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**Hello,** Canning, last of the vacations, school starting and maybe cooler weather. As **I'm** writing this it is suppose to be in the high 90's. But that is the way school usually starts, **I** always wanted to wear my new sweaters and of course **I** would roast.

**I** hope that many of you are planning on making the trip to **Pendleton, October 6-8**, for our **2014 State Conference**. There will be classes, lots of visiting with old and new friends and visiting places in **Pendleton**. After **September 20** the price goes up so get your registration in now. Classes that we will have are: **Sugar; Fixing Soups; Parliamentary Procedures; How to Feed a Family on a Budget; Save the Bees; Build a Brochure** and the country we are looking at, **Canada**. There are tours offered: **Pendleton Woolen Mills; Barhyte Specialty Foods; Round-Up Hall of Fame and Pendleton Underground Tour**.

As we finish out the year **2014** it is time to get in your membership registrations so that you don't miss the first **Oregon FCE News**. It will be sent out the first of **February**. We also need to be selecting our **Heart of FCE** nominations so your **County Council** has time to select your county representative. We also need the names of **50 year members** so we can turn that information into our **Oregon FCE President**. We want to recognize these devoted members and thank them.

**District III** will be planning their lessons for **2015 October 24, in Dallas** please come and be a part of the selecting of lessons and who will do the training. We need your input on what classes you took in **Pendleton**, did you like them, think they would be good for us or do you want something else. If you did not attend the conference in **Pendleton** you can hear what others thought of the classes and you can still be a part of the decision making.

We will have our donation cards in the **November** mailing of the **MPY**. We are still seeing some donations going to the **Mitzer** address in **Salem** but we do not have an **FCE** member at that address so please get rid of those envelopes and use the one that will be in the newsletter, it has my address on it. Thank you for your financial support for the newsletter.

**July 23-27, 2015** will be the **National FCE Conference in Blue Springs, MO**. It is not too early to start planning and saving for this trip. You meet some real nice **FCE Members**, get to tour another part of the states and learn a lot more about **FCE** and have a lot of great lessons. Every **FCE** member should plan on attending at least one **National Conference**, you learn so much.

Some dates to remember:

**October 6-8, Oregon FCE State Conference;**  
**October 24, District III Lesson Planning;**  
**October 27, Washington County Holiday 2014.**

If you have a special event coming up let me know so that **I** can put it in the **MPY and/or Oregon FCE News**. Keep us informed. This newsletter started to keep **District III** members informed about things going on here but now it is sent all over **Oregon** and also to other states so do let me know what is going on in your area, you never know who will show up because of something they saw in the **MPY**.

Also if you have changed your address, know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter or someone who received this newsletter and now is deceased please let us know so we can make the needed changes. Send the changes to **Susan Whitaker, 9875 Parker Rd., Monmouth, OR 97361-9762**.

Sincerely,



**Lynda Nyseth, Editor**

## Washington County FCE Presents Holidaze 2014

October 27, Monday

Our guest speaker will be **Jan Kirkpatrick**, one of our favorite speakers. **Jane** is the **New York Times** best-selling, award-winning author of essays for such publications as **The Oregonian and Daily Guideposts** and 50 others as well as five non-fiction books and twenty historical novels. **Jane** will be talking about her new novel "**A Light in the Wilderness**". There will be copies of this and many of **Jane's** other novels for purchase and **Jane** is always generous with her autographs.

Doors will open at 9:30 at **Community Health Education Center: Legacy Meridian Park, 19300 S.W. 65th Ave., Tualatin, OR.**

Deadline for registrations is **October 17**, cost is \$16.00 for **FCE Members**. Contact **Dawn Westphal**, 503-692-0173 for more information.



"Welcome back to school" Have you been hearing that phrase for a few weeks? On Facebook several of my former students had pictures taken of their children on their way to the first day of school. What a wonderful event to share with so many friends. **September** has always been a time of a fresh start, a new beginning for me. I loved teaching the eager students and to be ready for any challenges that would be faced during the coming year.

