



Oregon Clubwoman

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2018-2020 OFWC Officers

President:
Pam Briggs

1st Vice President:
Karen LaVoie

2nd Vice President:
Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs

Secretary:
Glenda Peters

Treasurer:
Lisa Anderson

Valley District President:
Heather Thomas

Western District President:
Brenda Dilley

Leadership Seminar Recap



Fifteen members were able to attend our Leadership Seminar on March 14th before government restrictions went into effect the following week. The motivational speaker, Dr. Melissa Bird, shared some insightful and inspirational thoughts including these:

- How have **you** prevented yourself from moving forward in your life?
- When have you not taken action because you couldn't control the outcome?
- Don't apologize. Be willing to be imperfect in your leadership.

In addition, a leader must strive to:

- Be yourself
- Be confident
- Don't let others bring you down
- Be honest
- Embrace those around you

Leadership Seminar Recap, continued

The seminar participants enjoyed several workshops including Giving and receiving feedback, Politics and clubs, Decision making and Member retention.



We also learned from Brian Granfors about the Soles4Souls program that empowers women in developing countries. Club members donated 83 pairs of new or gently used shoes for that program.



We donated 27 stuffed animals to the Polk County Sheriff's Office that are given to children experiencing traumatic situations.

Many thanks to the Polk County Service Club for hosting the meeting at their clubhouse and providing lunch. The North Clackamas Woman's Club held the fundraiser and raised \$50 in their raffle of a fresh peach pie and ceramic pie dish!

From the OFWC President...



As we near the end of this administration, it brings a lot of mixed feelings as I think about the last two years. There have been so many wonderful opportunities to visit with Oregon clubwoman and to see and hear about your amazing events and projects. I can truly say that Oregon Clubwomen are the very best! We have also had some challenges that we have faced with maturity, determination and resolve. We are in the midst of a new challenge now as we deal with the impacts of a global pandemic that has impacted every aspect of our lives unlike anything else we have experienced. The Federation at all levels, from GFWC to individual clubs, is struggling to adapt to this temporary new way of life. Many clubs have had to cancel events and even our State Convention in May has some uncertainties. I know that Oregon clubwomen are doing their part by staying home as much as possible, washing hands frequently, practicing social distancing and checking on friends and neighbors. Even while doing these things I have heard from so many of you about how you are safely finding ways of continuing to help your community including blood drives, filling food boxes, and shopping for those who are unable to get out. You are all amazing!!

I will continue to be in touch as we get closer to our convention date in May to provide you with updates. Information about the corona virus impact, government restrictions, and just in general "life as we know it" is changing on a daily basis. While we all hope this will end sooner rather than later, we are preparing for the possibility that our state convention will need to be cancelled or rescheduled. A final decision and plan will be made around April 18th and an email will be sent to all members with the information. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Please email (pmb Briggs@msn.com) or call me (541-974-1193) if you have questions or thoughts.

Pam Briggs

2018-2020 OFWC President

2020 Upcoming events:

Please note that many club and state activities scheduled for April have been canceled.

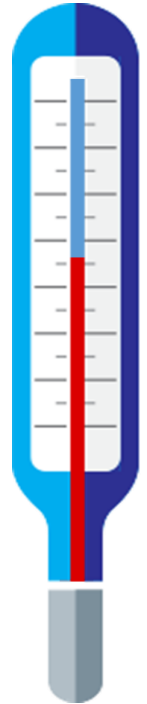
May 15-16	OFWC Convention, Astoria
June 27-30	GFWC Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
August 28-September 7	Oregon State Fair, Salem
September 25-27	Western States Region, Cheyenne, WY

Capital Campaign

We are over halfway to our \$5,000 goal for the GFWC Capital Campaign. Our donation is in honor of the Saidie Orr Dunbar portrait at GFWC Headquarters and a plaque with our name will be placed next to her portrait. Individual and club donations are really important in meeting our goal. Every club is challenged to donate at least \$50 and if every individual also donated, our goal would be reached!

In addition to donations, there will also be an incredible raffle basket (value ~\$500) at the State Convention. Any club member who sends a donation of \$20 or more to our OFWC Treasurer, Lisa Anderson, for the Capital Campaign will get 3 free raffle tickets!

And, that's not all! An anonymous donor will match all club and individual donations up to a total of \$1,200! So your club or individual donation of \$50 will become a donation of \$100! Take advantage of this time-limited offer and get those donations turned in! As an added bonus, any money raised over the amount needed for the Capital Campaign will be donated to the Fine Arts Scholarship Fund.



Apron Fundraiser Update

Our apron fundraiser has been a huge success! We sold a lot of the aprons to GFWC members from other states, and we have heard from you that make great speaker gifts too. There are still about 20 left and we want to make sure all our Oregon members get one. They are \$18 each or 2 for \$30.

Aprons will be available at the Convention in Astoria or contact Heather Thomas. Checks should be made out to GFWC Oregon.

