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President's Comments President Scott Teeples 2018-2020



As we begin a new year, I hope the best for each one of you and your families. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always, I thank each and everyone of you for your help and support to me and Oregon FCE. Great help from you and the Board helps to make FCE the best it can be.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year in both my personal life and in FCE. I have set and renewed goals for both and will strive to do my best in both areas. May I remind you of my personal goals to make FCE the best it can be.

Communication – Communicate with all FCE members and potential FCE members.

Membership – Find, recruit and retain current and new FCE members. “Invite, Invite, Invite!”

Financial – Keep Oregon FCE financially fit.

Leadership and Professional Development – Work at developing all FCE members in leadership skills and professional development.

Education – Develop and present great lessons that will be taught at all levels in the state.

Community Service – Develop and help other FCE members develop and do great Community Service Projects.

Oregon FCE State Fall Conferences – Develop and hold the best State Conferences that we can.

Make Oregon FCE the best it can be – Do all that I can do to make Oregon FCE the best it can be.

I can hardly believe that I am starting my third year as your Oregon FCE President. I am honored, and feel it a privilege, that you selected me to serve as your president. I will always strive to do the best that I can do for FCE. The time has gone quickly, and I have had a lot of wonderful experiences, met lots of new friends and have learned a lot about FCE and its wonderful members. I’ve had two great years and hope for this coming year to be even better. I look forward to the trips, the meetings and activities, the new and old friends I’ll meet, the experiences I’ll have and all of the things I’ll learn.

The 2019 Oregon FCE State Conference that was held in Clackamas, Oregon was a great success. There were lots of great classes and presentations and I felt that we were given the opportunity to learn a lot. Many people in District 1 and some from other places in the State had put in many hours preparing for the Conference and I thank each and every one of them. We had the privilege and honor of having the Hawaii FCE State President there with us. Ardyce Snyder, National FCE President was planning on being there but, at the last moment, unable to attend because of some back problems she was having.

The 2020 Oregon FCE State Conference is going to be held in Springfield, Oregon and will be hosted by District 3. They are already preparing for it and I’m sure that it’ll be another great one.

Now is the time to be thinking of the topics for lessons you would be interested in having at the 2020 Oregon FCE Fall Conference. Let your District Director or State officers know so they can present them at the Board of Directors meeting the first week of March 2020. You can also submit your suggestions to VP for Programs, Rene’ Metteer. At the Spring Board Meeting, we will be deciding on the

lessons that will be presented at the annual FCE Conference.

After being invited to attend the 2019 Hawaii FCE Conference, I took the opportunity to go. It was held in Hilo, Hawaii and it was a wonderful experience. I met lots of new friends and learned a lot about Hawaii FCE. I'll share some of these with each of you some time.

Occasionally I have FCE members that inquire as to the cost of all my trips both in and outside of Oregon. I would like to take a moment and explain. I love to travel, love to meet new friends, learn new things, have new experiences and learn all I can about FCE. I love to share FCE with everyone that I meet. I know that Oregon FCE cannot afford to pay for all these trips even though some are budgeted but I do most of these on my own dime.

If you haven't heard, the 2020 National FCE Conference is going to be held in Clackamas, Oregon on July 23-26, 2020. It doesn't get any closer. Please plan on attending. Don't miss the opportunity. The Oregon FCE Board has voted to use some of the money that has been raised through the Oregon FCE Fundraising Booth, located at Keeper's Corner, and has made available twenty \$200.00 scholarships to help in attending the Conference. The Scholarship is available to all Oregon FCE members and full details are available on the application form. The form is available from any of the Oregon FCE State Officers and also on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org. The application forms were also emailed out to all Oregon FCE members that have a registered email.

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

Community Service Award – This is a contest that is for the state of Oregon and the state winner is recognized at the National FCE Conference. Please read all the contest guidelines and rules on the forms on the Oregon FCE website. Get your Study Group

or County recognized for their great Community Service Projects. Fill out the forms correctly and submit them by the deadlines listed.

Oregon FCE 2nd and 3rd Grade Essay and Art Work Contest – This is a newer contest of Oregon. The forms have been emailed out to all County Presidents and all members. The forms are also available on the Oregon FCE website. Invite all 2nd and 3rd Graders to compete in this contest. Have them fill out the forms and submit them by the deadlines listed. This year's theme is "What I love most about living in Oregon."

