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# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we build a new year at the Woman's Club, we look back as much as forward:

- ~ we look back to our strong heritage
- ~ we look back to our many blessings
- ~ we look back to our uniqueness as a club
- ~ we look back to our network of support

We indeed have a strong heritage as part of early Kirkland's history. We have many blessings, in our beautiful Clubhouse and in our gifted, giving members. We have a uniqueness, in our bent to support music and education in the community. We have an incredible network of support, *and it is worldwide.*

What a Club! What a privilege to be a part of it! Let us not allow mundane concerns to hinder the momentum our past has proffered:

- ~ to build upon our heritage
- ~ to be a blessing to our wider circle
- ~ to express our uniqueness as a club in our good deeds
- ~ to be a strong influence here and around the world

Let us build upon our worthy past to assure a worthy future.

-- Mia Scherich, President  
Kirkland Woman's Club

## AT THE CLUBHOUSE

### Luncheons:

Thursday, Sept 4  
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

### Coffee Social:

Thursday, Sept 18  
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

### GFWC-KC Fall Board

Saturday, Sept 13  
Sharon Roberts', 10:00 AM

### GFWC-WS Fall Board Meeting

September 19-21  
Ellensburg

### Layettes

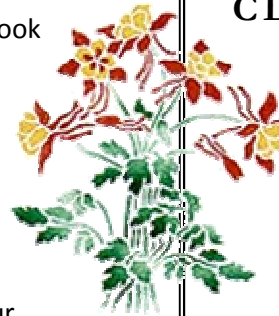
Tuesday, Sept 23  
Clubhouse, 10:00 AM

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 23  
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

### Warm Clothing Drive for Make a Difference Day

All Month! Bring items to Clubhouse at Luncheon or Coffee Social



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**Club News**

**THANKS TO  
LUNCHEON CREW**

Thanks to Corrine Hieb and her crew, Stephanie Skomorowski, Una Duignan, and Cynthia Morrow-Hattal for today's lunch. Thanks also to our greeters, Rita Hattal and Barbara Roberts.

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS  
TO BE ENFORCED**

It is already in the by-laws that if you say you will be at lunch and do not come, you will have to pay the \$7.00 fee. That rule will now be enforced. Also, if you have to say that you are not sure if you can come, the caller will have to take this for a no. If you find that you can come to lunch, the caller will have to be told by the Monday of that week. **With the price of food going up and the amount of work that the committee does, we feel this is fair.** Last year there were several times when filled plates were already on the table and there was no one there to eat the food. At one meeting there were five or six members who were expected and did not come. Also, there have been times when we have almost run out of food. The Board thanks you for your cooperation.

**TWO FALL BOARD  
MTGS THIS MONTH**

The King County District Board meeting will be held on September 13th at 10:00 AM at the home of Sharon Roberts in Kent. All are welcome to attend.

The State Fall Board Meeting will be held in Ellensburg September 19th through the 21st. This is an interesting meeting where you will learn more about GFWC, hone your leadership skills, attend interesting and informative workshops, and meet new friends. If you want more information about this trip please contact Corrine or Gwen.

**LANDSCAPE OPTIONS  
TO BE CONSIDERED**

This upcoming year our Building and Grounds Committee, Doreen Vodicka, Shirley Ward and Joie Goodwin, will be considering options for landscaping our front yard. **The lawn is as old as the Clubhouse itself**, and has become too compacted and congested with roots to give a good appearance. With our impressive flagpole and beautiful new iron railing in place, it is time to turn our attention to plantings, rockery, etc. that will complete the "picture." If you have any ideas for our Committee to consider, do let them know. *Thanks, Committee, for taking on this significant project!*



**BRING COATS TO  
OCTOBER LUNCHEON**

This year KWC will be collecting warm clothing for **Make a Difference Day**, a nationwide, annual charity event sponsored by USA WEEKEND magazine each Fall.

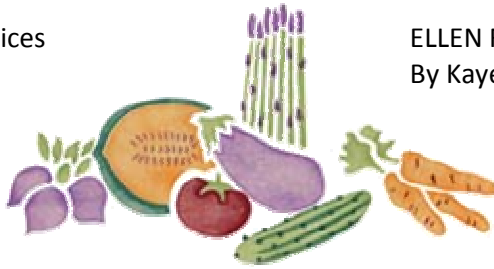
**Make a Difference Day** is traditionally held on the fourth Saturday in October. This year that is October 25. Between now and then we will be having two coffee socials and one luncheon at which you may bring your donations. Once collected, we will bring them to the Kirkland Clothing Bank for distribution. Items to bring include gently used, clean, warm coats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, and boots.



## COOK'S CORNER

Pickled Onion Slices  
makes 2 cups

1/2 cup white  
wine vinegar  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 bay leaf  
1/4 tsp. whole black peppercorns  
1/2 tsp. coarse salt  
1 large red or white onion (about 12 oz.)  
thinly sliced (about 2 cups)



stir vinegar, 1/4 cup water, sugar,  
peppercorns and salt in saucepan.

bring to a boil. add onion slices; return to a  
boil. Cook, stirring, 30 seconds.

Remove from heat and let cool thoroughly.

Onion slices can be refrigerated in airtight  
container for 2 weeks - but you will eat them  
before that.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The door of happiness does not open away  
from us: we cannot rush at it to push it open.  
It opens toward us and, therefore, nothing is  
required of us.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

## THE GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

Word of the Month

ebullience - noun - lively, enthusiastic  
expression of thoughts or feelings.

