teachers, preparing official letters, working with challenging computer databases, contacting the Press: things we had never done before, but were **brave enough to take upon ourselves** when the need arose.

We seem to like the Tea. We seem to like working together to give to the community in this beautiful and uniquely KWC way. We seem to like the challenge, and the reward it brings.

That is what our Club is all about.

CALENDAR

Luncheon

Thursday, Mar 5
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

District Board Meeting

Saturday, Mar 7
Home of Sharon
Roberts, 10 AM

High Tea and Musical Revue, The King and I

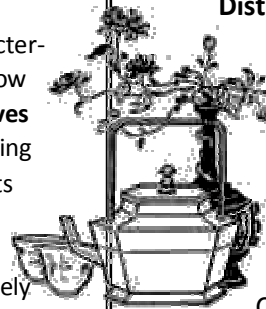
Sunday, Mar 8
Clubhouse, 3:00 PM

Coffee Social

Thursday, Mar 19
Clubhouse
1:00 PM

Board Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 24
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM



Mia Scherich, President, Kirkland Woman's Club

Editorial

MARCH

This is the month for our High Tea and production of **The King and I**.

Anticipate the best yet, as it has been planned for several months under the tutelage of Cherry Van Overstraeten. It is also such a colorful and wonderful story with exceptional music. As usual, we will have a lovely arrangement of food, both savory and sweet. There will be lots of goodies and lots of tea.

March also, is the month that is our **passageway into Spring**. Just a hint of sunshine, crocus, and robin redbreasts raises spirits. Those are the good things and a very welcomed change from the dreary news we hear each day.

In times of uncertainty, it is a comfort to be a member of this Club and be with friends, coming together in a beautiful setting.

**STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 24~26**

Make your plans now to attend the GFWC-WS Convention, to be held April 24-26, 2009 in Spokane. State President Shirley Phipps encourages everyone to arrive before 8:30 p.m. Thursday April 23 to get settled in.

The hotel guest rooms are nice and include a hot buffet-style complimentary breakfast every morning. It is an interesting and fun weekend. The Convention will adjourn by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 26th.

The Kirkland Woman's Club has voted to pay for any club member who wishes to go. Please come.

DISTRICT BOARD 3/07

The King County District Spring Board Meeting Board meeting will be held Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at the home of Sharon Roberts, 2702 SE 252nd Pl, Kent, with gathering and refreshments beginning at 9:30. This is the meeting at which awards will be presented.

All officers are invited to attend. If you are interested in carpooling, please see Mia.



**RED HATS OFF
TO LAYETTERS**

February 12, 2009, the Layette committee, Peggy Stephenson, Corrine Heib, Gwen Langwell, Barbara Roberts, Virginia Kaiser, Mary Madej and Doreen Vodicka met and assembled **thirteen layettes**, six for boys and seven for girls. They were delivered to the Department of Health which was glad to receive them.

We had a guest, Phyllis Hanson. Phyllis has knit many of the afghans we use. We wanted her to see what we do. Phyllis was very impressed at what we put in the layettes. She said that the mother who received one of the layettes was lucky. **Phyllis Hanson is the Queen of the Foxy Ladies**, the Red Hat Group to which Virginia, Mary, Shirley, and Doreen are members.

The Layette Committee will meet sometime the end of May. **If you would like to contribute, we need things for moms**, like the amenities motels and hotels have, such as shampoo, soap, creams, etc. Value Village is a great place to shop for baby items. Seniors get 20% off every day, even on the special tag items which usually are 50% off. Add the additional 20% and you can see the savings. Some of the clothes have never been worn.

*~ Layette Chairman
Doreen Vodicka*

**HIGH TEA "FORMULA"
WORKING WELL**

Planning for our High Tea and Musical Revue, The King and I, to be performed Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m., is progressing "swimmingly," according to President Mia Scherich. "I attribute it to the fact that the formula Cynthia and Eileen set in place was very good," she continues, "and the fact that we have had four years' experience putting on the tea."

Cynthia conceived of the idea of putting on a high tea and show to raise funds for music scholarships; Mia introduced the musical revue aspect of the tea; and Eileen developed the procedures for conducting the music scholarship recital competition.

COOK'S CORNER

PUMPKIN CURRY SOUP

delicious and perfect for a dreary wintry day

2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup chopped onion
2 large cloves garlic finely chopped
2 tsp. curry powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground white pepper
3 cups chicken broth
1 can- 15 oz. - pumpkin
1 can - 12 fluid oz. - evaporated milk

melt butter in large saucepan, add onion and garlic, stir frequently - 2 to 3 minutes or until tender, stir in curry powder, salt and pepper, cook 1 min. add broth and pumpkin, bring to boil, reduce heat to low, stir occasionally 15 to 20 min. stir in evaporated milk. transfer to food processor or blender - blend until smooth



GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

SOCIABLE - adj.

companionable, convivial, pleasant

Let's all show how sociable we are and go to the Convention

~ (AND to the High Tea!)

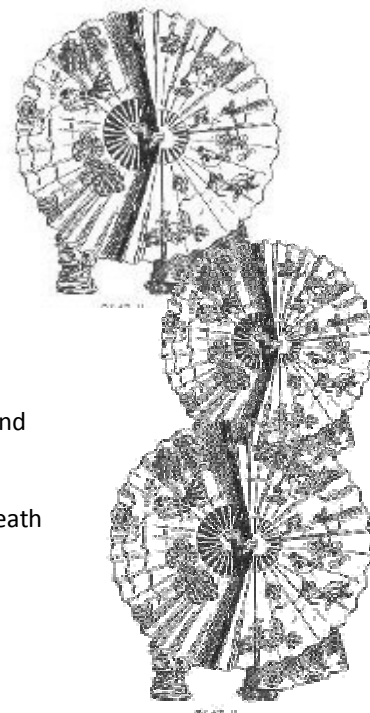
*Be Sociable!
Come to the
High Tea ~
and bring a
Friend!*

POET'S VIEW

SEATTLE

Clouds ragged
Hanging like pieces of dirty gauze
A wetness in the air that I taste
knowing that it will come
Rain
Working its way across Puget Sound
Silently
Great drops of falling water
Mingling with water that lies beneath
I watch it come
Soon it will reach me
It has obliterated
The concrete and steel of the city
It has diluted the colors
Of the mountains and the trees
But it brings its own beauty
I seek no shelter
I feel my pulse match its rhythm
I feel my heart match its beat
I do not move
Except to raise my arms
And wait to be anointed

~ Gwen Langwell



BOOK NOOK

ON THE BEACH
by Neville Shute

This is an old book. He is an excellent writer. The earth has been compromised by nuclear weapons and the cloud has killed off most of the population. It is working its way towards Australia. The people have only a few months until they too will be dead. How they cope and live through this horror is told realistically. Their faith, honor and spirit are beautifully described. I would recommend it to everyone.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The only gift is a portion of thyself.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



No Man is an Island

No man is an island,
No man stands alone,
Each man's joy is joy to me,
Each man's grief is my own.

We need one another,
So I will defend
Each man as my brother,
Each man as my friend.

I saw the people gather;
I heard the music start.
The song that they
were singing
Is ringing in my heart.

No man is an island
Way out in the blue.
We all look to the One above,
For our strength to renew.

When I help my brother,
Then I know that I
Plant the seed of friendship
That will never die.

*~ Joan Whitney and Alex Kramer
Based on essay by John Donne*

Selected by President Mia Scherich upon observing the cooperation our Club has exhibited as we prepare for the Tea; and in consideration of the tie she feels in memory of her mother as reflected in the faces of her Woman's Club sisters.

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To: