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Welcome 2020, already one month has gone by and by the time you get the newsletter the second month will be almost gone.

In this newsletter you will find your registration form for the Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival. “**South of the Border down Costa Rica way**” is our theme. We will be at the Amity Fire Station on March 18, 9:00 to 3:00. Our day will be full of interesting events, which include games, lunch, visiting and information about Costa Rica and Panama by students from Amity that had the experience of going and learning more about these countries. We will have our potluck lunch of salads and desserts (bring your own table service and serving spoon), book sale, raffle baskets, we will be playing Bingo, so bring coins to use as markers and we will be collecting them for ACWW. Our community project for this year is helping students attend the next tour which will be to Belize. Half of the money raised from the raffle baskets will be going toward the next trip. Come join us for a day of fun and visiting. Registration form is included in this newsletter.

Plans are being made for our District III meeting to be held this year in Salem, hosted by Marion County. The date is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in Anne’s District III Directors column.

I want to thank those that send information to me to put in the newsletter and to Velma Bottenberg for the book reviews and Debbie Puckett for doing our recipe page. Please send Debbie recipes. And for those that donate to the cost of the MPY, without all of you we would not have a newsletter, so thank you very much.

And a reminder if you have changed your address, know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter or someone who received this newsletter and now is deceased please let us know so we can

make the needed changes. Send the changes to **Susan Whitaker, 9875 Parker Rd., Monmouth, OR 97361-9762.**

Sincerely,



**Lynda Nyseth, Editor**



## From the Desk of the District III Director

WOW! Get out your calendars ‘cause there are intriguing events & options coming up.

1. The lesson “**It’s All About Me – Writing Your Personal History**” has been edited from PowerPoint to a more friendly, engaging lesson. If you or your group has not taken this lesson but would like a copy, send me an email and I’ll send it to you. [anne.n.engen@gmail.com](mailto:anne.n.engen@gmail.com)
2. **FREE FCE MONEY!** Sign up for a \$200 scholarship **IF** you attend full-time our National FCE Conference in Clackamas, Oregon July 23-26. Just fill out the application and deliver to Scott Teeple or postmark by May 15, 2020. Application is on our website, [www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org) The scholarships are funded by fce auctions and earnings from our booth at Keepers Corner in Klamath Falls. Your Oregon FCE State Board wants every FCE member to have a chance to attend a national conference.

3. **March 18** is Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival at the Fire Station in Amity with the theme “**South of the Border down Costa Rica way**”. Our speakers are young people from Amity High School who toured Costa Rica and other Central America countries. There will be morning coffee cake and muffins, games, laughs, a potluck lunch (bring a salad or dessert and your table service and serving spoon), a book sale and a raffle of gift baskets. **Groups** – use the theme to decorate your tables. **Bring a few White Elephant items** for game prizes, books to pass along **AND any treasures** you want to be taken to Keepers Corner. Note what you give away on the fce donation form for your taxes. **There will be a short District III conference planning meeting after Spring Festival** as we are hosting this fall’s State Conference in Springfield. Be ready to report on what you are working on: Lynda – bags and pens; Ina and Anne – added bottom piece for each bag; Lane County – tours and places of interest, welcoming speaker at Monday night’s dinner, musical group options. Are Marion and Linn Counties working on their decorations for Monday night? Lane County are you working on decorations for Tuesday lunch? And Yamhill/Polk how about your decorations for Tuesday dinner? **Oh yes, AND What lessons are you interested in learning about next year? Need your ideas by Spring Festival.**

4. **May 11** is our District III spring event with Marion County hosting at the Four Corners Fire Hall, 300 Cordon Road, NE, Salem. Every FCE member or their friends are invited. Registration is 10:30, a table of plants, books, homemade items and knickknacks are to be sold. Roasted chicken is the main dish. Please bring a side, salad or dessert. **Ireland, Green, Clean, Moist and Windy** will be our program given by Anne Engen and a few helpful Leprechauns.