Fall conference being held in **Pendleton** is a new beginning for the coming year of **FCE**. "**A Star is Born**" is the theme. There will be tours to be taken, lessons to be given, presentations to be made, and friends to be reacquainted or made a new. Hope you have your registrations in on time and reservations

made for the **Red Lion**. Remember to bring items for the sales room (country store).

Officers of county councils and study groups will be getting new **Oregon FCE Handbooks**. The handbook is updated with additions and changes as we face our challenges of making sure **FCE** continues to be a success. So bring your old handbook to be recycled and get a new one!

As our president, **Barbara Voltin**, stated in an email to district directors and state officers. "We go to these conferences to meet new people, have fun and most of all to become better leaders and learn something new to take back to our study group members who can't attend."

**District III and District IV** have been working on the **2016** conference. We have met twice this past year. The theme is "**Be a Fan of FCE**". It will be held in **Salem** in **October, 2016**. Fund raising has begun and will continue for the next year and half for the meeting.

Have a wonderful fall. See you in **Pendleton!!**

**Sally Wyffels**  
District III Director

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### FCE Essay and Art Contest

**Essay and Art Contest** is for 4th graders. **Responsibility** is the subject for **2015**. Contact **Sandie Bolyard**, 34043 Highway 97 N, Chiloquin, OR 97624-8747, for more information. If you can get it into the school that would be good but if not it can be done with **Homeschoolers, 4-H** groups, **Scouts, Church** and others that are in the 4th grade. The contest runs from **September 1 through January 31**, so please get in touch with **Sandie** and get something going in your community.

Winners names are giving to **National FCE** for recognition and awards are giving there too. This is another great way to work with our young people, with their character, writing skills and drawing.

For those not familiar with **CHARACTER COUNTS!sm**, the purpose of the contest is to encourage students to understand and practice one of the Six Pillars of Character. The Pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Pillars that are good for all of us to remember and practice.

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## Memories of Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving** is my favorite **Holiday**. It's not only good food, but good for our soul to be appreciative of our many blessings.

Growing up **Thanksgiving** was always with my maternal grandparents. It was usually at their home in **Salt Lake City**.

**Grandma** set a festive table with a white linen table cloth, perhaps Chrysanthemums on the buffet and her good Limoges china. Often **Uncle Morgan and Uncle Dave** and his family would be there too. Sometimes there were place cards. They'd be simple such as turkey stickers on a folded piece of card stock though one year grandma took me to **The City Cemetery** to gather pine cones which we used for the turkey's body. His tail was a folded chocolate candy wrapper. We used pipe cleaner for his legs and head.

The meal included the traditional turkey, homemade cranberry sauce that had been molded in a mound with a celery leaf flag for garnish; individual **Jell-O** salads sitting on a lettuce leaf with a dollop of mayonnaise for topping; (grandpa told us a story about a lady who didn't invite guests back that didn't eat their lettuce), potato rolls; sweet potato casserole; mashed potatoes that mounded like a volcano with melted butter dripping down the sides; rich gravy and pie with whipped cream.

Our church had a service **Thanksgiving** morning which we attended. Then went directly to grandma's house. She would greet us with her apron on and would sneak us snitzerlease as she finished the dinner preparation (it was the best tasting bit of the whole meal).

Dinner was served with the man of the house carving and passing filled plates around the table. The oldest or honored guest was served first.

Papa always helped wash the dishes after the meal.

Since we were all dressed up and the clan together, we often went outside to a sunny spot to take a group snapshot. (this was before our cameras had flash attachments.)

## Other Memorable Thanksgivings

**1955 Thanksgiving** was my first visit to **Bonnie Swan's** on **String Town Rd.** in **Dayton**. We ate at her **Aunt Thelma's**. I still hunger for **Daisy Swan's** raisin pie.

**1958** I cooked my first turkey. Our power was off all day. thankfully the turkey was a boneless breast that **I** could wrap in foil and cook in the fireplace.

**1970 Thanksgiving** was our first meal in our new house. Just the 4 of us ate by the fireplace on a card table.

We still have our traditions--sparkling cider, butter mints in a silver dish, homemade rolls, **Marjorie** salad and pumpkin ice cream pie.

