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Hello, Everyone

It seems like we were just at the start of 2025 and here it is 2026. We have had lots of changes in our lives this year as you probably have too. New greatgrandchildren, grandchildren getting their first homes, weddings, anniversaries, new jobs and the list goes on and on. It is exciting to see our children grow and their families also growing and improving their lives.

We are busy making plans in our study groups for events to be held in 2026. In Yamhill County our first big event is Spring Festival in Amity for March 18, Washington County is planning an Appreciation Luncheon on May 1st, "May Day Around the World", Lane County is planning their picnic usually held in July and State Conference in October. Be looking for more information on these events in this newsletter and our April and August newsletters. Hope that you plan to attend these events, we always have great times renewing friendships and meeting new members and friends and there is always something to be learned.

Sandie Bolyard wants to remind everyone that Heart of FCE nominations and submissions for Character Counts & Essays from 2nd and 3rd graders are due by March 15th. Don't forget the permission slips for the kids contest and pictures of participants for all of these contests. Also open to high school age students, theme this year is "Respect". Deadline is March 1, 2026. New this year is an essay contest for FCE Members. Winners are to use the money for expenses for the State Conference in October or award it to someone else to help them get to conference. Check out Oregon-fce.org for all of the rules and forms.

The 2026 National FCE Conference is going to be held in Erlanger, Kentucky in July 2026. National

FCE Alumni Association sponsors some National Conference Scholarships (which pay full registration cost) and Oregon FCE also has some scholarships. Contact Scott Teeple, Oregon FCE President, for more information on Scholarships. sfteeples@outlook.com or 541-891-6456.

2026 Oregon FCE Conference is October 5-7, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield, OR. Again, scholarships are available, check Oregon-fce.org to see available scholarships and forms and deadlines to apply. It will be a time of visiting, enjoying each other, learning more about our fellow FCE members, having some laughs and making things to be given to charities. We will have door prizes, the community store and raffle (instead of the live auction) with donations going the Margaret Seibold Scholarship.

The conference starts on the 5th but come on Sunday the 4th to get checked in and be ready for the community project day on Monday.

I look forward to seeing lots of FCE Members at several of our planned events.

Thank you to all that have donated articles and money to the MPY. This is your newsletter and it keeps going from generous donors like you. There is donation information on the last page of this newsletter. Thank You!

If you know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter or someone who received it and is deceased or no longer wants to receive the newsletter, please let me know so I can make the changes. Send the changes to **Lynda Nyseth, 21461 S. Hwy 99W, Amity, OR 97101-2239**

Sincerely, **Lynda Nyseth**, editor





**From the Desk of the District III
Director Lynda Nyseth
Polk-Yamhill, Marion, Linn and Lane
Counties**

Lane County has 9 members.

Our Lost Creek FCE study group spent the first two meetings this year filling out membership forms and getting ready for conference. After the conference, discussing it and handing out awards to those that did not get to attend. A November meeting was held at the Oakridge Museum touring the museum and finishing up care bears. Our December auction brought in \$140. which we used to donate \$50. to the Dexter Fire Hall and the Dexter Food Pantry. 14 crocheted lap blankets made by Anna and 3 tied fleece blankets that were finished at the state conference were delivered to Elder Health and Living in Springfield. A large bag of care bears were delivered to the Lowell fire Department also. I tied a fleece blanket and delivered it and a card to a former president of our club in January. She now resides at the memory care home---elder health and living. Thanks very much to everyone that sent Jutta Whitney cards for her 90th birthday in January.

Vyonne Hite moved up to Silverton to live closer to her family but was able to come and join us for our December meeting.

One of our members spends many hours helping at the Oakridge Museum. Two of our members are very active in the Jasper Grange. One of our members is an active member at Bags of Love and also volunteers time with the Obsidians. One member has crocheted 25 lap blankets--some delivered and some to be delivered to the residents of elder health and living in Springfield. There were a total of 956 hours for all.

Submitted by Ann Conklin, Lane County

Amity FCE has 9 members.

At our September meeting we voted to pay \$100 for a member to attend the State Conference. We

had three members attend the State Conference, Anna Dibala, Linda Bird and Lynda Nyseth.

