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President's Comments



President Patti Malanaphy – 2015-2017

Well! I guess Spring has come with a BANG! Will the rain decide to go away?

Your guess is good as mine. I do know our spring flowers are need of more sunshine. I believe they are all underwater.

Spring Board meeting was held in Redmond. Great surprise was that all the FCE Board of Directors were present and ready to go to work. Your District Directors will be reporting all the information from this meeting to their members. I want to thank all the members who gave items for the FCE Booth provided by Scott and Bonnie Teeples at Keeper's Corner Antique Mall. So far, the booth has earned \$457.90. Members can apply for this scholarship to attend the National Conference.

Oregon FCE State Conference Margaret Seibold Scholarship is waiting for someone to apply to attend the upcoming State Conference 2017 being held in Klamath Falls. Theme this year will be "Southern Oregon Charm." If you have never attended a State Conference now is the time to join other members. You will meet new friends and see old friends. This is our opportunity where we all come together and share fun, information, and learning. You might even win one of our exciting gift baskets. You can get an application for the Seibold Scholarship from your district director, state handbook, or from the FCE website at www.oregon-fce.org. Deadline for submitting your application is August 15, 2017 to the state treasurer Bonnie Teeples.

I will be attending the National FCE Conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska on July 13th-16th, 2017. Theme will be, "Bee All you can BEE with

FCE." It is always a great adventure joining members from other FCE groups and states. I have made many friends and I am anxious to see them again. For all of you who have never attended a National FCE Conference now is the time to start thinking about joining 2018 conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas. You can utilize Oregon's scholarship, and apply too for the national scholarship for first time attendance to assist you with registration.

Another difficult task for our Heart of FCE committee to choose the Oregon Heart of FCE to be sent on to National FCE. We congratulate these special ladies. The nominees are, Gay Jarvinen - Klamath Falls County, Myrna Loucks - Washington County, Donna Hulett - Yamhill County. After much deliberation and discussion, the committee selected Gay Jarvinen as Oregon Heart of FCE. We thank these ladies for their contribution, dedication and loyalty to FCE

This year we have three ladies who have been a part of FCE for 50 years or more, and we want to give honor to them for their service. They are among a select group of ladies who have achieved this recognition. Lendamai Poole 50-year member of Woodmere Study Group in Clackamas County. Anna Massingham 51-year member of Lost Creek Study Group in Lane County. Vangie Andreason 56-year member of Brookings Nite Study Group in Curry County. HATS OFF TO THESE AMAZING WOMEN!

The Board has selected these lessons for 2017 Oregon FCE Fall Conference.

Rebooting Family Relationships – Bonnie Teeples and Janet Allen

The History of Clothing – Kerry Mauk and Gay Jarvinen

Safety First – Fire Evacuation – Ed Dolan

Bladder Infections – Barbara Voltin and Rachel Eastman.

Where Did That Saying Come From? – Sandie Bolyard and Patti Malanaphy

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AA/Addictions – Frank H. and Anna Massingham
Iceland – Sally Waffels and Anne Engen

Thanks to all the leaders for volunteering to develop and present these lessons at the State Conference 2017.

I am sad to say that Oregon FCE membership continues to decline. We have approximately 328 members. We are down from 357 members from last year.

Let's all take time to look ahead and make our goal to actively pursue new memberships. We must take responsibility for the future of Oregon Association for Family, and Community Education. We are the SPIRIT of this wonderful organization. Let's not sit and watch her fade away. You will receive credit for recruiting a new member. National provides a free gold FCE Star pin each time you bring in new members. There is a form you can send in to national, or you can email the information direct to nafcehq@fuse.net. I saw a member at state conference and she had, I know, at least 10 gold star pins. We must all continue reaching out to new members. We have provided all our members with the tools and knowledge through lessons, and training they can use to bring in new members. I also know too, that if we just invite them to come to our study group meetings we have a good chance they will join.

Thanks to all our members for their service to FCE!

