

# Oregon FCE News

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## President's Comments President Scott Teeples 2018-2020



Where has the time gone? Already the first year of my three-year term has come and gone. I have had a lot of wonderful experience in FCE at the National, State, District, County, and Local levels. I have also been active in the ACWW organization and attended one of their USA Conferences. Bonnie and I will be attending the 2019 ACWW World Conference in April. It is being held in Melbourne Australia. Bonnie is running for ACWW USA Area President. I have met lots of new friends and met with lots of “older” friends. I have traveled thousands of miles in my task to visit and learn about every FCE member and activity that I could. It has been a great year and I hope it has been a good one for you. May we all have the best FCE year we can have.

First and most important, I want to give a big thank you to each one of you for all the encouragement and support you have given me as the Oregon FCE State President. I started by taking this task on with a little nervousness, a lot of excitement and even more determination to get the job done well. Along with your help, I think we are working to bring Oregon FCE to its fullest potential.

I would to thank all Oregon FCE Board members for their support. I can only hope that I have led them in the right direction. Without them, I could do little or nothing. These Board Members are some of the best that Oregon FCE has to offer.

A little over a year ago I set some personal goals for myself dealing Oregon FCE. I would like to take this opportunity to report on the progress of these goals.

- **Communication** – I did my best at communicating with all the FCE leaders and FCE members at all levels of FCE. There is nothing I like better than being with the members participating with them in their activities and getting to know them better. I hope that every member felt that they could contact me anytime they needed to.
- **Membership** – This year we lost a few members and gained some new members. It is always understandable why we lose a few but they are always missed. I sent letters welcoming all the new members and have sent letters, whenever possible, to those that have fallen away. All members are important and have their own desires and needs. I always try to meet those needs. All of us need to love and support the members we have while we invite new members into FCE. Everyone was invited to join by someone... it's time for you to invite someone. Invite them to one of your many great activities.
- **Financial** – I had set goals to develop ways and means to keep Oregon FCE financially fit and it has happened. We have “tightened our belt” in spending at the State level. We have many members at all levels that are donating their time, talents and money to Oregon FCE. The Oregon FCE fundraising booth at Keeper's Corner is doing well because of the many donated items. We ended the year with a slight balance above the previous year.
- **Leadership and Professional Development** – We recruited several new leaders, at all levels, this year. We worked hard at developing all members across the state. We held the Officer Training session at the Fall Conference. We encouraged everyone to be mentors for incoming officers.
- **Education** – We, along with many, developed and presented some great lessons

that were taught at the Oregon FCE Fall Conference. These lessons will also be taught across the state. All these lessons are available through your County FCE leaders and on the Oregon FCE website [www.oregon-fce.org](http://www.oregon-fce.org).

- **Community Service** – We developed a Statewide Community Service Project, the Comfort Bears, that all Oregon FCE members can participate in. Many other Community Service Projects were developed throughout the state.
- **Oregon FCE State Fall Conferences** – We have developed the best State Conferences that we can. They did and will include great locations, great classes, and great fellowship and just overall a great experience for all that attend. A big thank you to all of those in District 2 and District 4 who helped in making the 2018 Oregon FCE Fall Conference a big success. The 2019 Fall Conference is going to be held at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. The 2020 Site Review Committee is working on a site in District 3 for the 2020 Conference. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

This year we won several Contests and earned several Awards at the National level. All of those were reported in the August Newsletter, on the website and at the Fall Conference. I encourage everyone to participate in all the State and Nationals Awards and Contests. We have developed some new awards and contests. These include:

- **Community Service Award** – This is a contest that is for the state of Oregon and the state winner is recognized at the National FCE Conference. Please read all the contest guidelines and rules on the forms on the Oregon FCE website. Get your Study Group or County recognized for their great Community Service Projects. Fill out the forms correctly and submit them by the deadlines listed.
- **Oregon FCE 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Essay and Art Work Contest** – This is a brand-new contest of Oregon. The forms have been emailed out to all County Presidents and all members. The forms are also available on

the Oregon FCE website. Invite all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to compete in this contest. Have them fill out the forms and submit them by the deadlines listed. This year's theme is "What I love most about living in Oregon."