October meeting was held at Alice Wicks, we filled out our membership forms for 2026. We fixed a basket for the Firemen's Bingo raffle from Amity FCE. We included the Character Counts information for 2,3,4 and high school age students and information about Amity FCE, with brochure come and join us. The proceeds from that Bingo night went to the Christmas gifts for the kids. Lynda also presented the lesson on Your Marvelous liver. We distributed the blankets and bears made at the State conference, some to the fire station in Amity and some to Henderson House in McMinnville. They were very much appreciated.

We reported volunteer hours: 124 FCE, 55 Others.

November meeting was held at Debbie Pucketts, Lynda presented the lesson on "Forgotten Towns of Oregon" focusing on towns in Yamhill, Polk, Marion Counties and a couple towns in the Klamath County area. We had our traditional Thanksgiving meal and did a lot of visiting.

We reported volunteer hours: FCE 30 and Others 90.

December meeting was held at The Road House in Salem. We shared Christmas Cards and goodies. Lunch was great and it was a very enjoyable day. We had one visitor. One of our members now works on our meeting day so we met in Salem a couple blocks from her work so she could attend.

The first part of December we made our Christmas Wreaths and raised money for the gifts for the tree of giving and to pay the \$8 State Dues for each member. We purchased gifts for 2 children from the tree of giving, spending \$60 on each. Buying for each a coat, pants and tops, shoes, socks, coloring books and a toy or craft.

We reported volunteer hours: FCE 26 and Others 79. Hours include Hospital gift shop, helping neighbors, museums, church, knitting and crocheting, FCE hostess, presenting lessons, newsletters, reminding about meetings, wreath making, buying gifts for Christmas Tree of Giving.

Our January meeting was held at Velma Bottenberg's, Alice Wicks presented a lesson on "Eat to beat the top 27 health problems for seniors" from FC&A Medical Publishing. It was a very informative lesson enjoyed by all. After the lesson

we enjoyed soups (Cheese potato and Taco), we played some games and then had desserts of apple crisp, berry pie, ice cream and cookies and of course some candies and nuts. We played a few more games, visited and laughed a lot.

We gave a \$50 donation to the Amity High School Scholarship fund in memory of Herb Romey, former principle at all three schools in Amity and town Mayor. Linda, Herb's wife, is a member of our study group

Our February meeting, we will participate in the "Melt down". A program in Yamhill County where different restaurants make something that includes cheese with part of the proceeds going to YCAP our food bank.



Lynda, June Palmer, Linda Bird and Velma Bottenberg. Not pictured Annette Williams. We made 20 wreaths and even though only a few could make them this year we had a lot of fun and we only spent 3 mornings of around 3 hours each. We put the wreaths together in the Nyseth greenhouse, out of the rain and wind but it is still cold in there, so we work short hours.



Road House, Salem

Alice Wicks, Looking over her shoulder, Jean Leppin, Lynda Nyseth,, Anna Dibala, Annette Williams, Debbie Puckett, Velma Bottenberg, Linda Bird and guest Bev Jones.



Linda Romey and Lynda Nyseth

Creative Homemakers has 11 members.

The last 3 months of 2025 and the first month of 2026 were busy times for the members of Creative Homemakers. Three members of our study group attended the FCE State Conference held in Springfield, Oregon. Sharon Herron, Sharyl Micheal, and Sally Wyffels attended the three-day event.

On the first day the members attending participated in preparing "comfort bears" and "comfort blankets". A group from MV Advancements located in McMinnville, gave a presentation about their nonprofit organization on the second day. The organization serves the three counties if Marion, Polk and Yamhill. They work with adults with developmental disabilities to find jobs, housing and mentorship. The members, Sharyl, Sharon and Sally, each gave lessons. They reported to their study group later in October about the lessons given and people they met.

In November, our members celebrated an early "Thanksgiving" at the home is Sally Wyffels. Sharon reported that she was able to donate the "comfort blankets and Animals" to the Hopewell Firehall. The fireman at the hall were very thankful for our donation. They mentioned that they will be able to give these items to folks who are in accidents. We filled out our membership renewals.

The members reflected on the loss of two our long-time members. 8 members attended.

