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President's Comments



Spring has quickly come and the first year of my three year term as Oregon FCE President is moving right along. I feel that I have jumped right into the pool and not just slowly waded into it. I was well prepared by many and am now excited to be a major part of making Oregon FCE the best it can be.

We held the Oregon FCE Board Meeting at the end of March and spent two days working hard on the business that was needed to be done. Complete details can be found in the Minutes of that meeting. There were a lot of great reports about a lot of great things that are going on across the state of Oregon. The financial status of Oregon FCE is doing well. Membership totals are down slightly and we are doing all that we can do to improve those numbers but we need your help. Time was spent discussing those lost FCE members, the whys and what we can do to help. A few new Committees were set up and members of those committees and current Committees were approved by the Board. There was discussion about a few Bylaws changes that are needed and proposals have been developed. Please check out those Proposals elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The 2019 Oregon FCE Conference Selection Committee visited several hotels in the Portland area. After a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of each hotel the Committee recommended, to the Oregon FCE Board, that the 2019 Conference be held at the Monarch Hotel which is located in the Clackamas Mall area. The Board approved the recommendation.

Please plan on attending the 2018 Oregon FCE Conference which will be held in Pendleton on October 1-3, 2018. Wonderful classes will be

offered and you can get information about those classes in the 2018 Spring Board Minutes. I'm sure that there will be lots of great speakers, activities and things to do. I'm going... how about you?

Be sure to read the article in this Newsletter about the new Volunteer Hours Award. We want to honor those Individuals, Study Groups and Counties that put in lots of volunteer hours. The application form can be found on the Oregon FCE website, www.oregon-fce.org, or from various FCE leaders.

A new statewide Service Project idea was presented and approved at the 2018 Spring Board Meeting. It is the making and distribution of Comfort Bears. Complete plans and instructions are available on the Oregon FCE website and from various FCE leaders.

For me, the first year of my term started long before the beginning of the year. I started thinking about setting my personal goals relating to FCE. Not only did I set goals but also set methods to meet those goals. I have always known that goals without actions or a plan to get there are only dreams. I have already started working towards meeting those goals. I have attached a full list of my goals.

I have been working hard to make Oregon FCE the best it can be. The following are some of the things that I worked on:

- Strived to bring the "Spirit of FCE" wherever I go.
- Tried to convince all FCE members that we can grow as a membership. We always need to be looking for new members. Invite potential members to your best activities and let them know about FCE. We need to use the term "Bring a Friend" to all of our activities. Every current FCE member was invited to become an FCE member by someone.
- Set personal and organizational goals for Oregon FCE.
- Prepared the 2018 Oregon FCE Spring Board meeting agenda and set up all arrangements to the motel and meeting place. (continued on page 2)

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- Worked on revising and updating the Oregon FCE Leadership Contact List.
- Worked on revising and updating the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org.
- Developed and continually updated the National FCE website www.nafce.org.
- Actively been part of the recruitment of 7 new FCE members in Klamath Falls.
- Actively been part of the start of and mentoring of a new FCE Study Group in Klamath Falls... The Innovative Study Group.
- Appointed, with Executive Committee approval, a new District 5 Director, Cynthia Gibson, due to the resignation of the past District 5 Director.
- Appointed, with Executive Committee approval, members of the 2019 Oregon FCE Conference Site Committee.
- Worked with 2019 Oregon FCE Conference Site Committee in reviewing various possible Conference Sites in the Portland area.
- Visited and participated in various meeting and activities. Some which included the Klamath County Council meeting, the Washington County Council meeting, the Prospect FCE/Fireman's Emergency Preparedness Fair, and the District 1 Meeting.
- Worked on the planning of the District 5 meeting in Klamath Falls.
- With the help of Oregon FCE Treasurer, Bonnie Teeple, developed a list of "Lost Members" (2018 membership compared to 2017). Using this list, and with the aid of members across the state, worked at finding out why they are not members this year.
- With the help of Oregon FCE Treasurer, Bonnie Teeple, developed a list of "New Members" (2018 membership compared to 2017). Using this list, I sent out a President's Welcome Letter to each of these new members.
- During the months of January and February, I called and talked to every Oregon FCE Executive Committee member, every Committee Chair, every District Director, every County Council President, every Study Group President and several members throughout the state.