However you spend the day--May you remember to be thankful.

Submitted by **Nancy Thornton**, MPY reader

My memory of **Thanksgiving** always goes back to my younger days. My birthday is right around **Thanksgiving**, my mother's brother and family would come from **Washington** to spend the holiday with us. My Aunt would always bring an Angel Food Cake with a glaze frosting for my birthday. That is still my favorite cake.

*I'm looking for other memories of **Christmas** and other holidays for the next issue of the **MPY**. Send those to me and maybe you will find your memories in the next issue. Also if you have read a good book or seen a good movie or taken an interesting tour with your study group let me know so I can share that info with our readers too.*

*Thank you, **Lynda**, editor*

## DONATIONS

**Amity FCE**  
**Loretta McDonald**  
**Mary McNeil**  
**Polk County Council**  
**Yvonne Solberg**

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"You haven't had enough coffee until you can thread a sewing machine while it's running."

## JUST A THOUGHT

If I was any slower, I'd be in reverse.

Street Sign  
Haviture Way

Nursery Sign  
Spring is here  
I'm so excited  
I wet my plants

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## BOOKS FOR BABIES

There are **FCE Study Groups** that are delivering books, bag and/or bibs to hospitals for the newborns, mothers and families.

**Woodmere and other Clackamas County FCE groups** delivered 117 books to the children and youth at **Shriner's Children's Hospital on June 30th.**

**On September 10th, Connie Leavitt** delivered 40 bags to the hospital in **Salem**. These bags contained a book, bib, an old **MPY** newsletter and a brochure about **FCE**. These items were donated by members of **Marion and Yamhill Counties**. The hospital is always happy to get them and tell **Connie** they are happy to give the bags to the new mothers. It encourages them to read to the babies and small children.

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## Registration form for Pendleton

If you do not have a registration form for the **October Conference in Pendleton**, go to our **FCE Web Site. [www.Oregon-FCE.org](http://www.Oregon-FCE.org)** you can find that form along with much more information about **Oregon FCE and National FCE**. Check it out.

**Remembering**

**Faye Douglas  
Open Arms FCE**

**Louise Thompson  
Sheridan FCE**

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## Quote of the day

## District IV Picnic, Millersburg Park

**August 13, FCE members** and families from **Linn, Lane, Marion and Yamhill Counties** met for a picnic, time of fun and planning for the **2016 State Conference**. Around 25 enjoyed the day. Thanks to **District IV** for sponsoring the day.



## Oh, Our Precious Kids

### THE WORLD IS MINE -

Author Unknown

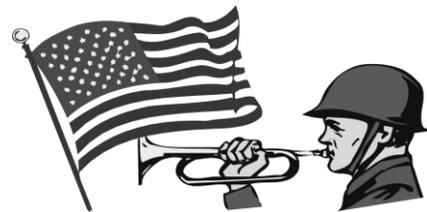
Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful.  
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.  
I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, I'm blind."  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.  
Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew.  
He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.  
With feet to take me where I'd go..  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.  
This is just a simple reminder that we have so much to be thankful for!  
Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!  
I have been truly blessed with **AWESOME FRIENDS!**  
Submitted by **Donna Michaelson**, Ambitious Annies

**Susan** (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

**DJ** (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

**Marc** (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

**Clinton** (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"



### Observance

**Veterans Day** is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the **United States** in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the **American flag** is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. Some schools are closed on **Veterans Day**, while

others do not close, but choose to mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities.

**Veterans Day** is officially observed on **November 11**. However, if it falls on a week day, many communities hold their celebrations on the weekend closest to this date. This is to enable more people to attend and participate in the events. **Federal Government** offices are closed on **November 11**. If **Veterans Day** falls on a **Saturday**, they are closed on **Friday November 10**. If **Veterans Day** falls on a **Sunday**, they are closed on **Monday November 12**. State and local governments, schools and non-governmental businesses are not required to close and may decide to remain open or closed. Public transit systems may follow a regular or holiday schedule.

