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President's Comments



President's Newsletter Article February 2023

Greetings from your President. I hope this newsletter article finds that all is well with each and every one of you. I have had a recent bout of some type of bug this last week, but I think it is well on its way down the road. Bonnie and I are busy doing lots of things in our lives including FCE and ACWW. I am substitute teaching almost every day and still enjoying it.

If you haven't been on the Oregon FCE website lately, now's the time to do so. I have spent hours scanning and posting "Lessons from the Past" on the website. There are a total of 152 lessons available for you to view, print, or download. If you have other lessons that you would like to send me, I can scan them and share on the website.

FCE is well and alive. I'm hearing of various FCE and volunteer activities from all across the state of Oregon and across the nation. Bonnie and I were able to attend the Southwest FCE State Conference in Yuma, Arizona in November. Numbers of attendees were small, but the Conference, their Bazaar, and their free Rabies Clinic were great. States held their State Conferences and lots of other various activities. Read the State Newsletters on the National website and you can see what other FCE states are doing. I learned that Alaska used 3 of our Oregon FCE Zoom lessons as sessions in their Conference.

We were again able to hold an "in person" 2022 Oregon FCE State Conference this year and all of those attending had a great time visiting, socializing, and getting to see everyone. The Conference was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in

Springfield on October 2-5, 2022. The State Board, the Conference Committee, and lots of volunteers took on assignments and did a wonderful job planning and hosting the Conference. It took a "Village" to put it on, but every thing went well. A big thank you to all those that helped. The theme for the Conference was, "Oregon FCE, Honor the Past, Embrace the Future". The number of attendees was up from last year with 31 full time attendees. The excitement was up, and all of the Conference evaluations rated it number ONE. Everyone loved the hotel, the hotel workers, the hotel location, and the wonderful food they served. We had great speakers, great classes, wonderful tours of the area, great activities, and games, but most of all we had great friends. We didn't have a "Sales Room" this year, we had a "Country Store" and sold raffle tickets for all of the items. The "Country Store" was a big hit and we're doing it again this year. Everyone met at least one new friend. Some non FCE friends were invited to attend. At least 2 new members joined FCE because of that loving, sharing, and inviting. If you weren't there, we missed you, and hopefully we'll see you at the Conference this year.

The 2023 Conference is going to be held again at the same location. The contract with the hotel has been signed and we are ready to go. The dates of the 2023 Conference will be October 1,2,3, and 4, 2023. The theme of the Conference is "FCE, Building Blocks for Today and Tomorrow." Your FCE State Board has taken over the task of hosting the Conference. They, along with FCE members, Study Groups, Counties, and Districts will take over that task. It worked very well in 2022. They will use help from all around the state of Oregon. There are lots of assignments and tasks that need to be done and most of them have had volunteers step up for them. There are a few left, so let a State Board member know you'd like to help.

The State Board has been meeting every month, via Zoom, in preparing for the Conference and other activities throughout the state. Currently they have 4 of the 6 classes scheduled but they are looking at 2 others. I will be sending out the selected lessons

list as soon as we are complete with that process. We are planning on having a craft/game activities time on Monday afternoon.

We will be electing some new officers during the 2023 State Conference including President (because no President Elect was elected), and District 1 Director. A Secretary needs to be appointed. Please let a Board member, or the Nomination Committee (Sally Wyffels, Lynda Nyseth, or Bonnie Teeples) know of anyone you know that would like to be nominated for any office or appointed as Secretary.

As things, we hope, are changing for the better, let's make sure that we are getting back at doing all of our normal activities including volunteering, meeting in our Study Groups, County Council meetings, District meetings, and also our State Conference. Be sure to schedule and hold those special events that we have had in the past. Please Invite me to your various activities and I'll do all I can to be there.

The Oregon FCE Zoom lessons will continue onward this year. February 1, 2023 will be our 26th monthly lesson. They are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. FCE members, and friends of FCE have participated from all across the USA. There have been "Guest Presenters" from Oregon, Alaska, Virginia, West Virginia, Hawaii, Kansas, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Mississippi. All of the Zoom Lessons have been recorded and are available on the Oregon website www.oregon-fce.org. Please let me know if you'd be interested in being a presenter.

The 2023 National FCE Conference is going to be held in Erlanger, Kentucky on August 3-6, 2023. The National FCE Alumni Association sponsors some National Conference Scholarships (which pay full registration cost). Oregon FCE also has some National FCE Conference Scholarships available. Contact me for information about those scholarships. Additional information, about the Conference, can be found on the National FCE website www.nafce.org.