Volunteer Hours Awards – This year was our second year for this award. We had several that were given out at the 2019 Fall Conference. These awards are for individuals, Study Groups or Counties. Take a moment and apply to receive some recognition for all the volunteer work that you do. You all deserve it. Forms are located on the Oregon FCE website.

It is time to select your Heart of FCE nomination. This is a wonderful honor for our members to be recognized for their accomplishments. Nominations must be sent to the Vice President for Public Policy, Sandie Bolyard by March 15, 2020. Every county should submit a nomination.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions that we could use in making Oregon FCE the best it can be. My cell phone is 541-891-6456 (call or text) and my email is sfteeples@charter.net.

I look forward to serving each and every one of you. Please let me know if there is ever anything, I can do for you. Please let me know of any meeting or activities that I can attend. These could include Study Group meetings, County Council meeting, District meetings or any other FCE activity.

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

Web Site for Oregon FCE

www.Oregon-FCE.org

Again, please check out the web site and let me know what you think. There is lots of information and forms available to all members. Have you checked out YOUR County "Invitation to Join" Brochure that is now available. Please contact Scott Teeples at 541-891-6456, or email sfteeples@charter.net if you have any comments or questions.

Remembering FCE Members that we lost in late 2019

Raymond Dahl

Raymond was a member of the Woodmere FCE Group. For several years he brought his wife, Billie who in 2017 was a 50-year member, to the meetings and also gave several other members rides. He enjoyed the outings also, so when his wife died, he continued to drive members to many of their activities. He will be greatly missed by the Woodmere FCE.

Randi Holbert

Randi was 93 when she passed away. She was a member of Woodmere Study Group since March, 1983. She moved to Christian Retirement Community and came to our meetings until last year, due to failing health. She was a lovely person, great sense of humor and often told JOKES at our meetings. She will be missed.

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State Conference Experience By Lynda Nyseth

There were 7 of us from Yamhill and Marion Counties that attended the Conference in Clackamas.

Four of us took advantage of the tour to the Oregon Trail Museum. We toured the buildings and had interesting tours; one was a film and the other was an oral presentation by a very knowledgeable young lady. Some of the others toured Bob's Red Mill and a couple went to The Pittock Mansion. After lunch on Monday an informative production and funny skit was given on "Travel Tips & Tricks". If you are planning on traveling it was very helpful. Next Bonnie presented an informative class on "Changing your Cultural DNA". Here we talked about things we do in our study groups, are they working and how may we change things to fit the time we are in now.

After that full day it was time for Monday dinner. Our speaker shared "Geology for the Homeowner", what are some things we need to look at before purchasing a home, or things we need to be aware of on the property we now have. After dinner the sales room was open for business and several of us played games in a joining area. Bingo, Chicken Foot and Pit were the games of choice. It was nice to have a room and about 15 people that we usually don't see playing games together.

Tuesday morning was our business meeting, followed by lunch and an author of Mystery Novels which take place along the Willamette River. Our afternoon classes were interesting and informative. We were welcomed to dinner with Hawaiian Music and lei's that our guest Ruth Haitzuka, Hawaii State FCE President, presented to each of us. Sharyl Michael presented Bonnie and Scott with a special thank you from her for all of the many things they do for FCE.



Our "Retired by spunky cheer leaders" (Sally Wyffels, Ann Conklin and Lynda Nyseth) invited everyone to Springfield for the 2020 FCE State Conference. Sorry no pictures.
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Wednesday morning, we were entertained with an opening skit to introduce us to Ireland. This is the country that was chosen and presented by Anne Engen and Cynthia Gibson.

Our attendance is down at the state conferences. I hope that you will plan on attending October 5-7, 2020, when we meet in Springfield, OR. There are a number of scholarships available, so ask your District Director or check on the web site and make plans to attend. Meet old friends and make new friends as we enjoy our time together.

Reports given at the State Conference Board Meeting 2019
(with added events that took place later in the year)

District I

Washington and Clackamas Counties

Both counties were very active in planning the 2019 FCE Annual Conference. They have 12 FCE groups and at the conference time had 114 members.

Tours/Outings: Willamette Heritage Center, Thomas Kay Woolen Dye Mill, Snow-Cap Food Distribution Center, Bobs Red Mill, Freedom House, Chinese Gardens, Zoo and the new OSU Portland Center.

