



# Oregon Clubwoman

## NEWSLETTER



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### 2020-2022 OFWC Officers

President:

Karen La Voie

1st Vice President:

Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs

2nd Vice President:

Barbara Chavez

Secretary:

Laurel Jones

Treasurer:

Lisa Anderson

Parliamentarian Advisor:

Mary Accettura

## Western Region States Gathers for 103rd Conference in Colorado Springs

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Western States Region Conference took place in Colorado Springs September 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. After an online event last year, it was great to reconnect with friends from our region.

As customary, we started the event with some fun area tours including Pike's Peak and Garden of the Gods. (Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs was up for the challenge!)

We had 3 GFWC Officers in attendance, 6 Oregon clubwomen and were well informed and entertained by guest speakers, workshops, comedy and a musical group.

Our service project was gathering bras for "Free the Girls" nonprofit. Oh yes, and we also conducted some business, most notably the election of our 2022-2024 WSR Officers.

Our state's own Pam Briggs was elected to serve as WSR Vice President. Next year's conference will be in Anchorage, AK, so you can start planning now!



## From the OFWC President...



As the new club year begins, I am excited to see where this year takes all of us. The past eighteen months proved to be very challenging for all the clubs, as we were forced to rethink how we do things, since we, often, couldn't meet in person.

We learned new words, such as Zoom, and learned how to find ways to meet and connect and continue in our roles of caring for our communities.

We accomplished so much; probably far more than we thought possible. I am so proud of all the members of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Even though we are a small group, we are a very compassionate, determined and focused one that has not let a most serious pandemic keep us from our mission. I can't wait to see what we are able to accomplish this club year.

*I hope many of you will come to our Convention in Astoria! You will be required to wear a mask and we would prefer that you are fully vaccinated. This is not only to protect you, but others as well. See more information in this newsletter.*

*Karen La Voie, OFWC President 2020-2022*

### Upcoming Events

October 22-24, 2021	OFWC State Convention Part 2 & Board Meeting
October 26, 2021	Fine Arts Charity Bunco over Zoom
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day Parade, Albany
November 19-20, 2021	GFWC Polk County Service Club Holiday Bazaar.
March 12, 2022	Leadership Seminar
May 13-15, 2022	OFWC State Convention TBA
June 25-28, 2022	GFWC Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA

## GFWC CONVENTION 2021 - ATLANTA



The GFWC International Convention was held at the beautiful Marriot Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for this fun filled, action packed four days was “Celebrating Culture, Cultivating Connections” and it was attended by over 600 GFWC club women from throughout the United States. Even a couple of our international members, from Belize, were able to join us. Throughout the entire time, the pre-stipulated CDC Covid-19 regulations were enforced. All hotel employees and attendees were required to wear masks.

The Oregon contingent consisted of 6 attendees: Karen La Voie, Pam Briggs, Joanne Wheeler, Glenda Peters, Lilian Yetter and Leslie Ristine. On the first day, the 2020 and 2021 LEADS representatives,



Lilian Yetter and Leslie Ristine, respectively, attended their separate LEADS Seminars, which they said was jam packed full of useful information.

Karen La Voie attended the State President’s meeting, led by GFWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Suellen Brazil. It was so great to actually get to meet the other State Presidents in person, after only seeing them on Zoom meetings over the last fourteen months.

Committee meetings on a variety of subjects, such as By Laws, Fundraising and Development, Membership, the Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention were held and attended.

A very nice and meaningful Installation ceremony was held for the 2020-2022 Officers and State Presidents. Even though we had been in our individual positions for over fourteen months, it was wonderful to be officially installed. The “Gateway to the World” celebration banquet followed the evening social.

Saturday morning began with the GFWC Officer and State President processional, where each 2020-2022 officer and state president was escorted. GFWC Oregon Past President, Pam Briggs, escorted State President, Karen La Voie. The morning business session was held prior to a lunch honoring the Affiliate organizations.

The afternoon business session began with a Memorial Service honoring three International Past Presidents, Judith Lutz, 2002-2004, Jacquelyn Pierce, 2006-2008 and Shelby Hamlett, 2000-2002 who passed away in the past year. During this session, both proposed bylaw amendments and proposed resolution changes were presented. Several awards were presented. There was an evening social and the Junior Awards Dinner and Fun Night.

*Oregon Federation won several awards that we will share with you at our OFWC Convention in Astoria!*



### Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

By Jane Taylor

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!  
 Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky.  
 When the blazing sun is gone, When he nothing shines upon,  
 Then you show your little light, Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.  
 Then the traveler in the dark, Thanks you for your tiny spark,  
 How could he see where to go, If you did not twinkle so?  
 In the dark blue sky you keep, Often through my curtains peep  
 For you never shut your eye, till the sun is in the sky.  
 As your bright and tiny spark, Lights the traveler in the dark.  
 Though I know not what you are, Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

These words mean so much to those in the **Make A Wish Foundation Program**. Your monetary gift can give a child who has a life threatening illness have a little joy in their life. We as Club Members as the Traveler, we are here to give that little Star a chance to enjoy a little bit of life.

