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## Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is very near. I have kept busy with ball games, FCE and Church activities so that made the time go by way too fast.

Today Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties met to plan our FCE and OSU lessons for 2018. Classes and training dates are:

- Rest Your Body (talking about sleep) OSU lesson for January training.
- Technology & the Family Dynamic- Unplug a little! FCE lesson for February training.
- Origins of Common Sayings FCE lesson for March training.
- Bladder Infections FCE lesson for April training.
- Is it a Scam for our August training.
- AA/Addictions FCE lesson for September training.
- Managing Your Stress OSU lesson for the October training.

**Please let the teachers of the lesson know where you will be taking the training.** Again this year we will have one teacher in the Polk/Yamhill Extension Offices and one teacher in the Marion County Extension Office. We will put a P/Y for Polk or Yamhill and M in parenthesis for Marion, so call the person at the location you will be attending. **Let us know as soon as you fill out your lesson program forms so we will know where to print your lessons and how many to print.** If we think that you will be attending in Polk or Yamhill counties and we print your materials here and you go to Marion county you will have to get your materials from the Polk/Yamhill teacher.

OSU is wanting us to choose lessons that they have already developed, either in Oregon or other states. If there is something you are interested in let Sally Wyffels, Dorene Garland or me know so we can see if Tonya Johnson, OSU Agent in Marion County, can find something about it that has already been developed.

This year our Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival will be at the Amity Fire Department on March 21. Our theme is "On Fire for FCE!" We will have our Fire Safety lesson that was taught in Klamath Falls plus some input from the fire department and a tour. There will be games, our used book sale to raise money for the MPY, raffle baskets to help Yamhill and Polk Counties treasuries for expenses. There will be the salad and dessert potluck, bring your own table service and serving spoons, morning coffee, tea and muffins and/or coffee cake will be provided. You may also decorate your tables, they are the 8-foot-long tables. Community project: teddy bears for the firemen to hand out.

Our District III meeting will be May 7, at Murphys Grill in Dallas. Anne Engen and Sally Wyffels will be doing the lesson on Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice; That Kisses the Arctic Circle.

And a reminder 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



May each of you have a fantastic Thanksgiving, Holy Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sally Wyffels  
District III Co-Director

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## Washington County FCE Halidaze Halloween Masquerade

### From the Desk of the District III Director

Recently, as I was rushing to get our weekly groceries, I was stopped in my tracks. Behind a nearby fast-food restaurant was a man going through the garbage and eating his "lunch". He was most likely a homeless individual as he had all his earthly possessions in a grocery cart. I went into the fast-food place and bought him a fresh sandwich and a cup of coffee. When I handed it to him, he responded with "Thank you and may God bless you and your family". Gratitude for something so simple. My trip to the grocery store made me realize I have many people in my life to give thanks.

First, I give thanks to Lynda Nyseth for all the work she does for FCE. Lynda writes/edits both the MPY and FCE State Newsletters...hours and hours of work to get each organized, articles written, and then the writing and editing the copy. Lynda is always available to do the extra, too, for FCE with teaching lessons, hosting meetings and helping to plan future events. She is also known as the "game" lady. She has made FCE as much fun!

Next, I give thanks to the members of District III. You folks have become my friends and I enjoy spending time visiting with each of you. Attending Spring Festival, District Meetings, Millersburg Picnic, Walk the World for ACWW, Fall Conference and various other FCE gatherings are a joy and are looked forward to each year.

Lastly, I must thank my own study group, "Creative Homemakers". You inspire me each month. You each give of your time, creative talents, leadership, and friendship for our group. You each care for one another with words of support and kindness. If there is a member who is ill or needs a word of hope, you each give by listening, writing, calling, preparing a special dish and/or visiting that person. Kindness paid forward.

Linda Bird and I traveled a few miles north to join our fellow FCE members for a day of fun and surprises. This year we didn't dress up, just masks, but some of the gals went all out. What great costumes! The "most glamorous", "scarious" and "most original" were the categories. It took some of us a while to figure out the white costume with "s" and the black costume with "p" were salt and pepper. Great idea!

There were games, stories, sales, raffle baskets and of course good food and lots of good conversation with those that Linda and I see once a year and some of them twice if they are at the state conference.