In the December meeting the officers for next year, 2026, will remain the same as in 2025: Susanne Workman, President; Sharon Herron, Vice President; Julie Tycer, Secretary; Kay Morgan, Treasurer; Sharyl Micheal, county council rep.; and Linda Johnson, reporter.

The group of eight exchanged Christmas gifts and shared a lovely Christmas luncheon at Sharon Herron's home. The group donated cookies and cans of coffee to the Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission located in McMinnville (the mission had stated that is what they could use for their homeless folks).

In January our group of 8 met in Lafayette and visited the Old Lafayette School Antique shop. Some of the members stated that they found like items for sale that they had been given as wedding gifts fifty years. For lunch the group went to Sandwich Express in McMinnville. Following our meal the "new" officers for 2026 were installed.

Submitted by Sally Wyffels

Washington County District I

Groner Study Group meet in a members home where they crack whole walnuts and sell them, with the money they make they made a donation to Washington County Domestic Violence Resource Center of \$150.00. They met at a members home for their Christmas pot luck and played white elephant bingo.

Tualatin Study Group meets at Davidson Restaurant regularly but met in a members home for our Christmas luncheon, gift exchange and taking up a donation (gift cards and checks) for Good Neighbor House, totally \$210.00.

Both study groups met at the OSU Extension Service Education Center where our advisor, Maureen Quinn Lores presented our lesson 'What Does Food Security Look Like'.

We are planning an Appreciation Luncheon on May 1st, our program will be "May Day Around the World".

Submitted by Karen Walker, Washington County FCE Advisory Council President

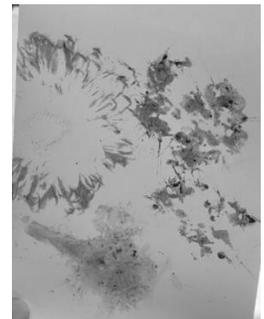
Contemporaries Study Group Klamath Falls, Oregon

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, the Contemporaries Study Group of Klamath Falls held a December Craft Activity and Potluck. Several craft and fun projects were done including Pressed Flower Cards, Decorated Picture Frames, and Accordion Style Paper Christmas Trees.

There were 15 people in attendance including FCE members, potential FCE members and 4 youth potential members. There was lots of fellowship, fun, and food. Each person brought something to add to the crafts projects and the Potluck.

Potential FCE members were given the opportunity to learn more about FCE. Each was given a 2026 membership application form and we gained two new FCE members. This will bring the Contemporaries Study Group to over 20 members for the year 2026. As we always know, one of the best ways to get new members is to "Love, Share, and Invite."

By Scott Teeples



Pressed flower cards



Accordion folded paper Christmas Tree

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Spring Festival, March 18

Amity Fire Station

9:00 – 2:00

Remember to bring items for our booth in Keepers Corner when you come to Spring Festival!

Scott and Bonnie will be attending, and glad to fill their car.

Doors open at 8:30 for set up, registration at 9. Speaker this year is from MV Advancement, so we will take a donation for that organization. It was started in Amity known as Mid Valley Workshop, so we will learn how it started, why it started and what is happening now.

We will have our regular used book sale and this year we are adding jigsaw puzzles, money goes to the MPY, raffle baskets (tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for

\$5.00) this money goes for expenses. We will also have Bingo. Lunch will be provided. We will collect coins for ACWW. We will be sticking in other surprises too.

Registration is \$15.00, which covers lunch and other expenses. Lunch is soup, Veggie tray, fruit platter and of course desserts.

Come and join in the fun, meet new members and friends, and just have fun learning and enjoying time together.



Become a Pen Pal

Karen Soane, FCE Marketing Chairman, sent this suggestion for those that would be interested in corresponding and meeting new friends. Perhaps you are unable to get out of the house for one or more reasons and you like to write and meet other women here is a way to do that.

Judy and Wendy, pen pal coordinators, are looking for pals to connect to WI ("Women's Institute of Canada", associated with ACWW). To meet members in Great Britain and beyond.

