



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

FREDDY LOU BARNEBURG

Greetings from the President

GFWC OREGON

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In Federation,
 Freddy Lou Barneburg, President

Dear OFWC Member,

As the year of 2016 progresses, we look back at our plans, such as plans to diet and exercise, take control of our finances and plans for family and vacations.

Besides that, we give of our time and talents to the many causes of our individual clubs. Before you know it, spring is here and with its arrival, the Fine Arts Scholarship Competition, in April. Shortly after that is the OFWC State Convention in May. Then, June comes along and it is summertime.

Along the way, we continue our hopes and dreams for an improved tomorrow.

This year, I shall be leaving you early, but I want to thank you for the opportunity of being your OFWC State President. Especially, I wish to thank the angels who served on my Board. It has been an honor to serve this great organization. I thank you, the membership, for your support. Many women have gone before me and were my inspiration. I hope I have made a difference by my leadership. I want to welcome Mary Accettura to the clan of Presidents. She has my blessings for a successful two years.

Respectfully,

Freddy Lou Barneburg
 OFWC State President

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CLUB NEWS**Portland Woman's Club****- OFWC FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP—Hosted by Portland Woman's Club**

Because of your continued donation to this fund we are again holding our **ANNUAL** Fine Arts Scholarship event. This important event will be held April 16, 2016 at 2:30PM at:

2016 at Grand Park Baptist Church
2728 N.E 34th ave
Portland, Oregon 97212

Students who submit an application will display Art work, and/or perform in Vocal or Instrument for our scholarships. The winning Essay is displayed at this event. With this scholarship, as members of GFWC Oregon, we are able to further these students education.

Please set this date aside and attend to support the volunteers and to see and hear the great performances. You will walk away saying, "Yes, this program belongs to us and am proud of it.

Continue to donate to this fund because without you , it **THIS FUND WILL BE PUT ON THE SHELF! IT BELONGS TO YOU**

Memorial Service at Convention

Unfortunately, some Clubs have had members die. All Club Presidents need to send the names of their deceased member(s) to:

Barbara Donovan, Spiritual Advisor
503/378-1294
bedonovan55@gmail.com

The names will be needed for the Memorial Service at the 2016 State Convention.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Easiest Fundraiser Ever!!

**YOU CAN HELP OREGON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS EARN DONATIONS
JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!**

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to OFWC so that when you spend money using your rewards card OFWC also gets money from Fred Meyer's Community Fund! It's super easy and you still earn all your regular rewards. Anyone can do this to support OFWC. Be sure to encourage all your friends, neighbors, co-workers and even strangers to link their card. So far we have 22 families who have linked their cards to OFWC and for the last quarter of 2015 we earned \$48.47! Think what we could do if we had 50 families signed up!!

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give.

Here's how the program works

· **Sign up** for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 81132.

· **Then**, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs earn a donation!

· **You still** earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

· For more information,
[please visit](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)

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ITEMS OF INTEREST**Sew Much Comfort Donations**

At the State Board of Directors meeting in February, club members were asked to bring donations of clothing for the Sew Much Comfort program. This is a non-profit organization (they are also a GFWC partner program) that provides free adaptive clothing (using Velcro closures) for injured military personnel. This adaptive clothing allows them to wear normal looking adaptive clothing that enhances their comfort and dignity during their recovery process. Club members donated 40 boxers and 9 pj bottoms in addition to \$40 in cash donations. The generosity of OFWC members is always amazing! The donations have been mailed to Sew Much Comfort. Information about this great program was handed out at the Board meeting. If you would like another copy of the information, please contact Pam Briggs at pmbriggs@msn.com.

Bylaws Update

Pam Briggs, Bylaws Chairman

The Bylaws committee has had another busy year. District bylaws were very outdated and were completely revised and updated. Those have already been voted on and approved by the Executive Committee and will be presented at the Annual Meeting for the information of members. There have also been a few updates to our current bylaws and those are attached so you have opportunity to review them prior to the Convention. The good news is they are very minimal and will only take a short time to review! Please be sure to bring the attached Proposed Bylaws for revision to the Convention. If you would like a full copy of the current bylaws to compare them with please let me know and I will email you a copy.