Patti Malanaphy
Oregon State FCE President

Our Flock, The Lost Sheep and New Lambs

By Scott Teeples President Elect

Each year we hear of a continuing loss of membership in the FCE organization. This is not only a problem with FCE in Oregon but it is also happening in all states and at all level of FCE. We can sit back and continue to watch those numbers drop or we, as FCE members, can make a difference in reversing those trends. We need to do three things. First we need to care for current members "our flock". Second we need to find those lost

members "the lost sheep". Third, we need to find new members, "new lambs", to add to the FCE organization "the fold".

We need to care for our current members "our flock" by keeping them involved and make sure that they are feeling valuable in everything that they do. Really make an effort to know each of your members and what they enjoy about FCE and what they can add to the FCE organization "the flock". Get to know them not only as an FCE member but also as a friend. Watch and care for them. Make sure they know that you really care. When you see them struggling, be there to be their "Shepherd".

Seek out and find those lost FCE members "the lost sheep". Once you have found them, rejoice with them. Find out why they were lost and invite them back. Help them remember the reasons they became involved in FCE. Do whatever you can to help them find their way back. Report these "lost sheep" to your leader at the local, county, district and state levels so that they can help.

Seek out and find new members "new lambs" to add to the FCE organization "the flock". Look for them wherever you go. Invite them to attend your various activities. Involve them in things that they enjoy doing. Find them an assignment that they would enjoy doing. Become their friend. Nurture them in the rich enjoyment of fellowship in the FCE organization.

I know that this will take work but you can be part of the solution for an on-going problem that FCE faces each year. I know that it will not be easy, but with your help and the help of every FCE member, I can guarantee you that it will be worth it. Help those members of your flock, find those lost sheep, and find the new lambs. Let all of us be part of the solution by finding, recruiting, and retaining new and current members.



Remembering FCE Members

that we lost in late 2016-2017

Helen Tamke

Helen was a 50 plus year member. She was a member of Swap Panse in Multnomah County until they disbanded. She had been president of the Multnomah Advisory Council from at least 1998 until 2013 when they disbanded. She had also been president of her club and FCE International Representative.

She moved to California for a couple of years then back to Oregon with her daughter and family. They were living in Willamina but she always wanted to be a part of an FCE group even though she could not make it to the meetings.

Helen said, "One of the most important things I'd like to share is a really big "Thank You!" to FCE for the leadership and opportunity to learn new ideas. The study group lessons provided educational information that helped me make a lifetime of friends. To be an active leader on the State Board and County Council President. And officer in my study group."

She joined FCE in 1962. She was a member of three study groups. First was in Empire, Oregon and then became member in Swap Panse in Multnomah County, where she was County Council President. Finally, in Clackamas County with Woodmere Study Group.

Betty West

Betty was a long time member of Pine City Study group in Morrow County. She was kind and generous and will be greatly missed.

She was the office manager of West Flying Service, the family's agricultural aerial spraying business. She was an active member of the Hermiston First Christian Church, she enjoyed traveling, crocheting, sewing and taking care of her yard.

Beverly Rohde

Beverly was a 50 plus year member of Amity FCE. She was always up to taking a road trip. One of her rules was "this car only makes right hand turns. So if you want to stop for something on the left we will catch it on our way back." Because of health problems she had to drop out of our club.

Bev enjoyed the outdoors. She climbed several mountains, including Mount Hood, Mount St. Helens and the South Sister. She completed the Pacific Crest Trail across the state of Oregon. She was a member of the Chemeketans Hiking Club for many years and enjoyed several outings. She had a passion for singing with the Sweet Adelines and was a founding member of the Cherry City Chapter in Salem.

Nancy Campbell

Nancy was a member of Leisy-Schefflin FCE of Washington County, passed away in March. Nancy was the Secretary of Washington County Council for several years and helped with the registration for the State meeting in Wilsonville. She was, also, a member of the Election Board and the Red Hat Society. Though she had been inactive for the past few years due to her health issues, there will be many who remember her fondly.

This is a list of the names that I was given. We will miss all of these ladies and the love they had for FCE.
Lynda, Editor

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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 if you have any comments or questions.