Before I close this President's report, I want to, as I always do, repeat "Scott's Challenge." My challenge to you is to do all that you can do to "Grow" this organization. This is an extremely difficult thing to do in these tough times, but together we can do it. We, as FCE members can make a difference in increasing our membership.

Every one of you was "Invited" to join this organization. Now it's your turn. Don't do this great organization a disservice by not inviting others to join. Don't let FCE die. You, each of you, can be the salvation of Oregon FCE. One last reminder, if we don't do something to help this organization grow, the challenges of "Aging Out", COVID-19, and an "I don't care attitude" will destroy this organization. Become part of the solution. Don't be a "Nay-Sayer," become a "Yay-Sayer."

If we, all of us, don't start doing these things, we will continue to see the slow, if not quick, decline in FCE membership. If you don't care, do nothing and nothing will happen. Do your part and we can stop, and even grow the FCE membership. It all starts with you and me. Let's all make FCE all that it can be. We need to start today! How many of you are willing to accept the challenge I give you today and always?

It has been a great honor to serve each of you and I hope you know that I have done it to the best of my abilities. I appreciate all the love and support that each of you have given me, from the individual FCE members up through the many FCE officers. Working together, we can accomplish many great things at all levels of FCE. If I have somehow offended you, it was not intentional, and I apologize to you.

I am excited about the things that we have done, can do, and will do in Oregon FCE. With all of us working together we can make Oregon FCE all that it can be. "It is what you will it to be".

Thanks for all you do,
Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President

Web Site for Oregon FCE

www.oregon-fce.org

Again, please check out the web site and let me know what you think. There is lots of information and forms available to all members. Have you checked out YOUR County "Invitation to Join" Brochure that is now available. Please contact Scott Teeples at 541-891-6456, or email sfteeples@charter.net if you have any comments or questions.

Remembering FCE Members

Patty Bonney

October 17, 1930 to October 22, 2022

It is with sad hearts, Washington County reports the passing of long time FCE member, Patty Bonney. Most recently Patty served as Council Vice-President. In 2015, Patty was our Heart of FCE recipient. She was also the President of Garden Home Extension for many years.

Patty was known to ride the bus or walk to her many activities which included, but were not limited to, square dancing, Extension, knitting groups, and her church. She could be seen wearing colorful socks and tee shirts to commemorate all occasions. (Her sock collection was admired by all.) Part of her traveling gear was a big backpack which contained the knitting she would do whenever she took the time to sit. Patty also had the reputation of being the “cookie lady” and could be counted on to bring goodies to council meetings and other events.

Being an avid reader, Patty wanted to explore all of the wonderful places she had spent a life-time reading about. With this goal in mind, she made many trips culminating in a 9 month trip around the world, making friends along the way.

Patty is survived by all her five children, two grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren along with nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Patty is remembered fondly by her FCE friends and all who knew her.



40+ Year Award



Oregon FCE News is sent 3 X year to FCE members paying dues for Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023.

~Next deadline-April 7, 2023~

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V.P. for Public Policy

Character Counts Chair

Character Counts

As the Chair of the State Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest for fourth grade students I want to remind everyone to get their first place winners entries to me by March 15th so we can pick the State winner at the Spring Board. The Pillar of Character this year is Caring.

Make sure you include the State and National permission slips and a photo of your 1st place winners by March 15th. Since I won't have time after the Spring board to get them before sending the winner's entry to National, any entries submitted to me without the photo and permission slips cannot be put in for consideration.

What I Love about living in Oregon contest: I am hoping that you are all active in bringing this contest for 2nd & 3rd. graders to your local schools and home-schooled children. The rules are the same as the Character Counts contest so send me your 2nd & 3rd grade first place winners along with the signed National & State permission and photo to me by March 15th. any entries submitted to me without the photo and permission slips cannot be put in for consideration

Heart of FCE

I want to remind everyone that I will need 1 nominee from each County for Heart of FCE to reach me by March 15th so we can pick a winner at the Spring Board meeting. (Continued on page 4)

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Please include the Heart of FCE form, essay and two 2x2 photos.

**Sally Wyffels
V.P. for Programs**

Happy New Year 2023 fellow FCE Members. Reminder of the lessons presented at the 2022 Fall Conference: “Great American Women, you’ve never heard of.”; “Lookouts of the Pacific Northwest”; “Positive Leadership -Traits by Birth Order”; “Positive Thinking for Better Living”; “How About a Date – The Facts About those Food Dates”; and last “What to Wear in the 1952”.

