



Oregon Clubwoman

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Veteran's Day Parade Fun!



It was a beautiful sunny November morning for the 2019 Veteran's Day Parade in Albany also known as "the largest Veteran's Day parade west of the Mississippi". There were 10 OFWC members from Salem, Beaverton, Redmond and Oregon City (and one spouse) ready to march and ride in the OFWC entry honoring women in the military. It was our privilege to recognize two OFWC members of the military, **Jamie Rockwell** and **Kelli Roesch**, who joined us for the parade. Other members were wearing their red and blue GFWC aprons, handing out candy, and having a great time! With several thousand people lining the parade route, it was a great opportunity to let more people hear about the Oregon Federation.





From the OFWC President...

I hope everyone had a wonderful, fun and safe holiday season. One of my favorite things is being able to visit with clubs during their holiday celebrations. And for those I wasn't able to visit in person it was great to be able to see what they did over the holidays through their Facebook posts on our OFWC Facebook page. I love being able to keep up with other clubs through their Facebook posts and I know others also enjoy it. I really want to encourage clubs and club members to post their club activities on Facebook in four places:

- the GFWC Volunteer Network
- the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs
- your own club Facebook page (if you don't have one – get one!)
- your personal Facebook page

These are great ways to share the projects of your club.

I want to encourage clubs to attend our first statewide Leadership Seminar on March 14th. We have a wonderful program planned. Information about the seminar and the registration form are in this newsletter. I hope that every club will be represented.

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 email at pmbriggs@msn.com or by phone/text at 541-974-1193.



Holiday Inn and Suites, Astoria, the site for our 2020 OFWC Convention. Read more on page 5.

Fall BOD Recap

We had a very productive Fall Board of Directors meeting in September. The Oregon City Woman's Club did a wonderful job hosting the meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

- ⇒ Distribution of club checks for all their work at the State Fair this year. What an amazing opportunity it was for clubs to raise money for their projects! Hopefully we will be able to participate in this fund-raising opportunity this summer during the Oregon State Fair on August 28 – September 7, 2020.
- ⇒ The Oregon Federation took a major step in updating the structure of the organization. A bylaw amendment was unanimously passed to eliminate Districts within the Oregon Federation. Now instead of Spring District meetings we will have a Statewide Leadership Seminar. The Call to the 2020 Leadership Seminar is attached to this newsletter.
- ⇒ A bylaw amendment that allows more flexibility in the amount of scholarships awarded by the Fine Arts Scholarship Fund was also passed.
- ⇒ Guidelines and instructions for club reporting were explained and distributed as well as a standard criteria for Chairmen to use in judging the club reports.



Dues are past due!

We need to make sure that every member of the Oregon Federation is included in GFWC's membership count for Oregon. If you haven't paid your dues yet, they need to be paid as soon as possible. If your club has new members, be sure to send their dues payments (and member information) right away. In order to be included in GFWC's official count of Oregon members the OFWC Treasurer, Lisa Anderson, must give GFWC our final membership count for dues payment on February 15th. That means she needs them PRIOR to that date.

If you have new members that join after February 15th, they still need to pay dues in order to have voting privileges at the OFWC Convention in May.

For questions and to send dues payments please contact:

Lisa Anderson, OFWC Treasurer, 2120 Robins Lane SE #77, Salem, OR 97306
503-930-4953, las655@yahoo.com



Salem Woman's Service Club Holiday Party—collecting items for local woman's shelter



Central Oregon Juniores—making and decorating cookies for Meals on Wheels



Oregon City Woman's Club—decorating a tree at Stevens Crawford House and making blankets



Polk County Service Club Holiday Party



Pam with GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock & Marian St Claire at Headquarters

40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

This is another great opportunity to support our veterans. On July 3-8, 2020, the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center. For information on this event check out www.wheelchairgames.org. For information on volunteer opportunities email NVWG2020Volunteer@va.gov.

2020-2022 Officer Positions

The nominating committee has been hard at work finding candidates for our 2020-2022 OFWC officer positions. If you are interested in being a candidate for office, please obtain the appropriate endorsement from your club and send an completed endorsement form to Heather Thomas. Our bylaws state that endorsement forms must be submitted no later than March 1st.

Our 2020 OFWC Convention Preview

It's time to start planning now to attend the OFWC 2020 Convention on **May 15-16** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites on the riverfront in Astoria, Oregon. The Executive Committee will meet in the evening on Thursday, May 14th. Plans are underway to continue the celebration of the Oregon Federation's 120th anniversary as well as the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment. We will celebrate club achievements and awards, have some awesome programs, do a little business, install new officers and have LOTS of fun. You do not want to miss this! The full Call and Registration will be sent the end of March.

Now is the time to make your hotel reservations. Our room block with special rates will be available until April 13, 2020. Tell them you are with the "Woman's Club group" when you register to get the group rate. The hotel has been recently remodeled and breakfast is included!

Holiday Inn Express & Suites reservations: 888-898-6222

Room Rates:

City View Single King or Double Queen Room (1-4 people) - \$139 plus taxes

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

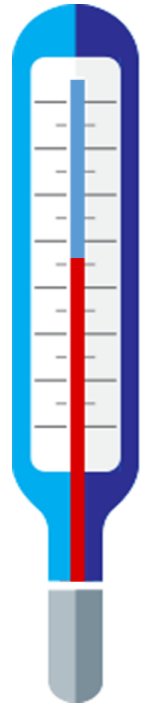
Make your reservations now!