*All members should attend meetings with  
ebullience.*

## BOOK NOOK

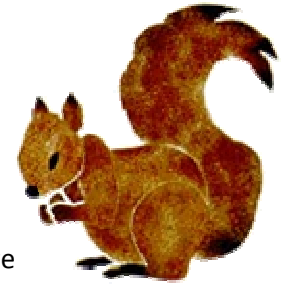
ELLEN FOSTER  
By Kaye Gibbons

This book is first person singular  
covering three years of Ellen's life  
starting at age nine. Ellen had the  
misfortune of being born into a  
dysfunctional family in the poor and rural  
South. She has a miserable life but survives.  
Her goal is to have a mother or a family and  
to be loved. Through inner strength and  
persistence her goal is accomplished. The  
shaping of her character is cleverly  
developed. You will never forget this story

## POET'S VIEW

TRANSITIONS

I said goodbye to summer  
She packed her things to leave  
I opened the door to autumn  
But summer can deceive



Autumn's leaves were turning colors  
His breeze was crisp and light  
But that cunning, wily summer  
Came sneaking back that night

She brought with her a sunny smile  
And said she would not tarry  
But had to come just one more time  
Causing autumn to be wary

Autumn did not like it  
But he bore one hot, long day  
Then breathed a frost upon the ground  
And sent summer on her way

~ Gwen Langwell

### International News

## STEVES "UNCOVERS" IRAN IN PRESENTATION

"Uncovering Iran" will be the topic of Rick Steves' presentation Tuesday, October 14 at Town Hall at the monthly meeting of the Seattle Chapter of UNA. The program will describe the filming of a PBS special travelogue he made this summer, to be aired in January of 2009, in which he introduces Iran to the average American audience.

The purpose of the special was to reduce tensions between our countries by promoting greater understanding of each other. The travelogue brings us together with our modern Iranian counterpart, much as if we were there ourselves, talking one-on-one.

For tickets, visit [www.BrownPaperTicket.com](http://www.BrownPaperTicket.com) and select Event 40683.

## GFWC URGES FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S MUSEUM

UPDATE: Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York has introduced H.R. 6548 to allow the National Women's History Museum to purchase land next to the National Mall and build the first major repository of women's accomplishments and contributions in Washington, D.C. The sale of this land involves federal property and must be approved by Congress. Your help is needed NOW to contact your Representative and urge them to champion H.R. 6548 giving women's history a permanent site in Washington, D.C. Join the NWHM Right Here. Right Now. campaign to encourage Congress to pass H.R. 6548 immediately.

## LAYETTERS MEET 9/23

Doreen has called a Layetters meeting Tuesday, September 23, before the Board meeting. Board meetings have been moved to 1 pm every fourth Friday.

### Club News

## THANKS FOR BOOKS

The club wishes to thank Cynthia Morrow-Hattal for her donation of 135 books for the VA Hospital. Also, thanks go to Virginia Kaiser. Virginia and her husband do many kind things for the hospital and have taken many books to them. Books for the patients are always welcomed. They will take Cynthia's generous donation. Thank you both.

## BIG EVENT AT ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

As usual, we enjoyed our annual picnic in August. It was a beautiful, hot, sunny day. We were fortunate to have the picnic at Waverly Beach Park. We were the only group to have a picnic table. People were in the water swimming and playing, walking and running, getting sunburned. It looked like about 60 people had called in sick on that Thursday. These 60 had children, including babies, friends, relatives and dogs with them. It was a happy colorful sight of blankets, coolers, bathing suits, toys, frisbees and lots of other stuff. And, as usual, we had lots of delicious food. We even had a tiny bit of shade. There was a wonderful ambience. For those few hours, there was laughing and eating and drinking lemonades. It was as perfect as a picnic could be. I think that is why picnics are so popular - it all tastes better outside. **Now, I'll tell you about the big event of this picnic.** A man came to our table with a very serious looking camera. He introduced himself and asked if he could photograph us. He said that it was wonderful to see friends get together as we were. He had been looking for a subject to enter into a photography contest. We were what he had been looking for. When he said now nice it was that we would get together to come to the park etc., someone in the group said "Yes, and we're old too." He had been too polite to say that but that is why he wanted our picture. He will send us copies. He did not say what magazine the picture will be in (if he wins) ...hope it's not Playboy.

# A Clubwoman's Commandments

1. Thou shalt remember thy club day, to keep it free from engagements, and not absent thyself without excellent cause.
2. Thou shalt pay thy dues without notice from the treasurer.
3. Thou shalt learn the joy of doing things well, and to that end be willing to serve on committees.
4. Thou shalt give of thy talent, whether literary, musical, artistic or domestic, for the benefit of thy club, knowing that she who giveth is ever more blessed than she who receiveth.
5. Thou shalt honor thy founders who gave thee this heritage.
6. Thou shalt be loyal to the uneasy head that weareth the crown, for it requireth much to be a president.
7. Thou shalt be watchful to rear prospective presidents, for it hath been known a difficult task to persuade some to the honor.
8. Thou shalt see that thy part be well performed whether it be of great import or small, of seeming need or trivial consequence, remembering that no stronger is a body than the weakest part.
9. Thou wilt then believe in that larger club called Federation without further commandment; and thy horizon will be boundless, and thy power for good as limitless as that which helped thee attain these heights.

1918 - 1920 Illinois Clubwoman Yearbook

Submitted - Corrine Hieb, Historian



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