- **Volunteer Hours Awards** – This year was our first year for this award. We had several that were given out at the 2018 Fall Conference. These awards are for individuals, Study Groups or Counties. Take a moment and apply to receive some recognition for all the volunteer work that you do. You all desire it. Forms are located on the Oregon FCE website.

It is time to select your Heart of FCE nomination. This is a wonderful honor for our members to be recognized for their accomplishments. Nominations must be sent to VP for Public Policy, Sandie Bolyard by March 15, 2019. Every county should submit a nomination.

Now is time to be thinking of the topics for lessons you would be interested in having at the 2019 Oregon FCE Fall Conference. Let your District Director or State officer know so they can present them at the Board of Directors meeting in March 2019. You can also submit your suggestions to VP for Programs, Barbara Voltin. At the Spring Board Meeting, we will be deciding on the lessons that will be presented at the annual FCE Conference.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions that we could use in making Oregon FCE the best it can be.

I look forward to serving each and every one of you. Please let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you.

Thanks for all you do,  
*Scott Teeples – Oregon FCE President 2018-2020*

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## Web Site for Oregon FCE

[www.Oregon-FCE.org](http://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](mailto:sfteeples@charter.net) if you have any comments or questions.

## Remembering FCE Members that we lost in late 2018

### Mary Ann Kunze

October 28, 2018

Mary was a member of the Carus FCE. I don't have any other information but I'm sure she will be missed by many friends and family.

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### Loisbeth (Lois) Enstrom

March 23, 1926 – December 17, 2018

Lois grew up in Hoquiam where she attended school and has kept in touch with fellow classmates and attended reunions.

Lois was very involved in her community and an active member of FCE.

Lois was FCE State Treasurer and State FCE President and a member in Washington County. I first spent time with Lois when we attended a National FCE Conference in Rhode Island. We were roommates along with Dorene Garland. Lois and I took a class on tassel making and then taught what we learned at our State Conference that year. We had good times as we traveled around Rhode Island visiting the many mansions and during the conference.

Lois will be missed by many friends and family.  
Submitted by Lynda (editor).

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### Marietta Wright

December 22, 2018

Marietta grew up in High Heaven, McMinnville and attended McMinnville schools. She attended Oregon Normal School (Western Oregon University) in Monmouth. She worked at Dayton Grade School as a cook, then as a teaching assistant. She was a member of the Dayton FCE before it disbanded. Marietta is Sally Wyffels mother. (Sally was District III Director).

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## My State Conference Experience 2018 By Kerry Mauk

The State Conference was in Pendleton, this year. I really enjoy Pendleton. It has an "Old West" feel, from the statues of cows and cowboys under the overpass to a store with bronze castings of western scenes. We visited the Pendleton Woolen Mill and a store that sells cowboy boots made from snake, leather and ostrich.

Oh yeah, the Conference was great too. It was Scott's first official meeting as our President. He kept the meeting flowing, not easy to do. We learned about the shortage of water throughout the world and what we can do to help. Tuesday our meeting continued. In the afternoon, we broke up into groups to attend the various new lessons presented. Tuesday evening, we attended the Banquet. We were entertained by ten ladies playing Ukuleles and singing. They played a variety of song, everything from Country to Rock and Roll. They were a lot of fun.

The Conference ended on Wednesday with a lesson on Australia. It was fun and informative. I recommend it.

## State Conference Experience By Lynda Nyseth

There were 7 of us from Yamhill County that attended the Conference in Pendleton.

Two of my roommates and I took advantage of the tours. We went to the Pendleton Woolen Mill, the Underground and Barhyte Specialty Foods. The Underground tour took us to the Brothel run by Stella. We were able to save a first-time member from Klamath Falls from a life of a "working gal" with Stella.

Monday night we were welcomed by Jason McDonald from the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. Karen Rose spoke to us about KARE (Kids at Risk empowered). We were informed on the different needs and difficulties of the homeless kids. The community project was to gather school supplies, clothes, toiletries and other things that would help these kids.

Four of us made it to the line dancing in the lounge after dinner. And of course, my roommates and I had our game night in the room.

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Tuesday night while we enjoyed our dinner The Ukulele Group entertained us. A great group of musicians. After dinner we met the National FCE Essay and Art Winner, Rylee Palmer, her family and teacher.