You will find copies of each of these lessons on the Oregon FCE Website along with over 200+ lessons from previous years. I do have hard copies of the current lessons.

Please remember to complete the “Lesson/Program Evaluation” after presenting the lesson to your study group and/or local county meeting. Please send a copy to your district director and myself: Sally Wyffels, 3765 NE Hawn Creek Rd, McMinnville, OR 97128 or my email: sjwyffels67@yahoo.com

It’s never too early to start thinking of new ideas for a lesson. AARP also great articles for folks in the Senior Age Group.

Have a blessed Easter Season and Lent.
Peace, Sally Wyffels

District and Study Group Reports

**Clackamas County Council, Woodmere FCE
Cathryn Schabell**

We hope that all FCE members are doing GREAT in the health department so far in 2023. Woodmere FCE has Nine Members, as we lost Ellen Bradley, our Vice President in 2022. She decided to quit for the time being. We hope that she’s doing better, we haven’t filled the Vice President position.

We met in December for our Christmas Potluck, Gift exchange and Installation of Officers for 2023, which remains the SAME as 2022. We always have an enjoyable meeting and fun day at Lendamai Poole’s home. Thank You, Again Lendamai for a great Holiday Get Together.

Some of our members take part in the Zooming Lessons, which are always educational Programs. We’re looking forward to the February 1, 2023 at 10 am to “JustServe.org” (Volunteering Coordination) by Rebecca Petersen.

On January 23rd, President Patti Malanaphy presided at the first Clackamas County Council meeting of 2023. We have a New Secretary, Carolyn Bremer of the Highland FCE Group. She has been kind enough to volunteer for the job held by Lendamai Poole for many years. Lendamai needs to have some “free time” but has offered to assist Carolyn if needed. Thank You so much for your years of service as secretary, Lendamai.

I, Cathryn Schabell, I’m no longer the Vice President of the Clackamas County Council in 2023. As of November 30, 2022, my husband, Orson and I moved into Cherrywood Retirement Village in SE Portland, which is near Mall 205. We felt that it was time for the Retirement Move but didn’t realize we’d get our desired apartment so soon, so we’ve had a very busy Fall/Winter trying to settle into a New Life Style.

Our Woodmere members are still volunteering in the regular, favorite Community jobs in 2023. So will close for now, ALL stay healthy and safe, from Woodmere FCE family.

**FCE Washington County Advisory Board
Submitted by Karen Walker, President**

Our Washington County Advisory Board has been meeting in person at the OSU Extension Offices. We are so grateful for the assistance of our wonder Maureen Quinn-Lores, Nutrition Education Programs Coordinator Family and Community Health, and Jenifer Halter, OSU Extension Service Education Center Receptionist. With their help, we are getting back to somewhat normal times. We are down to two Study Groups; Groner with 7 members, Tualatin with 10 members and 3 Members at Large.

District 1 (Clackamas and Washington Counties) last year decided with the age and transportation challengers of our members we would go to 1 meeting a year rather than the District Meeting, Clackamas Share Faire and Washington Holiday. It is Washington County's turn to host and we are planning this for April 17, 2023 (please see flyer enclosed in this Newsletter).

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Tualatin Study Group
Submitted by Karen Walker, President

In the past our group has met in each other's homes for our business meeting, lesson and then having lunch together, with our hostess providing a main course, another member bringing a salad and another a dessert. With some of us downsizing into smaller homes and it just getting to be too much work for us, we started in January 2023 to meet in a restaurant that has a room available for us. We can have our meeting, lesson and then order lunch and have a good visit. Last year our group donated \$175.00 to Community Transitional School (a K thru 8th grade school for homeless children), and \$360.00 to Good Neighbor House (emergency homeless shelter).

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News from the Rural Dell/Wildcat FCE Study Group in the Clackamas County District
Submitted by Ann Clites

The Rural Dell/Wildcat FCE Study group in Canby continues to meet monthly at Beryl Fisher's home with an average attendance of 10. Since September we have enjoyed the following lessons--- "The Fight For Safe Food In America", "All About Me--Writing Your Personal History," "Birth Order Traits", and "Lookouts of the Pacific Northwest." In December Beryl hosted a pot-luck Christmas lunch and the group collected donations for The Canby Center whose mission is to provide social services, classes and programs that renew dignity and inspire learning in families and youth.