Clackamas County's Fair Share was held in the spring. It was well attended, interesting speaker, followed by a fun drawing and pot luck lunch. The Rural Dell group held a special luncheon for 4-H also.

Submitted by Kay Gooding, District I Director

District II

Many of the lessons from Conference were given throughout the year. We donated \$50 to Crook County 4-H Leader Assoc. and \$50 for home delivered meals.

Submitted by Loretta McDonald and Marilyn Thompson, Co-District II Directors

District III

Volunteer hours include planning and leading FCE meetings and events, writing articles for MPY and helping with mailing. Researching, writing and

teaching FCE lessons in our District and other Districts. Writing reports and staying in touch with FCE groups within our District and from other Districts and inviting them to our county events.

Community service activities include visiting church members in Alzheimer care centers, helping with master gardening, knitting hats, scarves, afghans for homeless veterans, knitting premie blankets for hospital, knitting baby sweater & blankets for charity, help put on breakfasts at local grange, do trash pickup along roads, work at local food banks, do fiber art demos, volunteer at museums, help adults learn to read, drive neighbors to appointments, give leadership to church and city clubs and teach Sunday School.

Ambitious Annies of Polk County spend \$145 for children's underwear, socks, gloves and hats to be divided between three grade schools – for children's needs.

Marion County does "Books for Babies".

Tours we have taken: Tillamook to see the remodeled creamery, a quilt museum and quilt stores; Peony garden near Brooks; and to Tualatin to check out Cracker Barrel and Stash Tea store.

Submitted by Anne Engen, District III Director



Lost Creek Christmas Party Lane County

District V

Three counties make up our district: Jackson County, Curry County and Klamath County.

Curry participates in many volunteer activities: Retirement Home, telephoning homebound neighbors, sports event volunteer, serving food and various churches, Red Cross blood drive, Rotary Club, Board of Director-Coquille Fire Dept., library volunteer, Meals on Wheels, tutoring, Senior Activity Center, Lion's Club, Food Bank, Coastline Neighbors, caregiver, and Elks Club. (Cont. pg.5)

(Continued from page 4) And they held their 50th annual Holiday Bazaar in Brookings on November 16th.

Jackson held Spring Festival in May with 33 people joining in on the day. Speakers from OSU led the lesson on planting gardens to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. A local 4-H group cooked lunch for us as a fundraiser.

Study groups have donated embroidery thread to South Africa. Other volunteer actives: FCE conference, County Council duties, FCE meetings, newsletter, annual community yard sale, tutoring at various schools, American Cancer Society, Talent library reading and delivering books, Prospect library, Prospect Access Pantry, Historical Society, Community Help Line-Dunn House, Lioness, District 59 school board member, Sheriff sub-station volunteer, Button Club, care giving, driving, vision testing, various school volunteering, various church activities, senior transportation, writing lessons, Food Bank, comfort bear project, SMART program-reading, Prospect e-mail distribution, making craft items in preparation for Holiday Bazaar, Easter Egg hunt prep, collecting items for our annual "Bags for Foster Kids" and Prospect Jamboree breakfast fundraiser. Eagle Point, Talent/Phoenix and Prospect had fundraiser Yard Sales and made stained glass for Breast Cancer.

Klamath County FCE groups teach lessons, using many of the State FCE and National FCE prepared programs. Many of our volunteer hours come from the collecting items for and assembling hygiene kits for our local Veterans. This year we added blankets, warm caps and mittens as we "Warm a Vet". We also collect items for "Books for Newborns". Comfort Bears are made and distributed for children, youth and adults in trauma. The Student Leadership Class at a local high school is helping with this project.

Submitted by Cynthia Gibson, District V Director

INVITATIONS

March 18, 2020, Yamhill/Polk County Council will be holding our Spring Festival.

We will be visiting Costa Rica and Panama with some of the high school students from Amity. The students learn about the culture and other interesting facts about the countries as they travel. The next

trip will be to Belize. The students will share pictures and their experiences from their trip. As our community project we will be gathering funds for their next trip. We will have raffle baskets from our study groups and half of the money raised will go toward the next trip. Each student has to gather their money for the trip. Come and share in the student's experiences.

