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President's Comments



President's Newsletter Article – Scott Teeples August 2025

I hope all is well with you and your family. Other than being very busy, even though it is summertime, it all seems to be going well. I finished school year 51 after subbing for 139 days for this school year. Bonnie and I camped at Lake of the Woods for 43 days and I did a lot of fishing including taking 35 various groups fishing including lots of children and their “first caught” fish. Lots of smiles, laughter, and joy as all caught lots of fish.

Bonnie and I attended the 2025 ACWW-USA Area Conference that was held in Erlanger, Kentucky on July 21-24, 2025. It was different than past national FCE conferences because it was combined with the Associated Country Women of the World. Lots of various “sister organizations” were there and we met lots of new friends. Bonnie’s term as ACWW-USA Area President will end in April 2026. **At the Conference, Bonnie was elected to become the National FCE President starting in October of 2025.** I won several awards including 1st place in all three categories of the Open Brochure Contest. Bonnie and I even had the opportunity to spend some time in the “cooler” at Cracker Barrel with the ACWW World President and Executive Director of ACWW during a tornado warning. Ask us about that experience.

All the Conference Presentation materials and PowerPoints can be read, printed, and downloaded on the 2025 ACWW-USA Area Flash Drive which can be found on the Quick Links page of the National FCE website. Conference pictures will

also be available on the same page.

<https://www.nafce.org/quick-links>

We have completed the 2025 Oregon/National FCE High School Age Essay Contest. Starting this year, it was a State and National contest. Lots of work has been done about getting the information out to high school age students. This year we had 9 contestants from around the State of Oregon including 2 from Amity High School, 1 from Klamath Union High School, 1 from Mazama High School, 1 from Lost River High School, and 4 from Henley High School. We had 7 judges for the essays. All the essays were outstanding, and it was difficult to judge them 1st through 9th place. The place winners were 1st place (\$500) Luke Smith – Henley High School, 2nd place (\$300) Sarah Redd – Henley High School, and 3rd place (\$200) Isabelle Herring – Lost River High School. Judging was difficult because of the great quality of the essays. There was only 8% difference between 1st and 9th place. You can view all of the essays, pictures and read the essay on the Oregon FCE website

<https://www.oregon-fce.org/hs-age-essay-contests>

We submitted our 1st place winner, Luke Smith, to the National FCE High School Age Essay contest where he placed 2nd place (\$300).

We will be doing the Oregon/National FCE HS Age Essay contest again in 2026. The theme for the contest will be RESPECT. Please start encouraging those that will be High School Age to start getting ready. I have the 2026 brochure, and the 2026 forms completed. They will be emailed out and posted on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org. Please remember that the due date for the application, the quiz, and the essay is March 1, 2026. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Right along with the High School Age Essay Contest, we had the 2025 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade Essay and Artwork Contest. The results of the contest was: 2nd Grade: 1st Place: Thane Woodley - Malin School; 2nd Place: Natalie Grounds - Malin School; 3rd Place: Ceassur Chavolla - Malin School. 3rd Grade: 1st Place: Kylee Cullen - Peterson School; 2nd Place: Kiya Nielsen - Shasta School; 3rd Place: Kamryn Chambers - Shasta School.

4th Grade: 1st Place: Kendell Owens - Roosevelt School; 2nd Place: Jaxson Kusel - Prospect Charter school; 3rd Place: Valorie Warrick - Prospect Charter. Forms for the 2026 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade Essay and Artwork Contest are currently available on the Oregon FCE website.

FCE is well and alive. I'm hearing of various FCE and volunteer activities from across the state of Oregon and across the nation. Lots of lessons are being given and lots of learning is going on. We may be few in numbers, but we are all strong in spirit and dedication to FCE. Keep up the great work. Please look at your email for the postings of other events happening throughout the state.

At the 2025 State Conference we will be electing Group One officers which consist of a **Vice President for Program, President Elect, Secretary, and Directors from Districts II, IV. (Start serving January 1, 2026).** Please let any member of the Election Committee, Sally Wyffels, Bonnie Teeple, or Lynda Nyseth know if you, or someone you know would like to run for any of these offices.

The 2025 Conference is going to be held again at the same location in Springfield. The dates of the 2025 Conference are October 6-8, 2025. The theme of the Conference is "Power of the Past... Beacon to the Future." Your FCE State Board will again do 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 2024. 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.

