

OCWC Newsletter

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GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs



Connie's Corner...

Happy Spring to each of you! I hope you've had time, or taken time, to enjoy all the sunshine we have had. Right now I'm sitting in front of a huge bouquet of lilacs...as you can tell, I love Spring. This month several members gathered at the Oregon City Library to "plant" blue pinwheels to help bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thanks to all that helped! We also collected canned food to celebrate our CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY, 118 years! I just spoke with The Children's Center and they could use some stuffed animals (new or very gently used) and children's size quilts. Since we're planning to meet in person for our May General Meeting, donations could be brought in then. They will be taken to the Center. 🌸

Also at the May meeting, we will have some sample sizes of Club shirts the Board voted on. There are several colors and styles to choose from and, if you'd like, you will be able to order them at that time.

We finally met at Chapin Park on April 22nd, the fourth Thursday of the month, to celebrate Heart Healthy Month which was actually February. Better a little late than not at all! It was so nice to have a chance to actually visit. Kathi Rafish, a prospective new member, was kind enough to stroll along with me...we had a great time getting to know one another! If anyone would like to meet for May, the 27th @ 10AM, just say the word. ❤️❤️

If you haven't received the email from OFWC regarding Part 1 of the Convention (via Zoom) on May 15th, Chris has included it in your Newsletter. You need to sign up by the 8th.

This Club year has gone by so fast. I am really proud of all the time and talents our members have given back to our community in so many different ways over the past several months. The Board is planning to combine our usual April Tea and our June Picnic into one big celebration at our June 10th General Meeting.

It is true - For a Better Tomorrow...Volunteer Today!

The only difference between where you are and where you want to be is the steps you haven't taken yet.

Happy Birthday!

- 05/03 Norma Evans
- 05/03 Julie Peters
- 05/06 Margaret Loney
- 05/07 Chris Nolde
- 05/10 Sue Waud
- 05/14 Jilda Danielson
- 05/25 Karmin Tomlinson
- 05/27 Judy Albin



Epsilon Sigma Omicron

The Oregon City Woman's Club's original meeting agendas included reading aloud from a recent book, fiction or non-fiction, or reporting about a book that a member had recently read. One of our founding members, Eva Emery Dye, brought the Chautauqua program to Oregon City in the late 1880's, including home meetings throughout the year to discuss books from the annual list as well as an annual educational gathering at the campgrounds in Gladstone. Sadly the popularity of the Chautauqua waned in the west in the 1920s due to the growing number of automobiles and alternatives to the summer gatherings.

But education and literature have remained a part of the women's clubs across the world. Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) was

established in 1928 by the Indiana Federation of Clubs. In 1930, it was incorporated as a national sorority, as an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC federated clubs. More than 60 years ago, the ESO program became a permanent part of the GFWC Education Community Service Program. Through ESO, clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. Over the years, many GFWC clubwomen have profited from this unique self-improvement program, seen as vital by the members it directly benefits. The purpose of ESO is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. The following are the goals of the ESO:

- To encourage clubwomen's pursuit of higher education;
- To create an additional means to unite women in volunteerism;
- To develop a support network for women returning to school;
- To improve current and develop new study skills;
- To stimulate systematic home reading and study with minimum supervision;
- To encourage the establishment of home libraries;
- To encourage the formation of reading/study/discussion groups;

The Oregon City Woman's Club is inviting you to join Epsilon Sigma Omicron. Beside becoming part of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs official group, our club we can decide if we want to pick a book of the month or share the books we have read from the categories provided.

To join:

Mail a check for \$10.00 payable to OFWC to Glenda Peters, 8448 SW Chevy Place, Beaverton, OR 97008.

Send an e-mail to karin.morey@gmail.com to let me know you joined.

*If the plan doesn't work,
change the plan but
never the goal.*

After reading sixteen books, four from each of four different categories, send a list of books and short reviews to Glenda.

As a Chapter – I will build an e-mail group to share who is reading what and run surveys to pick a book of the month and share your reviews as they are submitted to me.

The categories, forms, and full reading list will be posted on our website at oregoncitywomanclub.org/ESO and I will include updates on what we are reading.

So...join us for a return to our Club history and step into the future reading books from a multitude of topics!

Karin Morey

oregoncitywomanclub.org/ESO



Pinwheels!



Child Abuse Prevention Month



OCWC members placed blue pinwheels around the Oregon City Library to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month

Call to 2021 OFWC CONVENTION GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs

"Part 1"

Saturday, MAY 15, 2021

The Annual Convention is going to look a little different this year. We are dividing it into 2 parts; first by Zoom on Saturday, May 15, the second "part" will be on October 22-24 in Astoria (more information will be sent at a later date).

Pre-registration is required so we can make the appropriate arrangements with the web program. Here are some meeting details:

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021 on **ZOOM**

Time: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Sign in, chat and social time

9:30 - noon

Tentative Agenda:

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

2020 Convention

Officer Reports

By-law Revisions

Registration Information:

Please email Heather Thomas at
gfwcthomas51@gmail.com with this information by May 8th

Name, club name, email, phone number

The link for the Convention will be emailed to those registered a couple days prior to the meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Karen La Voie at karenllavoie@gmail.com.

May General Meeting

May 13, 2021

Hostesses - Bev Spilseth, Ann Batey, Kathleen Wood, Vicki Pearse

11:00 AM - Social Time

11:30 AM - Regular business meeting followed by lunch and program

Program: Jess Land - Oregon City Farmers Market

Reminder that the meeting is still tentatively scheduled to be held at The Tumwater Room at The Museum of the Oregon Territory.

Monthly Club Project: Stuffed animals and quilts for The Children Center



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smile



Congratulations!



Connie Kitzmiller's son Doug was promoted from Sergeant to Captain for the Canby Police Department.