



Oregon Clubwoman

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Pam Briggs



Legislation and Public Policy

Pam Briggs, Chairman

Here are 3 simple things every member can do regarding
Legislation and Public Policy.

1. Participate in GFWC's fun Scavenger Hunt for Legislation and Public Policy. Instructions and a check list were provided at the Fall BOD and are also available on the GFWC Member Portal in the Club Manual. Just follow the directions and complete the items on the checklist. Let's how many points your club can get. If each member tracks their own checklist, then the club can simply tally the information and send it to me so I can compile a state checklist.
2. Look for ways you can become involved in your local, state and national government. Attend and share a position at your city council or school board meeting
3. Participate in the Legislative Alerts sent out by GFWC on important Legislation. When you receive a legislative alert, click the Take Action button and send an electronic letter to your congressional representatives. Help members at club meetings sign up and take action.

Let's see how close we can get to having 100% of Oregon members signed up and participating in the Legislative Action Center!

Upcoming Events:

April 24, 2023

May 18-20, 2023

June 9-12, 2023

August 25-27, 2023

May 17-19, 2024

GFWC Federation Day

OFWC Convention, Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde

GFWC Annual Convention, Louisville, KY

Western States Region Conference, Eagle Crest, Oregon

OFWC Convention, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas



From the OFWC President...

Fall seemed to hide out somewhere between extended summer weather and a cold snap. The trees even seem to be holding out on dropping their leaves. Yet here we are, already staring down the holiday season.

In late August I attended the Western States Region Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. The event started with some fun tours and we had good business sessions. I always enjoy seeing my Federation Sisters from other states as well. It made me even more excited to know that Oregon will be hosting WSR in August of 2023, and I was taking notes for ways we can help make the upcoming conference a success.

In October we had the first Fall Board meeting of the 2022-2024 Administration. It was an impressive assembly of nearly all the Board Members, including some which have not served on a Board position before. I thought everyone did a great job reporting on their Community Service Projects and Advancement Areas. We also had an interesting presentation by Treasurer Pam Briggs with history of a former club, and a presentation on a new Friendsgiving event idea by GFWC Membership Committee Member Joann Wheeler. Towards the end of the day, we watched a few lucky contestants try their skill at "Reporting Jopardi," a fun way to refresh our reporting knowledge hosted by 1st Vice President Barbara Chavez. The GFWC Polk County Service Club served as gracious hosts for our event held at their clubhouse, and they served a tasty lunch including Chili and Potato Soup. A big thank you to them and to everyone who participated!

Members made generous donations through a collection of hygiene products for Abby's House, which provides services to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims at the Western Oregon University Campus. This also coincided with the fact that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

As a reminder, I would love the opportunity to visit a club meeting or activity. Please let me know about your meetings and events that would be good to attend. I can be reached by email at wendy_wheeler@hotmail.com or by phone/text at 425-591-5802.



OFWC FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP Matching Donation Challenge

It has happened for a second year!! WHOOP! WHOOP!

We have an anonymous donor that will commit to a matching donation of up to \$1,000.

It will match a collaborative amount from individual and club donations.

Qualifying donations will need to be made between now and Dec. 31, 2022

Donate NOW to get your Tax Write Off.

Please take advantage of this challenge and consider individual and/or club donations.

**Mail donations to : OFWC Fine Arts Allison Belisle
10034 SW Steeplechase Circle Beaverton, OR 97008**

Leadership



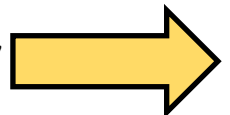
**Gladstone Christian Church
305 E. Dartmouth
Gladstone, OR 97027**

The OFWC 2023 Leadership Workshop will be presented on March 4, 2023 in Gladstone, OR. We are planning a full day workshop with a tentative running time of 9 am – 3 pm. The focus of the workshop this year will be ‘Membership’. The morning session will focus on developing leadership among current members, and will include interactive sessions, a workshop and perhaps even a skit. The afternoon will delve into developing new members through leadership, including a presentation on fundraising as a tool to attract new members.

Join us for an enlightening, fun, educational and enjoyable day of camaraderie!

Also, please consider applying for the LEADS scholarship. It is an extremely worthwhile endeavor and allows the recipient to meet other like-minded women at the National Conference! We had no candidate last year and would love to see Oregon represented at the 2023 conference.

LEADS information & application on pages 5-7





GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)

The GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar identifies GFWC members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their State Federations and/or GFWC on the national level. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.

GFWC LEADS is typically held annually on the day prior to the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. The program may include the following:

- Overview of public speaking, time management, vision casting, and conflict resolution.
- Explanation of GFWC resources, materials, and assistance.
- Outline of GFWC policies, parliamentary procedure, and protocol.
- Discussion of tips and techniques for pursuing personal growth and developing leadership opportunities.

Application Process and Deadline

Each State Federation and International Affiliate may select one LEADS attendee annually.

LEADS Candidate: Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to your State Federation by the state application deadline. If your state has a form, use that instead.