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Oak Meadows FCE from Marion County
Linda Schollian

Our FCE Group formed probably close to sixty years ago and now we have disbanded. Sadly, our membership has dwindled as some members have moved out of the area or to care facilities or passed away.

Our last official meeting was on March 9th of 2020 when the pandemic was just starting and we had no idea of what was going to happen. We really missed not being able to meet once a month to connect with our longtime friends.

On December 12th we met at a member's home to have our last official meeting. Four members had a Christmas party potluck. We had a wonderful afternoon of catching up on what had been going on in our lives and what our families are doing. We all value the fellowships and friendships that we have developed through the years.

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Amity FCE, Yamhill County
Lynda Nyseth

At our September meeting we were happy to welcome Linda Bird to our group since the Sheridan FCE Group disbanded. We also welcomed our new to FCE member Anne McKnight. That brings our group up to 8. It is a good year.

In October our lesson was "Fight for Safe Food in America".

In November we shared reports of the State Conference, had lunch and those that could stay made notebooks for the 3x3 Post-it note pads.

In December we met at the Black Bear Restaurant in Newberg for our Christmas gathering. Christmas Cards were exchanged and one member brought Christmas treat bags for each of us. We even had one for the sweet waitress we had, we all signed a card for her, thanking her for her service. She had a big smile on her face and was surprised to think that someone would do that for her.



Velma Bottenberg, Debbie Puckett, Alice Wicks, Annette Williams, Anne McKnight, Lynda Nyseth

In January we met at Velma's house for a short meeting and day of games and soups for lunch. A fun day had by all.

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**District III
Director Anne Engen**

ACWW Coordinator Report
Lynda Nyseth

It's heartwarming to hear how generous our three FCE groups are to their communities during the holiday season. And they know how to have fun while helping others.

Lost Creek study group baked goodies and sold them to each other, then gave away the money, \$50 to the Dexter Fire Department, \$50 to the Dexter Food Pantry. Lost Creek has a new member, Carol Edwards.

Amity study group put together beautiful evergreen wreaths, sold them for \$20 each and used the funds to buy Christmas gifts for people in their community. They also have a new member Anne McKnight and Linda Bird from the Sheridan Study Group joined their FCE group.

The Creative Homemakers study group spent their Christmas party looking over all the gifts each one bought for our small family in need, then cheerfully wrapping each gift. We filled several boxes with boxed and canned goods, plus a gingerbread house. Over \$200 of gift cards were wrapped for the mom. We have a new enthusiastic member, Julie Tycer.

Your District Director spent several years shaking down relatives, study group members and strangers for dimes for NAFCE. (My family was embarrassed.)

But, I filled a small water bottle with \$50 in dimes. A check has been sent to our national FCE office to help with expenses. Oregon has more funds than national.

The last Salem FCE study group, Oak Meadows, has disbanded after about 60 years. One member, Linda Schollian will become a Member-at-large. Rene' Metteer is our other at large member.

SPRING FESTIVAL is March 15 at the Amity Fire Hall. Theme is **Inspiring Women Their Contributions**. Program, book sale, gift baskets, craft options, coffee, tea, snacks and a potluck lunch of salads and desserts. Registration is \$10. Contact Lynda Nyseth, lyndatrose@aol.com or 503-701-0719 for registration form or more information.

What does ACWW mean to you? We collect coins for ACWW, we participate in the Women Walk the World, we have collected and given floss. But what do you think of when you hear ACWW? I think of helping women feed their families, teaching them of ways to grow vegetables, raise animals and caring for their children.

ACWW exists to **Amplify** the voices of rural women, collecting factual data on their living conditions and using that information to hold governments to account through our status with the United Nations.

ACWW exists to **Connect** rural women, knowing that our voice is so much stronger when we speak together.

ACWW exists to **Mobilise** rural women to be leaders in their communities, producing resources that can be used to educate at a grassroots level.

ACWW exists to **Empower**. We empower by recognizing that rural women have a voice and that voice has gone unheard for far too long. We empower by funding small-scale, grassroots projects that improve whole communities one woman at a time. We raise awareness of international treaties and agreements that protect the rights of women and by involving our member societies in treaty negotiations at an international level. We empower through friendship and collaboration at our Area and Triennial World Conferences.

Rural women are the backbone of families, communities and nations, but they suffer the worst impacts of climate change and conflict, go unheard in legislation and remain unprotected and unsupported. ACWW exist to change that.

