



# Oregon Clubwoman

## NEWSLETTER



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Heather Thomas

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Mary Accettura

## OFWC Clubs Serving their Communities!

In these difficult times, the Oregon Federation clubs have continued to support their communities performing a variety of projects. A few of these include;

An Oregon City Club project collected underwear and socks that were donated to Ft Kennedy along with a check for \$215. The organization helps Veterans.

Another socially distanced, COVID safe project completed by the GFWC Salem Woman's Service Club, masked, gloved and socially distanced they put together 53 bags filled with household and hygiene products that were donated to the Salem Teen Parent Program.

The Portland Woman's Club donated money to a number of organizations and victims of the 2020 wild fires.

North Clackamas donated books to little libraries around the area and to the Children's Center that provides services to abused children.

Polk County donated books to little libraries, one of their many projects.



Heather, Laurel and Jamie



February 5, 2021



## From the OFWC President...

I hope all of you had a wonderful, safe holiday season; although probably a very different one from those previously. I know mine was.

Our two sons live in two different states and my husband and I, normally, travel between the two states each December. This year, we held a family Zoom meeting on Christmas, so we got to 'visit' with everyone at the same time and all the grandchildren got to see and visit with each other on their machines. It was so fun to watch their interactions. In past years, if we could not have traveled, I would have been depressed.

But, I think this year has taught me to appreciate the little things. I am most grateful that we are all well and that we could all be together at one time on Zoom. I look forward to being with my family and friends when it will be safe for all of us to do so.

I am looking forward to life returning to 'normal'. However, I am not sure exactly what that means any more or when it will happen. In the midst of these extremely trying times, the women in all of the OFWC clubs continue to inspire me as they find ways to meet the ongoing, and often increasing, needs in their communities.

For most of us, thinking out of the box can be taxing, but, also, truly rewarding. Finding new ways to do things can open up doors previously unexplored. I was so impressed at the various ways our clubwomen dealt with all the challenges that 2020 threw at them and know they will meet any new issues they are met with in 2021.

*Cheers to 2021!!!*

*Karen La Voie*

### 2021 Upcoming events:

March 13	Leadership Seminar, Zoom Meeting
April 10	Fine Arts Contest, Virtual
May 14-15	OFWC Convention, Astoria
June 25-28	GFWC Convention, Toronto, Canada (cancelled-TBA)
September 9-12	Western States Region, Colorado Springs, CO

## ***OFWC 2020 Convention and Board of Directors Meeting***

Due to the Corona virus, the May convention was moved to October and combined with the Board meeting, which made for a fast paced weekend.

Held at the beautiful Oregon Garden Resort, with all the necessary precautions involving the necessary mask wearing and social distancing, almost thirty members of OFWC gathered together.

The Convention began at dinner on Friday night and continued until Saturday afternoon. Our speaker at Saturday's lunch was Oregon author, Jane Kirkpatrick, whose most recent book is "Something Worth Doing" about suffragette, Abigail Scott Duniway. The Installation dinner was held Saturday evening, with Carlene Garner, past International President, the Keynote Speaker.

The Board meeting was held Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Silverton Zenith Woman's Club hosted this part of the weekend. Our speaker for the Board meeting was Mallory Tyler, Development Manager for Make A Wish, which is the President's Project for 2020-2022.



We held two very successful service projects, for the Silverton Zenith Woman's Club's Layette Project and for Souls4Soles. Our attendees were so generous in their donations.

Although it was a jam--packed weekend, I think it was a most successful combination of the convention and board meeting and I am grateful to all who participated in it to help make it meaningful to all who attended. *Karen La Voie. President*



GFWC Past President, Carlene Garner installs OFWC President Karen La Voie



Newly installed Officers; Lisa Anderson, Laurel Jones, Barbara Chavez, Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs, Karen La Voie



## ***Reporting time is upon us again!***

Hopefully by now you have already started as the deadline for clubs to provide reports to the OFWC Chairmen is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is an exercise that all club members can take part in. Remember that you are not only recording history for your club, it puts your efforts and projects out there to give others ideas of how they can improve their own communities.

Reports will be judged at the state level for recognition awards, and the most creative project in each program area is sent on to GFWC to be eligible for additional awards, including cash for your club.

The Community Service Program Areas changed in July, so you won't be able to directly reuse your reports from last year. However, all the projects you are doing will still fall into one of the new areas; **Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment, Health & Wellness**. And don't forget to report on the Advancement Plan areas like **Communications & Public Relations, Membership, Leadership and Fundraising** and Special Programs **Domestic Violence Prevention, Advocates for Children**.

No doubt you are all doing something here even if you didn't identify it as a specific project at the time... and you should get credit for it! For instance, wearing your GFWC pins or aprons in public counts under Communication & PR!

By far the most challenging part is totaling up all the hours your club spent in any one area. Hopefully you were tracking throughout the year, or refer to your minutes to determine how many members participated.

Use the reporting forms provided (also in the GFWC Club Manual) to capture the hours along with cash and in-kind donations.

You'll turn these in along with a short narrative on each project (or at least your favorite ones) to provide the context of the **WHO, WHAT, and WHY** for each project. It doesn't need to be a novel, a couple sentences will do. But consider if someone at GFWC headquarters was reading it; would they know who "Sister's Pantry" is that you donated to, or would they think you were feeding your large family?

