

OCWC Newsletter

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A Note From Bev...

Good morning!

As you might expect our April board and general meeting will not take place. I polled the Executive Committee from home and it's been decided that we will move elections to May and if necessary, June.

I've struggled to write something this month as our world is in crisis and day by day things are changing. Often minute by minute. It's 10:30 and I should be in church. I'm thankful I can listen from home and for clergy who remind us to be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. I am thankful for Grace Humberston who suggested a phone tree to check in with members and for the members she recruited to help her. I am thankful for volunteers who continue at food banks and shelters to help our vulnerable neighbors. I am thankful for teachers who are flying by the seat of their pants trying to educate students remotely. I am thankful for police, fire and medical personnel who continue to answer our call. I am thankful for truck drivers who are doing their best to restock the elusive toilet paper! Don't you wonder about what the OCWC members 100



years from now will think about that sentence? Do what you can and remember to be safe. As many of you, I have family & friends on the front line. I have family & friends who cannot work from home. Our concern for them is real. I hope and pray you are all well and taking the necessary precautions to keep yourself and family well. Until we meet again, I'll close with the Prayer for a Pandemic which my pastor and State President Pam Briggs shared last week.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we have no risk factors remembering those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no market at all.

May we settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen



Soles4Souls

Bev, Alice, Sheila and Chris attended the 2020 OFWC Leadership Seminar in Independence on March 14. Brian Gransfors thanked our club for the donation of 63 pair of shoes. We will continue to collect shoes that are new or gently used. Men's, women's, children's, dress, casual, sandals and tennis shoes. The distribution center is in Wilsonville.

These shoes create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution world wide. He showed slides of women selling shoes through their windows. The sale of one pair of shoes in the Philippines equals five meals for her family. In Honduras, the sale of 30 pair equals one year of schooling. These women are trained on business practices before they are given shoes to sell.

Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 35 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and all 50 U.S. states.



TURNING POINT SUFFRAGIST MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING

By [NJSFWC](#) | November 12, 2019



On November 14, International President Mary Ellen Brock spoke at the groundbreaking of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in NOVA Park's Occoquan Regional Park. The memorial, slated to be completed August 2020, will honor the brave women whose courage and commitment led to the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. President Brock was invited to be an honored guest speaker by the Chairman of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, Patricia Wirth. In her remarks, President Brock addressed the history of the suffragist movement and how

GFWC played a role in securing women's right to vote. President Brock encouraged the audience to be proactive and never forget what these women have done. She stated: "Let us never forget how they fought, how they suffered, and how they persevered. Let us always remember to honor who they were. Let us always rejoice what they accomplished. Let us always be thankful for the gift that they gave us. Let us never forget and always remember to pay tribute to them and vote."

President Brock was accompanied by a host of influential guest speakers; including Dr. Thelma Daley 16th President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Virginia Kase, CEO, League of Women Voters U.S.; Lidia Soto-Harmon; CEO, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; and Collen Shogan, Vice Chair, Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission; Assistant Deputy Librarian for Collections and Services, Library of Congress. GFWC Executive Committee joining President Brock at the groundbreaking event were President-elect Marian St.Clair, First Vice President Deb Strahnoski, Second Vice President Suellen Brazil, Secretary Wendy Carriker, Treasurer Jolie Frankfurth, Director of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer, and Parliamentarian Dean J. Meloro, RP. Also attending were Special Assistant to the President Linda Babeuf, Resolution Committee Member Mary Powell, and GFWC Florida Director of Junior Clubs Shannon Bailey.

The site selected for the Memorial is where suffragists were imprisoned and kept in inhumane conditions after organizing the famous 1917 march on Washington and protest in front of the White House. Once suffragists were arrested, they were taken to the Occoquan work house. This work house will be dedicated as the Suffragist Memorial, and the Plaza Rotunda will feature a statue of GFWC clubwoman Carrie Chapman Catt.