ITEMS OF INTEREST**State President's
Convention Service Project**

(This will supplement (not replace) information in the official call)

I hope your club is making plans for as many members as possible to attend the State Convention at Tolovana Inn on May 13-15th. It should be lots of fun and what a great location! Our service project this year will focus on the State President's Project of supporting children in foster care. We will be working with two agencies. The Lighthouse for Kids is a child abuse assessment center that provides a safe environment for the assessment of children who may have experienced physical or sexual abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will be providing 50 "welcome bags" for children who come to the center. We will also be providing some additional items for the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program.

Each club has been sent an email asking them to bring specific items for the welcome bags. If your club does not have this information, please contact Pam Briggs at pmbriggs@msn.com or 541-974-1193.

In addition members are encouraged to bring some of these additional items:

- ♦ New or gently used children's DVD's or Blue Rays for children to view in the center's waiting room.
- ♦ New or gently used children's books (preschool - 6th grade) that CASA will give to children when they visit them in their foster homes.
- ♦ New board games (only simple and easy ones) that CASA volunteers will be able to use when they visit children in their foster homes.

Representatives from both agencies will come to the convention on Saturday to collect our donations and tell us a little about the work they do. If you have questions about the service project, please contact Pam Briggs.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Proposed Bylaw Revisions for
Vote in May 2016****GFWC Oregon Bylaws:**

Article IV Districts **(Delete current B. and add a new B.)**

Section 2. District Membership will consist of:

- A. Clubs in Active membership with the Federation and GFWC.
- B. Special Honorary Clubs with Associate membership in the Federation. *Members at Large who have active membership with the Federation and GFWC.***

Rationale: Removes Associate clubs, which have statewide members, from membership in specific Districts. Clarifies that Members at Large are members of the Districts in which they reside.

Article VI Finances **(Amend Section 4.A.)**

Section 4. Bonding, Compilations and Tax Returns

- A. BONDING. The President, Treasurer, Endowment Fund Chairman, Fine Arts Scholarships Fund Chairman and Treasurer, and Scholarship Loan and Fellowship Chairman and Treasurer, and all others who handle funds of the Federation will be bonded in an amount determined by the Executive Committee. **The cost of bonding will be paid proportionally by the Federation, Fine Arts Scholarship Fund and Scholarship Loan and Fellowship Fund. *The cost of bonding will be paid by the Federation.***
Delete last sentence and insert new sentence.

Rationale: Changes responsibility for payment of the Bonding fee to the Federation rather than split between the Special Funds.

NOTE: ALL IN RED IS TO BE DELETED

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Article VIII Nominations and Elections (**Amend Section 1.D.**)

Section 1. Nominating Committee

D. Endorsements for the nomination of officers will be sent to the Nominating Committee with a postmark no later than **January 10th March 1st**.

Rationale: Changes the date to confirm to actual practice

Article X Board of Directors (BOD) (**Amend Section 1.A. and B.**)

Section 1. DEFINITION

The Board of Directors will consist of:

- A. Elected personnel: Federation Officers, District Officers **Presidents and Vice-Presidents**, Scholarship Loan & Fellowship Fund Trustees **Chairman**, Endowment Fund **Trustees Chairman**, Fine Arts Scholarship **Trustees Chairman**, and Saidie Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Fund **Trustees Chairman**.
- B. Appointed personnel: Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentary
- C. Advisor, **Fundraising Chairman**, **OFWC Clubwoman Editor**, By-laws **Committee**, **and** Resolutions Committee **Chairmen**, Project and Program Chairmen, **and Nominating Committee members Standing and Special Committees**, Custodian of Records, **and all other appointees deemed necessary by the President.**

Rationale: The current Board of Directors consists of about 100 positions, of which several members hold multiple positions. The proposed amendment will reduce the Board of Directors to about 61 positions most Important to be on the Board of Directors .

GFWC Oregon Standing Rules:

Nothing to be reviewed.