Submitted by **Scott Teeples** – Oregon FCE Secretary/President Elect

Facebook Page and Facebook Group for Oregon FCE

Check out the newest social media promotion for Oregon FCE on Facebook. We have set up both a Facebook Page (Oregon Association for Family and Community Education) and a Facebook Group (Oregon FCE) for your benefit. You can see lots of information and lots of pictures of Oregon FCE on both of them. You can easily post information, events and pictures on the Oregon FCE Facebook Group. Please contact Scott Teeples at 541-891-6456, or email sfteeples@charter.net if you have any comments or questions.

Submitted by **Scott Teeples** – Oregon FCE Secretary/President Elect

2017 Oregon FCE State Conference

The 2017 Oregon FCE conference committee wants to invite you to mark your calendar and plan on attending the Annual conference in Klamath Falls on **October 2, 3, 4th!**

The conference committee has fun tours and creative activities in the works for Monday, a great fun and exciting game night planned for Monday night and a “Charming” time planned for Tuesday night. And don’t forget your decorated potato for the potato contest! By the way do you know why we are having a contest featuring “Potatoes”? There will be speakers from Badger Run (a wild animal rescue shelter), Klamath County Museum and Redemption Ridge. The service project for conference will be gathering items for Redemption Ridge, a safe house for victims of Human Trafficking. There will be a list of needed items in the August newsletter.

We were able to negotiate a very good contract for the sleeping rooms. The rooms will cost \$85.00 for 1 to 4 people and will include a hot breakfast for all four people included in the room rates. If you want to put a 5th person in the room with a roll away there will be an extra charge.

Join us for a “Charming” time in Southern Oregon!

District I Washington and Clackamas Counties

Clackamas County is trying to function without their leader. Jean Baker, our County FCE President, had a stroke in the first week of April. She is in a rehabilitation care center and we are hoping she will be able to come back and join us. It is not easy but the rest of the council is trying to carry on in Jean’s absence.

On April 24th we did have the county Share Fair. We had the pleasure of having some of Washington county ladies and Lynda Nyseth and Linda Bird join us. The theme was “Teddy Bears”. The speaker was Hope Loose who is with the Oregon City Lions Club. She also told about the Teddy Bear parade held in May. Some of us thought it would be fun to march in the parade if we could get a banner. Maybe next year.

After a summer break it is back to work planning meetings, programs, etc. Study group presidents need to remember to send their Half Yearly report to the County Council President by August 15th. The months to include are February-July. The County Council President then compiles the information and mails it to the District Director who uses the information to make her report for the Annual Board meeting in October. Please include activities, donations or scholarship awards as well as the volunteer hours.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.
Lendamai Poole, District I Director

Report from Spring Board: There are 126 members in the two counties. They reported a total of 2,675 FCE volunteer hours and 9,846 other hours.

Washington County had their Annual Appreciation Luncheon for officers and lesson presenters. They held their Holiday Faire fundraiser on Halloween. It was great fun and some even dressed in costume.

Clackamas County had 7 members attend the Annual Oregon FCE conference in Salem. They had a potluck in November and collected food for the Oregon City Pioneer Pantry which supplies food for homeless students at Oregon City High School. (Continued on page 5)

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This program makes sure they have food during the weekends when they cannot get food at the high school.

The Garden Home group in Washington County invited the 4H Ambassadors to come to their summer picnic. The young people gave a presentation on the valuable programs 4H Scholarships supports at the county, state and federal levels. The ladies were very impressed by the 7 young people who joined them.

The Woodmere groups in Clackamas collect bottles and cans to raise monies for 4H and other charities they support. Treasurer, Jessie Tucker collected and sent embroidery thread to Africa.

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**District III Annual Luncheon
Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk & Yamhill**

"The Place Where Honor Lives" was the theme for the day. We had 31 in attendance at the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home, Lebanon, OR. Jeanne Brandt, OSU Extension Agent welcomed us and then we went outside for the presentation of the Colors and Drill Team Demonstration by the Lebanon High School Junior ROTC Program with SFC Michael Sell, Coach.

Next we were told about the Veterans' Home by Jeremy Woodall and given a tour of the facilities. There are 4 main buildings with 11 living sections. Each section has a kitchen, dining area, den, entertainment center and outdoor courtyard. Each resident has a private room. The separate dining room per section is nice because the food is served up as they order it so the food doesn't get cold as it does when served up in a cafeteria and served all at the same time as it is in most care facilities.

