



# Oregon Clubwoman

## NEWSLETTER



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### 2020-2022 OFWC Officers

President:

Karen La Voie

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

Wendy Wheeler-Jacobs

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

Barbara Chavez

Secretary:

Laurel Jones

Treasurer:

Lisa Anderson

Parliamentarian Advisor:

Mary Accettura

## Oregon Federation Clubs Continue to Support Their Communities!

Although we still are dealing with disruptions in our daily lives due to Covid-19, our clubs were able to continue to help out in their local communities in 2021.

The Oregon City Woman's Club members packed 100 sacks for Backpack Buddies for Child Advocacy Week;



members assisted at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Shop With A Cop" that benefited over 200 kids, members volunteered at Angels in the Outfield's Holiday Store.



At a festive evening for GFWC of Central Oregon, members enjoyed great food, much laughter and prepared 16 gift bags filled with

goodies to present to FAN to distribute! *Yes they do know how to have fun!*

*February is Heart Health Month!*





## From the OFWC President...

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful, fun filled holiday season, with family and friends. Unlike last year, where we spent it alone due to the Corona virus, this year we were able to be with our family. We spent Christmas morning with our Oregon family. Since we were driving to California, we left that afternoon, before the impending snow came. We enjoyed a wonderful week with our California family.

When we returned to Oregon, we felt refreshed and rejuvenated, and I was ready to start working on different activities in both my Club and for our State Federation. However, the Omicron variant has put a number of those activities on hold; hopefully, for only a short period of time. Since all our clubs did such an outstanding job helping their communities during the past two years of this virus, I know they will be able to handle the latest glitch.

As always, I would love to visit your club, either in person or on line. Even if I joined you for a meeting last year, I would love to do so one more time while I am President of this great Federation. Right before Christmas, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Woman's Service Club holiday meeting. It was so fun to visit with the women in that very active club. I look forward to visiting with many more Oregon clubwomen over the next few months.

Our next State event is the upcoming Leadership Seminar on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Right now, we are planning for it to be in person, but if it's warranted, we will hold it on Zoom. Either way, I hope you will plan to attend it. You will find much more information about it in this newsletter, including the Call.

May each of you have a very healthy, happy, rewarding and meaningful 2022!!!

### *Upcoming Events*

March 12, 2022	Leadership Seminar
April 9, 2022	Fine Arts Scholarship Contest (via Zoom)
May 19-22, 2022	OFWC State Convention, Redmond
June 25-28	GFWC Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 26-28	WSR Conference, Anchorage, AL

## OFWC CONVENTION 2021 - ASTORIA

The OFWC Convention was held in two parts. Part 1 was held in May, via Zoom. Part 2 was held in October in person at the Astoria Holiday Inn Express, situated right on the Columbia River waterfront. All the necessary precautions, including mask wearing and social distancing, were taken so our attendees could feel safe in attending this most important OFWC event.

The Convention began at dinner, Friday night, and continued throughout Saturday, culminating with a wonderful dinner Saturday evening. To avoid too much repetition, the OFWC Board of Directors meeting was incorporated into the Convention.

We were very fortunate to have three wonderful speakers over the weekend. Welcoming us on Friday night was **Bruce Jones, the Mayor of Astoria**. Although he's only lived in Oregon about 10 years, he spoke with passion about Astoria, a city he has come to love. He shared with us a lot of information about the area, some of which I did not know previously, even though I am a life-long resident of Oregon.

Our speaker at Saturday's lunch was **Chelsey Bridges**, the Director of Services at **The Harbor**, a domestic violence/sexual assault agency in Astoria. Our service project was for **The Harbor**. Each club was asked to bring full size personal items, things the residents would not buy for themselves. Chelsey was so pleased to receive all the items that our clubs collected and said they would be so wonderful for the residents.

For Saturday evening, our keynote speaker was past GFWC International President, **Carlene Garner**. As always, Carlene brought a wonderful spark of light to us in her speech. It was so great to get to spend some time with her and we are so grateful to her for being a part of our convention again.



A number of fundraisers were held throughout the weekend. One of them each club participated in by providing a wreath for a particular holiday. It was fun to see how creative the clubwomen can be. Allison Belisle, the Fine Arts Chairman, also came up with some clever ways to raise money.