We have selected 5 lessons for the Conference including: Great American Women part 3 by Kerry Mauk; Forgotten Towns in Oregon by Sally Wyffels & Lynda Nyseth; Spilling the Beans on Beans by Marian Banes & Bonnie Teeple; Pollinators by Bonnie Teeple; and Prostate Cancer by Scott Teeple. This year all the lessons will be taught in the same room so you can attend all 5 of them.

We are also doing a couple of new things in the schedule. The Board meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon so the Board members can attend the activities on Monday morning. We are also doing something new in doing two service projects

on Monday morning including making "Comfort Bears" and "Lap Blankets."

To help with the cost of the State Conference, we are looking for Conference Sponsors including individuals, Study Groups, Counties, and businesses. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for sponsors. I have emailed out a letter and form to each of you. Please find someone to help us by doing a Sponsorship.

Let's make sure that we are doing all our normal activities including volunteering, meeting in our Study Groups, County Council meetings, District meetings, and 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. Wednesday, July 2, 2025, was our 55th monthly lessons. They are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. FCE members and friends of FCE have participated from across the USA. There have been "Guest Presenters" from Oregon, Virginia, West Virginia, Hawaii, Kansas, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, Nebraska, North Dakota, Idaho, and Mississippi. All 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.

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 by 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 the FCE organization 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," "Burn Out," 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 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

the loss of membership and even increase 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?

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."**

Scott Teeples

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.

Oregon FCE News is sent 3 X year to FCE members paying dues for Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026.

~Next deadline-February 6, 2026 ~

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State Conference Oct 6-8, 2025

Come on the 5th so you don't miss the community project Monday morning. We need your help! And you get to visit with FCE members and see what goes on in other areas of Oregon.

Hotel accommodations are listed on the back of the registration form and also on the Oregon FCE website. The location: The Hilton Garden Inn, 3528 Gateway Street off I-5. Reservation phone number 1-541-736-3000. Be sure to mention The Oregon FCE Conference to get the room rate.

Monday evening & Tuesday evening after dinner games will be offered, contact Lynda Nyseth.

Wednesday morning there will be "Memorials" followed by "Great American Women, You've Never Heard Of III"

Come and enjoy it all. Registration form in this newsletter.

Lessons for 2025 Oregon FCE Conference Springfield, OR, Oct 6-8

Pollinators: Not Just Bee's ...

What if I asked you to name 3 pollinators? Could you name 3 different ones? Many groups of bugs, animals, plants, and even humans move pollen grains from one plant to another to cause fertilization. Pollinators play a huge part in helping with increasing food security, yet they are facing dwindling numbers, in part this is being caused by the very farming industry, pollinators are so vital too.

BIO-Bonnie Teeples

Bonnie loves her family, has deep rooted family values, and is concerned about the issues that families face around the world.

Bonnie serves in several leadership and organizational capacities and is a Family and Community Leadership Certified Leader/Trainer. She has good leadership and managerial skills, owns a successful business, and enjoys working with her 130 vendors and six employees.

Prostate Cancer, the Other Silent Killer

Come and join a presentation about Prostate Cancer. It is a very common form of cancer among most men and almost every man will have it at one time or another in their life. It, like Ovarian Cancer in women, can be a deadly, but silent killer. Learn what it is, what causes it, and how it can be treated.

Bio: Scott Teeples

The Prostate Cancer, the Other Silent Killer lesson is being developed and presented by Scott Teeples. He is the current Oregon FCE President and has served on the National FCE Board and many positions at all levels of FCE. Through the years, Scott has developed and presented many wonderful lessons at all levels of FCE. Scott is also very active in technology by maintaining both the Oregon and National FCE websites. He also serves as the TI for the National FCE Board both during the year and at both the State and National Conference. Scott is an FCL (Family Community Leadership) Certified Leader Trainer.

Spilling the Beans on Beans

Beans, Beans: The Musical, Magical,
Medicinal Food: Find out why beans are so good
for you.

Taught by Marian Banes & Bonnie Teeples

Bio: Marian Banes

I was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon. I was raised
in Sacramento, California and move back to
Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1990. I love Oregon.
Presently serving as Secretary for Oregon FCE.



Forgotten Towns in Oregon

Historians have claimed that there are over 200
ghost towns in the state of Oregon. Some Forgotten
communities in the state are well known while
others are “really obscure”. The high number of
ghost towns and former communities in the state is
largely due to its frontier history and influx of
pioneers who emerged in the Northwest area during
the 19th century. The lesson will be covering
“towns” from three FCE districts of Oregon;
District 1, District 3 and District 5. The ghost towns
were once mining, farming centers. or lumber
camps that were abandoned after their respective
industries became unprosperous. The towns and
communities presented may be abandoned,
unpopulated or have populations that declined to
small numbers, or the unincorporated communities
became a part of a larger city/town.