Thanks for your input, Anne Engen, FCE District III Director

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Bread is a lot like the sun,  
It rises in the “yeast”  
And sets in the “Waist”

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**What did your FCE Study Group do in late 2019 & January 2020?**

At each meeting of Oak Meadows Study Group from Marion County we “pass the hat” and each member contributes whatever amount she wants. Our members are so generous that we are able to donate to many different charities throughout the year.

In memory of one of our longtime members, Cec Wells Gwynn, we decided to donate to Marion Polk Food Share’s “Backpack Buddies” program because it benefits school children and Cec was a teacher in the Salem Keizer School District for many years.

During our December meeting, we collected toys to give to the Toy Drive of Marion County Fire District 1. It is fun to look at the toys that the members bring and the firefighters are appreciative of our donation.

Also, we discussed which charities should receive our end of the year donations. Half went to the Center of Hope and Safety in Salem that assists women escaping domestic abuse. The other half went to the Simonka House which is the women’s shelter of the Union Gospel Mission.

Submitted by **Linda Schollian**

Amity had lunch in Amity at Amity Bakery and Cafe, shared Christmas cards and looked at the presents Alice purchased for the 4-year-old girl that

she chose from the tree of giving. There were not a lot of names this year so we also gave a donation to the fire department to aid in the purchases they made.

In January Amity did not have a lesson. We met at Velma Bottenberg’s home. We enjoyed a couple soups, rolls, desserts and played UNO Flip.

**Lynda Nyseth, Amity FCE**

Ambitious Annies of Polk county spent \$145.00 for children’s underwear, socks, gloves and hats to be divided between three grade schools for children’s needs.

Creative Homemakers in McMinnville, blessed a family of six for the fourth year as the father battles liver failure. This family calls the group their secret Christmas angels. In January they enjoyed lunch at a Mexican Restaurant. The group usually tours businesses in McMinnville to see what is new but were unable to do that this year.

Sheridan met with the former Mill Creek Study group for Christmas potluck and craft day. They usually meet with this group twice during the year and some times this former group will attend some of the lessons offered by FCE. Sheridan FCE also donates money to a local food bank.

Open Arms FCE in Marion County continue to deliver “Books for Babies” to hospitals in their area.

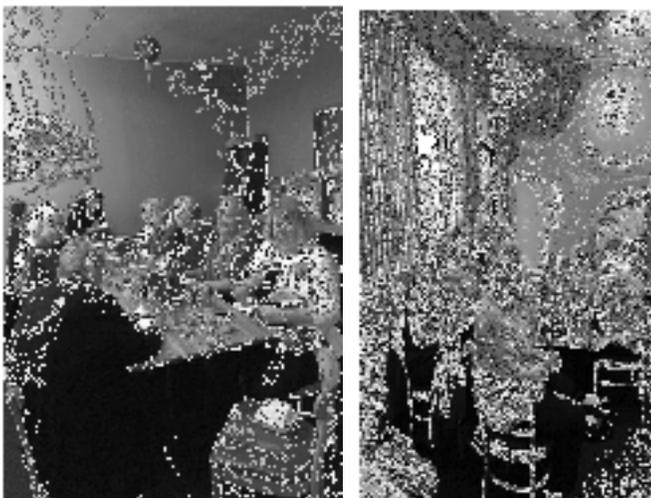
Lost Creek Study group in Lane County held an auction raising about \$200.00, then turned around and gave \$100.00 to the local fire department, \$50.00 to the Dexter food bank and \$50.00 to the Lowell food bank.

Linn County is down to just 4 or 5 members but they keep involved with lessons and hosting a summer picnic at Millersburg Park each August. All of District III enjoys the picnic time.

Submitted by **Anne Engen, District III Director**

Several of us from Salem, Polk County and Yamhill County met with others from District III in Lebanon for a Christmas luncheon hosted by Linn County FCE. We had an enjoyable lunch and made more plans for the up-coming state conference that we will be hosting this year.

See pictures on page 4.



Members from Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.

Lane County held their Christmas Party and some from Linn County were able to attend.



Lost Creek Study Group with a couple Linn County Members.

In January Lost Creek Study Group met at the Dexter Fire Hall. Our numbers were down due to the current illness going around. We celebrated Deanna and Frank's birthdays with a beautiful cake baked by Ann.