State or International Affiliate Leadership Chairman or President: Your chosen LEADS Candidate's application form (page 2 or similar, containing contact information) and photo is due to GFWC Second Vice President Wendy Carriker (wcarriker@gfwc.org) and GFWC Leadership Chairman Shannon Bailey (bongabailey@yahoo.com) by March 15, 2022. Thank you!

State and District LEADS Programs

States and Districts are encouraged to hold a LEADS program to identify and develop strong potential leaders prepared to assume club, District, and State Federations leadership positions. By implementing a well-designed LEADS event, the leadership gap of some experience will be addressed, and the talent and enthusiasm of a trained, confident group of volunteers will be more effectively used. The individual member, as well as our organization and communities, will benefit. The leadership can determine when the State Federation or District LEADS program is best conducted. The GFWC Leadership Committee can assist State and District

leaders in creating half- and full-day events using materials available in the toolkit. States may choose to select one participant from their own LEADS program to attend GFWC LEADS.

Criteria for LEADS Participation

It is highly recommended that each State Federation or International Affiliate LEADS candidate meet the following criteria:

Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chairman.

Exhibits a commitment to the Federation.

Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved.

Demonstrates leadership characteristics, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility.

Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC.

Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in the State Federation.

Understands and accepts potential expenses involved in participation.

Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level (this criterion is recommended in order to encourage potential leaders at the club level to apply).

Has not attended a previous LEADS program. Members are eligible to attend only once.

Agrees to make every effort to attend the Fall GFWC Region Conference to report on their LEADS experience.

Must be a member of a per capita dues paying club, or a delegate of an International Affiliate as noted below.

Expenses

[GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the expenses of candidates who are members of per capita dues paying clubs.](#) State Federations may consider underwriting a portion of an attendee's expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to the leadership development and training. LEADS participants are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

State Federation attendees:

- Travel and lodging stipend of \$325.00.

Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).

Checks will be distributed to candidates upon completion of the seminar.

International Affiliates:

One attendee from each International Affiliate is welcome to apply and participate in LEADS at a cost of \$60.00, the GFWC stipend for travel and lodging allowance do not apply.

GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) APPLICATION FORM

Revised 01/12/2022

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Please conceal applicant's identity during selection deliberation

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:

(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/or chairmanships held: _____

List all District offices and/or chairmanships held: _____

List GFWC club/District programs/projects in which involved: _____

List positions at the District, State Federation, and/or national level in which you are interested: _____

Are you willing to:

Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes ___ No ___

Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes ___ No ___

CFWC PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

Introducing your OFWC Program Chairmen for 2022-2024

Arts and Culture—Cindy Rasmussen

Civic Engagement and Outreach—Barbara Chavez

Education and Libraries—Gail Aldridge

Environment—Sheila Wilson

Health and Wellness—Alice Hayden

Legislation and Public Policy—Pam Briggs

Domestic Violence—Heather Thomas

Advocates for Children—Karen La Voie

Leadership—Leslie Ristine

Communications and Public Relations—Jamie Rockwell

Community Improvement Contest—Joann Wheeler

ESO—Glenda Peters

Fundraising—Brenda Dilley

Report Writing

Club annual reporting is coming up soon! Here are the important

dates.... February 15, 2023 - Club reports are due to State Chairmen

*March 1, 2023 - State Chairmen reports are due to OFWC President &
1st Vice President*

March 15, 2023 - State Chairmen Reports are due to GFWC Chairmen

Detailed instructions and forms will be sent to all club presidents and chairmen in December. Any questions? Please contact Barbara Chavez, OFWC 1st V.P. at bchavez0902@yahoo.com or call (925) 683-3729.



Friendsgiving ! National GFWC Project

Looking for a new project idea?? Put your member's creative juices to work and plan a "Friendsgiving" project to thank your community, individuals and businesses for their support to your GFWC Club! The possibilities are endless...and what a great way to enjoy fun and fellowship, and to thank everyone for their support in your volunteer efforts! Check the GFWC Manual for additional suggestions... under the F Resources Folder in the Member Portal.



GFWC Membership Committee- Western States Region

The GFWC Oregon City Woman's Club has had a busy Summer and Into Fall. We held a very successful Garage Sale at two members homes in July. September brought a fun Charity Pints Night at Oregon City Brewing and a successful fundraising night of Bingo at Beaver Creek Saloon. In October, we joined two other Oregon City organizations for the "Healing Hearts Walk" to raise funds for our specific organizations.

OCWC took on the challenge of creating a Paper Shredding Event (that use to be coordinated by the Oregon City Police). We knew there was a need for the people of Oregon City to be able to have private/important papers shredded in a controlled environment. The event in April was so successful, that we held it again in October. We had obtained 10 sponsors and gave them a two for one and acknowledged them again in October. We also charged \$10 a car, to help raise additional funds.