OCWC Scholarship Winners

Three students from Oregon City High School were chosen as this years recipients for the \$1,000 OCWC Scholarship

Allison Brown planning on enrolling at Pacific University

Shaylee Cooper planning on enrolling at George Fox

Grace Southard planning on enrolling at University of Oregon

TO DO LIST



Volunteer Hours

Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours to Vanessa!

Biography Sheet

If you have time please complete your biography sheet and turn in to a Membership Committee person.

Census

Has your household filled out the Census?

Great time to get that off the To Do List!





Do you have anything that you need delivered somewhere locally?

Please contact Grace Humberston if you do! She has volunteers available to assist. Please contact her at 503-442-2033 or gracehumberston@yahoo.com

The Birth Flower
of April:
The Sweet Pea





4/22 Connie Kitzmiller

4/25 Diane McKnight



40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Wishing to volunteer? Please email them directly.
The OCwC will not organize a group due to it
being on a holiday weekend.



SAVE THE DATE

**40th National Veterans
Wheelchair Games**

*July 3-8, 2020
Oregon Convention Center*

For Information: www.wheelchairgames.org

To Volunteer, email NVWG2020Volunteer@va.gov



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions, and at all levels of education.

A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds. Wear blue and become involved for kids.



The Collect

Every month we recite the Collect at the end of our meeting. This prayerful collection of phrases speaks volumes of what our club, OFWC, and GFWC stands for...but what does it mean?

Keep us, oh God from pettiness

What we affirm in our hearts determines what we become. If we concentrate on littleness, we cannot avoid becoming petty. But if we concentrate on high thoughts and high ideals, we ourselves can achieve greatness.

Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed

In thought: Hold kind thoughts toward others, especially at those times when misunderstandings occur.

In word: See, wherever possible, points of discussion on which you and others can agree.

In deed: Be concerned for the welfare of others. Expand your sympathies to include others for a radiant sense of happiness and wellbeing.

Let us be done with fault finding

Keep a positive attitude. A wise man once said, "Conditions are essentially neutral. Your attitude determines whether they are positive or negative for you."

And leave off self seeking.

Concentrate on the work you are doing, not on yourself as the doer. Your ego can either infuse a project with energy or hinder its execution, depending on whether you give the project energy or hold the ego spinning in a circle of self-adulation.

May we put away all pretense

Be modest. A lot was accomplished before you were born.

And may we meet each other face to face

Every face-to-face encounter, regardless of how brief, leaves something of you within the other.

Without self pity

Drown self pity in the recognition that emotional self-indulgence only limits your ability to accomplish anything. Instead, swim in patience, sensitive insight and determination.

And without prejudice

Every person you meet knows something you don't. In learning from them, prejudice will fail to exist.

May we never be hasty in judgment

Never judge others. When tempted to do so, concentrate on what it is in your friends that attracts you.

Let us take time for all things

Practice self-control in all aspects of your life. Overindulgence only wastes vitality; self-control insures a time for all things.

Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle

Life can be like a roller-coaster ride — up one day, down the next, if you allow it to be. Act always from your inner center. Whether things go well or ill, reflect: All Things Change! Be neither elated nor depressed, for nothing in this universe remains the same forever.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses

Great opportunities await those who give more than what is asked. Put the uncommon touch on even the most common task. We may never have the opportunity to do great things in a great way, but we all have the chance to do small things in a great way.

Straight forward and unafraid.

Develop magnetism. Project your opinion and beliefs with the energy and conviction you yourself feel for them.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,

Baskin-Robbins advertises thirty-one flavors of ice cream...it is the little things that create differences.

That in the big things of life we are at one.

Baskin-Robbins also advertises the "I like, you like, everyone likes ice cream...and that is why we are a successful business venture.

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

Allow your heart's natural love to unfold by renouncing selfishness, self-righteousness, and pride. In doing so, your heart beat will become as one with those around you.

And, oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

The wisdom of kindness is the greatest wisdom of all...

Taken from GFWC Leadership in Action
Collect written by Mary Stewart: 1904