Elsie with elephants and bears made by her friend for distribution by the firemen to stressed-out children.

Submitted by **Carol Jung**, Lost Creek FCE

## INVITATION

**March 18**, Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival at the Amity Fire Station. Learning about Costa Rica and Panama from Amity High School Students. Potluck lunch of salads and desserts, (bring your table service and serving spoon). Raffle baskets, used book sales and games, lots of visiting too.

Registration form is in this newsletter. Fee is \$8.00, registration at 9:00 and we should be done by 2:00. We will have a short update meeting on the 2020 conference right after our fun day.

**May 11**, Marion County will host our District III Luncheon. We will meet at the Four Corners Fire Station. More details in our next issue of the MPY. Mailing date for that issue is April 17.

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## REMEMBERING FCE MEMBERS

*Cec Wells Gwynn was a teaching principal at Roberts School for many years before coming as teacher and principal to Bethel School. Cec was a member of Oak Meadows FCE.*

*Many FCE members and friends will miss Cec.*

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### **The Winter Moon**

**This week I've enjoyed magical nights  
of moon light and mist.**

**The glowing cloud patterns  
were a contrast to muted shadows.**

**The graceful arms of winter bare trees  
stitched lacey patterns.**

**The fog erased the valley floor.**

**A full moon creates another world.**

Submitted by **Nancy Thornton**



### **Next Year in Havana**

by Chanel Cleeton

This book is well worth reading.

Elisa lives in a wealthy family in Cuba in 1958 under the oppressive regime of Batista. Elisa and her sisters sneak out and go to a party where she meets Pablo who is a passionate revolutionary. Her secret love ends when the family is forced to flee when President Batista's government crumbles. The family settles in Miami where Elisa marries and raises a family. In 2017, when Elisa passes on, Granddaughter Marisol must fulfill her Grandmother's last wish to travel to Cuba to spread Elisa's ashes in her beloved Cuba. She stays with Ana, her Grandmother's best friend. She learns that even though Cuba has lived through the Castro years, Cuba still suffers from its perilous political climate. She explores her family's roots and discovers a secret her Grandmother had hidden for many years. The book tells of the beauty of Cuba and the stark contrast of a population that still lives without freedom of speech and a fear of arrest or even execution for speaking against the government.

### **The Friday Night Knitting Club**

by Kate Jacobs

This book is a heartwarming look into the lives of a group of women who meet each other in the knit shop and gradually form a Knitting Club. The owner of the shop is Georgia Walker who is the single Mom of a twelve-year-old. Georgia named her shop Walker and Daughter and worked hard to become an astute business women and a good Mother. Georgia is jolted when the man who once broke her heart returns, demanding a role in their daughter's life.

The author weaves a fabulous story bringing in the lives of several women at different stages of their lives, who are dealing with self-esteem, relationship and self-awareness issues. The women will discover that instead of just creating a knitting club, they have formed a sisterhood.

Submitted by **Velma Bottenberg**, Amity FCE

## Just to make you smile

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel.

When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill of \$250.00. She demanded to know why the charge was so high.

"I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', and breakfast had been included had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes' discussion and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for \$50.00."

"That's correct I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here and you could have."

**Moral: Don't mess with Senior Citizens.**

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## A CANADIAN GHOST STORY, EH!

This story happened a while ago in Lethbridge, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's true, every word of it, eh

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John Bradford, a University of Lethbridge student, was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm.

The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and it stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door.... only to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on. The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralyzed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but it never touched or harmed him. Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a Tim Horton's appear down the road, so, gathering strength; he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the coffee shop when everybody realized he was crying... and wasn't drunk or under the influence of drugs, eh.

Suddenly, the door opened, eh, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the counter, one said to the other....

Look Billy....there's that stupid idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!

Submitted by **Donna Michaelson**, Ambitious Annies

**Events coming up**  
**Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Museum,**  
**11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville**

**April 4, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm**

**Farm Fest & Plowing Competition**

Largest plowing competition on the West Coast with 20 plus teams of draft horses & mules, Blacksmith, sawmill, farm demos, food, music, pioneer kids' activities, vendors & more. \$8 adults, free for kids under 12.