NOTE: ALL IN RED IS TO BE DELETED

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**GFWC Oregon Policy/Procedure:
Positions**

XIV Clubwoman Newsletter Editor

G.1. Fall (Add new G.1.i. and renumber)

i. ***Call for nominations for incoming officers and the nomination form will be included in odd years.***

Rationale: To update information included in the Newsletter

G.3. Spring (Add new G.3.j. and renumber)

j. ***A list of nominees for officer positions will be included in even years.***

Rationale: To update information included in the Newsletter

XVI District President ***Officers*** (Delete and change to District Officers)

- A. ***Coordinate scheduling of date and location for District Meetings.***
- B. ***Prepare an agenda for each District meeting.***
- C. ***Invite the President and other State Officers to District meetings.***
- D. ***Offer State Officers time on the agenda.***
- E. ***Request approval from the Executive Committee for all District fundraisers.***
- F. ***Send the Call for the District meeting to District clubs and State Officers no later than 30 days prior to the meeting.***

Position descriptions for District Officers are located in the District bylaws.

Rationale: To avoid duplication with District bylaws.

NOTE: ALL IN RED IS TO BE DELETED

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- IV Board of Directors Meeting (Amend A. and B. Add a new C and renumber)
- A. The President will identify ***may request*** a hostess club for each meeting.
 - B. **Hostess clubs will provide a meeting location if requested and approved by the President; morning snacks with coffee/tea; lunch; and table decorations. *If requested by the President, hostess clubs will assist in securing a meeting room location. The President must approve the meeting location and any rental fee. The Federation will pay cost of the meeting room.***
 - C. ***Hostess clubs will provide morning snacks with coffee/tea; lunch; and table decorations as needed or requested by the President. Hostess clubs will receive \$10 for each lunch provided.***

Rationale: To clarify duties of hostess clubs.

V. Annual Meeting / Convention (Add a new A. and renumber)

A. A Convention Planning committee consisting of the State President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, District President from the host District, and a Past State President will coordinate planning for the annual convention.

Rationale: To assist the President with convention planning details.

NOTE: ALL IN RED IS TO BE DELETED

ITEMS OF INTEREST**RESOLUTIONS FOR
REAFFIRMATION****ARTS****010-030SUPPORT OF THE ARTS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, The arts enhance life in all its dimensions;

WHEREAS, Art explores the realm of expression, imagination and creation resulting in new knowledge and

WHEREAS, Participation in the arts can improve math, science and reading skills; and

WHEREAS, Art serves as a vehicle for communication not always achieved by presentation of historical and scientific facts: therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges that arts in the broadest sense be integrated into curricula of preschools, elementary and secondary schools and as many aspects of community life as possible: and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to encourage promotion and funding for all arts, both visual and performing, in schools and communities.

Adopted May 2000, Amended May 2004, Amended May 2008, Reaffirmed May 2012

HOME LIFE**013-050ILLEGAL INTERSTATE TRAFFIC OF CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

WHEREAS, The unscrupulous and profitable "black and gray market" in interstate transportation of children for adoption continues to operate, and

WHEREAS, Sexual exploitation includes pornography, solicitation, prostitution and sex trafficking and children are unable to protect themselves, and

WHEREAS, The underlying causes of these activities include poverty, greed, family dysfunction and the drug trade, and

WHEREAS, Sexually exploited children can suffer from lifelong sexual, physical and emotional damage and victims are at a high risk of unwanted pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other sexually transmitted diseases, and

WHEREAS, Education is vital to prevent sexual exploitation of children by empowering them with ways to protect themselves and avoid high-risk situations, therefore

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RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to seek enactment of federal and state legislation to prosecute those transporting children across state lines for profit in the name of adoption and for inter-or-intrastate sexual exploitation of children, and urges enforcement of laws that protect children under these circumstances, and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to support federal and state legislation creating standardized procedures covering interstate adoption of children, and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs encourages and supports educational and awareness programs designed for children to increase understanding of sexual exploitation and encourage communication of such problems with a responsible adult, and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs support counseling programs and medical services for children and adult survivors who are victims and supports aggressive prosecution of and strict supervision of persons convicted.