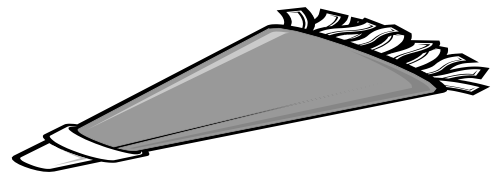
We will also have our pot luck lunch of salads and desserts. There will be some game playing, used book sales and lots of laughter and fellowship with FCE members and friends.

We will be meeting at the Amity Fire Station and registration starts at 9. Call Lynda, 503-835-2044 for more information.

District III will have our Annual Meeting on Monday, May 11th, so mark your calendar. Call Anne Engen, District III Director at 503-472-7146 for more information.

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

July 23-26, 2020, National FCE Conference held in Clackamas, OR. Scholarships available, look on the web page or contact your District Director.



**CHEERS FOR FCE
2020 State FCE Conference
Springfield, OR
October 5,6,7, 2020**

**District III Director
Anne Engen**

District III FCE members have been traveling up and down the valley to attend each other's events and afterwards work on ideas for hosting this fall's 2020 state conference. We are enthusiastic and already have pleasant surprises for attendees that blend marketing FCE with useful items.

I contacted study groups to ask what their group did to celebrate Christmas and help others.

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Lost Creek in Lane County held an auction raising about \$200, then turned around and gave \$100 to the local fire department (they hold their meeting there), \$50 to the Dexter food bank and \$50 to the Lowell food bank.

The Ambitious Annie's in Polk County (all in their 80s) bought children's underwear and gave it to grade school teachers to hand out as needed.

Twice a year **Oak Meadows** study group in Marion County gather toys to donate to Marion County Fire District I (also known as 4 Corners). But first the members spread out the toys to enjoy looking and maybe playing with them. They also donated funds to two organizations that provide shelter for women.

The **Creative Homemakers** study group in Yamhill County blessed a family of six for the fourth year as the father battles liver failure. They call the group their secret Christmas angels.

For Christmas the **Sheridan** study group met with a former FCE group and enjoyed crafting, singing, playing games and eating. Sheridan group also donated money to a local food bank.

Amity met at Lynda's house and 3 members made a couple Christmas cards and then joined other members at the little bakery in Amity. We enjoyed a lunch of soup and sandwiches, visited and browsed around the shop at the items on consignment. They also looked at the items bought for 2 children whose names were on the tree of giving. They make Christmas wreaths to raise money so they can spend \$50 on each child.

Linn County is down to just 4 or 5 members but they keep involved with lessons and hosting a summer picnic at Millersburg Park each August. All of District III enjoys the picnic time.

"One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others"

Quiz for Bright people

There are only nine questions.

This is a quiz for people who know everything!

I found out in a hurry that I didn't.

These are not trick questions.

They are straight questions with straight answers.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers on page 7

V.P. Public Policy Sandie Bolyard

Heart of FCE

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

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

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

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Character Counts program for 4th graders.

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

What I Love about living in Oregon contest:

I am hoping that you all are active in bringing this contest for **2nd & 3rd graders** to your local schools and home-schooled children. The rules are the same as the Character Counts contest so send me your 2nd & 3rd grade first place winners along with the **signed National & State permission and photo** to me by March 15th. **any entries submitted to me without the photo and permission slips cannot be put in for consideration.** Mail forms from all contest in 9" x 12" manila envelopes.

Answers to Quiz:

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward:
Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Three English words beginning with dw:
Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar:
Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation

mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.

8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.

9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Just to make you smile

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel.

When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00. She demanded to know why the charge was so high.

"I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', and breakfast had been included had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes' discussion and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for \$50.00."

"That's correct I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here and you could have."

Moral: Don't mess with Senior Citizens.

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2020 Oregon FCE Calendar

February

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

March

8 Daylight saving begins
15 Deadline Heart of FCE
Deadline Character Counts
Deadline 2nd & 3rd Essay Contest
17 St. Patrick's Day
18 Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival
Amity Fire Station, Amity, OR
23/24 Spring Board Meeting
Redmond, OR

April

12 Easter
29 ACWW Women Walk the World

May

1 Deadline for articles for Oregon FCE News
10 Mother's Day
11 District III Luncheon, Salem, OR
15 Mail Oregon FCE News
25 Memorial Day

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