



# Oregon Clubwoman

## NEWSLETTER



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### 2022-2024 OFWC Officers

President:  
Wendy Wheeler Jacobs

1st Vice President:  
Barbara Chavez

2nd Vice President:  
Sheila Wilson

Secretary:  
Ann Lantz

Treasurer:  
Pam Briggs

Parliamentary Advisor:  
Joann Wheeler  
Corresponding Secretary:  
Heather Thomas

*The deadline for submissions for the Spring Clubwoman newsletter will be April 15, 2024*



## OFWC Leadership Seminar is March 16th

Happy New Year to all our OFWC members! January means that our Leadership workshop for 2024 is not too far away. Silverton Zenith Women's Club has graciously accepted the task of hosting the workshop on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The venue is: Elks Lodge #2210. The address is **300 High St., Silverton, OR.**

This year, the Leadership workshop will focus on **The Three "P's" That Every Potential Leader Needs to Know!** We are looking at having a speaker, as well as entertaining ways to learn more about these "Three P's", including interactive sessions, games, presentations, and perhaps even a skit or two! Silverton Zenith will also be providing lunch for us all.

Mark your calendars and hope we have decent weather!! See you there! Watch your email for a registration form to come soon.



GFWC Beaverton initiated 9 new members at their holiday party  
**Welcome to OFWC!**



## From the OFWC President...

I am still getting used to writing "2024"... it sure seems like the last year went by so fast! It's already time to start writing those 2023 reports, which is always a good exercise as it serves as a reminder of all of the great work we have accomplished. In our GFWC Central Oregon Club, we go through each meeting's minutes and assign the topics or projects to individual members so everyone has a chance to contribute. In larger clubs, program chairmen may take charge. There's not a one-and-only way to get them done, but one thing that is consistent is the importance of reporting for recording our state and national volunteerism history. If you are not involved in some way, raise your hand, as it is a great opportunity to document the legacy your club is leaving. Barbara Chavez, our OFWC Vice President, is in charge of the reporting process so reach out to her if you have any questions along the way. See more on Pages 3 & 4.

We are already in the process of planning our spring events and I hope to see and meet more of you in attendance. This includes the Leadership Seminar to be held in Silverton and the OFWC Convention to be held in Clackamas. Please hold the dates (see below) on your calendar. If you have ideas of something you would like to see or hear, the committees are open to your contributions and feedback. Please let me know what is on your mind.

In Federation,  
*Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs*



### Upcoming events:

February 15, 2024	Club Reports due to OFWC Program Chairmen
March 1, 2024	Statistics Reports Due to State President and Vice President
March 15, 2024	Reports due from OFWC Chairmen to GFWC
March 16, 2024	OFWC Leadership Seminar, Silverton
April 24, 2024	Federation Day
May 10-11, 2024	OFWC Convention, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas

## IT'S REPORTING TIME

The **Oregon State Federation** did a wonderful job with our reporting last year. At the GFWC convention we received awards in our category (based on the size of our membership) for Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, Women's History and Research Center (WHRC) and Newsletter contest.

### ***We can do even better this year!***

Instructions for reporting have been sent out to all OFWC presidents. I hope all club members are helping to tally their volunteer hours and participate in the reporting process. Reports will be judged on the percentage of club members engaged, the creativity of the project, and the impact or result of your efforts. Both the statistics/numbers and narrative are required.

If your club has a project that you are especially proud of, please provide details on WHO, WHAT, WHY so the program chair can write it up for a creative project award. The most creative projects in each program area are sent on to GFWC to be eligible for additional awards, including cash for your club!

If you have any other questions, please contact your OFWC program chairmen listed below. They can help you with examples from other club reports or help you determine if a project should be reported in that area. The Club reports are due to chairmen by **February 15th**.