Member Retention Ideas

We gathered your ideas at the Leadership Seminar, and here they are! Thanks for the great thoughts:

For new members:

- Info packets, bio book
- Member orientation
- Survey them for skills/talent
- Mentor them
- Put them on a committee

For members belonging 3-10 yrs:

- Make them a decision-maker
- Provide friendship
- Share responsibilities
- Embrace their passions
- Boost their confidence

For members belonging 10+ yrs:

- Ask them to mentor
- Give them a job, responsibility
- Embrace their knowledge of club history
- Keep things fresh, updated

Report of the Nominating Committee Chairman, Heather Thomas:

The Nominating Committee is happy to report that we have a full slate of candidates for consideration at the 2020 GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Convention. Each has been certified as qualified. This year we will also be voting for our State President position. Our By-Laws indicated that our President Elect would naturally achieve the position of President, however, due to the resignation of our President Elect we will need to vote on the position of President.

If there is anyone that is interested in a position and would like to run, you will need to present that name, club endorsement and qualifications to the Nominating Committee PRIOR to the convention before a nomination can be made from the floor. Nominations can be made from the Convention Floor after the Nominating Committee has verified that they qualify for the position they are running for.

Karen LaVoie – Candidate for President

Karen and her husband, Marv, have been married 50 years and raised 2 sons and a daughter. They are, now, blessed with 6 grandchildren; 3 boys and 3 girls. Karen loves spending time with family, being outdoors, going on walks, traveling; especially, in their motor home, taking cruises, gardening, cooking, reading and being involved in a number of different organizations in the community.

Karen joined Portland Woman's Club in 2007 and has held a number of positions at the club, district and state level. She is currently the Treasurer of her club. Karen served as 1st Vice President of OFWC in 2017, when she stepped down due to her husband's changing health. She has stayed involved with her club. She attended the State Convention last spring and began to feel like she could get involved again. Recently, Karen was asked to fill the vacant 1st Vice President position, and then to be a candidate for State President of OFWC. After much consideration, she accepted this new challenge. Since she has been away for a few years, she is trying to catch up with what has been going on in our different clubs in OFWC. Karen is looking forward to what the next couple of years may bring her way and getting to meet, know and work with many of the OFWC club members who do so much for their communities in our beautiful state.

Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs – Candidate for 1st Vice President

Wendy began her official GFWC membership in 2006 as a founding member of the GFWC Cascade Club in Washington. She served as President, Vice President and Treasurer for that club and chaired many activities. She served as King County District Treasurer, Vice President and President. On the state level she served as the Washington Clubwoman editor for 3 terms, and was honored to represent Washington State as a LEADS candidate in 2007.

After Wendy relocated to Oregon to be closer to her family, she joined GFWC of Central Oregon, a club founded by her mother Joann Wheeler. She has served as Vice President for the last 3 terms. For OFWC, in addition to currently serving as 2nd Vice President, her roles include Publicity and Communications Chairman, OFWC Clubwoman Editor, Website Editor and FaceBook page manager.

Wendy works part time as a brand strategy consultant for a handful of Fortune 100 companies. In the summer, she pays for her trail running hobby with a part time job gathering GPS tracks for a mapping company. She is an outdoor enthusiast and devotes many volunteer hours to trail running and hiking community efforts. She also loves to paint in the rare occasion of spare time. Wendy lives with her husband Jake of 16 years, and their fur babies Ruby and Bika.

Barbara Chavez – Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Barbara's family moved to Oregon two years ago and she is currently President of the North Clackamas Woman's Club. She is also a member of GFWC California and is finishing a two-year commitment as Director of Finance for GFWC California. She has enjoyed her journey in the Federation beginning in 2005 with GFWC Danville Women's Club (California) where she was elected as president six times. Other leadership positions held include District President for 23 clubs and six years on the GFWC California Executive Board in financial positions. Prior to joining the Federation, she held various leadership positions in the local PTA for over 15 years. She worked at management level positions for Chevron Corporation and later worked as a real estate agent. Her goal in the next two years is to help GFWC Oregon flourish and grow especially now in these trying times.

Lisa Anderson – Candidate for Treasurer

In 1981, Lisa moved to Salem, Oregon in 1981 from Ohio State University. She worked for 34 years with Northwest Farm Bureau Insurance, which became COUNTRY Financial, in multiple positions, retiring as an Executive Customer Relations Representative in 2015. She has two children, a son (Portland) and daughter (Texas) and a brand new granddaughter, Kaya. Lisa also has a poodle mix, Chester.

Lisa joined Salem Woman's Service Club in 1990. She has been an active member holding all officer positions at least once and has been treasurer multiple times. Her favorite club project that keeps her busy is obtaining donations for Saidie's Cupboard that makes Family and Infant Bags for multiple agencies. Half of her garage is stocked with the supplies needed. Lisa is also very active in her church. Lisa is the current OFWC Treasurer and has served a total of 6 years in that position.

