



# Oregon Clubwoman

## NEWSLETTER



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### 2018-2020 OFWC Officers

President:  
Pam Briggs

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:  
Karen La Voie

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:  
Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs

Secretary:  
Glenda Peters

Treasurer:  
Lisa Anderson

Valley District President:  
Heather Thomas

Western District President:  
Brenda Dilley



GFWC Salem Woman's Service Club holds a parking lot meeting

## COVID-19 Updates

Clubs are continuing to find new ways to hold club meetings and continue their efforts at community projects and fundraising. From parking lot meetings to ZOOM meetings our members are staying active and involved. The health and safety of our members is our most important concern and I have been encouraged to see how clubs are continuing their club activities while keeping the health and safety of their members in mind.

Due to the cancellation of our 2020 OFWC Convention, our four Associate Clubs (Gold Key, Clubwoman of the Year, Past District Presidents and Past State President's) have been unable to hold their annual meeting and collect dues from their members. Because of this, the Executive Committee has waived Associate Club Dues for 2019-2020 club year.

Unfortunately, another victim of the COVID crisis has been the cancellation of the Oregon State Fair in August, which has been a big fundraiser for OFWC and it's clubs. We are hopeful that we will again be able to participate in this great fundraising opportunity next year.



## Outgoing President's Message

Well, I thought the last newsletter would be my final one, but just like many other things around us, that was changed by the COVID crisis. With the cancellation of our May convention it became necessary to have some way to make certain decisions and communicate important information. So welcome to our first Special Edition of the Oregon Clubwoman Newsletter! I want to thank everyone for being patient as we worked through the process for elections, the Fine Arts contest and other things without being able to gather together in a group. This newsletter should contain things you need to know for the upcoming club year as the incoming and outgoing OFWC administrations work together in an unusual transition process. I am so appreciative of all your help and support as we navigate through this difficult time and are faced with finding creative ways to get things done as

individuals, families, clubs, states and a nation. You are all fantastic and I have loved my time as your 2018-2020 OFWC President.

*Pam Briggs*



## Incoming President's Message

Dear OFWC Members,

Thank you for electing me to be the President of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs for 2020-2022. I am excited to work closely with the other newly elected officers, Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs, Barbara Chavez, Vicki Takata, Lisa Anderson and the other members of my Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and the numerous hard working members of our clubs throughout the State.

For my President's project, I have chosen 'Make A Wish.' This amazing organization is one very close to my heart and I would love for all of you to learn about it. Their mission statement is "...to grant the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy." My theme will be STARS, as I feel all the Wish kids are. I have chosen the Make A Wish phrase "One Moment Changes Everything" as mine, because I know how important and special Make A Wish is and what it means to a child whose wish is granted. Since 1983, the Oregon chapter has granted 4,300 wishes; one of which was for my daughter, Michelle, and I will be forever grateful to Make A Wish.

I look forward to serving as your President and to see what the next two years will bring. I would love to visit each of your clubs, so please invite me to come to one of your meetings and learn what you are doing to help your communities.

Thank you,

*Karen La Voie*

*Incoming 2020-2022 OFWC President*

GFWC conducted an email vote of the GFWC Board of Directors to elect the GFWC 2020-2022 officers. That election has been completed and the new GFWC Officers for 2020-2022 are:

International President – Marion St. Clair  
President Elect - Debra Strahanoski  
1st Vice President - Suellen Brazil  
2nd Vice President - Wendy Carriker  
Secretary - Jolie Frankfurth  
Treasurer - Mary Beth Williams  
GFWC Director of Junior Clubs – Kristina Higbee  
GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs - Katie Moydell

## OFWC Election Results

*Nominations and Election Report by Heather Thomas and Joann Wheeler*

The nomination committee is happy to report that with 37 votes cast by confirmed club members, the following officers were elected to serve the 2020-2022 term for the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.



**Karen La Voie**  
President



**Wendy Wheeler-  
Jacobs**  
1st Vice President



**Barbara Chavez**  
2nd Vice  
President



**Lisa Anderson**  
Treasurer



**Vicki Takata**  
Recording  
Secretary

As your nomination chair I wish to thank Joann Wheeler for her help in tabulating all the ballots.

## 2020 Fall Convention / BOD meeting

The OFWC Convention in May had to be canceled so the outgoing and incoming Presidents, Pam Briggs and Karen LaVoie are working on a plan to combine a shortened convention meeting with the Fall Board of Directors meeting in a two day meeting. The convention part would include things like awards, bylaws, resolutions and a few other items. Details are still being worked out and as more is known, Karen will communicate that information with the OFWC membership. So stay tuned for more information!



## **Credentials Report for Bylaw Voting** *by Heather Thomas and Joann Wheeler*

As this is an unusual year to complete business in GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs we are happy to report the following results of the ballots that were sent to club members for consideration.

**Proposed Budget for 2020-2021** was sent only to Board of Director's Members. With 18 votes received, the Budget has passed. There were no negative votes. A copy of the approved budget is on page 9.