Most meaningful to my heart, Heather Thomas, the President's Project Chair, asked clubwoman, Valerie Huey, to make a quilt to be auctioned at for **Make A Wish**. The quilt was presented over the weekend of the convention. To say it is exquisite is almost an understatement. Tickets can be purchased to buy this quilt. The quilt will be taken to any club meetings the State President, Karen La Voie, attends in the next few months and will be auctioned off at the May 2022 convention in Redmond. All money raised will go to Make A Wish, so they can continue granting wish

Although our attendance was down due in large part to the ongoing virus, those who joined us for the weekend had a good time. Many even had the opportunity to explore a bit of Astoria and the surrounding area to do some shopping, eating or sightseeing. All in all, I think it was a most successful combination of the convention and board meeting and I am looking forward to our next convention in May, 2022.

**Karen La Voie, President**



# OFWC Club News....



Central Oregon Juniores assembled tie quilts for the local Domestic Violence Center-Saving Grace. A fun project that brings happy smiles to the children of victims!




Salem woman's Service Club collected new and gently used shoes for donation to Soles4Soul. Final count was 17 boxes with 281 pairs of shoes.

Rosie The Riveter  
Auction  
Hors D'Oeuvre's  
Wine Bar  
Celebrating 107 years  
Of Volunteer Service  
February 26, 2022  
3 pm to 6 pm  
340 S Third  
Independence, Or

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket  
Or 3 cans of food for the  
Marion/Polk Food Share

All Funds will go towards  
Renovation of the  
Historic Independence  
Woman's Club House  
Hosted by:  
GFWC Polk County Service Club



AS ROSIE THE RIVETER  
SAID  
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**Betty Gallucci** (90+ years old) passed away in November. Betty was a GFWC member for around 50 years, having started in Lake Oswego and in 2016 moved to the Oregon City Woman's Club. Betty was committed to volunteerism and giving back to the community. She collected books, clothing, bedding, backpacks and many other items that she cleaned, sorted and delivered to various non-profits.

GFWC Polk County Service Club gets ready for their auction on 2/26/2022.

## ***Reporting...By Wendy Wheeler Jacobs***

**Oregon State Federation** did incredibly well with our reporting last year, coming away from the GFWC convention with nine awards in our category (based on the size of our membership) for Civic Engagement, Environment, Capital Campaign Donations, Fundraising & Development, Domestic Violence Awareness, Newsletter, Communications & Public Relations, Membership and Leadership.

***Here we are in reporting time again, so let's see if it's possible to top last year's achievements!*** It takes everyone's hours to make a complete state report and you don't want you or your club's time spent volunteering or donations to go unaccounted for.

Writing reports is a great way to share all your efforts and projects to give others ideas of how they can improve their own communities. We will talk more about the reports at the state convention, and the state chairmen will give recognition awards. The most creative project in each program area are also sent on to GFWC to be eligible for additional awards, including cash for your club!



By far the most challenging part is totaling up all the hours your club spent in any one area. Refer to your minutes to determine hours of participation. Use the reporting forms provided to your Club President in email (also found in the GFWC Club Manual) to capture hours along with cash and in-kind donations. You'll turn these in along with a short narrative on each project 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.

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. Club reports are due to chairmen by **February 15th**.

## OFWC OFFICERS TRAVEL TO GFWC HEADQUARTERS.....

As your OFWC President-elect, I had the privilege of attending the GFWC Board of Directors Orientation Meeting held in Washington DC in January. The GFWC President-elect Deb Strahanoski welcomed us and we heard from many of the appointed chairmen for 2022-2024 administration. We also held a half-day workshop with Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, where all incoming state presidents discussed job responsibilities in detail.



The GFWC committee members and WSR President and Vice President were also invited to attend, so I was joined by OFWC members Joann Wheeler (2022-2024 membership committee)

and Pam Briggs (2022-2024 WSR Vice President).

In addition to all the informative meetings and training, we took a night tour of DC monuments and toured the GFWC Headquarters, which was the highlight of my visit. The holiday decorations were still up, and we were even able to spot the 2 ornaments donated by OFWC for the tree.

I look forward to putting some of this new learning to use for the 2022-2024 administration! *Wendy Wheeler Jacobs*

## 2022-2024 Officer Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022-2024 administration.

Requirements for officers are in the OFWC Bylaws; Section 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS A. Membership in good standing in a club holding active membership in the Federation, or as an individual having membership as a Member At Large. B. All elected officers must have served one term as a voting member on the Board of Directors, have actively participated in Federation projects and activities, and have been a member in good standing of a Federated club for at least four (4) years.

The nominee needs to agree to run for office and needs an endorsement from her club. **Club endorsements are due to Nominating Committee Chairman by March 1st.** The endorsement form is located on the OFWC website.

All positions are open for nomination except the office of President.