- Worked with local OSU agent and our OSU liaison, Patti Case, in doing a conference phone call with OSU Extension in reviewing and revising the Oregon FCE/OSU Extension Service MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).
- Prepared for and made arrangements to attend the 2018 North Dakota State Conference the end of April. (No expense to Oregon FCE)

I am excited about the things that we have done, can do, and will do in Oregon FCE. With all of working together we can make Oregon FCE all that it can be. **"It is what you will it to be"**. Please let me know if there is anything I can help you with.

Scott Teeple – Oregon FCE President

Remembering FCE Members that we lost in late 2017-2018

Eula Kemper, 9/1/17 and **Mary Jo Staehely, 1/13/18**, both of these ladies were members of Carus study group. I do not have any information on them.

Pat Williams, was a member of the Amity study group. She loved to travel, cook and being with her family. She was unable to attend our meetings for the past few years due to health issues.

Jacqueline E. Mitcheal, 8/14/1920-12/31/17, member of Mt. Pleasant study group. A FCE member for over 50 years.

Althea Gibbs was the president of Giddy-up-Go Study Group here in Pendleton. She was an Oregon born country girl who truly embodied the FCE Creed throughout her life. Born on August 7, 1935, she passed from this life after a brief battle with Cancer on December 23, 2017.

She loved her family and was extremely proud of her son, daughter and grandchildren who all miss her tremendously. Althea had owned and operated a ranch while raising her children after the death of her husband, until moving to Stanfield, Oregon where she resided since the early 1990's. She loved quilting, cooking, flowers and time spent with the grandchildren. (continued on page 3)

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She enjoyed her swim group at the Roundup Athletic club, friends at her Tops Group and a good joke. Besides FCE participation, she served for many years as secretary of the Western States Junior Rodeo Association.

Bylaws Proposals

The Bylaws Proposals will be put before the conference attendees for a vote in October. According to the Bylaws the proposals need to be submitted to the membership at least 60 days prior to conference.

Current:

Article V **OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**
Section 1. Elective officers of the Association shall be:
The Officers of Oregon FCE shall be a President, a President-Elect (when applicable) a Vice-President for Program, a Vice President for Public Policy, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

B. One Director from each district to be elected by the delegates from that district.

These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a three-year term. When an office becomes vacant between election years, or is not filled at the time of election, the pro-tem officer shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than one consecutive term in any office with the exception of the treasurer, who may serve two consecutive terms. The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one year. Newly-elected officers shall take office on January 1, following the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Proposed Amendment 1:

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Rationale: It is getting increasingly difficult to get members to run for offices on the Oregon FCE Board. We are already in violation of this Bylaw as it is written as we have had District Directors in office for many years. It is time to bring the Bylaw into compliance with established precedence.

Current:

Article VI
Section 6. **Duties of the Treasurer shall be to:**
E. Have the books audited by a Certified Public Accountant once during the treasurer’s term. A review will be conducted at the end of each year that the books are not audited.

Proposed Amendment 2:

Article VI
Section 6. **Duties of the Treasurer shall be to:**
E. Have the books reviewed by the Financial Review Committee each year of a Treasurers term. At the end of the Treasurers term, the Treasurer can request permission from the Oregon FCE Board to have the Treasurers books reviewed by a CPA if it becomes necessary.

Rationale: An Audit by a CPA can run into thousands of dollars. The books have not been audited for many years. A CPA has been performing a REVIEW of the books. Even the CPA review has cost the organization anywhere from \$250 to \$750 each time it was done.

Current:

Article XII **AMENDMENTS**
These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast, provided notice of proposed amendments has been sent to each county 60 days prior to the meeting. This can be accomplished by mail or by printing the bylaws and the proposed changes in the Spring Issue of the Oregon FCE Newsletter.

Proposed Amendment 3:

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Section 2.

These bylaws may be amended without a sixty day notice by unanimous vote of the voting delegates present at the annual meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been presented at an earlier general session during the conference.

Rationale: There are times when a change in the Bylaws becomes necessary and it isn't prudent to wait until the next year. This will also bring us into alignment with the National FCE Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment 4: To be added to Bylaws

ARTICLE XIII. Proxy Voting

No member or delegate shall be allowed to vote by proxy under any circumstances.