Wednesday finished our conference with the country of Australia presented by Cynthia Gibson and Sally Wyffles.

A great conference and jobs well done by all of the presenters. Looking forward to the state conference in Portland in October. Plan on attending, there is always something to learn, new friends to meet and reunite with friends from FCE.

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## Reports given at the State Conference Board Meeting 2018

*(with added events that took place later in the year)*

### District I

#### Washington and Clackamas Counties

Clackamas Co. held their "Fair Share" in the spring with a pot luck lunch preceded by a talk and pictures of hiking places in the area. It was a wonderful event with great displays by individual groups.

(Kay Gooding)

Washington Co. held their "Holidaze Faire" with a program on Earthquakes, presented by Dr. Scott Burns. Dr. Burns is a retired Professor of Geology at Portland State.

(Taken from article by Anne Engen after she attended the meeting)

### District II

In April they had Easter Dinner. Three of the lessons from Conference were given the last quarter of the year. We donated \$50 for a 4-H scholarship and \$20 for home delivered meals.

(Submitted by Loretta McDonald and Marilyn Thompson)

### District III

Lane County participates in many community projects. The donated \$56.00 for ACWW. In July they had a picnic in a local park with some from Linn Co. attending and they traveled to Linn Co. for their picnic in August.

There are officially 14 members of our group. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (excepting June, July & August) at 10:00am at the Dexter Fire Hall on Barbre Road, Dexter.

Seven of our members attended the state conference in October. At our October meeting Nadine Reed shared the meaning of the poppy for Veterans' Day and other interesting history of it after she had volunteered at the Veterans' Stand in Eugene on the weekend.

Elsie Gabrisch made 10 Care Bears and shared them with our firemen in Dexter.



In November we had the pleasure of the lesson on Insta-Pots pressure cookers given by Ann Conklin.



In December we were so happy to have visitors from Linn County join us--Vickie Graves and Sherryl Coats. We held our annual Christmas party and auction of hand-made, home-baked and white elephant items. Proceeds go to the Dexter Firemen and our two local food banks. Besides the coffee and Hickory Farm treats we left for the firefighters, we gave them \$150 to purchase saw blades.  
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They go through them so fast, cutting accident victims out of their cars! The Dexter and Lowell food banks each were given \$50.

It was decided that our group will have the Spring auction one month earlier--in April. In May we will be hosting District III on our usual second Wednesday, the 8th at 10:00 at the Jasper Grange which is a larger facility. It is located just East of the Jasper Store on Jasper-Lowell Road. Our speaker will be Jill Van Buren, an international elections observer. She was formerly the director of elections for Benton County.

Sharon House is working on a project called DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD. She and her friends construct and sew simple cotton dresses to donate to girls in rescue situations, mainly in Africa. Often, they have nothing to wear when rescued. She asked for donations of at least one yard of cotton fabric (not white) and double fold bias tape.

Our group has an on-going project. Our members are collecting information about their childhood years and will report a little about themselves at each meeting. Later, we may branch out into adulthood. We want to know more about each other and possibly get written stories started to leave to our loved ones.

(Carol Jung)

Vicki Graves organized Linn County's annual picnic in August at Millersburg Park. Eighteen members and friends gathered for a fun day.

Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties keep busy with their volunteering and study group projects. Marion Co. donated to Marion-Polk Food Share and Simonka House (women's shelter) and Books for Babies. Yamhill Co. donated comfort bears, books, bibs and bags to Marion Co. for the Books for Babies project. One group invited MV Advancement to speak at their meeting. MV Advancements empowers and supports 300 adults who experience disabilities in Polk, Marion and Yamhill Counties to live, work and thrive. In May we held our Annual District meeting in Dallas. Anne Engen and Scott Teeple presented the lesson on Iceland. We honored Anna Zentz as our 50-year member and Pam Scharf as "Friend of FCE".

Several Christmas gatherings were held with several members from all of District III traveling to attend. Linn Co. had a luncheon in Lebanon, Lane Co. had their luncheon and auction in Dexter and Marion Co. had a luncheon in Salem. Several of the study groups had luncheons with their groups, some bought gifts for families and/or names taken from trees of giving.