Adopted May 2012

CURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION**PUBLIC ISSUES****015-080WOMEN IN TRANSITION**

WHEREAS: An increasing number of women in this country are finding through widowhood, desertion, separation, divorce, disability of spouse, welfare reform, or loss of public assistance they must secure employment to support themselves and sometimes others, and

Whereas: The traditional non-economic contribution to the marriage has meant that they are not covered in their own right by Social Security, pensions, health insurance, or unemployment compensation, and

WHEREAS: Women in transition often lack current skills or recent work experience, which leads to unemployment and are not adequately served by employment and training programs, and

WHEREAS: Education and training are essential to attaining self-sufficiency; therefore

RESOLVED: That the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to urge the Congress of the United States and their Local State Legislature:

1. To appropriate sufficient funding for laws which assist states in providing greater opportunities for women in transition.
2. To continue and expand job training services and programs that encourages and support women in transition to prepare for careers that lead to self-sufficiency.
3. To expand the nation's student financial aid system so that all female students with financial needs qualify for aid.

Adopted May 2012

ITEMS OF INTEREST

To Amend as Follows:

Remove the second Whereas highlighted and replace with a new Whereas

Whereas, The traditional non-economic contribution to the marriage has meant that they are not covered in their own right by Social Security, pensions, health insurance, or unemployment compensation, and

To Read:

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WHEREAS: The traditional non-economic contribution to the marriage has meant that they are not covered in their own right by Social Security, pensions, health insurance, or unemployment compensation, and

WHEREAS: Women in transition often lack current skills or recent work experience, which leads to unemployment and are not adequately served by employment and training programs, and

WHEREAS: Education and training are essential to attaining self-sufficiency; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation, fiscal policies and programs which ensure the financial rewards of farming be sufficient to sustain practical, productive and efficient use of the land by farmers and farm families; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to urge Congress and their local legislatures to continue developing legislation for a long-range constructive agricultural program, to benefit family farms, which will:

1. To appropriate sufficient funding for laws which assist states in providing greater opportunities for women in transition.
2. To continue and expand job training services and programs that encourages and support women in transition to prepare for careers that lead to self-sufficiency.
3. To expand the nation's student financial aid system so that all female students with financial needs qualify for aid.

NEW RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEMS OF INTEREST**NEW RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION****HOME LIFE****Agricultural Policy Family Farms**

WHEREAS: A Family Farm is a form of business enterprise by a family engaged in the production of food, fiber, forest products, and/or flora for profit, which provides a major source of income and capital for reinvestment; and

WHEREAS: The lack of financial rewards is jeopardizing the future of family farms, which not only produce high quality foods, but benefit local communities by being good stewards of the land; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs supports legislation, fiscal policies and programs which ensure the financial rewards of farming be sufficient to sustain practical, productive and efficient use of the land by farmers and farm families; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to urge Congress and their local legislatures to continue developing legislation for a long-range constructive agricultural program, to benefit family farms, which will:

1. Assure equal economic opportunity and adequate protection under the law for farm families;
2. Provide more financial incentives to make farming and farm life attractive to farmers and their families, including working to restore the farmer's profit share in the food system.

If Adopted will become **013-060**

Rational: Oregon has seen a great amount of family farmers under distress and actually losing their farms.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

WHEREAS: The American Heart Association reports that sudden cardiac arrest occurs more than 600 times per day in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Survival is directly linked to the amount of time between the onset of cardiac arrest **and defibrillation; and**

WHEREAS: The American Heart Association estimates that 100,000 lives could be saved each year if Automated External Defibrillators (AED) were more available to the public; and

WHEREAS: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are proven lifesaving techniques; therefore

ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

1. Promote the availability of AEDs in all public places;
2. Work with local and state legislatures, school boards, education groups and other organizations for the implementation of CPR and AED training in public and private schools;
3. Promote participation in age and gender specific CPR and AED education, training and recertification for all members of the community.

Of adopted will become: **013-070**

Rational: Schools and public facilities as well as work facilities need these as well as the need for more people knowing the proper CPR techniques.