Rationale: Parliamentary rule allows for Proxy votes unless specifically stated in the Bylaws that Proxy Votes are not allowed. This prohibits someone who is not at conference having another person carry an extra vote on issues and elections. This does not mean Accredited ALTERNATES.

Editorial Changes:

If Proposed Amendment 4 passes: Articles XIII and XIV and XV will become XIV, XV and XVI respectively

Editorial changes may need to be made to bring other Articles and Sections in to compliance with the above Amendment changes.

Submitted by **Bonnie Teeples**, Oregon FCE Treasurer

2018 Oregon FCE Fall Conference Service Project

By Scott Teeples

At the 2018 Oregon FEC Spring Board Meeting it was decided that we would endorse and support the

Altrusa Of Pendleton, K.A.R.E. (Kids at Risk Empowered) program at the 2018 Oregon FCE, Fall Conference. We need your support in helping the KARE students with donations. The following is a description of how homeless students are determined for this project.

“Altrusa international of Pendleton has a Service project, KARE (Kids at Risk Empowered), that focuses on helping our homeless students in the Pendleton School District. Our Pendleton School District had 56 students (K-12) that are considered homeless during school year 2017-2018. Homeless is defined as children “lacking fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residents.” This definition specifically includes, “children and youth living in emergency shelters and transitional housing; cars, campgrounds, and other places not meant for human habitation; hotels or motels due to loss of housing, economic hardships, or similar reason.”

We need your help donating some of the following items during the 2018 Fall Conference. If you can't attend, please consider sending the following items with someone who is attending the FCE conference.

Personal Hygiene items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Brushes, Combs, Shaving cream, Razors, Box of tissues, Chapstick, Baby wipes, Hand lotion, Sunscreen, Insect repellent, First Aid Kits, Band aids, Nail clippers, Laundry detergent (pods), Feminine Hygiene products. **School supplies:** Notebooks, Binders, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Calculators. **Miscellaneous items:** Water bottle, Batteries: AA and/or AAA, Trash bags, Can Openers, Flashlight and batteries, Clothing (for winter), Coats, Long sleeved T-shirts or sweatshirts, Pants, shoes (tennis), Boots, Shorts, Pajamas, Bras, Underwear, Socks and other miscellaneous items. The boys' and girls' sizes range from Youth 6 to Adult XL.

If you have questions, please contact: Karen 541-969-3587 or k_rose1232@hotmail.com

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Study Group news from around Oregon

New Study Group – District V

I am proud to announce the creation of a new FCE study group in Klamath Falls! We've named ourselves "The Innovative Study Group". We'll be meeting the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. As the Klamath Falls Contemporaries study group president, I recognized a need for a group to meet in the evenings for those who work during the day.

Elections have been held and our officers are, President Barbara Lougnot; Vice-President & Secretary Ruth Carter; and Treasurer Linda Bruner. Two others, Jeanne Carter and Ida Jones complete the current member roster. We also have a couple others interested in joining! Bonnie & Scott Teeples are our amazing mentors for the next few months until we get our feet under us. Upcoming lessons include Money Matters – Keeping It Simple (based on Dave Ramsey's financial lessons), created & presented by Ruth and I've created & will present The Art of Downsizing. Fundraising efforts have begun by creating a booth at Keeper's Corner. We are all excited about our new study group and FCE as a whole!

Invite your family! Invite your friends! Listen to what works for them to join! You'll never know what can be created if you don't talk to others about this wonderful organization!!

Submitted by **Barbara Lougnot**

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Jackson County held its annual Essay and Artwork contest which is based on "Character Counts". This program is all about the SIX PILLARS of CHARACTER: Citizenship, Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Caring. This year the character is CITIZENSHIP, which promotes FCE's literacy programs and is offered to all 4th grade students in public, private and home schools. The purpose of the 2018 contest is to encourage students to understand and practice CITIZENSHIP by striving for excellence and creativity in reading, writing and drawing skills.

Each participant entered a drawing and a hand-written essay that reflects their thoughts on citizenship.

Three students from Prospect Charter School won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for Jackson County FCE. They are: 1st – Cassie Little; 2nd – Luke Cox; 3rd – Rylie Jones.