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Thanks for the great day WA County FCE.

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"What do you get when you cross a stream and a brook?"

"Wet feet!"

## Remarks from State Conference 2017

Our 2017 Oregon FCE Annual Conference has come and gone! As always, it was a great learning experience that was fun and exciting but it definitely goes by too fast for me. This year's theme, "Southern Oregon Charm," was most appropriately displayed by our hosts, District 5 at the Shilo Inns & Suites Hotel in Klamath Falls. Self-guided tours around town were offered on Monday morning with crafts scheduled for the afternoon. Wonderful workshops were on our Tuesday schedule after an informative business meeting to find out what's what in the world of FCE. Although I could only choose two workshops to attend, I heard good reviews for the others. I enjoyed the friendly "Decorate a Potato" contest. WOW! There were some very creative and artistic potatoes that made the famous Mr. Potato Head game just a regular old spud. Speaking of games, I plan to broaden my horizons at next year's conference in Pendleton with "game night". I heard a lot of laughter coming from that room both nights and we can never have too much laughter in our lives! Ann Engen and Sally Wyffels educated us on the country of Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice. We learned Icelandic customs, food, history and way of life. Icelandic people are some of the happiest and healthiest people in the world. Of course, there was some slap stick comedy involved along with their props used in conveying their information.

Speakers included Julie Whitlatch, an author from Klamath Falls. Julie spoke about the love and loss of her life and her journey after that loss which included a book she wrote, "Traveling Home to Happiness". Next up, we listened to a speaker from 'Badger Run,' a wildlife rehabilitation center. The center receives approximately 350 injured animals a year (mostly birds). They treated us to some of their winged ambassadors! Our third speaker was from Redemption Ridge, a facility in Medford who cares for girls rescued from Human Trafficking. This was an eye-opening account from one of the victims of Human Trafficking.

This is my 3rd Oregon FCE conference and I always have fun, meet new friends, learn and laugh a lot! Oh, and the weather was beautiful!

Rene' Metteer

Woodburn Union Study Group

## Tips for attending the State conference By Kerry Mauk

I just got back from the 2017 State Conference and I thought I would offer some tips to those of you who may be considering attending State Conference next year.

First of all, you will want to stay at the hotel where the Conference is at. You miss a lot of fun and activities if you are only here for the meetings.

Second, be sure to find a great roommate, or roommates. I usually room with Sandie but she was not able to make it this year. I discovered that Karen from Jackson County also needed a roommate. Karen and I got along wonderfully, and it is always good to have someone to help you zip up your outfits.

Another tip, practice your card playing. You never know when you might fall into a fast crowd of card sharks, such as Lynda and Marlene.

When you attend the meetings, if you love to laugh, sit at Vicki's table. Trust me on this.

There will be entertainment and guest speakers. This year we enjoyed the birds from Badger Run Animal Sanctuary. The starling got away from her handler and wondered all over the room saying "What Ya Mama".

Prepare to be amazed and educated by the lessons written and presented by our members. I taught "History of Clothing" with Gay and Gail. We had a great time dressing up and showing off our artifacts. I understand that "To Pee or Not To Pee" by Barbara and Rachel was very popular. Gee, I wonder why?

The Conference was busy, fun, enlightening and inspiring. And, you get a break from dishes, cooking and laundry. I recommend it. Just don't plan on getting much sleep.

*(Kerry received a scholarship from Klamath County to attend the conference)*

2018 State FCE Conference will be in Pendleton, October 1,2,3. Hosted by FCE Districts II and IV.

Real Friendships

Education

Activities

Personal Growth

**REAP** The BENEFITS of FCE

## First-timers Comment on State Conference

As first-time attendees of the Oregon State Convention in Klamath Falls, we did not know what to expect. We applied and received Siebold Scholarships and we were so thankful for that!

Having the convention at the Shiloh Inn, in Klamath Falls, was very comfortable and having all our meals served right there at the hotel was convenient. The service was great and the meals tasty; especially the desserts!