CHILD FOSTER CARE

WHEREAS: According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the number of children in out-of-home care is more than half a million; and

WHEREAS: The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 establishes national goals for children in the child welfare system including safety, permanence, and well-being, therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

1. Support legislation and programs that facilitate recruitment, training and retention of high-quality foster parents and kinship providers;
2. Encourage efforts by state and/or local agencies who have legal custody of foster children to maintain their cultural heritage and family relationships, making every effort to keep siblings together.

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs supports the development of programs and services that help to establish permanency and educational stability for children in foster care.

If adopted will become 013-080

Rational: Foster Care has become a necessary tool in Oregon and has helped many children out in the local communities.

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HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS: There are increasing numbers of homeless people, including youth, veterans, elderly, disabled, and families with children; and

WHEREAS: Poverty, lack of affordable housing, unemployment, medical expenses, domestic violence, incest and sexual abuse, mental illness and addiction disorders are major causes of homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Food, safe shelter, clothing, medical and mental health services, substance and physical abuse treatment, education and employment training opportunities are greatly needed **by the homeless; and**

WHEREAS: Homeless youth require specialized services to ensure their health, safety, emotional well-being and education; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

1. Contact local homeless coalitions to identify current needs and services available including access to public education, mental health care, and substance abuse treatment for the homeless population in their communities;
2. Support funding for services for all at risk in the homeless population;
3. Contact local homeless assistance providers and inquire how members can support their efforts;
4. Support efforts to improve or develop transitional living programs with emphasis on education, life skills and employment training to enable homeless families and individuals to become self-sufficient members of the community;
5. Support efforts to develop decent, affordable and permanent housing to ensure that the cycle of homelessness is broken.

If adopted will become 013-090

Rational: Homelessness affects all communities in Oregon.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Mental Health reports that one in five adults suffer from a diagnosable and treatable mental health disorder; and

WHEREAS: Mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and severe anxiety disorders are illnesses; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that untreated mental illnesses annually cost hundreds of billions of dollars in lost productivity, health care, and societal costs; and

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WHEREAS: A report of the Surgeon General's states that fewer than one in five of the estimated 15 million children and adolescents, who suffer from a mental illness received treatment; and

WHEREAS: Discriminatory insurance coverage of mental illnesses limits treatments, can bankrupt families and place a tremendous burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: Numerous studies have found equitable coverage for mental illnesses to be cost effective; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to promote programs that educated members and the public about the connection between mental and physical health in an effort to remove the stigma associated with mental illness; further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support legislation and regulations requiring equitable coverage for mental and physical illnesses.

If adopted will become 013-100

Rational: mental illness has become a serious issue in society.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND REHABILITATION

WHEREAS: Substance abuse including alcohol, illegal prescription and over the counter drugs continues to be a menace to the public health and safety, and societal costs for the prevention and treatment of abuse are enormous; and

WHEREAS: Substance abuse produces harmful effects to the physical, mental and emotional health of abusers, contributes to criminal activity and is a contributing factor in the spread of HIV infection; and

WHEREAS: Substance abusers need therapeutic programs and services to return to healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Preventing substance abuse is largely dependent upon a sound educational program about the dangers of substance abuse; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to work with other organizations in supporting and promoting substance abuse education and prevention programs; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support the enactment and strict enforcement of laws against the production, distribution and possession of illegal substances; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support the continued development of programs and increased availability of services to substance abusers through private and public means such as continued appropriations at state and local levels recognizing that these programs should be viewed as ongoing treatment for improving the lives of such abusers; and further

ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support local and state program initiatives for the proper and environmentally safe disposal of unused prescription medications to prevent future abuse.

If adopted will become 013-110

Rational: as Oregon has become one of the few states with legal marijuana we need further care with training and education to cover the addiction that can come as well as alcohol and other drugs.

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is one of the leading causes of death among youth ages 15 to 24 years old; and

WHEREAS: Suicidal youth may exhibit characteristics and warning signs; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges members to support programs that:

1. Provide information to increase awareness about behavioral characteristics, risk factors and warning signs of at-risk youth to peer groups, parents, school personnel, and other concerned adults;
2. Provide information about available treatment, counseling resources, and services;
3. Teach youth to build self-esteem and to develop coping skills;
4. Emphasize building support groups and networks for youth who have survived an attempted suicide, and for surviving family and friends of suicide victims; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges school districts to fund and develop plans of action to identify at-risk youth and provide staff training in recognizing risk factors and warning signs of suicidal behavior.