Club Members have asked how they can help. Clubs can help by making a donation directly to the Oregon Make A Wish Foundation.

Your donation goes a long way. GFWC Polk County Service Club donated a check to them

and it was used with other donations to provide a child a shopping spree. Now not all wishes are that easy to grant. Especially since most trips for children who have a critical illness would not be able to make under these trying times. But any help goes a long way.

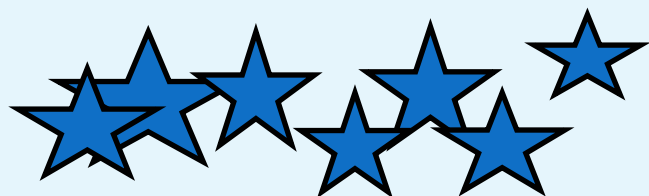
Christmas is coming up fast and it would be nice if your Club or even members did something special and donate to Make A Wish Foundation. Twinkle, twinkle little star how I wonder who you are.

As your chair for the State President's Project, Make A Wish, Oregon I am proud of what our club members do to help each and every person in their community. Remember to please report any donations given directly to me. So far I have heard from GFWC Portland Woman's Club. For your year end report this would be reported under Advocates for Children chairman, but a copy of any report on Make A Wish I can be included on.

Certificates for Club's will not be handed out at this convention but will be held at the 2022 Convention.

*Heather Thomas*

*State President's Chair*



## ***Member Dues Are Due!!!***

**October 15, 2021:** Club and Member-at-Large dues are due!

**January 15, 2022:** Dues must be received or the club members are not counted in the official statistics for OFWC or GFWC and be unable to vote at the OFWC Convention.

<b>Club members:</b>	\$30 (\$15 for GFWC and \$15 for OFWC)
<b>Members-at-Large:</b>	\$35 (\$15 for GFWC and \$20 for OFWC)
<b>Juniorettes:</b>	\$15.00 (\$10 for GFWC and \$5.00 for OFWC)
<b>Associate Clubs:</b>	\$10 per club

Please include the following things when paying member dues.

1. Check made out to OFWC.
2. Membership list for dues paid that includes (the membership list can be sent by email)
  - a. Name, address, phone number, email for each member.
  - b. Year each member joined OFWC.

Please continue to send dues for additional members as they join.

**Dues should be paid as soon as possible and no later than January 15, 2022.**

**Dues should be mailed, along with your membership list to:**

Lisa Anderson, OFWC Treasurer  
 2120 Robins Lane, SE #77  
 Salem, OR 97306  
[las655@yahoo.com](mailto:las655@yahoo.com)

**Also, send a copy of your PAID membership list to:**

Barbara Chavez, OFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice---President  
 15833 SE Basalt Court  
 Damascus, OR 97089  
[bchavez0902@yahoo.com](mailto:bchavez0902@yahoo.com)

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 503-930-4953 or email her at [las655@yahoo.com](mailto:las655@yahoo.com) .

## OFWC Fine Arts Scholarship

In 1961, the **Violet Lang Vocal and Instrumental Music Scholarships** were established and have continued for 59 years. Every April, a contest is held in which Oregon high school seniors compete for a scholarship. \$1,000 Instrumental, \$1,000 Vocal, \$400 Art, \$200 Essay

### The 2021 OFWC Fine Art Scholarships Contest

April 10, 2021 (Virtual)

**Congrats to our 2021 Winners!**

#### ESSAY

1st Place: Hsin Ya (Jessie) Huang, South Eugene

2nd Place: Julian Melton, South Salem

3rd Place: Madeline Snyder, Grant

#### VISUAL ARTS

1st Place: Laura Zhou, South Eugene

2nd Place: Willow Adalee Chester, Academy of Arts

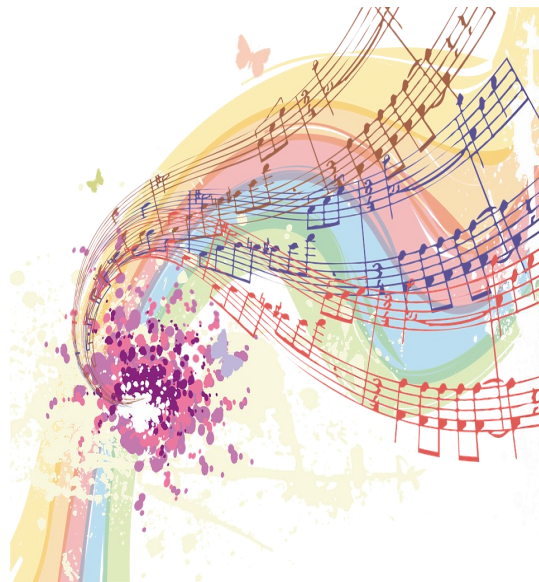
3rd Place: Viana Quach, Sunset

#### VOCAL

1st Place: Lily Sveinbjornsson, Parkrose

2nd Place: Taylor Andrews, Jesuit

3rd Place: Logan Switzer, Forest Grove



In order to continue this wonderful opportunity, we need to continue to raise funds!

