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# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Deck the Halls!** Once again our lovely Clubhouse has put on its holiday finery! It glows, as Gwen describes in *The Grouchy Grammarian*, "with a *lucullan* light."

There indeed is something rich and luxurious ~lucullan~ about our Clubhouse during the holidays: but not just in the beautiful decorations we put up. It is also ~and *moreso*~ in the warm and gracious spirit we feel as we gather together to deck the halls. It is the spirit of cooperating with each other for the common good, the spirit of reaching out in friendship, and the spirit of welcoming the community to our Club, with service and good will.

This year as we gather for our holiday celebrations, let's remember the luxurious feeling of being blessed not only with a majestic old Clubhouse, the pride of the City, but with the many God-given friendships we have made here, and the opportunities we have to spread the "light" to our wider circle.

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

## CALENDAR

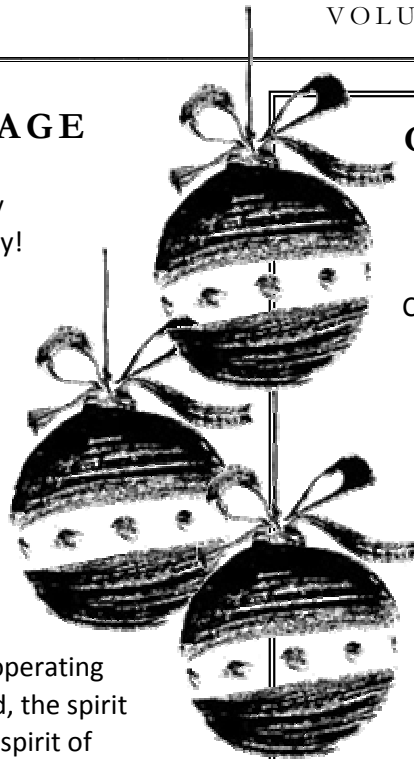
**Holiday Potluck  
and Gift Exchange**  
Thursday, Dec 4  
Clubhouse, 11:45 AM

**Cookie Exchange  
Coffee Social**  
Thursday, Dec 18  
Clubhouse, 1:00 PM

**No Board Meeting  
in December**

**LEADS Applications**  
Due January 31  
(see article)

**Annual Reports**  
Due February 15  
(see Corrine or Mia)



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**Editorial**

**A NEW YEAR**

December is a wonderful month, full of hope and promise, parties, gifts and music. When it is over we will be faced with a New Year. It is a wonderful thing to be able to start anew. I hope the glow of the holidays will follow each of you into that new year. Many people make promises to themselves (resolutions) some of which are kept and some which are not. If we all can find one small change in our lives and practice it we will have accomplished a lot.

You can pick and choose what to do. I will smile at everyone I see each day in January - not a big thing - and I hope I will form a habit by doing so. I have found if I smile, I feel better. What will you do?

**YWCA  
CHRISTMAS  
FAMILY  
CHOSEN**

Cathy and Una have been busy! They are in charge of procuring the Christmas gifts for the YWCA Family Village family we “adopt” at Christmas. Cathy reports that the family consists of a 26-year-old mother, Jessica, and her 21-month-old baby, who wants a potty chair! Gifts must be delivered by December 12. Contact Cathy or Una for more information.

**COOKIE EXCHANGE AT  
DECEMBER COFFEE**

Last year’s Holiday Cookie Exchange was so fun for the cozy group who attended that we decided to do it again this year at our December 18 Coffee Social at the Clubhouse. As we did before, everyone is to bring a plate of homemade cookies or bars ~ ethnic treats and family specialties encouraged! They will be displayed on a buffet table where we’ll all take

a taste and judge them as most chocolaty, most “nutty,” most *whatever* ~ with **every plate a winner** in some category or other. Sort of like a Calvinist wine-tasting!

Before heading home, everyone takes a fresh plate and fills it up with samples of everyone *else’s* concoctions to take home and share with family and friends. This guarantees a variety of goodies on the table for the holiday season.

**LEADS APPS DUE JAN 31**

Any club member who is interested in being considered as a LEADS program participant must submit her application to our state president, Shirley Phipps, by January 31.

LEADS stands for *Leadership Education and Development Seminar*. Each state chooses one candidate to attend the seminar, which is held once a year on the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual International Convention. This year’s convention will be held in

Cleveland June 12-15. Shirley would like each club send at least one application to her: *could that one applicant be you?* If you feel you would like to be considered, you may pick up a form at our next two luncheons or find it online at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org).

**HIGH TEA IN MARCH**

There is already excitement and plans being made for our High Tea in March. Lovely material has been purchased to drape the tables. Rita has exotic vases and flowers for each table and of course we will have charming boxes made by Corrine. As usual, we will have lots of good food. We hope all members will attend. The King and I will be performed by students who have been coached by a professional. The rehearsals have begun. We have a lot to look forward to.



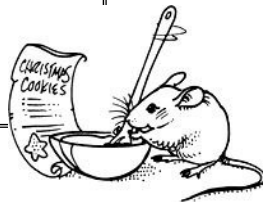


## COOK'S CORNER

### GINGER SNAPS

¾ cup soft shortening (Crisco)  
 1 cup dark brown sugar  
 1 unbeaten egg  
 1/4 cup molasses  
 2 cups sifted flour  
 1/4 tsp. salt  
 2 tsp. baking soda  
 1 tsp. each ground ginger, cinnamon and ground cloves

combine shortening, sugar and egg –  
 beat until fluffy  
 sift dry ingredients together, add and mix well  
 chill dough thoroughly  
 shape into 1" balls and roll in granulated sugar  
 place 2" apart on greased cookie sheets  
 bake 350 degrees 12 to 15 minutes



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We have all heard the old Sioux Indian prayer, *"Oh Great Spirit, grant me the wisdom to walk two miles in another's moccasins before I criticize or pass judgment."* It reminds us of the Golden Rule, and reflects man's universal passion to feel understood.

Are there people we find especially difficult? Before we check out a self-help book on how to manipulate them to act better, why not try withholding judgment on them until we understand why they act as they do? Or better yet, why not try simply withholding judgment altogether? As the "Good Book" warns (*and oh, so wisely!*), "judge not, that ye be not judged!"

How nice it is when we are treated with such consideration! How gracious it is when we treat others this way. How much better we will feel about ourselves if we just take time to reflect on the prayer to the Great Spirit.

## BOOK NOOK

A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
 by Charles Dickens

Written in 1843, this is such a wonderful story that it deserves to be read once a year and this is the right time. Not only is there a message for us all, we can delight in the words and descriptions Dickens uses.

I love the name Ebenezer Scrooge. Just seeing that name again takes me back to my childhood. I hope it takes you back to yours.

## DECEMBER THANKS

Thanks to the team that decorated the Clubhouse so beautifully this year! Thanks also to the potluck set-up crew, Cathy Hackett, Gwen Langwell, and Miriam Kohn; and to the Cookie Exchange team of Doreen Vodicka, Mary Madej, and Una Duignan.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open.

~ Elmer G. Letterman

## THE GROUCHY GRAMMARIAN

LUCULLAN - adj.

Rich, majestic, having luxury

*The decorated Woman's Club glows with a lucullan light*





*Stopping by Woods*

*on a Snowy Evening*

Whose woods these are I think I know  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep.

~ Robert Frost

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