(Sally Wyffels)

Fifteen FCE members from District 3 met at the Four Corners Fire Station on December 18, 2018 to celebrate Christmas. Open Arms Study Group and Marion County Council hosted a pot luck and invited all members from District 3 to attend.

Council President Dorene Garland and Secretary Alene Showers served the guests turkey with trimmings and beef roast in a gravy sauce. Treasurer Rene' Metteer made a scalloped potato casserole, Vice President Connie Leavitt brought her famous lemon pie, and Penny White provided flavored carbonated drinks; coffee and tea were served also. Members attending the luncheon brought a variety of salads and desserts, making for a satisfying Christmas meal.

Christmas themed table cloths adorned the tables, which were then decorated with Christmas ornaments and holly. Each table setting contained a Christmas card and a copy of the National FCE Creed. Assorted coffee cups, filled with either cocoa or candy, served as center pieces. Dorene and Alene provided enough center piece items to ensure that each guest could have a present to take home.

Before the meal the members said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and recited the National FCE Creed. Connie Leavitt read an inspiring story about friendship.

The highlight of the day was the recognition of out-going Co-District Director Sally Wyffels' service to District 3. Marion, Polk and Yamhill County members contributed to a gift certificate for a local McMinnville restaurant, which was given to Sally along with a round of applause.

(Alene Showers)



## District IV

Our groups are struggling as many have been ill or spouses have been ill. Members getting older and hard to get people to take offices or teach lessons. We worked hard at getting ready for the state conference. We are all very proud of Rylee Palmer our essay and art work winner, not only in Oregon but National also.

(Rachel Eastman)

## District V

Curry Co. held a Holiday Bazaar in November. They volunteer with a lot of organizations.

Jackson Co. held their Spring Festival in April, two speakers, one speaking on dehydrating food and the other telling about Redemption Ridge.

Donations were given for a scholarship to a senior at Prospect Charter School. Several lessons were developed and given. They also have a new group that meets in the evenings. They also have many organizations they volunteer with.

Klamath Co. does a lot of community service and are active in the FCE organization. One project they work very hard on is making baby caps, booties, sweaters bibs and burp towels and collecting books for our Books for Newborns project. These packets are delivered to WIC and Klamath Tribal Health Office. Each of the study groups have fundraisers for scholarships for high school seniors and to help members attend State Conferences.



Jackson County Council had a Christmas fundraiser, selling items at the annual Prospect Holiday bazaar, in Prospect. Homemade items like hand towels, Comfort Bears, soaps, lip balms, bake in a mug gifts, wreaths, gift-wrapped slipper socks, plants, and jams, made the table look very decorative and festive. The bazaar was very successful and plans are to participate again next year.

(Cynthia Gibson)

## INVITATIONS

March 20, Yamhill/Polk County Council will be holding our Spring Festival, our theme:

“Diwali/Saris/Chai/No Crackers”

Come along as Jeanne Brandt gives us a tour of India. We will be at the Amity Fire Station. We will have a potluck lunch of salads and desserts. We will have our used book sale to benefit the MPY, a raffle to cover expenses, some games and lots of fellowship with our FCE members. Registration starts at 9. Call Lynda, 503-835-2044 for more information.

District III will have our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, at the Jasper Grange. Our speaker will be Jill VanBuren, an international elections observer. She was formerly the director of elections for Benton County.

More information will be in the MPY (Marion, Polk, Yamhill) Newsletter April and it can be found at Oregon-FCE.org

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## V.P. Public Policy

### Character Counts

As the Chair of the State Character Counts Essay and Artwork Contest for fourth grade students I want to remind everyone to get their first place winners entries to me by March 15<sup>th</sup> so we can pick the State winner at the Spring Board. The Pillar of Character this year is Trustworthiness Make sure you include the State and National permission slips and a photo of your 1<sup>st</sup> place winners by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Since I won't have time after the Spring board to get them before sending the winner's entry to National, any entries submitted to me without the photo and permission slips cannot be put in for consideration.