### **By Laws:**

37 ballots were received and the counts are as follows:

#### **Article VII Nominations and Elections**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Article VIII Executive Committee**

##### **Section 1. Section 2 and Section 5**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Article IX Board of Directors (BOD)**

##### **Section 1, Definition**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Article XIV Amendment of Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy and Procedures**

##### **Section 2, Bylaws**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Standing Rules for Amendment**

##### **II Reimbursement**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Policy and Procedures for Amendment**

#### **General Policies:**

##### **III Distribution of Membership List**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Position Descriptions:**

##### **II President Meetings:**

Yes 37 no 0

##### **VI Treasurer**

##### **A. General Responsibilities**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Position Descriptions:**

##### **XIV: Clubwoman Newsletter Editor**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Position Descriptions:**

##### **XVI: District Officers**

Yes 37 no 0

#### **Organization of New Clubs:**

Yes 36 no 0

#### **Meeting Planning:**

##### **II District Meetings**

Yes 33 no 0

##### **III Executive Committee Meetings**

Yes 36 no 0

#### **Annual Meeting/Convention**

Yes 37 no 0

The Credentials Committee has tabulated all ballots and confirmed that each ballot was provided by a voting club member in good standing. Bylaws have been amended as voted on.

The Capital Campaign is close to our goal. Thanks to Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, Oregon City Woman's Club and Salem Woman's Service Club and our Member At Large Member: Karen Frachiseur we have hit the target of \$3871.00. One anonymous member has offered matching funds for donations up to \$1,200 through the end of the Fall BOD meeting. We matched \$550.00 so far. The matching grant will double the size of your donation!

At the Fall one day Convention we will have the Capital Campaign contribution basket for raffle. You still have an opportunity to get into this raffle by providing at least a \$20.00 donation sent to Lisa Anderson (our treasurer) before the Fall one day convention. The value is around \$500.00. The theme is based on "A Royal Wedding" and has lots of great items included. Winner will be chosen that evening. We also will be auctioning off a painting of headquarters by Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs.

As the goal is less than \$1200 to make... we may make it at this convention! So get on the bandwagon and let's make it at this one day fall convention.

*Heather Thomas  
Capital Campaign Chair*



## Children's Books

It has been so exciting to obtain all the FREE Leveled Reader books from the Corvallis School District. After 4 trips and about 8 carloads of boxes we were able to obtain approximately 54,000 of these books for Oregon clubs to distribute to their communities! About half of those are already in the hands of club members who are busy identifying ways to distribute them during the pandemic. Here are ways some clubs have found to distribute the books. If you need additional books to distribute, please contact Pam Briggs.

### How books are being distributed:

**Oregon City Woman's Club** has sorted 38 boxes of books and put them together in groups of 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 depending on the topics. The top book is label with the club name underneath the grade level label. The sets have been tied together with colorful yarn. So far we have put over 5600 books in the hands of children. Members have delivered books to public schools in Molalla, Colton, and Gladstone. These books have been made available with lunches provided by the school district. Children and parents alike are excited to see the books. Books were also distributed through the Housing Authority and a local food pantry before changes were made that prohibited contact because of the pandemic. Books were also given to St. John's Catholic School in Oregon City and a private school in Gig Harbor, WA. A local day care was delighted to send books home with children and the club's Little Library has added many sets of books. Another nonprofit organization, Love, INC, provides physical assistance and education for those in need is sending books to the children of its clients. We have been amazed at how excited organizations are to be given the books to hand to the children. We are looking forward to providing books to summer programs and on into the fall when schools resume.



**Salem Woman's Service Club** donated several boxes of books for each grade level to two private church preschools and grade schools in Salem. Books were also distributed to families in the community through a Facebook post so they could use them while teaching their children at home. Some books are being donated to Free Little Libraries and at a pre-COVID clothing giving at the Health Department. They are also reaching out to CASA and Every Child Oregon as additional distribution options.

**Portland Woman's Club** will be handing them out at their community's annual Halloween book giveaway.

**Polk County Service Club** has distributed them to small rural schools and held community book giveaways at their clubhouse.



**GFWC of Central Oregon** distributed 3500+ books around the community after labeling each with a sticker that read "Donated by GFWC of Central OR." 300 books went to Whoopsey Daisy child care center, and 1200 to families collecting sack meals at the High School. The remaining ~2000 were delivered to the new Redmond Elementary School for their library (since they lacked the budget for one.)



## Thank You's Received

*"My grandma says everyone at our school can have books, not just our class. And there's all kinds of things we can learn from them!"*

*"Thank you so much for your kind donation of Leveled Reader books! What a blessing! The books are beautiful and already organized. We will use them thankfully" - Capital Christian School, Salem*

*"On behalf of GFWC-Battle Ground, WA, I would like to thank you for the donation of children's books. The club truly appreciates your generosity. We delivered some to our Little Free Library and shared some with classroom teachers."*

One member who was prepping books for distribution got lost in reading the 5th grade books. She tutored 5th grade boys long ago and is delighted with the variety in the books and how they are designed to capture the attention of students from all backgrounds.