Vicki Takata – Candidate for Recording Secretary

Vicki has been a member of Beaverton Woman's Club since 2003 during which time she served as the chair of several departments and committees. Vicki enjoyed the challenge of serving as club president from 2016-2018. Outside of GFWC, she stays active as a part time substitute in the Nutrition Services department of the Beaverton School District. She enjoys logging miles running, and walking her Golden Doodle, Ruby, plus staying in touch with her three children who live in Seattle, Vancouver BC and at home in Beaverton.

Vicki and her husband, Bryan, have resided in Oregon since 1990, moving here from Vancouver, British Columbia. They are co-owners of a marketing/repping company specializing in product development, design and manufacturing. Vicki served this administration as Legislation/Public Policy chair for the Oregon Federation. She enjoys and is inspired by the collective grass roots advocacy efforts of GFWC.



GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs

"Preparing For the Future"



Call to the 105th Annual Convention

May 15-16, 2020

Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Astoria, Oregon

Come join us under the bridge in Astoria as we finish a yearlong celebration of the 120th anniversary of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Here are a few reasons why you should come:

- ⇒ Celebrate the accomplishments of the club year and all the amazing projects completed by clubwomen in Oregon
- ⇒ Celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Oregon Federation
- ⇒ Celebrate the 125th anniversary of two of the founding clubs of OFWC, the Portland Woman's Club and the Roseburg Woman's Club
- ⇒ Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote
- ⇒ Visit with your Federation friends and make some new ones
- ⇒ Listen to a great guest speaker on the Women's Suffrage movement in Oregon and OFWC's role in that movement
- ⇒ Participate in a service project
- ⇒ Enjoy amazing food and an incredible view of the Columbia River
- ⇒ Dress up with those gorgeous clothes you only get to wear a couple times a year
- ⇒ Have enough fun and laughter to fill two days
- ⇒ Elect your 2020-2022 OFWC Officers and of course,
- ⇒ Take care of a little Federation business

Important Deadlines:

April 13th - Last day to reserve rooms at the discounted rate!

April 30th – Last day to register before paying late fee!

Special Guests:

Marion St. Clair, GFWC President-Elect will be with us throughout the convention

Dr. Kimberly Jensen, Professor of History and Gender Studies at Western Oregon University will be our keynote speaker on Saturday morning. She is a well-known speaker on the Women's Suffrage movement in Oregon.

Preliminary Agenda:

Thursday, May 14th

6:00 – 8:00 pm Executive Committee meeting

Friday, May 15th

8:00 am Registration opens
9:00 am Opening Ceremonies
Business
noon Lunch
1:00 pm Business Session Resumes
6:30 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Reception for GFWC Guest and
Fun Night / Birthday Party!

Saturday, May 16th

8:30 am Registration opens
9:00 am District Meetings
9:30 am Business Session Resumes
Key Note Speaker, Dr. Kimberly Jensen
noon Lunch
1:00 pm Business Session Resumes
6:00 pm Dinner
Reception for 2020-2022 OFWC Officers

Sunday, May 17th

9:00 am Outgoing Executive Committee
9:30 am Incoming Executive Committee

What to Wear:

Friday: Business Casual

Friday dinner / fun night: It's a Birthday Party!!

Saturday: Red, White and Blue Business Casual

Saturday dinner: Sparkle Night!!

What to Bring:

We will be collecting **donations** from the wish list of The Harbor House, a domestic violence shelter in Astoria. Please bring items from this list:

Shampoo / Conditioner

Body Wash

Bar Soap

Deodorant

Tampons

Umbrellas (adult and child)

Slippers (adult and child)

Flip Flops (for shared bathroom)

Fundraising basket from your club with the assigned theme

GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs
2020 Convention Registration
May 15-16, 2020

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Astoria 1-888-898-6222

Room Block: Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs

(Reserve rooms by April 13, 2020 to receive special rate)

- City View Single King or Double Queen (1-4 people) - \$139 plus tax
- River View Single King or Double Queen (1-4 people) - \$155 plus tax

Registration: <i>(circle price)</i>	Member	\$ 35
	Member (single day)	\$ 25
	Friday or Saturday (circle one)	
	Late Registration Fee (After April 30 th)	\$ 10
	Total Registration	\$ _____

Meals: *(circle price if attending)*

Friday, May 15th

Lunch: Build your own Sandwich and Salad Bar \$ 28

Dinner: Buffet -Chicken Parmesan /

Philly Tenderloin Saute with wild rice, salads, bread \$ 44

Saturday, May 16th

Lunch: Soup and Salad Buffet \$ 30

Dinner: Chicken Oscar with salad, vegetables,
garlic mashed potatoes, bread \$ 48

Total Meals \$ _____

Total Registration and Meals \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions:

Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____ Other _____

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

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____

State EC / BOD Member _____ Club Member _____ Guest _____

Mail completed form with check made out to OFWC by April 30, 2020 to:

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sportsbrown@msn.com or 503-378-9091 with questions