### What I Love about living in Oregon contest:

I am hoping that you all are active in bringing this contest for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. graders to your local schools and home-schooled children. The rules are the same as the Character Counts contest so send me your 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade first place winners along with the signed National & State permission and photo to me by March 15<sup>th</sup>. any entries submitted to me without the photo and permission slips cannot be put in for consideration

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## Heart of FCE

I want to remind everyone that I will need the nominees for Heart of FCE to reach me by March 15<sup>th</sup> so we can pick a winner at the Spring Board meeting.

Please include the Heart of FCE form, essay and two 2x2 photos

Sandie Bolyard, V.P. Public Policy & Character Counts Chair

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## By the Numbers

### Meet New District III Director

#### Anne Engen

Spent **18** years growing up in Cashmere, Washington.

**1** Linfield degree in Home Ec. Plus lots of speech classes.

For 51 years **1** husband (we met on a blind date).

Grown children **2**(one care giver, one policeman).

**4** pretty wonderful grandchildren, 3 step-grands.

Short time sub teacher at Linfield and George Fox **3** times.

**45** years a FCE member of Yamhill County Young Homemakers, who had to change their name to Creative Homemakers when people snickered at our name. Turning 45 is still young!

**1** term as state president, **1** term on National FCE Board.

Written or co-wrote and taught **11?** FCE lessons.

**14** years running the food program for a preschool and child care center.

Serving up to 50 children "Green Dragon Soup" and "Broccoli Trees with Snow"

More exciting than spit pea soup and broccoli with ranch dressing.

**20** years chair of First Baptist Church's Social Team, planning fun events.

Loves to collect very old lace and silver-plate figural napkin rings.

**0** pets now, just enjoy the deer, birds, squirrels, chipmunks and last year one hungry bear. Oh, yes there is a stray cat I'm not supposed to feed. Ha.

## District V Director

### Cynthia Gibson

I am the daughter of a career Army Dad, who met my Mom in Italy, after the end of WWII. We moved a lot when I was young because of my Dad's military job. I lived in Heidelberg, Germany; Florence, Italy; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Southern California. My husband and I have lived in Prospect, Oregon now for 15 years and I retired about a year ago. I have done a lot in my lifetime. As a child I enjoyed singing and in High School, sang with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. I majored in Theater Arts in school and performed in many various performances of acting, singing and dancing. I am a mother of 1 boy and 2 girls and grandmother to 5 boys, 3 girls, who live in California and Arizona. I worked for the phone company, in California, first as an operator on the iconic "Cord" switchboard, then in the Central Office, and finally, outside, installing and repairing land lines (I climbed telephone poles and crawled under houses)! I drove a school bus, sold cosmetics, delivered mail, worked for a major oil company, as an Operator and Instrument Technician, and my last job was as a Safety Manager for a maintenance company that sends crews to oil refineries for shutdown maintenance work.

I have many, many hobbies; so many that my home has a separate craft room to hold all my supplies and work table. My hobbies include crochet, stained glass, garden art, with repurposed ceramics and glass, scrapbooking, sewing, jewelry-making, making natural cosmetics, computer-based publishing, writing, cooking and gardening.

I am also very involved in my community. I am a member of the local School Board, I am Secretary of my local Lioness chapter, County Council President and District Director for the National Association for Family and Community Education in Jackson County. I volunteer my time at our local school, assisting the fine arts teacher with his annual drama production, as stage manager, props, costuming, hair and makeup. I also assist the Senior Student Advisor with scholarship and grant applications.

*As you can see our District Directors for III & V are very involved. I would like to have you meet our other officers of FCE. Please send information to me. Thanks, Lynda*

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## 2018 Oregon FCE Calendar

### February

2 Ground Hog Day  
14 Valentine's Day  
18 Presidents' Day

### March

10 Daylight saving begins  
15 Deadline Heart of FCE  
Deadline Character Counts  
Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Essay Contest  
20 Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival  
Amity Fire Station, Amity, OR  
25/26 Board of Directors Meeting  
Redmond, OR

### April

21 Easter  
29 ACWW Women Walk the World

### May

3 Deadline for articles for Oregon FCE News  
8 District III Luncheon, Jasper, OR  
12 Mother's Day  
17 Mail Oregon FCE News  
27 Memorial Day

Mission Statement of OR Association for Family  
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To strengthen individuals & families through  
Continuing Education, Leadership Development,  
Community Service

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