Fall Conference has exciting plans

by Vickie Jackson and Paul Zastrow
Discover the land between Mt. Hood and the Columbia River. Come to our annual Fall Conference September 27 in Hood River at the Rockford Grange.

There will be workshops, snacks, and lunch, all included in the $25 registration fee.

We will have a Silent Auction to raise funds for the OEA Foundation and ask members to donate a book or two to the Literacy Project.

Our keynote speaker, Kevin Gorman, will give a history of the Columbia Gorge. He is the executive director of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, as well as its land trust.

Gorman joined the organization in 1998, and during his tenure, Friends has grown from eight staff and one office to 22 staff and three offices; net assets have grown from $750,000 to $22 million. Gorman was previously the associate director of Oregon Natural Resources Council, now Oregon Wild.

Our planned workshops will include: Racial Justice, Senior Fraud, AARP Safe Driving Tips, Emergency Preparedness – Mother Nature’s Wrath, Travel, and Retiree Benefits.

We plan to be finished with our structured activities by 2:30 p.m. to give everyone enough time for wine tasting and/or exploring the beautiful countryside.

To help plan your trip here are the links for places to stay:

- Campgrounds in the area: https://visithoodriver.com/stay/?_sft_type=campgrounds
- Hampton Inn and Suites, close to the marina
- Westcliff Lodge, with quite a view of the Columbia River.
- Brookside Bed & Breakfast to be closer to the conference site
- Hood River Hostel to bring back college memories

These are just a few suggestions for you to choose from with most rooms costing around $150, with tax. Make your reservations soon!

To register fill out form on Page 11.

Census makes changes in representation

by Maureen Barnhart
As a result of the 2020 Census, Texas gains two seats, one seat each to Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon. Seven states have lost seats: California, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.

Five seats will move from blue states to red ones — owing to population shifts from the Rust Belt, the Northeast and California to the South and other portions of the West.

Three of seven being taken away are coming from states in which Democrats have some measure of control over the maps. Other states have more divided control or redistricting commissions.

Max Denning of the La Grande Observer wrote an article that ran January 14, 2019, in which some political observers offered these potential scenarios in Oregon. These are NOT official, just some possibilities determined with the help of a computer program to fit the parameters of Oregon law.

ORS 188.010, which gives the state's criteria for drawing congressional districts, states that a district must “be contiguous; be of equal population (approximately 720,000 people in 2022); utilize existing geographic or political

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Two things strike me as I write this last article for the current year—first, that we have completed more than a year of personal isolationism due to the pandemic and, second, that the pandemic actually led to some good consequences. I know the second part of that statement will cause some pause for some of us.

The pandemic gave us time to really reflect on many of the events happening in our country and the world. It laser-focused us on our actions and the actions of others, and on the interconnectedness of those actions.

Our world will never again have the ‘normal’ of the pre-pandemic. And that is probably a good thing. We have had to face a lot during the last year and examine for ourselves the type of world we want for the future.

In the OEA-Retired arena, we have had to learn different means of meeting together and to amp up our communications. These are good things. We are trying to do various types of communications—from postcards to texting to email to PrimeTimes. We have used all of these communication modes in the past, but not in the ways we are using them now. We are making a concerted effort to provide more ‘touch’ space for all our members.

Like most people, we “Zoom” a lot. While those of us on the Board look forward to being able to eventually meet in person again, we also have benefited positively from our Zoom account. As a group, we have decided to continue our committee meetings via Zoom even after we return to in-person Board meetings. They seem to be more productive with better attendance. There is more later in this newsletter about our committees.

Due to events outside the actual pandemic, we as a nation have had to face the continued racism in our country and around the world. While we can’t change the whole world, we can make changes happen in our country. As in most things, that change must start with us as individuals. As Michael Jackson once sang, we have to ‘look at the man in the mirror.’

The necessary changes will not always be easy. In fact, I predict that many of them will be very hard and will result from both personal and collective soul-searching. For some of us, the changes will be painfully slow and for some of us they will be far too fast.

As I look forward to my last year as the OEA-Retired President, I also look forward to the programs and policies that we can put into place to enhance our lives and the lives of all those around us. Much of what we are now working Continued on Page 4.
Advocating for Infrastructure and Nutrition for Families

by Maureen Barnhart and Eileen Wende

The OEA Congressional Advocacy Team Zoom-met with Sen. Ron Wyden on April 30 to thank him for his support of our national legislative priorities and to clarify what support is still requested.

Both in opening and as we ended the meeting, the Senator extolled the efforts and valor of our educators who have been offering their best efforts in teaching online throughout the pandemic and in the return to in-person learning—surely it’s fair to say that those of us who are retired are equally in awe of our colleagues.

On the agenda was an update/discussion regarding statewide standardized testing. As your representatives to CAT, we do wonder from whom our Congressional delegation is receiving incorrect reassurances that all is well on this front?

In this meeting, as with Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, CD 1, we had to remind that the time commitment for even limited standardized testing would question the wisdom of using the precious time left in this school year for such testing.

We observed that testing is not needed to confirm that inequities exist in our low-income communities. We reminded the Senator that the type of test required by the U.S. Department of Education is designed to make system changes, not to determine how to place or support individual students.