Arts & Culture – Cindy Rasmussen  
Education & Libraries – Gail Aldridge  
Health & Wellness – Alice Hayden  
Domestic Violence Awareness – Heather Thomas  
Leadership – Leslie Ristine  
Membership – Sheila Wilson  
ESO – Glenda Peters  
WHRC – Barbara Chavez

Civic Engagement – Barbara Chavez  
Environment – Sheila Wilson  
Legislation & Public Policy – Pam Briggs  
Advocates for Children – Karen La Voie  
Communications – Jamie Rockwell  
Community Impact – Joann Wheeler  
Fundraising – Brenda Dilley  
President's Project – Cari Wood

### **Don't Forget to KEEP OREGON GREEN!**

Did you participate in, or donate to our OFWC President's Project? If you donated to Keep Oregon Green, or did any project or educational event with one of their partners, please submit your hours and a short report to Cari Wood, President's Project Chairman at [ki2@hotmail.com](mailto:ki2@hotmail.com)





## Community Impact Program (CIP)

A reminder to OFWC members, while preparing your club reports for 2023, also select the Community Impact Program (CIP) Award Report to submit on **March 1, 2024** to Joann Wheeler.

This report can include any of the 5 Community Service Program areas you already reported on Feb. 15th, and it is not considered cross-reporting. Your club will want to select a project that has made the greatest impact in your community .... Projects that bring awareness to what GFWC volunteering is all about!

Not only will the club have an opportunity to win a \$100.00 first place cash award in Oregon, plus as first place, the Award Report will be sent on to GFWC to be judged along with other states in the same membership size category. Oregon has had recent winners, so it is possible to have the club project recognized on the national level.

Follow the instructions for submitting the report, which is in the Club Manual, under Award, Contests and Grants. The packet was handed out earlier to each club. Remember the reporting time is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. Calendar year- 2 full years. The guide is specific on the way to build your report...not exceeding 10 pages, including photos and media.

Good luck, and I look forward to receiving the club entries!!

*Joann Wheeler, OFWC Community Impact Program Chairman*  
2364 SW Valleyview Ct., Redmond, OR 97756 [jwii@msn.com](mailto:jwii@msn.com)



## Legislation/Public Policy

Be sure to send me information when you complete club reports with the following information:

1. What did your club do to encourage members to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Alerts?
2. How many members are signed up to receive the alerts?
3. How often are they responding to the alerts?

Any other Legislation related activities?

*Pam Briggs, Legislation/Public Policy Chairman*

## GFWC Central Oregon

### GFWC Central OR – Thanksgiving Lunch!

The Thursday before Thanksgiving, the ladies of GFWC of Central OR served a Thanksgiving feast to 30 veterans at Central Oregon Veterans Ranch! The ladies provided 2 turkeys, 1 ham, baked butternut squash, green bean casserole, cream cheese corn, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, 2 pumpkin pies, 1 fruit pie and a pumpkin cheesecake!



## GFWC Beaverton



*20 Holiday bags were delivered to a local Domestic Violence Shelter. Each bag included toiletry items, hats, socks, scarf, candy, earrings etc.*



*Women at Work on the Adopt-A-Road Project*



# GFWC Oregon City

## Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 16th, 13 members and two prospective members of the Oregon City Woman's Club volunteered for the National Wreaths Across America event, held at Willamette National Cemetery. Club members bundled up in warm coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots to lay Remembrance wreaths on the graves of veterans. Our club members joined the more than two million volunteers and supporters across America who gathered to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. We learned that there is a specific protocol for laying the wreaths:

1. Receive the wreath and approach the headstone.
2. Extend the wreath outward, offering it to the veteran.
3. Place the wreath centered at the headstone, with the bow at the top.
4. Say the veteran's name aloud.



*Laying a wreath at the base of the columbarium.*



*Gail Aldridge, Karmin Tomlinson, Sheila Wilson*



*Alice Hayden, Marilyn Rudd*

## Environment

The cold and windy weather we have been going through, reminds us there are things that you can do to make it easier and possibly save you from unwelcome scenarios. The National Center for Environmental Health has lots of tips for your home, car, when emergencies happen, outdoor precautions and if you need to travel. Check them out: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/winterweather>

*Sheila Wilson, OFWC Environment Chairman*

## Membership

The beginning of the year is a good time to inform family and friends about the GFWC. Does your club have Facebook, post what they need to do to check out the organization and how to join? Or, individuals can also post on their personal Facebook. Here is what I posted. Feel free to copy . . .