If you are interested in making friends and receiving letter either by e-mail or regular mail, please get in touch with Judy Parks, pals@fwic.ca



If you have a member that is celebrating 50 years of FCE be sure they fill out the 50 Year Member form. We want them to receive their certificate and pin. The form can be found in the Oregon FCE Handbook on page 65, or on our website. Return the form to Scott Teeples, our State President, 4338 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

THE VALENTINE
by Carol Lynn Pearson



I loved the valentines we made in school.
I never cut the hearts out flat.
The two sides would never match for me.
I always folded and centered
and scissored out half a heart.
That opened into perfect symmetry.

We never had a side that was fat
and a side that was skinny.
I loved them for that.

It felt sort of nice and tidy that way.

The day we saw the shape of our being one
As If it opened from the same good design.
That made the matching borders
Yours and mine.

But I find we don't stay put like on paper.
We are not comfortable with glue.
Your edges have shifted
and mine have too.

But not to a pattern,
If we folded our halves up today,
They would not fit.
Occasionally, I itch for scissors
I will admit.

Oh Well--
I'll put away childish things,
cut them off like braids.

We are not Valentines.
We are something so alive, so moving,
so growing, I cannot yet
put a name to the shape.

I only know it goes on and on
Pressing toward whatever border
there might somewhere be.

Happy Valentines

Submitted by Nancy Thornton

If you have an article, book or movie review for the MPY Tri-Line News send it to Lynda Nyseth, Editor MPY Tri-Line News, 21461 South Hwy 99W, Amity, OR 97101-2239. Our next deadline is April 3, 2026.

Send pictures too of what your FCE group is doing. Don't let it always be pictures of Amity.

If you have a recipe send it to Debbie Puckett, 23130 Zieber Lane NW, Salem, OR 97304. Thank you.

Now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- * ATD - At the Doctor
- * BFF - Best Friends Funeral
- * BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
- * BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- * CBM - Covered by Medicare
- * CUTSC - See You at the Senior Center
- * DWI - Driving While Incontinent
- * FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- * GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- * GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- * HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement
- * LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out
- * LOL - Living on Lipitor
- * OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas
- * TOT - Texting on Toilet
- * WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?
Hope these help. GGLKI
(Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!)
Submitted by Donna Michaelson

ACWW Women Walk the World April 29th

We will meet at Discovery Park, on Cyprus Street, in McMinnville at 10am. Games will be scheduled, our walk around the park (nice paved walk area no hills so good for walkers, canes and wheel chairs) and bring your sack lunch. Dogs are permitted. Come and join in the fun and support ACWW Women Walk the World. Bring a donation for ACWW.

Lynda Nyseth ACWW Coordinator



Book Review: A Great Rural Sisterhood: Madge Robertson Watt and the ACWW

Author:

Linda M. Ambrose

Published February 5, 2015

Review prepared by Karen Soane with the assistance of ChatGPT

A Great Rural Sisterhood: Madge Robertson Watt and the ACWW delivers a fresh, engaging look at a woman whose ideas were far ahead of her time. The book follows the energetic, inventive, and globally minded Madge Robertson Watt from childhood with a summary of her parents backgrounds, into her early young adulthood to her married years and beyond. Following the life of Madge Robertson Watt she builds what would become the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), an organization that continues to uplift rural women across continents. It's not just a history lesson—it's a story of visionary leadership that still resonates today.

Overall, A Great Rural Sisterhood is an uplifting and insightful read, ideal for anyone interested in women's leadership, rural development, or the roots of today's international grassroots movements. It leaves readers not only informed about Watt's legacy but energized by the reminder that transformative change often begins with women supporting women across boundaries.

In the past we have sent donation cards but we are cutting cost so clip this coupon for donations and if you want a receipt ask for one and I'll gladly send you a receipt.

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FCE CALENDER

March 2026

- 1 Deadline High School Essay
- 12 Deadline registration Spring Festival
- 13 Yamhill County Council, 9:30
- 15 Deadline for Heart of FCE & Essay
For Character Counts & 2nd & 3rd grade
- 18 District III Spring Festival
Amity Fire Station, 9:00-2:00
- 25 State Board Spring Board Meeting
10:00 via zoom

April

- 3 Deadline articles for Oregon FCE News
& MPY Newsletters
- 5 Easter
- 10 Yamhill County Council, 9:30
- 17 Mail newsletters, 9:00
- 29 ACWW Women Walk the World, 10:00
Discover Park, McMinnville

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