If you have partnered with an organization other than the GFWC Affiliates, it's always good to provide background or their mission (or copy and paste from their website.)

Reports will be judged on the percentage of club members engaged, the creativity of the project(s), and the impact or result of your efforts. So both the statistics/numbers and narrative are required.

If you have any other questions, reach out to your OFWC program chairmen. They can help you with examples from other club reports or help you determine if a project should be reported in that area. They are all listed with contact information in your OFWC 2020-2022 Directory.

*Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs, OFWC 1st VP*



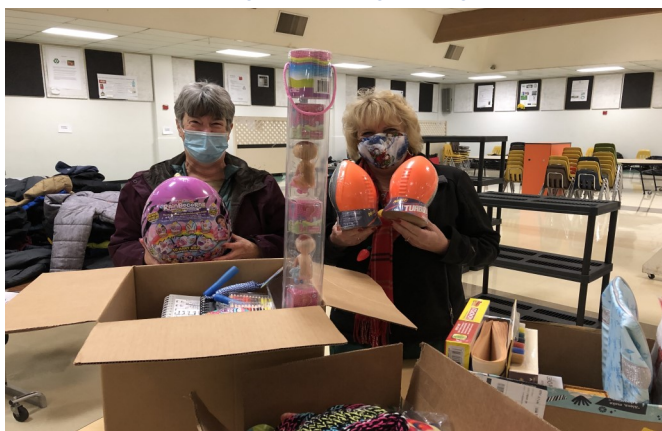
Salem Woman's Service Club making stockings for residents at local assisted living center



Central Oregon Juniorettes—baking and



Central Oregon filled gift bags for teens to be distributed by FAN an annual Christmas project



Oregon City members Susie Werner & Julie Peters at Angels in the Outfield's Holiday Store where 600 area children received gifts.



Silverton Zenith Woman's Club Tree of Giving: A community project that provided toys and clothing to 254 children in Silverton.



## Scholarships

GFWC Oregon has some great scholarships available. Help to get the word out about them to those who may qualify, through people you know, organizations and schools in your community, as well as through Facebook. Post the information about them on your timeline and ask your Facebook friends to help share your post.

Information about each of the scholarships, including the eligibility requirements and application forms are available on our website at [www.oregongfwc.org](http://www.oregongfwc.org).



**Fine Arts Scholarship Fund** – This is for high school seniors and includes vocal and instrumental, visual arts and essay contests. The Fine Arts Contest will be held virtually this year on Saturday, April 10, 2021. This year we are able to offer the following scholarship amounts. Topic: **Unity in Diversity**  
Vocal: \$1,000 Instrumental: \$1,000 Visual Arts: \$400  
Essay: \$200

**Go Forward With Confidence** scholarship for survivors of domestic violence and child abuse. The Application is now available on the OFWC Website.

**Saidie Orr Dunbar Nursing Scholarship** – This is for nursing students.

## Scholarship , Loan and Fellowship Fund

Happy New Year to all of our OFWC sisters! Thanks to all of the clubs who have donated to the Scholarship, Loan and Fellowship Fund. The members of the Board of Trustees is very grateful for your contributions.

However, there was an error on the SSL&F donation form that has appeared in the OFWC Directory for 2020-2022. It is imperative that all checks be payable to the: **OREGON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**, you may designate the SL&F fund on the memo line.

Again, thank you for your interest in our 'GO FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE' scholarship program. Stay well and hopefully we will meet in person at the OFWC State convention in May.

Joann Wheeler, Chair.  
Mary Accettura, Treasurer



## Call to Leadership Seminar

### Annual Leadership Seminar GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs



Saturday, March 13, 2021

The Annual Leadership Seminar is going to look a little different this year. It appears the current COVID restrictions will probably continue for at least the next couple months which means we will not be able to realistically plan on an in-person meeting in March.

Your Leadership team has come up with an exciting plan that will allow us to meet and share information in a safe way. This year's Leadership Seminar will be a shortened 2 hour meeting on **Zoom** that will be **FREE** to all members.

The format will be an interactive facilitated discussion about leadership issues and questions. Plans are also underway to have a special guest speaker. Our goal is to have at least 2 members from each OFWC club participate, but all members are welcome.

**Pre-registration is required** so we can make the appropriate arrangements with the web program. Here are the meeting details:

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021

Time: 9:30 am - 10 am Sign in, chat and social time  
10 am - noon Leadership Seminar

Cost: **FREE**

#### Registration Information:

Email Pam Briggs at [pmbriggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriggs@msn.com) with this information by **March 9th**:

Name, club name, email, phone number

Include a discussion topic or question you would like to have discussed at the seminar

The link for the Leadership Seminar will be emailed to those registered a couple days prior to the meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Briggs.

## ***2021 OFWC Convention Preview***

Please mark your calendars! **As of right now**, the 2021 OFWC Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Express Suites, on the waterfront, in Astoria, Oregon, on May 14 and 15, 2021.

We will celebrate club achievements and awards, have some awesome programs and do a little business.

The Executive Committee will meet, in the evening on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The full call and registration will be sent out the end of March.

As time goes on, the Convention Planning Committee will be in touch with the hotel about any changes that may need to be made.

You will be notified should it be determined that it will not be possible or safe to hold the convention.



Holiday Inn and Suites, Astoria, the site for our 2021 OFWC Convention.