The 1st place winner, Cassie, will have her drawing and essay submitted to the State level for judging, then one winner from State will go on to the National level. The National level 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners will receive cash prizes. We wish you the best, Cassie!

We are so proud of all the participating students and encourage all upcoming 4th graders to participate next year!

The Jackson County Prospect FCE group held their 1st Emergency Preparedness Fair, for the community, on Saturday, March 17th, in Prospect. Public agencies such as The Jackson County Emergency Services, US Forest Service, Jackson County Search and Rescue, the Sheriff's Dept. and the Prospect Fire Dept. were there with information on how to be prepared in case of a natural disaster or personal emergency. Also, with a table, was a vendor who sells emergency food supplies and solar panels, for emergency power, and our Prospect study group provided handouts to the community such as, Emergency Prep lists, Fire Escape plans, Emergency Prep catalogs, and a list of websites that provide emergency supplies for purchase. The Prospect study group also had a table with freeze-dried and dehydrated food samples for tasting. The Prospect Fire Dept offered tasty hot dogs and chili for a nominal fee. There were door prizes and raffle prizes all related to emergency preparedness, such as lanterns, emergency radio, thermal blankets, hand warmers, whistles, emergency food packs, and a backpack filled with emergency supplies.

The Prospect study group are planning to have this event again next year.

Submitted by **Cynthia Gibson**, Jackson County Council President

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Amity FCE also had two boys that participated in the Character Counts program. Henry Meeker, 1st place and Trevor Nyseth, 2nd place. Henry's essay and art work were submitted to Oregon FCE State Board. Congratulations to Henry!



Lynda Nyseth and Henry Meeker

Oregon Character Counts Winners:

1st place: Cassie Little, Jackson County; 2nd place: Rylee Palmer, Morrow County; 3rd place: Henry Meeker, Yamhill County

Heart of FCE Nominees

Vangie Andreason, Curry Co.; Carol Wilson, Jackson Co.; Karlene Christensen, Klamath Co.; Dawn Westphal, Washington Co.; Linda Bird, Yamhill Co.

Vangie Andreason was chosen as our “Heart of FCE” for Oregon.

Yamhill/Polk County Spring Festival

March 21, thirty-five members from Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties gathered to celebrate “On Fire For FCE”. Amity Fire Chief, Bruce Hubbard, made us all feel welcome. He presented our lesson on fire safety, gave us a tour of the new fire station, all of the trucks and equipment.

We enjoyed our potluck lunch of salads and desserts. We gathered bears, blankets and other stuffed animals for the firemen to distribute as they see fit. We raffled baskets from each of the Yamhill and Polk County study groups. We held our used book sales and we played some family type games. It was a very enjoyable and learning day. The tables were decorated around the fire theme.

April 27th 3 members from Yamhill County walked along the river in Sheridan on our ACWW Women Walk the World. We gave \$35.00 to ACWW as a donation from members. We hope more will be able to walk next year.

District III held their annual meeting on May 7th at Murphy’s Grill in Dallas. We had 25 attendants from: Klamath, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and

Yamhill Counties. The attendees included Scott and Bonnie Teeples, Agents: Jeanne Brandt; Tonya Johnson; and Mike Knutz.

We honored out “50 year” member Anne Zentz. Anne stated that she has no special meeting, they were all fun and she has enjoyed them all. She joined FCE the fall of 1967-68.

Linda Bird was honored as Yamhill Counties “Heart of FCE”. She has held many offices both for county and state during her time as an FCE member.

Pam Scharf was honored as “Friend of FCE”. Working in the Polk County Extension Office Pam has been our “Angel”. I always thought Pam was the secretary assigned to FCE (and I have really depended on her the last few years), but I found out that she really is the office specialist for 4-H and Master Gardners. I did warn her that if she retires she better leave a folder marked “**DO NOT DESTROY**”, **Lynda or some other FCE member will be wanting this information.** Pam has worked in the Polk County office since 1978.

Anne Engen and Scott Teeples (Sally was unable to attend so Scott stepped in) did a great job in letting us know many facts about Iceland.

