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2022-2024 OFWC Officers

- President:
Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs
- 1st Vice President:
Barbara Chavez
- 2nd Vice President:
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Ann Lantz
- Treasurer:
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**OREGON STATE
FAIR
FUNDRAISING
OPPORTUNITY**

8/26-9/05

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Ladies Color Guard, and a surprise visit from "Uncle Sam" who welcomed all to Central Oregon and shared information about the east side of the Cascade Mts. (Photo op followed!)

The delegation also welcomed the GFWC visiting officer, Deb Strahanoski, GFWC President-elect. Business continued throughout the morning session, reports given, and fund-raising promoted! Awards were presented after lunch and the delegates attended a reception for our GFWC guest, Deb, after the afternoon business re-

cessed. A Zumba Fun-Night followed dinner, with Hawaiian attire, along with performance by 2 of the GFWC of Central Oregon Juniores. We earned the title of 'Dancing Queens', thanks to Leslie and Ginny, both past LEADS graduates and Zumba Instructors.

OFWC Convention Recap

The OFWC State Convention began with the Executive Committee meeting at Eagle Crest Resort on May 19th to view the property and facilities for WSR 2023. Friday morning the 20th, President Karen LaVoie opened the 107th OFWC Convention, followed by the colors presented by the Redmond High School Jr. ROTC Marine



Zumba leaders Leslie Ristine & Ginny Weeber



Speaker Allison Perry from Central Veterans Ranch

Business continued Saturday morning, and more awards presented. Alison Perry, the founder of Central Oregon Veteran's Ranch shared details of her vision and results so far. She was presented with gift cards from the delegates, the Community Service Project this convention. Deb Strahanoski gave everyone a summary of the GFWC Affiliate Organizations. Of course, more fund-raising and program information followed.

An impressive processional prior to dinner had the attending husbands escorting the past 2020-2022 officers, and the 2022-2024 officers, the GFWC Guest, Deb, and WA State visiting President, Sue Tyler with smile and a line for the dessert!



Vona Pease Award



2022-2024 OFWC Officers with GFCW President Deb Strahanoski

After dinner, the Installation Ceremony was conducted by GFWC President-elect, Deb. Both Karen and Wendy shared words of wisdom and the convention closed GFWC of Central Oregon members were pleased to serve as hostess of this convention and thanks each of you for your attendance and kind words! The club also appreciated the 4 additional clubs who assisted with table decorations! We are truly a sisterhood that understands the importance of working together...."Living the Volunteer Spirit!" ~ Joann Wheeler

OFWC Convention Chair 2022



Clubwoman of the year recipient
Ginny Weeber (right)



Arts & Culture

- 1st: Beaverton Woman's Club
 2nd: Salem Woman's Service Club
 3rd: GFWC of Central Oregon

Creativity: Beaverton Woman's Club

Photography Contest- Joann Wheeler
 World in Pictures – Natural Wonders

Civic Education & Outreach

- North Clackamas Woman's Club
 GFWC of Central Oregon
 Polk County Service Club

Creativity: Salem Woman's Service Club

Education and Libraries

- 1st: Oregon City Woman's Club
 Portland Woman's Club
 GFWC of Central Oregon
 2nd: Beaverton Woman's Club
 Salem Woman's Service Club
 3rd: Polk County Service Club
 Silverton Woman's Club

Environment

- 1st: Salem Woman's Service Club
 2nd: Beaverton Woman's Club
 3rd: GFWC of Central Oregon

Honorable Mention:

- Portland Woman's Club
 Oregon City Woman's Club

Health and Wellness

Most volunteer hours:

- 1st: Salem Woman's Service Club
 2nd: North Clackamas Woman's Club
 3rd: GFWC of Central Oregon

Advocates for Children

- 1st: Oregon City Woman's Club
 2nd: Polk County Service Club
 3rd: Silverton Zenith Woman's Club

Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

- 1st: Salem Woman's Service Club
 2nd: Beaverton Woman's Club
 3rd: GFWC of Central Oregon