If adopted will become 013-120

Rational: We have seen an increase of suicidal youth in Oregon and with proper training and the school level those at risk students maybe helped prior to this occurring.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Disaster Service Planning

WHEREAS: Natural and other disasters may strike with little or no warning; and

WHEREAS: Successful emergency programs require awareness, acceptance and participation by individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS: Many people would not be able to evacuate a disaster area due to lack of resources; and

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WHEREAS: Many elderly and disabled individuals, including those in hospitals and nursing homes, would be physically incapable of leaving on their own; and

WHEREAS: Terrorists are working to obtain biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological weapons, increasing the threat of attacks; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

1. Be aware of emergency service programs, accept personal responsibility and take positive action toward ensuring family survival;
2. Promote public education and participation through club and community programs and projects;
3. Assess and assist in the establishment and support of local emergency services; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support comprehensive state and local policies that require evacuation plans that include:

1. People with disabilities, in institutions, or without access to transportation; and
2. The humane collection, shelter and/or evacuation of animals.

If adopted will become 015-100

Rational: Disaster Service Planning is necessary at all levels, including schools, hospitals and communities need to be prepared.

IDENTITY THEFT

WHEREAS: The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that identity theft, the stealing of someone's personal identification for criminal purposes, is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Identity theft is an invasive crime that can severely damage the victim's financial security and credit history; and

WHEREAS: Identity theft is perpetrated by stealing personal information through credit cards, driver's licenses, ATM cards, social security numbers, and computer hacking; and

WHEREAS: The perpetrator's actions may result in the victim being held civilly liable and having a record of criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS: Governments and businesses increasingly use personal identification numbers; and technology expands and simplifies the dissemination of personal information; and

WHEREAS: Careful handling of personal information and documents, including the use of encrypted websites can reduce the risk of identity theft; therefore

ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to educate themselves and their communities about identity theft, including child identity theft, its serious ramifications, and the importance of and methods for protecting personal information, including the use of encrypted websites for the transfer of personal information; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to educate themselves and their communities about the importance of prompt reporting of any suspicious activity in their accounts and credit reports; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges governments agencies and credit reporting bureaus to establish a simplified victim fraud alert process; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to advocate for legislation allowing a victim of identity theft to make an application to the court for expungement of any records reflecting that the victim was charged or convicted of a crime committed by the perpetrator; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges public and private industries to create methods of protecting personal information, especially records available on the internet; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges members to support increased resources for the stringent enforcement of The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act and related laws.

If adopted will become 015-110

Rational: Identity theft can ruin a person's credit as well as their family life.

ELDER ABUSE

WHEREAS: The number of people aged 65 or older is expected to double by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS: Millions of older Americans are victims of physical, sexual, financial, psychological, or other forms of abuse and neglect each year; and

WHEREAS: Many nursing care facilities lack adequate staff to properly care for patients; and

WHEREAS: Caregivers committing crimes against the elderly are seldom identified or punished; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to support legislation and programs directed toward justice for the elderly; and further

ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs supports education of technology and other programs to eliminate elder abuse and neglect.

If adopted will become 015-120

Rational: Elder Abuse involves all families and can affect family members.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, HAZING AND BULLYING

WHEREAS: Harassment, intimidation, hazing and bullying include any written, verbal, graphic, or physical act that intentionally causes mental and/or physical harm; and

WHEREAS: Acts of harassment, intimidation, hazing and bullying can create an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment for the victim; and

WHEREAS: Cyberbullying occurs through electronic technology; and

WHEREAS: Victims of bullying suffer long term emotional and behavioral problems as well as **increased vulnerability to illness: and**

WHEREAS: Bullying has been identified as a cause of youth suicides; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to:

1. Educate members and their communities through club programs about the serious issues of harassment, intimidation, hazing and bullying; and
2. Contact local school districts to become educated about the district's anti-harassment, intimidation, hazing, and bullying policies and plans that specifically address these behaviors; and further

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges its members to take action to increase resources for prevention and to ensure the sustained funding of effective intervention and prevention programs.