OCWC completed October with a Pumpkin Succulent Make and Take for members and guests. We are looking forward to our Christmas Holiday Arrangement Make and Take on December 16. (if you would like more details regarding either of the last two events, please contact Sheila Wilson at skwilson3@msn.com)

Sheila Wilson, OCWC Publicity Chairman

If you would like to tell us about what your club has been doing, please email articles and pictures to vanessa.r.parra@gmail.com



In Picture - Oregon City JROTC with Event Chairman and GFWC Oregon City Woman's Club President, Chris Wadsworth

"Go Forward With Confidence"
SLFF Scholarship

The 2023 Scholarship application will be posted on the OFWC Website after the first of the year. Please promote this scholarship that is available to individuals that have been victims of Domestic Violence/Child Abuse. Contact shelters, any state, county or city services that assist these victims, colleges and universities, high schools, etc. Communities are becoming more aware of this scholarship, however we need to continue this promotion of our assistance. If your club or members wish to donate to this scholarship, please fill out the donation form in the OFWC Manual and send to Valerie Huey, SLFF Treasure. The Trustees appreciate your support!

GFWC-OFWC Scholarship Loan & Fellowship Fund Trustees
Joann Wheeler, Chairman

Get your ticket for a chance at Free Registration and Free meals at the Western Region Conference in August. Please contact Joann Wheeler (jwii@msn.com) for tickets.



Touring around:

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend either the Western States Region Conference or the GFWC Annual Convention, you may want to consider attending for some of the outstanding tour opportunities! Of course the business meetings are very interesting and informative, and there is often top notch entertainment. But the tours provide an additional chance to meet and get to know fellow clubwomen from other states in a very fun and casual setting. The tours generally take place the day or days before the conference begins, so you can also get more familiar with the local area where you are attending.

At the 2022 GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans, there were multiple tours to choose from, including a Plantation tour, A Creole and Cajun Cooking Demo, and a visit to the National World War II Museum. With such variety, there is something for everyone.

At WSR this year in Alaska, the tours included a cruise on Whittier Sound to see glaciers and wildlife, and tours to the Ulu Factory, Alaska Wildberry Products, and the Pioneer School House, build by the GFWC Anchorage Women's Club in 1915.

Be sure to take a look at the Call information for the upcoming GFWC Convention in Louisville and WSR Conference to be held in Oregon. The tour information will be included for you to consider. Be warned, you may be in for a real fun time!



Left: The Western States Region attendees hearing from Suellen Brazil, GFWC President-Elect.



Right: Boarding the boat for a wildlife and glacier-viewing cruise on Whittier Sound



Western Region Newsletter

Winter 2022

The Western States Region Conference will be held at Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon on **August 24-27, 2023** with 11 Western States in attendance.

The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Club's are the official hosts of this conference. Thursday the 24th there will be an opportunity for you to tour with one of the tours being set up. Friday the 25th is a half day tour then in the evening we will celebrate Oregon Night highlighting our Federation. Saturday the 26th will be meetings, lunch and dinner. Sunday the 27th will be breakfast with the last of the meetings.

We are asking Club Members to volunteer to be a Hostess at the dinner tables on Friday Night and Saturday Night, working at the Registration Table on Thursday, Friday morning. The registration table will be moved into the Country Store in the afternoon on Friday and Saturday Morning.

The Oregon Country Store needs volunteers to help set up Wednesday Night, work Thursday, Friday, Saturday and finish up on Sunday for those who wish to get a bargain on Sunday and then help tear down on Sunday.

The Oregon Country Store is closed during Conference Business Hours as well as the dinner time so that each Volunteer has a chance to really enjoy all the festivities of the Conference. We will open up after the Dinner for ½ hour just in case we have some who wish to come in and get something to take back to the room.

Mary Accettura is in charge of the Country Store so please contact her if you would be willing to volunteer in the store. Also, Mary has sent a request to each Club President for contributions to the Country Store.

Joann Wheeler and Heather Thomas are the Co-Chair's of the Conference and working hard to get everything done right. Barbara Chavez will oversee the Goody Bags that will be given out at the Registration Table. We need items that we can put into the Goody Bags: such as:



Use your imagination...

What would you like to see inside your Goody Bag that represents Oregon?

Sheila Wilson of Oregon City Woman's Club has volunteered to be in charge of decorations for the dinners, lunch and breakfast tables. Since Friday is Oregon Night it will be decorations based on Wendy Wheeler-Jacob's State Theme which is Keep Oregon Green. GFWC of Central Oregon is working on the Friday Night Decorations but wish to have another club volunteer to help so contact Joann Wheeler if your club would be willing to help that evening. Let's come up with some great ideas! Contact Sheila if you wish to help with decorations.

Each of Oregon Club Women are valuable members and we need all your help to make Oregon Shine. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends as well as help out Oregon to Shine with our Sister Clubs in the Western Region Conference.

Hi everyone, we have 9 months to prepare for the WSR Country Store at the WSR convention in August 2023 in Eagle Crest - Redmond, Or. We are looking for any hand made items, Oregon wines and foods, Oregon photography &/or paintings. Anything that pertains to our great State of Oregon. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. This is a fund raiser for the OFWC. I would like to have a "starting" List of the items your club or club members are donating by January 31, 2023. Please include the value of the items so I can determine their selling price. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm & hard work.

Mary Accettura