We really enjoyed the programs and presentations. They were all very interesting and we learned a lot that we can take back to our study groups to share. We especially liked the presentation by "Badger Run", the local wildlife rehabilitation center. The other program that was of special interest was the presentation by Redemption Ridge in Medford, which assists victims of sex trafficking. The speaker was a victim herself and shared her heart-wrenching story of abuse and healing, not to mention her dedication to the program.

We went to workshops that were very well thought out and planned. We could choose two and The History of Clothing was a favorite. The presenters had examples of ear clothing and modeled some. There were lots of pictures of period clothing and they spoke of clothing through the millennium.

It was so much fun to experience the sales room and do a little shopping. The door prize drawings and auction were so much fun also.

I think that our favorite experience, by far, was meeting all the wonderful, friendly women from around the state. What a great group of women! There was a group who got together in the evenings, after the program was over, to play cards and visit. So much fun!

Overall, the convention was well-planned and very organized. We sincerely thank all the folks that devoted their time and efforts to put it all together for our enjoyment.

Sincerely, Cynthia Gibson, Sandra Rapp and Joyce Tuttle

(Taken from Connection of Jackson County, November 2017 newsletter.)

This year in Klamath Falls they had games set up for Monday night after the speaker. However, she was a wonderful speaker and so many people were in line to have her sign her book that the games got off to a slow start. Gay had set the room up for Rummikub, Monopoly, Jenga, and Farkle. The idea was to start the game and play for 20 minutes, change game tables continuing on from where the other person left off. When I finally got into the room there were 6 or 7 playing Farkle and 4 or 5 playing Jenga and no one was about to change places. I was asked to get some cards from our room so we could play "pig" (some people know the game as spoons). We laughed and played for around 30 minutes more. When they left and I got to my room, which is always open to games there were about 10 people playing card games. We played until around midnight. I do take with me several games. Hand and Foot, Skip-Bo, Pig are among our favorites. Come and join us, the more the merrier.

I'm supposed to mention that Rosalee is the champion Farkle player, Margaret is the Jenga Champion and they are also champion Hand and Foot players. Come see if you can dethrone them.



Another thing that I look forward to when going to the state conferences is seeing interesting parts of the state. In Klamath Falls there were many FCE members at Keepers Corner, looking, visiting and buying. District V had provided maps and information sheets on places to visit. There were 5 of us from Yamhill and Marion Counties that decided to tour the store and then visit Train Mountain Railroad Museum. They have train cars that you can either walk in or just look through windows. What tight quarters to work around in some of the cars like the snow plows. They also provide train rides on the smaller trains that go through some small towns. We did not get to ride this time but I did visit the last time the conference was in Klamath Falls and we went on several miles of track. It is like riding on regular size trains but small scale. (Continued on page 5)

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Many hours of work on the tracks, buildings and scenery to make it look like you are traveling by train to your destination. Lots of volunteers and train enthusiast spend many hours keeping it looking real and repairing tracks and trains.



Connie Leavitt, Lidia McRae, Sharyl Michael and Linda Bird.

I too look forward to seeing friends that I only see once a year. What fun to get caught up on what they are doing. Our rooms were very nice and seemed bigger than some that we have been in, especially when you fit 10 or so in the room to play games. We do get cozy.

Lynda Nyseth

*After reading these comments from attendees I hope that many of you will plan on attending in 2018. The women and men of FCE Districts II and IV have lots planned for us. Remember there are scholarships offered, so check with your district director to see what is available for help financially.*

She did what?

A lady walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for such a loan, so the lady hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce parked on the street in front of the bank.

Everything checks out and the bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. An employee drives the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the lady returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "We are very happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The lady replied, "Where else in New York can I park my car for two weeks for 15 bucks?"



### Books for Baby Program

This is still a project that Marion County does. Each book is put in a cloth bag, along with a bib, brochure about FCE and a copy of the MPY.

Jerry Shepherd makes the labels to put in each book, saying they are donated by FCE and our mission statement.

The nurses say they like giving out the bags and the new mothers like them too. This project is to encourage mothers to read to the newborns and older children too.

I hope we can keep this worthwhile project going.

Submitted by Connie Leavitt, Chairman for Books for Babies Projects.