“Wanting to be more involved in your community? Greater Federation of Woman's Clubs across the nation and worldwide have clubs doing good work in their communities. They are looking for new members to join them. They hold fundraisers to fund donations to local organizations and for scholarships. They also partner with groups like Shop with a Cop, Wreaths Across America, Backpack Buddies, Local Food Banks, etc. I am a member and love my time working with these ladies throughout the year. Would you like to find out more. Check the Oregon City Woman's Club website to get a fuller picture (<https://oregoncitywomansclub.org/>). Or, check out GFWC national website (<https://www.gfwc.org/>). Here is the link to the national list of clubs by state that you can check out to see if you would like to visit a club meeting (<https://www.gfwc.org/about/club-websites/>). Or, you can let me know and I will obtain a contact for you. It is a great way to get involved in your community in 2024.”

*Sheila Wilson, OFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairman*

## Dues

It's never too late to keep recruiting new members and turning in dues for them! I am thrilled to report that I have received initial dues payments for ALL of our Oregon Clubs well before the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!! THANK YOU!!

Be sure to continue sending in any additional dues you receive. The next important deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues for additional or new members must be received by this date in order to be entitled to vote at the OFWC Annual Convention.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Pam Briggs, OFWC Treasurer,*  
197 Lake St SE, Albany, OR 97321 [pmbriggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriggs@msn.com), 541-974-1193

## Fine Arts Scholarships

The OFWC Fine Arts Contest for High School Seniors will be held virtually on **Saturday, April 27 at 2 pm over ZOOM.**

Applications have been sent to Oregon High Schools. They can also be found on the OFWC Website at: <https://oregongfwc.org/fine-arts-scholarships.html>

Clubs are encouraged to follow up and contact your local high schools to see if they received the applications.

We are able to offer four scholarships this year at \$500 each:

- Instrumental
- Vocal
- Visual Arts
- Essay (Theme: Growth Through Service)

Allison Belisle  
Fine Arts Scholarship Chairman



## SLFF Scholarship

2024 Go Forward With Confidence Scholarship is live at <https://oregongfwc.org/scholarships.html>

The Go Forward With Confidence Scholarship is awarded to victims of domestic violence or child abuse/neglect so that they may continue with higher education. Applicants should be at least High School Seniors who reside in Oregon and are US Citizens or permanent legal residents. If you know anyone who would benefit from this scholarship, please pass it along and encourage their application!

- Deadline for Receipt is March 15, 2024
- Scholarships Awarded by May 1, 2024

Up to 5 Scholarships may be awarded each school year, based on number of applicants. The amounts awarded will be determined by the SLFF Committee, up to a total of \$10,000.00.

Applications are posted on the OFWC website

Thank you to committee members/trustees; Valerie Huey, Cindy Rasmussen, Trace Rew, Becky Ball, Alice Hayden, Cari Wood for their work!



## GFWC Orientation Meeting

It was my privilege as your OFWC President-elect, to attend the GFWC Leadership Orientation – “Leadership Reimagined” meeting in Washington DC on January 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> hosted by GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil. Other OFWC members, Joann Wheeler (2024-2026 GFWC Fundraising Committee) and Pam Briggs (2024-2026 WSR President) also joined me in the orientation.

President-elect Suellen’s theme is “Educate, Engage, Empower.” We spent the three days in intense meetings covering subjects such as protocol, GFWC rebranding, membership engagement strategies, training leaders, financials, just to name a few.

In addition to meetings, there was an evening tour of the Washington DC monuments...the Lincoln Memorial was amazing at night! The tour of GFWC headquarters was also a highlight of the weekend. Pam Briggs took some wonderful photos that are posted on the Oregon Facebook page.