#### OFWC FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Amount

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: OFWC Fine Arts

Send to: Allison Belisle 10034 SW Steeplechase Circle Beaverton OR 97008

***Fundraising opportunities will be held at Convention.***





**HISTORIC**  
**INDEPENDENCE WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE**  
**PO BOX 392**  
**INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351**

In 1921 the Independence Woman's Club purchased a church originally built in 1868. After the new church was built the Women of the Club moved the church to its new site.

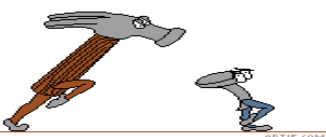
The initiative of the Women did all the work to get this accomplished and in 1927 they became the owners of the building which now sits at its location of 340 S. Third St, Independence, Oregon.

Independence Woman's Club has kept this building in their possession and in fact the front area of their property they helped build the first public library for the City of Independence. That building still stands and is now used for Arts, Literacy and for the Friends of the Library for their efforts in keeping the new Library going.

With hard work the Women were able to convert the old church into a great building which was used for weddings, funerals, musical's, meetings and much more. Currently the building is being used for the club meetings, by a newly formed church group as well as the citizens in the area for parties, events and much more.

As the time goes so does the needs of keeping this Historic Building going. The last major repair done to the building was in 1999 when a new roof was put on the building. Repairs are now needed with the help of the public and our businesses in the area. The needs are many but first and forth most is the need for a new heating system as well as someone to redo our bathroom area. The bathroom area was the last built on and really needs some care. The exterior of the building needs paint as well as new down spouts.

***This is the last building owned by a GFWC Clubs in Oregon.*** It is on the Independence Historical Site and is well known for being a great place for renting.



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## ***Historic Independence Woman's Club House (cont.)***

We are in the process of taking donations to get the renovations started. Anyone who has used the building could provide a small cash donation. A Business who is looking for a way to give back to the community could take on a special project such as the Bathroom or the exterior of the building.

We appreciate any help that businesses can provide or individuals. With your help we can get this great historic clubhouse shining in the community again and back to its glory of being a great place for events, weddings, showers, birthday parties, bazaars, new church groups, etc.

If you are interested in helping go to our website [gfwcpolk1914.com](http://gfwcpolk1914.com) and hit the donation button or send your donation to Independence Woman's Club, PO Box 392, Independence, Oregon 97351. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501©3 club and a special donation letter will be sent for your taxes.

Any questions or if you wish to tour the building to see what you would like to donate to as there are several areas you could state on your donation, call *Heather Thomas, President at 503-508-3569.*

# RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions committee has been busy working and reviewing Oregon Federation's current resolutions.

2020 the GFWC Resolutions changed their format and added two new categories and removed one so as your resolution chair the committee also did this with our resolutions for the State.

International Affairs has been deleted as a category and we have moved our resolutions that were under this category to the corresponding category that it would fit under.

We added two categories and moved our current resolutions that fit those two categories. First one is Junior Special Project: Advocates for Children, the second one is our Signature Project: Domestic Violence.

If any club member wishes to see the resolutions and have for their records, please just email me and I will send you a copy of the completed move. *Heather Thomas* at [gfwcthomas51@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcthomas51@gmail.com).



GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs  
**"Celebrating Our Stars"**



**Call to the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Part 2 and Fall Board Meeting**

October 22-24, 2021

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Astoria, Oregon**

*Come join us for a fun filled two days at this hotel which is situated, under the bridge, in beautiful Astoria, right on the banks of the mighty Columbia River.*

Let's celebrate the accomplishments of the last club year and all of our 'stars' who helped make sure the past year was so successful, in spite of all the challenges created by the pandemic.

