

OCWC Newsletter

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A Note From Bev...

The smell of freshly cut grass, the opening of daffodils and sunshine tells me spring has arrived. Yes, it's only February and it was 27 degrees at my house this morning! Mother Nature is definitely toying with us but to me spring has arrived! That brings me to spring cleaning. A chore I really look forward to!

While clearing off my desk this afternoon I ran across a 2019 GFWC strategic planning analysis. GFWC strengths identified were (1) Volunteerism/community focus, (2) GFWC history, and (3) Friendships. Sound familiar? OCWC stands right there with them. Thank you Chris for the monthly history lessons in our newsletter. GFWC weaknesses identified were (1) Membership decline/lack of diversity, (2) Public relations/identify, and (3) Resistance to change. I feel like we have addressed and improved upon those weaknesses. Our membership has once again grown and we're welcoming younger members. We're doing a wonderful job using Facebook, GFWC publications and the newspaper. Community members know who we are! Change is relevant to surviving. I don't think we're resistant to change. Let me know if you see where we can do better.

Our focus on community was no more obvious than last week when we awarded our Civic Improvement funds. A huge thank you to the committee members who researched community needs making sure our hard earned dollars are making the greatest impact. I've asked Chris to include our volunteer hours for all to ponder because they are just as important as the money we give. We are busy! Just think what those numbers would be if everyone reported them. These hours have an enormous value, creating positive change not only locally but nationally and globally. 7,370,038.15 volunteer hours were reported to GFWC in 2017!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Backpack Buddies!

Prince of Life Church | 13896 S. Meyers Road | Oregon City

Thursday, February 27th @ 12:00 PM



OCWC Civic Improvements

\$7,500.00 was presented to these groups at our meeting on February 13, 2020

- Albertina Kerr - *Group Home for Disables in Oregon City*
- Angels in the Outfield - *Child Victims of Violence*
- Backpack Buddies - *Child Hunger*
- Building Blocks for Kids - *Transition Vulnerable Kids into Adulthood*
- Clackamas Behavioral Health - *Feminine Hygiene/Diapers*
- Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation Community Assistance Fund - *Emergency Needs*
- Clackamas Historical Society Museum at the Oregon Territory - *Children Exhibits*
- Department of Human Services - *Shoes for Foster Children*
- Fathers Heart Street Ministry - *Food Needs for Homeless*
- Friends Involved in Dog Outreach (FIDO) - *Food for Pets*
- Heifer International Milk Project - *Milk for 1 year/2children*
- Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) - *Food for Low Income*
- LOVE INC. - *Hygiene Products*
- Meals on Wheels / Pioneer Community Center - *Seniors*
- Oregon City High School Student Assistance Fund - *Low Income Students*
- Oregon City Library - *Adaptive Equipment for Disabled Patrons*

- Start Right School Supplies - *Foster/Low Income Clackamas County Children*
- We Dine Together - *Socialization for Isolated Students*
- Willamette Falls Symphony - *Low Cost Music in Oregon City*

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY®

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity, founded by Wayne Elsey in 2006, that collects new and used shoes and redistributes them through direct donations to people in need and through micro-enterprise partners.

Please bring your new or gently used shoes to the March Woman's Club meeting! These shoes will go to the regional distribution center in Wilsonville. An Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs project.



Please bring a Dr. Seuss Book to the March meeting!

(currently half - off at Fred Meyers)

Books will be donated to Head Start



Spring Leadership Seminar

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM - Independence, OR

\$25.00 includes lunch. They are asking for a shoe donation of gently used shoes.

Fine Arts Scholarship Contest

Saturday, April 11, 2020 - Save The Date

The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Fine Art Scholarships Contest is for ALL graduating high school senior students (regardless of gender) who will be attending college in the Fall and reside in Oregon.





Girlfriends Tea - April 26, 2020

This year's theme is "20th Anniversary Celebration" and it is near downtown Beaverton. Please plan to join us!

Ticket sales will open soon, and get this ladies, our price is STILL only \$35 again this year. We have all the things you love, tea sandwiches, scones, desserts, raffle baskets, silent auction, and paddle raise. This event supports many good causes in our community, including our BWC Scholarship at Portland Community College.

In the meantime, get your great gatsby dresses and flapper hairstyles ready for our 20's themed event. It's our 20th Annual Girlfriend's Tea and its 2020, get it?

More details to come! SAVE THE DATE!

OFWC Convention - Astoria

May 15-16, 2020



Abby's Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who came to Abby's on February 12th for dinner. We had a great turn out of approximately 40 members and guests. We earned \$257.75 from Abby's plus we received a \$40.00 donation.



March Birthdays

- 03/17 Chris Wadsworth
- 03/17 Kathy Wood
- 03/19 Claire Met
- 03/23 Sheila Wilson
- 03/26 Karin Morey



March Board Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 10:00 AM OC Library

March General Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020 @ 11:30 AM

Hostesses - Vicki Calgagno and Gail Aldridge

Guest Speaker - Jackie Hammond-Williams, OC Outdoor Farmers Market

Please remember that Karmin will be taking individual photos for the Bio Books at the meeting.





Meals at General Meeting

If you require a special type meal at the general meeting please make sure to note that when you RSVP for the meeting so that information can be given to Two Girls Catering each month before the meeting.

Thank you



Recipes

From the kitchen of Zion Mennonite Church 2020 Quilting Workshop

Creamy Tomato Soup

1 medium onion, diced

1 T. butter

2 (14 1/2 oz) cans diced tomatoes

2 (10 3/4 oz) cans condensed tomato soup

1 1/2 c. milk

1/2 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. basil

1/2 tsp. paprika

1/4 tsp. garlic powder

1 (8 oz.) pkg cream cheese, softened and cubed

Saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients, except cream cheese. Bring to almost a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in cream cheese until melted. Do not boil.

Volunteer Hours for 2019

Program	# of Projects	Volunteer Hours	\$ Donated	In-Kind Donation
Domestic Violence	1	164	0	0
Advocates for Children	6	856.5	\$1800.00	0
Arts	1	9	0	0
Conservation	1	35	0	0
Education	6	160	\$3500.00	0
Home Life	6	522.5	\$1800.00	\$1160.00
International Outreach	1	0	\$150.00	0
Public Issues	7	239	\$2400.00	\$197.00
Communications & Public Relations	3	112.5	0	0
Leadership	2	861	0	0

Legislation /Public Policy	1	10.5	0	0
Membershi p		103	\$75.00 Spent	0
Endorsed Fundraiser Projects	7	380	\$17281.85 Raised	0