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet other leaders from around the country and look forward to “reimagining leadership” in the 2024-2026 administration!

*Barbara Chavez*



## Western States Region (WSR) opportunities!

I am honored to serve as the 2024-26 WSR Region President beginning July 1st. I have a number of positions on the Region Board of Directors that I need to fill with club members from the various WSR State Federations. This is a great opportunity for those that have an interest in learning about and participating on the Region level. There are several committees that need members and the time commitment is generally very minimal. You should be prepared to attend the 2024 and 2025 Region Conferences in Washington State and California. And if possible (although not required) the GFWC Conventions in June 2025 and 2026. Please contact me if you are interested and I can provide more information.

Thanks for all your support!!

*Pam Briggs*

541-974-1193, [pmbriiggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriiggs@msn.com)



# Nominating Committee Report

## State Offices will open up and elections will be this Spring at the Annual Convention!



Are you looking to help the State Federation in its efforts to support the local clubs and bring new ideas to the Board and to the Club Members? Then this is an opportunity for you to become a leader at the State Level.

Leadership roles are different for each position. The only position that there is no election on is our State President as our President Elect (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) moves up into that role.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** is a great position and you learn a lot about the Programs from GFWC National Headquarters. You serve as the go in between your President, GFWC and the State Chairman. This position allows you to expand and learn more about the State Organization as well as GFWC. In the second year of this position the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President becomes President Elect and then moves into the role of State President.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** is a wonderful opportunity to spread info about membership with the State Federation as well as International Organization. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is in charge and leads membership and helps to build the State Organization. At the State level she also serves on the Executive Committee and does what the State President assigns her. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President has been also our editor of the Newsletter and directs communication from the State President to all the Clubs.

**Recording Secretary** records the minutes of each meeting. This position allows you to learn more about the State. You coordinate with the State President in making sure minutes are kept of each meeting. We have the Summer Executive Meeting, the Fall Board of Director's meeting and executive committee meeting, the Winter Executive Committee meeting and the Annual meeting which includes the executive committee meeting and the Annual Convention. It looks like a lot but you are the scrip of the State Federation.

**Treasurer** is the keeper of the funds of the State Federation. Treasurer keeps the records of all transactions that are completed, reports at each of the meetings on the finances of the Federation and also works with the Financial Committee to make sure reviews are completed and then gets all to the Accountant for taxes. Our current Treasurer indicates this is about once a month to reconcile the Bank Account and also work with each Fund of the State to make sure all is going well. If there are any discrepancies she brings it to the attention of the President. This is a great position for a person who loves to work with Financial matters and we have plenty of support for anyone in this position from former Treasurers.

The Recording Secretary and Treasurer by our By Laws can run for two consecutive terms in their office.

Currently we have received club endorsements for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer. All the positions are open for candidates as long as they are qualified.

Please review with your Members in your Club. Do you have someone who would qualify for a position within the State Federation? Our officers are valuable and help keeping the State running and bringing GFWC International Organization into your local Clubs.

Please see the endorsement form on the next page of this Newsletter with requirements. These need to be sent to *Heather Thomas, Chair, 5354 Melrose Ct N, Keizer, OR 97303* by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** but the sooner the better.

**New faces on the Executive Committee bring new ideas of how the State can help out local clubs and grow in the State!**



# GFWC OREGON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



## GFWC OREGON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

*Organized October 24, 1899  
A Member of GFWC Since 1901*

### OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT FORM

(Please Type or Print)

NAME OF CLUBWOMAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

In a Club business meeting on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_,

The above named member was endorsed for the Office of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

Please list her qualifications (attach additional pages if necessary):

Federation Activities:

1. Local Club Offices and Chairmanships
2. District Offices and Chairmanships
3. OFWC Offices and Chairmanships

Community Activities

Other Pertinent Information

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email or mail completed and signed Endorsement Form to the Chairman of the OFWC Nominating Committee: Heather Thomas, [gfwcthomas51@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcthomas51@gmail.com), 5354 Melrose Ct N, Keizer, OR 97303