**June 20, Saturday, 8 am to 2 pm**

**Hay Day & Pancake Breakfast**

Haying demos with animals & antique farm equipment & draft animals. Blacksmith, sawmill, stagecoach, steam engine, pioneer kids' activities, food, music, exhibits, vendors & more. \$8 adults, free for kids under 12.

**August 15 & 16, Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm**

**Harvest Fest**

Old-time harvesting with antique farm equipment & draft animals. Blacksmith, sawmill, stagecoach, steam engine, pioneer kids' activities, food, music, exhibits, vendors & more. \$8 adults, free for kids under 12.

**September 12, Saturday**

**Vintage Baseball**

Cheer on the local McMinnville Gristmillers as they play an exhibition vintage baseball game, using rules from the 1800's. Free – donations gladly accepted.

**September 19, 10 am to 5 pm**

**Treasures in the Attic**

Quilt Show and Vintage Faire. 120 plus quilts on display, vintage & collectible vendors, antique displays, food & more. \$5 admission.

**October 31, Saturday, 5-8 pm**

**A night at the museum**

Halloween themed tour of the museum with activities for all ages (children need to be accompanied by adults). \$5 per vehicle.

**December 5 & 6, Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm.**

**Handmade Holidays Bazaar**

50 plus vendors, local artists, silent auction & food. Food drive for YCAP. Free – donations gladly accepted.

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**The Corvette**

A man named Tom Nicholson posted on his Facebook account the sports car that he had just bought and how a man approached and told him that the money used to buy this car could've fed thousands of less fortunate people. His response to this man made him famous on the internet.

READ his story as stated on Facebook.

A guy looked at my Corvette the other day and said, "I wonder how many people could have been fed for the money that sports car cost?"

I replied "I'm not sure":

- It fed a lot of families in Bowling Green, Kentucky who built it,
- It fed the people who make the tires,
- It fed the people who made the components that went into it,
- It fed the people in the copper mine who mined the copper for the wires,
- It fed people in at Caterpillar who make the trucks that haul the copper ore.
- It fed the trucking people who hauled it from the plant to the dealer,
- And fed the people working at the dealership and their families.

"BUT...I have to admit, I guess I really don't know how many people it fed."

**This** is the difference between capitalism and socialism/communism (the welfare mentality).

When we buy something, we put money in people's pockets and give them dignity for their skills.

Whenever government "gives" people something for nothing, they rob them of their dignity, self-worth and their desire for self-improvement, subjecting them to the slavery and tyranny of governmental dependency.

Capitalism is freely exchanging your money for something you value. Socialism is having the government take your money (taxes) against your will and give it to someone else for doing nothing.

Submitted by **Cathryn Schabell**, FCE member in District I.

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**FCE CALENDER**

**February 2020**

- 24 Marion Co. Council, 9:30  
4-Corners Fire Station

**Writing Personal Histories**

- 26 Training Polk Co. Extension Office, 9:30-11:00
- 27 Training Marion Co. Extension Office, 9:30-11:00

**March**

- 6 Deadline for registrations for Spring Festival
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 13 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30  
Sandwich Express, McMinnville
- 18 Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival, 9:00 – 2:00  
Amity Fire Station
- 23 Marion Co. Council, 9:30

**The Night Janitor**

- 25 Training Yamhill Co. Ext. Office, 9:30-11:00
- 26 Training Marion Co. Ext. Office, 9:30-11:00

**April**

- 3 Deadline MPY Articles
- 10 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30  
Sandwich Express, McMinnville

- 12 Easter
- 17 Mail MPY, 9:00

4-Corners Fire Station

**Let's Get Outside**

- 22 Training Polk Co. Ext. Office, 9:30-11:00
- 23 Training Marion Co. Ext. Office, 9:30-11:00
- 27 Marion Co. Council, 9:30  
4-Corners Fire Station
- 29 ACWW Women Walk the World

**May**

- 1 Registration deadline for District III Luncheon  
Deadline Oregon FCE News Articles
- 8 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30
- 11 District III Luncheon, 10:30  
4-Corners Fire Station, Salem
- 15 Mail Oregon FCE News, 9:00  
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