*Glenda Peters, Nominating Committee Chairman*



## “Go Forward With Confidence” - SLFF Scholarship

The “Go Forward With Confidence” Scholarship is now available for the public and our members viewing on the OFWC Website. Thank you to the Trustees, Mary Accettura, Valerie Huey, Trace Rew, Cindy Rasmussen and Cari Wood for their work reviewing the application and the improvements added to the application for this year. <http://www.oregongfwc.org/scholarships.html>

Now is the time to begin promoting this scholarship in your club, community and any services in your community that assist domestic violence and child abuse victims!!

Each year we have grown in our exposure of this scholarship, and have been able to assist several victims in their pursuit of additional education and special training.....keep the communication going concerning this opportunity for victims' educations!

Please note when you review the SLFF scholarship application that we have increased the potential amount to \$10,000.00 and increased the potential recipient awards. The **deadline remains at March 15**, for this year.

Joann Wheeler, SLFF Chairman



## MEMBERSHIP

### **Membership Matters!**

Our Oregon Federation of clubs did a great job this past year retaining members and welcoming new members. At the OFWC Convention in October the **Oregon City Woman's Club** received the Membership Award, awarded to the club who has the largest percentage increase in membership for the club year.

The **Beaverton Woman's Club** that was awarded the Marion Gathercoal Membership Award, awarded to the club who has done the most to recruit and retain members through recruitment activities, as well as activities focused on supporting and encouraging members through positive activities.

**Congratulations to both clubs!**



## **Books, Books, Books!**

Clubs have done a FANTASTIC job distributing THOUSANDS of the Leveled Reader books that OFWC was lucky enough to acquire! But it's not time to relax yet.

There are still a few thousand books for grades 1-5 needing to find a home. Please contact **Pam Briggs at [pmbriggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriggs@msn.com) or 541-974-1193** to request more books. It would be wonderful if the remaining books could find their way to clubs by the Leadership Seminar in March!

## **Bylaws**

It's that time again! Time to take a critical look at our Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy/Procedure for any items that need to be corrected, updated, added or deleted. Please contact Pam Briggs before March 1, 2022, at [pmbriggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriggs@msn.com) with any bylaw changes you would like the Bylaws Committee to consider.

## **LEADS Applications are now available!**

One of the benefits of belonging to GFWC is the opportunity to participate in their annual LEADS Seminar each summer at the GFWC Convention.

Each state sends one club member to the LEADS Seminar in June. These are members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help members gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to be effective leaders.

If you want more information about LEADS, any of our prior LEADS participants would be happy to talk to you. Some of these include: Jamie Rockwell, Laurel Jones, Karen La Voie, Alice Hayden, Ginny Weeber and Leslie Ristine.

The application form is available in the GFWC Member Portal and also on the OFWC website. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of support from active GFWC club members. The deadline for submitting applications is February 28th. Completed applications should be sent to Pam Briggs, 197 Lake St SE, Albany, OR 97321 or emailed to [pmbriggs@msn.com](mailto:pmbriggs@msn.com).





## OFWC Annual Leadership Seminar Saturday, March 12, 2022

Registration 9:30 am, Meeting 10 am – 2 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1770 Baxter Rd SE, Salem

(hosted by Salem Woman's Service Club)

Health officials are anticipating the current COVID-19 spike will be over by the time our meeting is scheduled. We are so excited about having an in-person **Leadership Seminar** this year! While we believe an in-person meeting will be possible, we will be keeping the option of a ZOOM meeting open if it becomes necessary.

**Who should attend:** This seminar is appropriate for newer members as well as members who have lots of leadership experience. Leadership skills can always be improved upon and we are never too old or experienced to gain new information or perspectives. Current and incoming club presidents should make a special effort to attend along with other club members.

**Speakers:** In addition to fabulous workshops, we are thrilled to have two special speakers for this meeting. **Suellen Brazil, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**, will be sharing some thoughts with us via video and **Shannon Biteng, Oregon Dept of Human Services**, will join us in person as a guest speaker. Both these speakers will be sharing helpful information, tips and advice for improving our leadership skills.

**Service Project:** Please bring a few of these items that will be used by Salem Woman's Service Club for their Saidie's Cupboard Project which provides valuable support to the Public Health Nurses, Teen Parent Program and Refugee Program. All items can be purchased at the Dollar Store: Shampoo/Conditioner sets, baby shampoo, children's shampoo, liquid dish soap, deodorant, adult toothbrushes, lotion

**Cost:** Registration cost is \$25 and includes a delicious lunch. It also helps cover other costs associated with the meeting. In the event the in-person meeting is canceled and a ZOOM meeting is held, a portion (\$15) of the registration cost will be refunded.