Capital Campaign

Response to our Capital Campaign fundraiser for the Saidie Orr Dunbar portrait at GFWC Headquarters has been awesome! I know we can complete this commitment in the next few months. Your Capital Campaign chairman, Heather Thomas, has some wonderful fundraising opportunities lined up. 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!

Capital Campaign at the State Convention will have a great raffle item. It will have a value of around \$500 and the theme is Royal Wedding. Let your imagination take effect and you can imagine what may be there for you.

As an incentive, any Club Member who sends \$20.00 or more to our OFWC Treasurer, Lisa Anderson, for the Capital Campaign will get 3 free raffle tickets for the Royal Wedding Raffle. Just think that if every club member sent in \$20.00 we could get very close to reaching our \$5,000 goal. We are currently at \$2721.00 and are over half way to our goal.



Scholarships

It's time to spread the news!! GFWC Oregon has some great scholarships available and we need to make sure information about them gets out to those who may qualify. Share the scholarship information with people you know, schools and organizations in your community and don't forget your Facebook friends! Post information on your timeline about each of our great scholarships and ask your friends to share your post. Information about each scholarship, eligibility requirements and application forms are available on our website at www.oregongfwc.org or linked below.



[Fine Arts Scholarship Fund](#) – This is for high school seniors and includes vocal and instrumental, visual arts and essay contests. The Fine Arts Contest is Saturday, April 11, 2020 in Independence. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Listening to these talented high school seniors is an amazing experience.

[Go Forward With Confidence](#) scholarship for survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

[Saidie Orr Dunbar Nursing Scholarship](#) – This is for nursing students.

Leadership Seminar Sneak Preview

GFWC Polk County Service Club would like to invite you to be a part of the 2nd Annual Leadership Seminar to be held at the Historic Independence Woman's Club. We will have snacks for you when you arrive and lunch will be served. We are asking members to provide stuffed animals for the Buddy Bear Program and we will donate them that day. So please check your home or get them while they are on sale. A table will be available for you to bring these precious items in for the police to be able to provide them to children who are affected by tragic things happening in their life. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



There will be two wonderful guest speakers in the morning. Melissa Bird will get our morning started with a burst of energy. She is a passionate feminist whose education in social work has led to a career advocating for children, women, and their families. She is a fierce believer in social justice advocacy and preparing women for leadership roles in their communities.

Later that morning we will have Brian Granfors, the Soles4Souls Regional Donation Manager for Oregon join us. Did you know that last year they opened a Regional donation center in Wilsonville? This will make it so much easier for Oregon members to participate in this great project.

Brian will give us all the details on what they do as well as their special focus on Women4Women a program that empowers women in developing nations. Clean out your closets of any new or gently used shoes (any size or style – men, women or children) and bring them to the meeting where they will be presented to Brian. You can also collect from neighbors and friends. Consider asking a local consignment store to donate their unsold shoes.

We will have workshops and don't forget those great videos! Topics will include: giving and receiving feedback, politics and clubs, playful decision making and member retention.

There will also be fundraising opportunities and a chance to visit and network with other OFWC club members.

Apron Fundraiser Update

Our apron fundraiser has been a huge success. We sold a lot of the aprons to GFWC members from other states! 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. They will be available at our Spring Leadership Seminar.



Call to Leadership Seminar

Spring Leadership Seminar GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs



Saturday, March 14, 2020

Independence Woman's Club
340 S. 3rd, Independence, OR

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting begins promptly at 9:30 am
Meeting ends no later than 2:30 pm

All members are encouraged to attend. This meeting is designed for every member from the newest to those who have been members the longest!

Service Project Donations:
New or gently used stuffed animals (for donation to local police agencies)
New or gently used shoes for Soles4Souls

Bring your club name tag to wear!

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 (Includes meeting and lunch expenses)
Mail your check and registration form to:

Julie Brown, OFWC Corresponding Secretary
2363 Baxter Rd SE
Salem, OR 97306

Registration Deadline is March 6, 2020

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

OFWC History Exhibit

As part of an exhibit about the history of clubs and organizations in the Mid-Willamette Valley, OFWC was delighted to partner with Geercrest Farm and Historical Society for an exhibit on the early history of the Oregon Federation in the Salem area. The exhibit features displays about Portland Woman's Club, Salem Woman's Club, Salem Woman's Service Club and the Willard Woman's Club as well as prominent Oregon club women Abigail Scott Du-niway and Saidie Orr Dunbar. Multiple generations of women in the Geer family were also active in both local clubs as well as the Oregon Federation.

It is a great exhibit! I hope you will find time to gather a few friends together and take a trip to Salem to see it. The exhibit is at the Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill), 1313 Mill St SE, Salem. While you are there check out the Mill's museum and just a few blocks away is the State Capital Building. The exhibit runs January 24-April 18, 2020 and the museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. When you go, be sure to take a photo and post it on Facebook!



*10th
Annual
Heritage
Invitational
Exhibit*

Members of the Salem Voiture of the 40/8 Society, WHC 2007.015.0024.

January 24 – April 18, 2020

Join the Club!

An exhibit exploring the history of clubs and organizations in the Mid-Willamette Valley

Participants in this year's exhibit include:
 Bush House Museum • Daughters of Union Veterans • Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum • Geercrest Farm and Historical Society • Hoover-Minthorn House • Keizer Heritage Museum • Oregon State Hospital Museum of Mental Health • Rotary Club of Salem • Silverton Country Historical Society • Western Steam Fiends Association

Learn more about the exhibit at www.willametteheritage.org

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2020 Upcoming events:

March 14	Leadership Seminar, Independence
April 11	Fine Arts Contest, Independence
April 26	Beaverton Girlfriend's Tea
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