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*Lores Dauenhauer*

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*Dorene Garland*

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*Rosalee Ratta*

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### **Remembering Marion Pennington**

Meetings will not be the same in Linn County FCE without Marion. She had been a member for over 50 years but never wanted to be recognized for her achievements. She loved playing games, eating chocolate and getting together with her FCE friends. She did a lot in planning the Millersburg picnic that was held in August. She was a very busy worker at

our state conferences that we held in Salem. Getting the hotel contract, working in the sales room at least one year and being available where ever she was needed.

Health problems stopped her from being very active this past year. We will surely miss Marion.

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### **Reasons my diet is not working!**

My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually.

Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants.

The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there.

I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight!

I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake.

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After spending months  
Tethered,  
Leaves—  
As exuberant as children  
Released from school  
Skitter and dance  
In any breeze.

In my dreams-  
I join them.

Remember leaf scuffling, fall bonfires and the crunch of crisp apples.

Nancy Thornton



## **Eola Village Temporary turned long term**

On Highway 233 driving from Dayton to Amity, a side road runs straight back in to the hills. The rusted shell of a classic Porsche stands near the entrance and a long, narrow, single-story building occupies the right side of the road. The locals know that the building dates back to a time when agriculture was the lifeblood of the Yamhill Valley. Cheap labor used the many houses that were there.

Originally, it served as a U.S. Army base. Cavalry units trained at the base. In the early 1930s, the Army abandoned the place and it was turned into a migrant labor camp. The initial idea was strictly to provide basic housing.

When the migrant workers came and went with the seasonal crops, the camp boasted 47 four-room cottages, intended as semi-permanent residences. There were also 176 one-room cabins, intended as more temporary accommodations. There was a central heating plant, bath and laundry facilities and an assembly hall for meetings and group activities.

In the 1950s, the need for hand labor was reduced by mechanical technology. Some families stayed and made Eola Village their home. Some found work locally, but most eked out a hand-to-mouth existence. They needed social services.

Letha Wakeman and a group from McMinnville's First Baptist Church stepped in to help fill the void. A building was acquired and remodeled to serve as a school, chapel, kitchen, activity center, second-hand shop and theater.

Wakeman and her daughter, offered day care, worship services and classes in child care, health and cooking. A shop offering low-cost clothing and household goods was also set up. Daily, youth athletic activities were offered and regularly films were shown in the evening.

In May of 1963, the Yamhill county Housing Authority entertained a proposal to close the camp during the off season. That would put the full-time residents out on the street virtually overnight.

In 1974, Eola Village was closed for good, citing unsanitary conditions and continued deterioration of a facility never built for long-term use.

Between the end of April and mid-May, most of the buildings were burned down. Local fire departments used the burns as training exercises.

(Article taken from News-Register, Saturday, March 13, 2010)

## **Klamath Falls State Conference 2017**



Dress-up night for FCE. We have a pine tree, two fancy ladies, one washed her tuxedo and it shrank and one was in leisure wear.

Late night game players.



## FCE CALENDER

### NOVEMBER

- 23 Thanksgiving
- 27 Marion Co. Council, 9:30  
4-Corners Fire Station

### DECEMBER

- 6 Linn County Christmas Gathering 11:30  
Wing Ming, Lebanon
- 19 Marion Co. Council/Open Arms 11:00  
Christmas Gathering, 4-Corners Fire Station
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 Deadline Oregon FCE News
- 12 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council 9:30  
Sandwich Express
- 19 Mail Oregon FCE News 9:00  
4-Corners Fire Station
- 22 Marion Co. Council 9:30  
4-Corners Fire Station

### JANUARY (continued)

#### REST YOUR BODY

- 24 Training Yamhill Co.  
Extension Office 9:30-11:00
- 25 Training Marion Co.  
Extension Office 9:30-11:00

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Deadline MPY Articles  
Ground Hog Day
- 9 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council 9:30
- 16 Mail MPY 9:00  
4-Corners Fire Station  
TECHNOLOGY & THE FAMILY DYNAMIC
- 21 Training Polk Co.  
Extension Office 9:30-11:00
- 22 Training Marion Co.  
Extension Office 9:30-11:00

### MARCH

- 21 Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival  
Amity Fire Station

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