**Safety Precautions:** The health and safety of our members is a primary concern. *To ensure the health and safety of our members and guests, proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within the past 48 hours will be required. Masks will be required inside the building. Please remember to bring your vaccination card or test result with you to the meeting.*

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**Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 8, 2022.** Please send this form and the \$25 registration fee to:

Heather Thomas, 5354 Melrose Ct N., Keizer, OR 97303

or email her at [gfwcthomas51@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcthomas51@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Building Influence to Lead**

**By Shannon Bailey, GFWC Leadership Chairman**

We've all worked under someone who was in charge but wasn't a leader. Ineffective leaders rarely have the ability to influence others.

How do you build influence? How can you grow as a leader?

### **Build Relationships**

Be welcoming, be open to new people, really listen, and build relationships with your fellow club members. If you are known in your club or state as a leader who works hard, is interested in others, keeps confidences, and is kind, others will look for ways to include you and your influence will grow.

### **Pursue Personal Growth**

James Clear, author of *Atomic Habits*, asserts "You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Your goal is your desired outcome. Your system is the collection of daily habits that will get you there. This year, spend less time focusing on outcomes and more time focusing on the habits that precede the results."

Focus on personal growth and you will reap the rewards. You will be more centered, more able to give to others, and your influence will grow.

### **Seek to Inspire and Encourage**

Great leaders inspire action with their words, sparking enthusiasm and commitment. With a single conversation, you can change the direction of someone's life. Make it about them! Call out their potential and do it generously.

### **Serve Where You Are Needed**

To quote leadership expert Liz Wiseman: "Do what needs to be done. Make yourself useful. Be of service. When you do, you'll be seen as a leader, you'll get a chance to play bigger, and your work and impact will be multiplied."

Build relationships. Pursue personal growth. Seek to inspire and encourage. Serve where you are needed. Your life will be richer and opportunities will come.

## 2022 OFWC Convention Preview

***Please mark your calendars!*** The 2022 OFWC Convention will be held at the Sleep Inn and Suites in Redmond, Oregon, May 19-22, 2022.

We are looking forward to celebrating club achievements and awards, having wonderful programs and doing a little business.

The Executive Committee will meet, in the evening, on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
The convention will begin on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The full call and registration will be sent out the first week of April.

You will be notified should it be determined that any changes need to be made due to the ongoing Coronavirus.



## FUNDRAISING

***"SPRING HAS SPRUNG" is the theme for fundraising at Convention. Spring is the season of new beginnings...Buds bloom, animals awaken, Farmers and Gardners plant their seeds, outdoor sports are starting, picnics, hiking, camping, new outfits and accessories. We are asking each club to donate a "spring basket" for our silent auction.***

***What does "Spring Has Sprung" mean to your club? Use your imagination and have FUN!!***



## OFWC FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP Matching Donation Challenge

**WHOO! WHOOP!**

**We have an anonymous donor that will commit to a matching donation of up to \$1,000. It will match a collaborative amount from individual and club donations, not fundraising. Qualifying donations will need to be made between December 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022. Donate NOW to get your Tax Write Off.**

**Please take advantage of this challenge and consider individual and/or club donations.**

**Mail donations to : OFWC Fine Arts Allison Belisle  
10034 SW Steeplechase Circle Beaverton, OR 97008**

## *Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)*

There are many opportunities for ESO members to work their way up through the ESO levels. Clubwomen move to a new ESO level by completing a set of reading list requirements. The reading list is divided into subject categories. To complete a category, a member must read and report on four (4) books from that category.

### **ESO Levels**

- **Pledge:** A Pledge has obtained an enrollment application and has started to fulfill the reading requirements.
- **Member:** A Member has completed four books from four different categories, for a total of 16 books. She is then eligible to wear the ESO pin and receive a membership certificate.
- **Star Level:** A Star level member has completed four books from ten different categories, for a total of 40 books. She will then receive a Star level membership certificate.
- **Torch Level:** A Torch level member has completed four books from 16 different categories, for a total of 64 books read. She is then eligible to wear the ESO Torch Guard and receive the Torch level membership certificate.
- **Century Award:** A Century Award member has completed 100 books. She can continue to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Century Award levels and will be eligible to receive the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and/or sixth century membership certificates.
- **Diamond Award:** A Diamond Award member has completed 1,000 books. She will be eligible to receive a Diamond Award certificate.

Reports may be made electronically by listing the category, title, author, and brief report and emailed to the chairman. Complete a level before sending reports.

Hours spent reading and discussing books are reported under ESO in Education.

Glenda Peters, ESO Chairman