Communications and Public Relations

- 1st: Beaverton Woman's Club
 2nd: GFWC of Central Oregon
 3rd: Oregon City Woman's Club

Leadership

- 1st: GFWC of Central Oregon
 2nd: Salem Woman's Service Club
 3rd: North Clackamas Woman's Club
Creativity: Polk County Service Club

Legislation and Public Policy

- 1st: Beaverton Woman's Club
 2nd: Salem Woman's Service Club
 3rd: Oregon City Women's Club

Membership

- 1st: Polk County Service Club
 2nd: Beaverton Woman's Club
 3rd: GFWC of Central Oregon
% Increase in Membership: Polk County Service Club

Marion Gathercoal Award: Beaverton Woman's Club

Community Impact Program

- 1st: Salem Woman's Service Club

Fundraising and Development

Participation Certificates **Creativity:**
 Salem Woman's Service Club

ESO

- 1st: Salem Woman's Service Club
 2nd: Beaverton Woman's Club
 3rd: Oregon City Woman's Club

Vona Pease President's Award
 Barbara Chavez

Clubwoman of the Year

Ginny Weeber

Gold Key

Barbara Chavez –
 North Clackamas Woman's Club

Gail Aldridge –
 Oregon City Woman's Club

Ann Lantz – Beaverton Woman's Club

Most Monetary or

In-Kind Donations:

- 1st: Beaverton Woman's Club
 2nd: Oregon City Woman's Club



From the OFWC President...

Summer is always a crazy time around my household, maybe yours too? In-person events are also returning in force. Having the 2022 State Convention in my hometown was special as it meant my club members and family could attend. A month later, 5 brave Oregon Clubwomen flew off to New Orleans and attended the GFWC convention. (Read my report later in this issue.) Brave because it was right in the middle of all the airlines snafus, but we eventually all made it there and home safely. Oregon made us proud with several awards. And now WSR is on the horizon, this year being held in Anchorage Alaska, see the call in this issue.

Even though we may not have regular meetings in the summer, I know your clubs are having social events, fundraisers, and continue to provide volunteer service projects in your communities. Please keep posting updates on Facebook so we can all keep up on what your clubs are up to. Also we'd love to feature a few exceptional projects in this newsletter, so send those picture and writeups to Vanessa. With everything going on, we made the change to our Policies and Procedures (that you approved at Convention) to add a Summer edition to our Oregon Clubwoman newsletter. We hope that this gets you information, dates and the latest happenings a little sooner than waiting until the fall.

I have been working on the updated directory, specifically the calendar because I know we all like to plan ahead. See the call to Fall Board later in this issue (I know, can you believe it already?) and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. It's not too early to start planning for 2023...You can look forward to a Leadership Training in the spring, followed by our State Convention in May at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde. We are working to make these events engaging and fun, but we need your participation!

As always I would love the opportunity to visit a club meeting or activity. It is so wonderful to see first hand what clubs are doing and to spend time with the members. I can be reached by by phone/text at 541-974-1193 or email at wendy_wheeler@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

August 26-28, 2022	Western States Region Conference, Anchorage, Alaska
October 8, 2022	Fall Board of Director's Meeting, Independence
May 18-20, 2023	OFWC Convention, Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde
August 25-27, 2023	Western States Region Conference, Eagle Crest, Oregon



CALL TO FALL STATE BOARD MEETING



GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs

Saturday, October 8, 2022

GFWC Polk County Service Club Clubhouse

340 S 3rd, Independence, OR

Registration 9:30 am, Meeting begins at 10:00 am

All State Officers, Club Presidents, Special Fund, Program and Committee Chairmen are expected to attend. Other members are also welcome! This meeting will provide Club Presidents with valuable information to take back to their clubs. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs. If you are giving a report, please email it to Anne Lantz, our secretary in advance.

Service Project:

Kristen Perry is the Director of Abby's House a safe house on the Western Oregon University Campus located in Monmouth, Oregon. Kristen will be coming to speak to us and letting us know what their services are and how they advocate for those who have suffered from Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault on College Campus's.