Bio: Sally Wyffels

I am Sally Wyffels, a 16 year member of FCE
“Creative Homemakers” from McMinnville,
Oregon. I have written and presented several
lessons at the State Conferences. I have held offices
at local, district and state levels. Currently I am
serving as FCE State Vice President Of Program
and FCE Yamhill County Council treasurer. I am a
retired high school teacher. I taught for 37 years at
Amity High School teaching subjects such as US
History, American Government, Economics, Home
Economics, and American Legal System. I
graduated from Linfield University with a BS and
Masters degree in Education.

Bio: Lynda Nyseth

I’m Lynda Nyseth, I have been a member of FCE
for 49 years. I have served all of the offices in our
Amity Study Group and am serving as President. I
have been Secretary, Vice President and currently
President of our County Council. I am the editor of
the MPY newsletter and the Oregon FCE News. I
am District III Director. I have written and co-
wrote FCE lessons for State Conferences, taught
lessons at State Conferences, taught craft classes
both at state and one national meeting, also done
game nights for both groups. I enjoy being with our
FCE groups, meeting new friends and keeping the
friends that I have met during my FCE years and
look forward to many more years with FCE.

Great American Women, You’ve Never Heard of III

It’s me again, Baba Wawa. Do to popular
demand, I am, for the third time, interviewing seven
more “Great American Women, You’ve Never
Heard Of”. The women I am interviewing this year
include, a Paiute, Native American, who spoke 5
languages, a Famous Actress who’s invention made
a great impact in WWII, and the first woman
elected to congress, before women won the right to
vote, and four other equally fascinating Great
Women. Don’t miss it!

My alias is Kerry Mauk. You may have attended
one of my presentations before. I have written
eleven plus lessons for FCE in the sixteen years I
have been a member.

*Warning: I will need seven of you attendees to take
part in this lesson. Costumes are Welcome!*

Ads for the 2025 Oregon FCE State Conference Program Book

This year we are providing the opportunity for
Oregon FCE members, Friends of FCE, FCE Study
Groups, and businesses to show their support for
our Oregon FCE organization. We are putting ads
in our Program Book for the 2025 State Conference.
These funds will help with the expenses of the
conference.

All logos, pictures, clip arts, wording and other information will need to be sent to Bonnie Teeples on/before September 20, 2025. You can mail or email the images and information to her but emailing digital copies would be best,

The size and cost of the ads will be as following:

full page: approximately 10 ½” high x 3 ¾” wide
Individual/Group \$50.00

Business \$100.00

1/2 page: approximately 5 1/4” high x 3 ¼ “ wide
Individual/Group \$25.00

Business \$50.00

Thank you for your support,
Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President

Remembering FCE Members



Sarah Sylvia Cox

April 10, 1941-November 22, 2023

Long time member of Woodburn study group. Sarah did not hold an office that her family could remember but she did host many of the projects that the club did.

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Doris (Joanne) Walker

July 26, 1939-July 24, 2025

Joanne was a long-time member of Creative Homemakers. She taught a lesson on the meaning of fans at a state conference. She loved to travel, visiting 42 countries and all 50 states.



Vicki Ziegenhagen Graves

April 18, 1953-February 16, 2025

Vicki was born in Pacific Grove California. Vicki did volunteer work with the Red Cross at the hospital at FT Ord Calif. While working there she met Ronald Graves. They were later married on Jan 11, 1972 in Santa Cruz Ca.

She was very close to her grandmother. When her grandmother passed away, we decided to move to Oregon in 1990. She was always willing to help others and really loved being a part of the FCE.

We had 3 kids together Alisha, lives in Lebanon, Sarah, lives in Albany, and Jason Graves who is doctor in Ipswich, England

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Cheryl Pankey

January 2, 1961-July 1, 2025

Cheryl had only been a member of Amity FCE for two years. She liked meeting with people and helping any way she could. She also volunteered with the Amity Fireman Auxiliary and in her church.



STANDING RULES FOR MARGARET SEIBOLD
OREGON FCE STATE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE: The scholarship shall provide a partial payment of the cost attending the Annual Oregon FCE State Conference. The recipient may apply this to any expenses such as registration, travel, meals and motel costs.