Submitted by **Lynda Nyseth**



Anne & Scott Pam & Lynda Anne & Scott

The Dexter Fire Hall has been where the Lane Co. Lost Creek FCE has met monthly for decades. In 2006 there were five members and now we have 12!

Twice a year we conduct a Fund Raiser Auction of homemade items, holiday items, jams and cookies. Vickie Graves, Sherryl Coats and Pat Putnam traveled from Linn Co. to join us in December. The auction raised \$200.00, which we used to help support the Dexter Fire Hall and local Food Bank.

Carol Jung helped to organize a field trip to Major Family Funeral Home. Eight attended and returned with much information about “End of Life”

planning. Most of us were amazed about options that are available.

Lost Creek Group has been together for as long as FCE began. We are acquainted with each other's families and we "think" we know all about each other. **BUT**, do we? So, we are each writing about ourselves to give a short presentation. Each month we will take turns possibly surprising a few with excerpt from our childhood, careers and travels. How well does your group know each other?

Submitted by **Deanna Hadley**, Lane Co. Council President

Washington County hosted the Halloween Masquerade in October with costumes, games and wonderful food.

Tualatin Group traveled to Portland to visit the Community Transitional School which is the facility for homeless children. The 108 students are from preschool (4 years old) to 8th graders. The group visited classrooms, met students and learned about the project. FCE provides scarves, cereal, clothes and money to the school.

Pine City and Giddy-Up-Go groups spent many meetings planning for the 2018 State Conference to be held in Pendleton. Giddy-Up-Go had a Christmas Ornament exchange and collected items for the Domestic Violence Center. Pine City participated in the "Character Counts" project in Morrow Co.

Curry County is very active in their Annual Holiday Bazaar in December making a \$3599 profit. The donated \$2000 to 4H and scholarships. In February they went on an educational retreat.

New Members

We read about a new study group started in Klamath Falls, we have some new members in other counties too.

Woodmere, Sheridan, Creative Homemakers and Amity have all gotten new members this year. How about you other groups?

What other things have you been doing this past year? I have reported the information that I have been given (some from Spring board reports). Let us know about your group. We all need new ideas

of things to do, places to see and ideas to make our meetings interesting. Submitted by your editor.

Comfort Bear – A State Service Project

At the 2018 Spring Board Meeting the Oregon FCE Board approved a new State Service Project. It consists of producing and distributing Comfort Bears. All Study Groups across the state are invited to take part in this project. The purpose of the Comfort Bears is to provide comfort for a child in the time of stressful situations. Complete instructions are given on the Oregon FCE website, www.oregon-fce.org, or from various leaders. These Comfort Bears can be given to Police, Fire Departments, Emergency Responders, Children's Shelters... any place they may be needed. Please report all of your successes with this service project. We give a big "thank you" to North Dakota FCE for sharing this idea with us.

Volunteer Hours Award

The Oregon FCE Board is honored to announce that they will now be sponsoring a **Volunteer Hours Award**. This award is to recognize those individuals, Study Groups or Counties that put in hours of volunteer time serving people in their communities. This is an Award, not a Contest. The application form will need to be filled out as accurately as possible. Hours are counted for both FCE and all Other Community Service hours. **Hours should be counted for the full year - September 1 thru August 31 (12 months)** - prior to the Oregon FCE Fall Conference. Hours counted are on an honor system and will not be checked. Awards will be given at the Oregon FCE Fall Conference. Send completed application to the Oregon FCE President. **The completed Application form is due on/before September 15.** Application forms will be available via the Oregon FCE website www.Oregon-FCE.org; emailed out; or from various FCE leaders. Please contact Scott Teeples if you have questions or comments.

These three projects were submitted by our State President, Scott Teeples.

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2018 Oregon FCE Calendar

May	
28	Memorial Day Observed
June	
14	Flag Day
17	Father's Day
21	First Day of Summer
28	Registration Deadline for NAFCE
July	
4	Independence Day
19-22	NAFCE Conference Austin, Texas
August	
3	Deadline articles for Oregon FCE News
15	Linn County Picnic Millersburg Park 10 or 11 - ?
17	Mail Oregon FCE News
30	Deadline for Margaret Seibold Scholarship Post marked by August 30
September	
15	Deadline for Volunteer Nomination forms Hours from Sept. 1, 2017 thru Aug. 30, 2018

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