*The Portland Woman's Club will be the host for the weekend.*

*The Astoria Holiday Inn Express and Suites has assured us that they are in full compliance with the rules and regulations, regarding Covid-19 and the Delta Variant, which both the CDC and Governor Kate Brown have set in place. You will be required to wear a mask and we would prefer that you are fully vaccinated. This is not only to protect you, but others as well. Some of our members have health issues and we want to make sure they feel safe and comfortable in being able to attend this most important OFWC event. Thank you for understanding.*

**Room Rates:**

City View—King or Double Queen--\$130

River View—King or Double Queen--\$150

*The rates include a complimentary breakfast for each night's stay, parking and Wi-Fi. **Reserve rooms by October 7, 2021 to get this special rate.** Call (503) 325-6222 our Group Block is OFWC 2021.*

**Registration Begins: 1:00 PM, October 22, 2021**

**Executive Committee** meets at 3:00 PM, October 22, 2021.

**The Convention** will begin at dinner—6:00 PM, October 22, 2021.

It will continue on Saturday, October 23rd and will be followed by the Board Meeting, which will begin Saturday afternoon and finish late morning on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

## Important Deadlines:

October 7— Last day to reserve rooms at the discounted rate!

October 7— Last day to register before paying late fee!

## Special Guests:

We are honored and delighted that Carlene Garner, Past GFWC International President, will be the Keynote Speaker at the OFWC Convention.

## Convention Fundraising:

*It is time for the Clubs to be creative and have fun making a wreath/wall hanging or table decoration/centerpiece based on a holiday or special occasion. Clubs were given the following:*

<i>Beaverton Woman's Club</i>	<i>Easter</i>
<i>Central Oregon Woman's Club</i>	<i>Valentine's Day</i>
<i>Central Oregon Juniors</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
<i>North Clackamas Woman's Club</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
<i>Oregon City Woman's Club</i>	<i>President's Day</i>
<i>Polk County Service Club</i>	<i>Veteran's Day</i>
<i>Portland Woman's Club</i>	<i>Christmas</i>
<i>Salem Woman's Service club</i>	<i>Fourth of July</i>
<i>Silverton Zenith Woman's Club</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
<i>Members-At-Large</i>	<i>Halloween</i>

***We look forward to some creativity with this project!***

*There will be aprons and cookbooks; Oregon Shield, and Oregon pins. There will also be the 50/25/25 drawings.*

## Service Projects:

We are putting together some service projects. You will be notified in a separate email as soon as plans are finalized,

## What to wear:

Friday Dinner : Business Casual to Evening Casual

Saturday: Business Casual

Saturday Dinner: Sparkle Night!!

Sunday Morning: Business Casual

## GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs 2021 Convention Registration - October 22-24, 2021 - Astoria, Oregon

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 204 W Marine Dr., Astoria  
Call (503) 325-6222 and provide the Group Block: OFWC 2021

**Reserve rooms by October 7, 2021 to receive special rate**

City View—King or Double Queen--\$130, River View—King or Double Queen--\$150

<b>Registration:</b> <i>(circle price)</i>	Member	\$ 35.00
	Late Registration Fee (After Oct. 23)	\$ 10.00
	<b>Total Registration</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Meals:** *(circle price if attending)*

### Friday, Oct. 22

Dinner: Italian Pasta Buffet Dinner	\$ 40.00
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### Saturday, Oct. 23

Lunch: Soup and Build Your Own Sandwich Bar	\$ 27.00
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Dinner: Plated (Check One)	\$ 48.00
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New York Strip Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Total Meals</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
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<b>Total Registration and Meals</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
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**Dietary Restrictions:**

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee Information** *(Please only one person per form)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

State EC/ BOD Member \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form with check made out to OFWC by Oct. 7, 2021 to:**

**Heather Thomas, 5354 Melrose Ct. N., Keizer, OR 97303**

**PLEASE EMAIL HEATHER AT [gfwcthomas51@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcthomas51@gmail.com) (503-508-3569) THAT YOU ARE**

**ATTENDING SINCE REGISTRATION IS DUE SOON**

OFWC Bylaw for Amendment  
October 2021

Section 8. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

A. Distinguished members of the Board of Directors who have served on the Board of Directors at least 10 years, ~~and~~ who have reached at least the age of 65, (*who have not served as Oregon Federation President*), ~~and~~ whose service has been of the highest quality and who no longer wish to serve the Federation as a member of the Board of Directors are eligible for appointment as an Ex-Officio member.

1. Applications of candidates for this prestigious honor will be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the nominee's qualifications and either accept the application or request more qualifications. The application will be checked for accuracy and signed by the nominee.
2. Applications that are accepted by the Executive Committee will be presented with the candidate's resume to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. The selected honorees must maintain active membership, will be permanent members of the OFWC Board of Directors and will be recognized at meetings of the Board of Directors and the annual State Convention.

Amends Bylaw Article III Members, Section 8. Ex-Officio Members to add the additional qualification "who have not served as Oregon Federation President".

Rationale: This corrects an error when bylaws were updated which inadvertently deleted this requirement. Past State Presidents who maintain active membership are already permanent members of the Board of Directors.