The residents' rooms are very roomy and comfortable and make the residents feel like they are at their own homes.

Lauren Murray, from Newport High School was one of the speakers. Lauren was the District contest winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Voice of Democracy Essay.

Kyle Smith and Cramer Strader-Sprague from Greater Unified Albany Vexillological Association (GUAVA), spoke to us on Flag History and Creation of the City of Albany Flag. They told us of the process that is taken to develop the design of a flag, the do's and don'ts.

We had a very delicious lunch prepared by the facility and then held our District Meeting. We had an enjoyable and informative day. We were honored and glad to have Scott and Bonnie Teeples join us as we honored our veterans.

We were given a list of needed donations. Anyone interested in helping can contact OVHL, 600 N 5th St., Lebanon, OR 97355. Phone: (541) 497-7265.

Thank you Linn County for hosting.

Spring Board report: Lane County has 13 members. They donated \$100.00 to the local food bank and \$100.00 to the Fire Department. They had 258 FCE volunteer hours and 387 other hours. They celebrated Ella Lang's 100th birthday in May.

Linn County is planning a tea for the ladies at the Lebanon Veterans' Home for September 10. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties have 74 members. Total FCE volunteer hours 680.5 and 1,169 other hours. Monetary donations were given to Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, Volunteer Firemen's Group, books, bags and bibs, food banks, Christmas presents and gift cards for families, MPY, Museums of History.

In March Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival had 27 attend. Our theme was "Honoring Our Flag", we announced Donna Hullet as our Heart of FCE nomination, we held craft classes and members from one of the Yamhill County Genealogy groups spoke on how to get started researching our family. We collected 5 grocery bags of hygiene items that were given to the Rescue Mission in McMinnville. We sold books to raise funds for the MPY. We were honored to have Starla Pointer from the News Register in McMinnville come share the day with us, interview members as to how they started in FCE and why they are still members and she wrote a very nice article with pictures for the paper.

We will to the ACWW Women Walk the World on April 29th, in the Dallas City Park.

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**District IV
Athena & Pendleton**

Spring Board report: 26 members reporting Athena other than FCE hours 377 from one member who is 86 years old. Giddy-Up-Go in Pendleton reported 65 FCE hours and 80 other volunteer hours. Pine City had 65 FCE hours and 90 other hours.

Things they did when the weather permitted: collect Coins for Friendship, Christmas Ornament exchange, delivered a special gift basket to Betty West family (Betty was one of the members that we lost in 2016). Betty held the Christmas party at her home for many years. They participated in the "Character Counts" project, giving \$25.00 to the winner in Morrow Co.

District V

Curry, Jackson & Klamath Counties

Spring Board report: Brookings Nite does a table at the Community Christmas Bazaar with crafts done by members for sale, a "white elephant" Christmas tree with gifts for \$1 and coffee/soda/water sales for vendors. We also offer FCE information to those who inquire. We have 14 paid members.

Members contributed 529 volunteer hours, they include bazaar work, Rotary, church, college foundation board, advisory board for local nursing home, food bank and many other activities. The Bazaar in November is our big one, we have booths for at least 10 community organizations and offer free space for some youth groups to have booths. This is the 47th year. It started as an effort to bring the small bazaars around town under one roof and it grew from less than 20 vendors to over 100. Funds, after expenses, have supported 4-H camp scholarships, donations in memory of passed members to 4-H and local animal shelters, pay dues for all members to State and National FCE, food banks, helped local church to acquire a handicapped elevator.

This year we started a new tradition of having a birthday lunch each month to celebrate those members whose special days were that month. Everyone brings cards for those celebrating, lunch is at a location chosen by the honorees and it is no-host. Usually some nice person brings a birthday cake. We held one "Game Day", at a member's home to play board games and have fun together.

Jackson County has 61 members with 1,324 FCE volunteer hours and 1,002 other hours. Hours come from lesson presentations, making stuffed animals for children, History clubs, Cemetery, caregiving, transportation, schools, food banks, newsletters, Character Counts Contest, thread for India, recruiting new members and many other projects.

