

Oregon City Woman's Club Newsletter

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CLUB COLLECT - Mary Stewart

Keep us, O God from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word in deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretenses and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to out into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it s the little things that create differences, that in the big things in life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all.

And O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.



A note from Bev...

I trust you've all had a wonderful Christmas!



These last six months have flown by. I hope you have enjoyed our meetings and activities. Thank you to all who have volunteered making our little corner of the world better & brighter for so many! In December, we had six volunteer opportunities alone! I'm sure Vanessa's head is spinning trying to keep track as she prepares to write our annual reports. Please get your volunteer hours to her ASAP.

As we enter 2019 I wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR that's sparkling with fun, blessings, good health and opportunities to celebrate life to the fullest!

Happy Birthday Ladies!

- * Vicki Calcagno - January 4th
- * Bev Spilseth - January 4th
- * Jennifer Feerer - January 22nd
- * Mariann Buell - January 25th





Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee

announced that there is an anonymous donor who will match Club members donations up to \$1,000.00. Please have your donations in by the end of December.

January OCWC Meeting

◆ January 10, 2019

◆ Hostesses - Judy Storey & Julie Peters

◆ Program: Hands Only CPR - Tammy Owen, Clackamas Fire District #1

◆ Monthly Club Project: Hot cocoa, coffee, tea for HOPE. Valentine cards for Nursing Home

◆ **NOTE:** Please be courteous when parking your vehicle in the Elks parking lot. Make sure you are within the lines when parking. The spaces are tight and cars that are over the line prevent someone from parking in the space next to you.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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✿ February 15 - Club Reports due to State Chairmen

✿ March 2 - Western District, location TBD

✿ March 16 - Valley District, Redmond

- ✿ April 13 - Fine Arts Scholarship Contest -
Portland
- ✿ May 17 & 18 - OFWC State Convention, Hood
River
- ✿ June 28 - July 1 - GFWC International
Convention, Austin, TX

A Bit of History - The Story of Mary Stewart's Collect (As told by Mary Stewart)

The Collect was written as a personal prayer for the day, and without any organization in mind. It was written at Longmont, Colorado, in 1904, where, just out of college I was entering on my first job as principal of the local high school.



The prayer was offered for publication under the title, “a Collect for Club Women,” because at that time I felt that women working together with wide interest for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of there own and distributed it throughout the Empire.

The first printing go the Collect was in an obscure paragraph in the column called “Club Notes: in the DELINEATOR, a woman’s magazine no longer published, but at the time nationally popular. Later, copies were struck off by a local printer for the

members of Longmont Fortnightly Club of Colorado; a federated club. About 1909 Paul Elder and Company of San Francisco printed it as a wall card. In 1924 wall cards were put out by the Armstrong Stationery Company of Cincinnati. All the earlier copies were signed by Ary Stuart, a spelling used until 1910 as a pen name. Since then the spelling Stewart has been used both for pen name and signature, and the Collect has been so signed.

The first women's organization to hear or use the Collect or to print it in its yearbooks and biennial reports was the General Federation of Women's clubs. Since then it has been reprinted in many forms in many lands.

Faith in your *soul*,
hope in your mind,
love on your *heart*.

Positive Thoughts

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Each year's regret are envelopes in which messages of hope are found for the new year.

Alex Morrill

New year — a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.

Vern McLellan

What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.

Know this:

You can start over, each morning.

Melody Beattie

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

Sarah Ban Breathnach

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing.

Charles Kettering

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas. Newsletter



A Note from Angels in the Outfield

To our wonderful volunteers,

Thank you does not even begin to express the gratitude we feel after our first Holiday Store event. Amazingly, we served over 168 families with over 400 children. There will be a few more families served over the weekend and next week.

The joy the families felt being able to shop for their children without any judgment was so heartwarming. Every volunteer really stepped up and made sure it was a respectful and pleasant experience for all shoppers. The comment we keep hearing from volunteers is “It was so much fun and the perfect way to start the holiday season.” We realize that it was hard to give up your time so close

to the holidays and for that we are extremely grateful.

From all the donors, organizers, stockers, greeters, shopper assistants, and all the other volunteers, we loved working with each and every one of you and appreciate all you did to make this important event a success. We sincerely hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and Happy New Year!

The Angels in the Outfield and the Clackamas Women's Services.



Reminder - Bring your items to meeting for A Safe Place

**REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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The History of the General Federation of Woman's Club continues....1921 - 1934

1921 - GFWC creates the Indian Welfare Committee, reflecting a long history of advocacy for Native American rights including promoting improved education and health care on reservations and the preservation of Native American culture.

1922 - The Federation purchases 1734 N. Street NW in Washington DC for its Headquarters. A Junior Membership Committee is established at the 1922 Biennial in Chautauqua, NY.

1925 - GFWC members lead a nationwide survey on household technology in American homes and produce a five-part Home Equipment Primer to educate families on using available utilities to maximize labor-saving. As a result of this campaign, "homemaker" is included as an identified occupation for the first time in 1930 United States census.

1930 - President Herbert C. Hoover meets with the GFWC Board meets to express support for the peace initiatives of the London Naval Conference. GFWC establishes the Penny Art Fund to support American artists and art programs during the Great Depression.

1932 - The first national meeting of the honorary educational society Epsilon Sigma Omicron is held

at the GFWC Convention in Seattle. Founded IN 1928 by the Indiana Federation of Clubs, ESO promotes self-improvement through a planned reading program.

1933 - The American Library Association credits GFWC with establishing 75% of U.S. public libraries.

1934 - GFWC's Committee on Public Health creates the Womens Field Army in partnership with the American Society for the Control of Cancer (now the American Cancer Society). The successful initiative raised public awareness and funding to promote cancer prevention and early detection.

GFWC begins a 10- year study to review the question of the Equal Rights Amendment, which results in a resolution supporting the ERA.



Looking for things to do?

- ✿ Line Dancing for Beginners - Tuesday @ Noon / Pioneer Center
- ✿ Adult Writing Group -“Do you feel a draft?” - First & Third Wednesday 5:30 PM / Library
- ✿ Walking Club - Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:30 AM / Pioneer Center
- ✿ First Friday Film - Trophy - January 4th @ 6:30 PM No Charge 1726 Washington Street
- ✿ Tech Connect - Drop-In Technology Assistance January 13th 12-2 and January 23rd 5-7

thank you!



Oregon City Police Department

Thank you to all the members who have supported the Oregon City Police Department with the Summer Camp Program, Homeless Liaison Officer Mike Day, and the Christmas 911 Project. Without the help of community members like yourself we would not be able to provide the programs that we do.

If you are interested in keeping up on what is happening with the new construction, timeline and history of the site for the new Public Safety Facility please check out www.oregoncitypolice.com and sign up to receive updates as they become availab

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