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 (Includes meeting and lunch expenses)

Mail your check and registration form to:

Heather Thomas, OFWC Corresponding Secretary

5354 Melrose Ct N.

Keizer, OR 97303

503-508-3569

Registration Deadline is October 1, 2022

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

POSITION (State office, club president, program chairman, etc.):

Western Oregon University Campus, Monmouth, Oregon

Your State President, Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs asked our club to come up with a project for the First Board of Director's Meeting to be held on 10/15 at our Club House in Independence. Since our Club is so close to the Western University Campus we reached out to see if we could support them in some way. Kristen Perry who is the director will be coming to speak to us and answer questions that you might have regarding what support that they give to those on Campus.

As this is the month of October and our Signature Project and being Awareness Month for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault what an appropriate project for us to support state wide.

Here is their wish list and this will be provided to them the day of our meeting.

- Shampoo/conditioner (large bottles)
- Body Wash/soup (large bottles)
- Face wash/moisturizer
- Makeup remover wipes
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Items for children (such as child sized items and flavors/scents for children)
- Products for child hygiene (diapers, baby powder, diaper rash cream, etc)
- Floss
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Hand soap or hand sanitizer (larger bottles)
- Loofahs or washcloths
- Tampons/pads

We will have a table set up for the items to be put out on and set up for you to get photos for your club as well.

Thank You for your support. If your club is not able to attend or if you club members would like to support, they could also just send a check to GFWC-OFWC and put in the line Abby's House support that way a check can be provided to them for them to use how they wish.

Heather Thomas

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Chair 2022-2024

Report 2022

As your State Chairman I will be providing information throughout the administration on what we as club members can do for those who are suffering f being involved with a Domestic Violence situation or been Sexually Assaulted.

At the first State Board of Director's Meeting I will have a list of the Domestic Violence Shelter's in each of our club's areas. Some club members are already working with them but there is still work to be done in areas where we do not have a club. I have been researching to try and get those shelter's information as well so that we might look at supporting also outside our area. Large Urban shelter's receive ample help (still needing some more) but rural area's do not have as many resources and so maybe a club could adopt one of those so that our help goes further.

[Amazon](#) also has a great way you can support shelter's. [Smile.Amazon.com](#), sign up your existing account with Smile.Amazon.com, you will need your email address and your password. Then when you sign in be sure to sign in under Smile.Amazon.com, 5% of sales that are approved by Amazon will go to the shelter that you have chosen to support.

Most shelter's are now listed under Smile.Amazon.com. If they are not maybe reach out to let them know of this great service to add to their supplies when needed.

When you report each year I would love you to provide me how much club members used this sight and if they can give us a figure on what was donated through this site. I believe you will receive word from Amazon but I will check into that much further.

Hope to see you in Independence in October. Please be sure to send me your photos of where you put your garden up and I will get an article into News and Notes or the Club Woman Magazine about what our State is doing to support our signature Project.

Heather Thomas

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Chair 2022-2024



GFWC Convention Recap

The GFWC Annual Convention for 2022 took place in New Orleans June 24-29th. Prior to that, there were tours of a plantation, a Cajun cooking demo and a visit to the National World War II Museum. Nearly 700 clubwomen gathered at the event to conduct business, as well as nurture friendships and have a good time. Speakers included Carol Reese, a horticulture specialist, who gave an enlightening and somewhat erotic presentation on plants and pollinators, and 2 authors: Seconde Nime-myra and Karen White. The GFWC Signature program also featured the CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hot-line, who gave a moving speech about her personal experiences with domestic violence.



Each day we tackled a few resolutions to complete updates and amendments. Having multiple days provided for some resolutions to go back to the committee and come back later with the updates requested by the convention body. Each day also featured awards. We were so proud to be from Oregon, and really made a strong showing in multiple areas. Congrats to everyone who contributed to both doing the project work and reporting on it!