At our last coordinators meeting we talked about different projects that are taking place in different parts of the world. I'll be sending this information to Scott for the website. I think that it would be good to present a project at each of your meetings, like the eye openers we used to use and maybe some of you still do. One that I'll share is in Uganda.

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**“Weaving Skills for Disabled Women and Girls
Partner: United for Future Mothers
Organisation Kamwenge, Uganda.”**

United for Future Mothers Organisation (UMFO) was established in 2016 to support the economic empowerment of women and girls who missed out on education or dropped out of school. UMFO also advocates for women with disabilities to have full economic participation within their communities, fights against “Gender Based Violence and campaigns for women leadership participation right.

Partnering with ACWW, UMFO will increase the household income of 35 disabled women by

- Teaching them weaving techniques for shopping bags and baskets
- Providing business training
- Providing marketing training

Through the training and resources provided, the project participants will bring additional income into their households. Becoming a wage earner allows them to participate in decision making in their homes and in the wider community.

(I know that the word Mobilise looks different but I looked it up and we would spell it mobilize but the other is correct too. The same with Organisation)

Also coming up in April is the Women Walk the World. Every year, on or around ACWW Day, the 29th of April, ACWW members all over the world join together to raise funds for ACWW and share information about our work with their communities. This event is called Women Walk the World, and has been going since 2012.

There are ideas of how to do the walk, different ideas for those that can not get out and walk, other things that they can do. Check them all out on <https://acww.org.uk/fundraise-for-acww>

Let me know if you go for a walk, what you did and if you raised money for ACWW.

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There is a suggestion to register your event, post pictures and video from your walk to the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/acww.media>

I hope lots of Oregonians get out and walk in April for ACWW. And I hope that you have a better understanding of what ACWW does and how we partner with them.

**Jackson County Connection
December 2022
Ida Lee Knapp**

Marine Barracks

There is a small park in Klamath Falls that remembers a site used in WW II to bring sick Marines back to health. When it was created in 1994 atop Old Fort Road four miles from downtown Klamath Falls, the original Marine Barracks Memorial Park was one of Oregon’s smallest parks, spanning a 75-by-100-foot area.

In 2019 the park was relocated a short distance to its current location and its name changed to the North Ridge Marine Corps Memorial. The past and present parks remember the World War II years when 800 acres were used as the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, a treatment and recuperation center for thousands of Marines and Navy personnel suffering from such mosquito-borne tropical diseases as filariasis, malaria and elephantiasis.

Although relocated and slightly enlarged, the park’s primary mission remains – to preserve memories from its years, 1944-1946, as the World War II Klamath Falls Marine Barracks. The location of the barracks, at an elevation of 4,805 feet and the region’s dry climate were factors that helped thousands regain their health. Most stayed about three months before returning to combat and other war duties. The complex housed 5,000 people. Its 80 buildings included Navy Medical Corps facilities, living areas for medics and nurses, along with a mess hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, auditorium, laundry, maintenance garage, sewage treatment plant, fire house, warehouse, jail, library, power plants, quarter for married and bachelor officers and 30 barracks.

The first Marines arrived at the barracks in April 1944 and the last were discharged in March 1946. Within a year of its opening, treatment proved that malaria and filariasis, then believed to be incurable, could be successfully treated.

After the war the property was sold to the Oregon Emergency Board, which used the buildings to create the Oregon Vocational School in 1947. A year later the school was renamed Oregon Technical Institute. When a new campus was dedicated in 1964 at what is now Oregon Institute of Technology, the former barracks was abandoned. By 1970, most of the old barracks’ buildings were razed.

The Klamath Falls Marine Barracks Memorial Park may be the region’s smallest park, but it commemorates a big often forgotten and little remembered story.

Source: Mail Tribune-April 2022 Article-Remembering the Marine Barracks by Lee Jullerat

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2023 Oregon FCE Calendar

March

- 12** Daylight Saving Begins
- 15** Deadline Heart of FCE
Deadline Character Counts
Deadline 2nd & 3rd Essay Contest
SPRING FESTIVAL 9:30 am-2:00 pm
Amity Fire Station
- 17** St. Patrick's Day
- 25** Spring Board Meeting
ZOOM at 9 am

April

- 1** April Fool's Day
- 7** Deadline for Oregon FCE News Articles
- 9** Easter
- 17** District I Annual Meeting 11:30 am
OSU Extension Service Education Center
Washington County
- 21** Mail Oregon FCE News
- 29** ACWW Walk

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