## History

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of **1918** an armistice between **Germany and the Allied nations** came into effect. On **November 11, 1919**, **Armistice Day** was commemorated for the first time. In **1919**, **President Wilson** proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In **1926**, the **United States Congress** officially recognized the end of **World War I** and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The **Congress** also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the **United States** on all Government buildings on **November 11** and inviting the people of the **United States** to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on **May 13, 1938**, which made **November 11** in each year a legal holiday, known as **Armistice Day**. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of **World War I**. A few years later, **World War II** required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the **United States** and the **American forces** fought in **Korea**. In **1954**, the veterans service organizations urged **Congress** to

change the word "**Armistice**" to "**Veterans**". **Congress** approved this change and on **June 1, 1954**, **November 11** became a day to honor all **American veterans**, where ever and whenever they had served.

In **1968** the **Uniforms Holiday Bill** (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move **Veterans Day** to the **fourth Monday of October**. The bill took effect in **1971**. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold **Veterans Day** activities on **November 11**. In **1975**, **President Gerald R. Ford** signed **Public Law 94-97** (89 Stat. 479), which stated that **Veterans Day** would again be observed on **November 11** from **1978** onwards. **Veterans Day** is still observed on **November 11**.



## The Call to Duty

A call to duty is sent out  
and the strong and the brave reply.  
They do it for love of country,  
So there's never a need to ask why.

They leave behind all that they love,  
Their families, their homes and their lives,  
Because to preserve these precious things  
Is the goal for which each soldier strives.

So God bless our troops,  
The courageous women and men,

Who fight to make sure  
The bells of freedom peal again.

## **When You See a Soldier**

When you see a soldier  
Be sure to shake his or her hand,  
And let that soldier know you're grateful  
For the protection the military affords our  
land.

But most of all express your thanks  
for every soldier's personal sacrifice.  
In order to serve our country,  
They risked their entire lives.

## **How Do You Measure a Soldier's Sacrifice?**

How do you measure a soldier's sacrifice?  
Is it by the number of friends and family  
left behind?  
Is it by the months or years given in  
service?

How do you measure a soldier's courage?  
Is it by the number of objectives completed,  
Or by the number of bullets dodged or  
missions served?

How do you measure a soldier's honor?  
Is it by the duty he or she volunteers for,  
Or by the number of medals earned?

The simple truth is that these things are  
immeasurable,  
As is this country's debt to all who serve,  
And pay the price for freedom in this land.

## **Welcome Home**

To those who fought on foreign soil,  
Who for our nation did perilously toil,  
Who braved the bombs and bullets and  
mines,  
To return back home to more peaceful  
times,  
A hearty welcome home.



Thank you to all men and women who  
have served and those serving our nation  
now.

Be sure to visit the World War II Memorial  
at the Oregon State Capitol grounds. This  
memorial honors Oregon's World War II  
Veterans.

FCE CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER**

**Spices of India** 2  
 24 Training Polk Co., 9:30-11:00 4  
     Extension Office Meeting Rm 11  
 25 Training Marion, 9:30 - 11:00 14  
     Health Services Bldg., Rm 1C

**OCTOBER**

6-8 Oregon State Conference 21  
     Pendleton, OR 24  
 13 Columbus Day 27  
**Are you Prepared? Who's in Charge?**  
 22 Training Yamhill Co., 9:30-11:00 24  
     Extension Office Auditorium 25  
 23 Training Marion Co., 9:30-11:00  
     Health Services Bldg., Rm 1C  
 24 District III Meeting & 2015 lesson planning  
     Polk Co. Extension Office, 9:00-12:00  
 27 Marion Co. Council, 9:30  
     4-Corners Fire Station  
 Washington Co. Holiday 2014  
     9:30, Tualatin, OR  
 31 Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

Daylight Savings time ends  
 Election Day  
 Veterans Day  
 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30  
     Sandwich Express, McMinnville  
 Mail MPY, 9:15  
     4-Corners Fire Station  
 Marion Co. Council, 9:30  
     4-Corners Fire Station  
 Thanksgiving  
**DECEMBER**  
 Christmas Eve  
 Christmas Day

Oregon Association for Family & Community Education