Klamath County has 18 members in the two groups. They do a lot of community service and are active in the FCE organization. Each group teaches a lesson/program each month and uses many of the State and National FCE prepared materials. They collect "Coins for Friendship".

They have a total of 756 FCE volunteer hours and 910 other hours. The groups have collected items and put together 114 books for newborns packets. Half were delivered to the Tribal Health Office in Chiloquin and the other half to WIC to be delivered to families in Klamath County. Both places are very appreciative of the packets as are the recipients.

Klamath County has donated to Vet organizations for many years. They collect hygiene kits for the VET Clinic. To date 127 packets have been delivered and another 20 are ready for delivery to the Disabled American Veterans. We will walk on April 28 for the ACWW Women Walk the World.

Treasurer's Note

The Treasurers Bottom Line

We are excited this year to welcome 20 new FCE members for the 2017 membership year! I had the opportunity to meet a few of them as we attended District Meetings around the state. What a pleasure to get to know them! Remember, if you recruited a new member, contact Judy Jones at National FCE Headquarters and request your star! (Contact me for more information in this!)

For your information, our total membership stands at 329 members for 2017, last year we had a total of 357 members. With the 20 new members, we have a net loss of 28 members for this year. We have lost a few members due to death, health concerns and some have moved out of the state. Those members will be sorely missed. Another group of members we will miss are those who have not rejoined this year.

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If you know of someone who didn't rejoin this year, please contact them and see what if anything we can do to encourage them to return to the organization. Also, if you have any suggestions for a membership drive, please contact me!

In 2016, the board had made the decision to try the donation route for this year instead of more serious measures like raising dues, dropping issues of the newsletter or trying to send the newsletter electronically.

I am so pleased to let you know that the donations for the newsletter have brought in \$777.50! That is nearly enough to fund the two issues of the newsletter that we normally take out of the investment funds. The website donations brought in enough to pay the website fees and the domain fees this year. The board is very grateful for your generosity, and we are hoping that seeking donations will continue to be successful!

The fund raising booth in Keepers Corner has brought in nearly \$600 since October 2016. Thank you for the donations we got from several members when we attended District Meetings. The booth looks so nice with all of the donated items. I like this method of fundraising as we are getting money from outside our organization! We still welcome donations for the booth and you are welcome to bring items to Klamath Falls when you come for conference.

If you have any questions concerning the finances of the organization do not hesitate to give me a call or an email!



OREGON FCE STATE CONFERENCE
MARGARET SEIBOLD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Sponsored by Oregon Association for Family and Community Education

Each scholarship is for UP TO \$100.00

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____
County _____
City _____
Zip _____
What is your age group? 18-30 _____ 31-40 _____
41-55 _____ 56 & over _____

Are you an FCE member? Yes___ No___ How many years have you been a member? _____
Name and location of your study group _____
Have you attended the State conference? Yes___ No___ Last year of attendance _____
Have you been awarded this scholarship before? Yes___ No___ What year _____
Will you have to pay for child or elder care expenses to attend? _____

In order to receive this award you must attend the whole conference.

Tell us why you want to be considered for a State FCE Conference Scholarship. Include what you hope to gain from the conference and how, where and with whom you will share the information you learn at the conference. (Attach a second page to your application, if you need more writing space).

Application to be sent to State Treasurer:

Bonnie Teeples
4338 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Or email to: bdteeples@charter.net

Application must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2017. Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified by September 1, 2017

FCE Star Pin Program

When you sign up a new member, fill out the form below and send it to National FCE Headquarters to receive your Star Pin.

I signed up a new member:
Name of New Member _____

Address _____
City _____ ST _____
Zip Code _____
Date Joined _____
My Name is _____

Address _____
City _____ ST _____
Zip Code _____
Membership ID Number _____

Send form to National FCE Headquarters, 73 Cavalier Blvd., Suite 106, Florence, KY 41042-5178.

Once the new member information has been verified a star pin will be mailed to you.

You may also fax this information to headquarters at 859-525-6496 or you can email the info to nafcehq@fuse.net.