## Soles4Souls

Don't forget to continue collecting those new and gently used shoes of any style and size (men's, women's and children) for the Soles4Souls program. If you missed the Leadership Seminar in March with our speaker from the program you can check out their website. With all the spring-cleaning that's been going on now is a great time to ask for shoe donations! Here is a link to a specific page on their site that speaks to safely collecting and donating shoes. Please find that here: <https://www.soles4souls.org/covid-19/>

## New GFWC Community Service Programs

There have been significant changes to the GFWC Community Service Programs. Information about the new program areas has been emailed to the 2018-2020 OFWC Board of Directors to pass on to their new club leaders as they begin planning for next year's activities. If you need the information, but have not received it, you can check the GFWC website or contact either Pam Briggs or Karen LaVoie.

## Go Forward With Confidence Scholarship

Three scholarships were awarded this year; Two in the amount of \$3,000 each and one in the amount of \$1,500. Because the recipients are victims of domestic violence or child abuse, their names are not being shared.

## Fine Arts Scholarship

27 High Schools in Oregon submitted applications

Essay: 17 entries

Art: 10 entries

Vocal: 5 entries

Instrumental: 7 entries

2020 Winners: (Money awarded to first place winners)

### ESSAY

1st Place: Isabelle Scottlind, South Salem High School (\$200)

2nd Place: Faith Scheenstra, Forest Grove High School

3rd Place: Kailee Jones, North Marion High School

### VISUAL ART

1st Place : Kailee Jones, North Marion High School Acrylic on Wood (\$400)

2nd Place: Kelsy Richardson, North Marion High School Watercolor

3rd Place: Madilyn Oster, Bend Senior High School Sculpture

### VOCAL

1st Place : Liana Greger, Southridge High School (\$1,000)

2nd Place: Eponine Bell, Mountain View High School

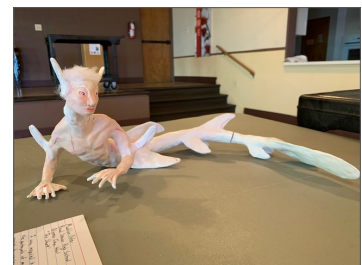
3rd Place: Rhiannon Curley, Baker Early College

### INSTRUMENTAL

1st Place : Ryan Babe, West Salem High School Cello (\$1,000)

2nd Place: Khoi Hoang, Sunset High School Piano

3rd Place: Timothy Shortell, Sunset High School Piano



## Saidie Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Fund

This scholarship is awarded during the summer. Applications will be available on the website for the American Lung Association. Please encourage anyone you know who is entering the field of nursing to apply.



**GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs  
Budget 2020-2021**

<b><i>Income</i></b>	<b><i>Budget</i></b>
Dues - General (179 x \$30)	\$5,370.00
Dues - Members At Large (6 x \$35)	210.00
Dues – Juniorette (5 x \$15)	75.00
Dues - Associate Club (4 x \$10)	40.00
Board of Directors Meeting (25 x \$25)	625.00
Leadership Seminar (25 x \$25)	625.00
Endowment Fund Interest	2,000.00
Special Fund Tax Prep (19-20)	825.00
Convention 2021 (35 x \$185)	6,475.00
Directory Sales (5 x \$8)	40.00
Fundraising	2,002.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,287.00</b>

<b><i>Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>Budget</i></b>
GFWC Dues – General (185 x \$15)	2,775.00
GFWC Dues – Juniorette (5 x \$10)	50.00
Western States Dues	50.00
Board Of Directors Meetings	400.00
Leadership Seminar	500.00
Directory Printing/Mailing	25.00
Professional Fees	
Oregon Historical Society	60.00
Liability Insurance	320.00
Corporation Fee	50.00
Safe Deposit Box	37.00
OFWC Website	250.00
990 Preparation (2019-20)	1,650.00
OR Dept of Justice (2020)	85.00
Clubwoman Printing	20.00
Office Expenses	
Misc. Postage	50.00
Copies	25.00
Supplies	10.00
Awards Certificate Printing	25.00
President	
Oregon Travel (200 x .40)	80.00
GFWC Travel	1,000.00

GFWC Per Diem (12x\$100)	1,200.00
WSR Travel/Reg/Meals	650.00
GFWC Convention Credentials	150.00
GFWC Convention Meals	400.00
GFWC BOD Registration	75.00
First Vice President	
GFWC Orientation	.00
GFWC Per Diem (6 x \$75)	.00
GFWC Convention Meals	.00
GFWC Convention Travel	.00
GFWC Convention Credentials	.00
New Club Development/Club Support	.00
LEADS Stipend	100.00
Executive Committee Travel (.40)	1,000.00
Convention 2021	
Meals (35 x \$135)	4,725.00
Lodging/Hotel expenses	700.00
Expenses	1,000.00
Clubwoman of the Year	50.00
GFWC Reception	25.00
Convention 2021 Deposit	.00
Convention 2022 Deposit	500.00
Fundraising Funding	100.00
Outgoing President's Pin	.00
GFWC Gift	100.00
WSR Fundraising Donation	50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$18,287.00</b>