If adopted will become 015-130

Rational: We hear of this from our children on the television and through media sources and find that this clearly is an issue today and must be addressed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST**COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS: Communications technology exerts cultural, educational, political, religious and social impact on large populations; and

WHEREAS: The potential exists for the abuse of the technology by governmental and nongovernmental entities, commercial and public interests and individuals; and

WHEREAS: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs supports the right of people to regulate what comes into their homes via the communication industry; therefore

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs encourages members to urge the communication industry to demonstrate responsibility to the public by a continuous effort to broadcast information that is accurate, educationally sound and morally appropriate; and

RESOLVED: The GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs urges members to commend what is beneficial and correct what is questionable by making their views known to the responsible parties.

If adopted will become 015-140

Rational: The communications technology has become the norm and we need further care taken on the use of this technology.

ITEMS OF INTEREST**STATE CONVENTION - GENERAL INFORMATION**

WHERE: Tolovana Inn, 3400 S. Hemlock Street, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97145

WHEN: May 13-15, 2016 - Convention begins @9AM on Friday, May 13
extending through Sunday, May 15, 2016)

Registration \$35.00

Registration for Friday and Saturday will be at 8:15AM, 2nd Floor Foyer. Registrants need to include their club name, office held in state, district, or club, and whether they are a delegate or not.

Rosemary Thomas, Chief Operating Officer of GFWC, will play an important part at this convention. Our theme is "Angels in Action". You truly are angels.

The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7pm in the 2nd floor Board Room.

SPECIAL REQUESTS FROM CLUBS

- ♦ Clubs are asked to bring Club Scrapbooks, Old and New.
- ♦ Chairmen are to limit their reports to 5 minutes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Room Reservations:

MUST be made by **April 12, 2016**. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis only and at the regular rate.

MUST identify yourself as part of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs in order to get the special rate.

MUST be made by calling Reservations at **1-800-333-8890**, give arrival/departure dates, and credit card information for the first night stay deposit. County room tax is 9%.

ROOMS—May 12-15, 2016

Mountain View Queen	\$67.00
Mountain View King	\$82.00
Ocean View Studio (Queen Bed)	\$116.00
One Bedroom Ocean View (2 Queens)	\$143.00
Luxury One Bedroom View (King & Queen)	\$153.00
Two Bedroom Ocean View (3 Queens)	\$171.00
Luxury 2 Bedroom Ocean View (King, Queen & Sofa Sleeper)	\$199.00
One Bedroom Ocean Front (2 Queens)	\$180.00
Two Bedroom Ocean Front (3 Queens)	\$218.00
Two Bedroom Luxury Front (King, Queen & Sofa Sleeper)	\$236.00
Two Bedroom Luxury Front/ADA	\$236.00
One Bedroom Front ADA/Suite	\$180.00

**** If you have questions regarding the Convention accommodations ****

PLEASE CONTACT: Mary Accettura
at 503-655-4248 OR 1marac@comcast.net

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STATE CONVENTION—MEALS

FRIDAY (May 13, 2016)

Lunch – Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad ----- - \$22.00
Rolls

Dinner – Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Veggies ----- 30.00
Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing
Chocolate Decadence Brownie

SATURDAY (May 14, 2016)

Lunch – Smoked Salmon Salad ----- 25.00
Rolls and Butter

Dinner – Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Sage Sauce ----- 37.00
Twice Baked Potato topped with Buttery Lobster Mash
Fresh Seasonal Veggies
Salad
Bread and Butter

Please check any dietary modifications?

Vegetarian _____ Diabetic _____ Gluten Free _____ Other _____

Please circle the price of meals. Make check for total of meals AND registration
BY April 29th.

Total meals selected: \$ _____

Registration: 35.00

Check Amount (Make Out To: OFWC) \$ _____

Each room has a refrigerator and a microwave to accommodate your needs.
Places to purchase food are also available.

* * * * * **SEND CHECK TO** * * * * *

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