AMOUNT: The amount and number of scholarships to be given will be determined by the Oregon FCE Board of Directors on a year to year basis.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must be a dues paying member of Oregon and National FCE. A person may receive the State Conference Scholarship as well as County and or local scholarships. An applicant may not receive the scholarship more than once in a five year period. The award is not transferable

APPLICATION: The applicant will write a paragraph stating why she/he wants to be considered for the scholarship, what he/she hopes to gain from the conference and where, with whom and how the information will be shared with others.

HOW AWARDED: The Margaret Seibold FCE Conference scholarship Committee will review the applicants and select the recipient(s). Questions may be addressed to the state Treasurer. The award will be in the form of a certificate and check given during the Conference.

WHEN DUE: Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than August 30. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than September 15.

ADMINISTRATOR: The Oregon FCE State Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining a separate interest bearing account and distribution of funds.

POLICY CHANGE: Rules governing this scholarship may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the Oregon FCE Board of Directors

You will be required to fill out an evaluation sheet, which will be given to you with the check after the conference and submit it to the treasure.

You must be registered for the complete conference to receive this scholarship.



OREGON FCE STATE CONFERENCE
MARGARET SEIBOLD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Sponsored by Oregon Association for Family and
Community Education

Each scholarship is for UP TO \$100.00

Name _____
_____ Phone _____

Address _____
_____ County _____

City _____
_____ Zip _____

What is your age group? 18-30 _____ 31-40 _____ 41-55 _____ 56 & over _____

Are you an FCE member? Yes ___ No ___ How many years have you been a member? _____

Name and location of your study group _____

Have you attended the State conference? Yes ___ No ___ Last year of attendance _____

Have you been awarded this scholarship before? Yes ___ No ___ What year _____

Will you have to pay for child or elder care expenses to attend? _____

To receive this award, you must attend the whole conference.

Tell us why you want to be considered a State FCE Conference Scholarship. Include what you hope to gain from the conference and how, where and with whom you will share the information you learn at the conference. (Attach a second page to your application if you need more writing space).

Application to be sent to State Treasurer:

Bonnie Teeples

4338 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Or email to: bdteeples@charter.net

Application must be postmarked or emailed no later than August 30

Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified by September 15

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District I Annual Meeting

Submitted by Karen Walker

Spring Tea and History of Tualatin. May 5, 2025 at Tualatin Heritage Center. We had a very nice turn out from District 3 and 1. Larry McClure gave an interesting talk on the history of Tualatin. Door prizes were won and all had a good time.

Groner Study Group donated \$200 to Washington County 4-H and \$150 to the Domestic Violence Resource Center. In August they will have lunch and catch up with each other and prepare a No Sew Blanket for conference.

Tualatin Study Group has donated \$200 to Washington County 4-H. In June and July, they met for lunch and prepared a No Sew Blanket for conference. August they will visit a member's home to see her Barn Quilt Pattern on her barn. In September Washington County FCE Advisory Board will prepare the 3rd No Sew Blanket for conference.

Klamath/Jackson County Council Luncheon and Boat Tour



On June 11, 2025, FCE members from the Klamath/Jackson Council had a luncheon and boat tour at Lake of the Woods. There were 12 members present from Klamath Falls, Talent/Phoenix, and Prospect.

They had a great lunch at the resort restaurant and then 8 took an hour tour of Lake of the Woods. Scott Teeple was the captain of the

Liahona (the boat). Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and was very pleased with the boat tour. Lots of visiting and fellowship. Who's ready to go next year.



ACWW Women Walk the World

Amity and Creative Homemakers joined for a picnic and walk on April 30, 2025

We had 10 members, one guest and one dog. We sent \$130 to ACWW.



District III Picnic

Hosted by Lost Creek FCE

A great picnic was held, sponsored by Lost Creek FCE at the Elijah Bristow State Park, Dexter, OR. on July 16, 2025. 15 members and friends enjoyed the day.

Great potluck, raffle items and plant give aways or donations. Thank you to those that donated raffle items.

Thank you Lost Creek FCE!

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2025 Oregon FCE Calendar

August

22 Oregon State Fair begins
30 Deadline Margaret Seibold

Scholarship September

1 Labor Day
Oregon State Fair ends
3 ZOOM Lesson
5 Deadline for Hotel reservations
for conference
5 Deadline for Conference

Registration

15 Deadline for Scholarships for
2024 State Conference

October

1 ZOOM Lesson
5 Board meeting for State Conference
6-8 Oregon FCE State Conference
13 Columbus Day
31 Halloween

November

4 Election Day
5 ZOOM Lesson
11 Veterans Day
27 Thanksgiving

December

3 ZOOM Lesson
25 Christmas

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