When we first bring up the subject of standardized testing, our Legislators are surprised that we do not find the “compromise” offered by the Dept of Ed to be acceptable.

The team thanked him for his advocacy for schools and school infrastructure relevant to the Rebuild America’s Schools Act and tax fairness proposals. We were surprised that the Senator was unaware of how high a priority it is for NEA to rebuild, modernize, and make structurally safe America’s public schools.

CAT members were quick to respond to the Senator that many of our schools are old, suffer mold, air and water quality issues, and have been not retrofitted for earthquake safety; and that NEA has actively lobbied on these issues for many years.

Senator Wyden was adamant about the need to expand funding for broadband in rural and underserved areas. He reiterated that in any infrastructure bill coming out of the Senate Finance Committee would include broadband. He had not only heard from our committee members, but it is a concern that he hears, loud and clear, voiced at every rural town hall meeting.

Active educators on the team touted the efforts of public school districts to continue to feed our students during the closure of buildings. School meals for all, at no cost, means improved health, support for learning, and an end to stigma. NEA has put forth several initiatives to include “Healthy Meals for All” in the American Families Plan.

Sen. Wyden voiced his support to keep funding for free school lunches, as has all of the Oregon delegation with the exception of Rep. Cliff Bentz, CD 2.

As Congressional Representative, he also voted against the COVID relief bill.

Senator Wyden also spoke of his bill, the Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act, which will allow ranchers and the BLM to interactively manage rangeland in Malheur County.

He is hoping to get bipartisan support for his bill from Oregon’s Representative Bentz.

The Senator and his staff gave us their time between meetings and after a long night and plane flight that included a delay on a stopover.

They were engaged and attentive to our comments. However, we did not have time to fully explain some of our issues nor to appropriately thank him for his support.

The Senator has been an advocate of including supplements to the revenue

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Advocating

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in the forest counties; thus supporting our rural districts. While we will be in touch with his staff to give additional information, we suggest that individuals might send your appreciation to his aide, breanna_irish@wyden.senate.gov.

Handling a difficult conversation

by Ruth Greiner, Matt Falby and Eileen Wende

Sometimes we find ourselves in social situations in which we feel angered by another person’s words or actions. What can be done to work through the discomfort that is often created by these situations?

Confrontation and silence are two actions which we often fall back on, but both can add to the stress of the situation and seldom resolve the problem. How can you have a meaningful conversation with a person whose views are diametrically opposed to your own thoughts and beliefs?

Restorative justice techniques can help us work through these difficult conversations. Most relationship building or healing happens in one-on-one conversations.

Before initiating a conversation, there are three items to keep in mind:
1) How are you feeling?
2) What happened/what were you thinking?
3) How can any harm be repaired?

When engaging in a restorative conversation, you should always be aware of your body language. Most people make assumptions based on your facial expressions, how you act, and your energy level. Always speak in your authentic voice by welcoming and acknowledging what you hear without necessarily implying agreement.

Know your own triggers. Be open to listening to the other person, even if something is hard for you to hear or you don’t like or disagree with what you are hearing. Remain calm, and always avoid making assumptions, because you most likely have no idea what prior experiences have shaped this person’s attitude.

A restorative conversation should happen in private. If you’re in a group setting, arrange a time to talk without broadcasting to the group that a private conversation is needed. This way you can avoid embarrassing the individual and inadvertently escalating the situation.

Always avoid arguing back and forth, as this will lead to more conflict. When starting a conversation and working toward a solution, it is usually best to start on common ground and work from there. Telling a story about a personal experience often provides understanding which move a conversation forward.

Lastly, it is important to pick your battles wisely. One must remember that every little difference cannot be resolved immediately, if at all. Even the smallest bit of understanding is a step forward.

We remember

Sheila Dougherty, Portland
Sept. 12, 2020

Peg Hewlet, Wilsonville
Mar. 16, 2021

Tom Zyp, Hillsboro
April 16, 2021

Random Remarks

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on will be slowly revealed throughout the year, beginning with sessions at the Fall Conference (more about the Conference is contained in this newsletter as well).

And, with that little teaser, I hope to see all of you at the Fall Conference in Hood River!
**Champion of Social Justice, Tribal Sovereignty, International Peace:**

“I believe it’s time to change the focus of our priorities, to reflect that national security means providing children with a quality education, access to health care and a safe place to live and learn.”

**by Maureen Barnhart**

From 1992 to 1998, Elizabeth Furse was the third* Oregon woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her election marked the year that the number of women in the House increased from 28 to 47. Born in the then British colony, Nairobi, Kenya, she was the first naturalized U.S. citizen from Africa to be elected to the Congress. She stepped down in 1998 because she believed in term limits.

In her lifetime, Elizabeth Furse was an advocate for issues of: women’s rights, farmworker rights, Indigenous tribal communities, healthcare for women and the vulnerable and international peace and nuclear disarmament.

From 1980 to 1986 she coordinated the tribal restoration project of the Native American program for Oregon Legal Services. She co-founded the Oregon Peace Institute.

Elizabeth Furse believed that nuclear warheads should be banned; that continued investment in “outdated Cold War weapons systems while we neglect our children” should no longer be the definition of national security. Her values and leadership will be missed.

She was always supported but OEA PAC in her elections. Nan Wood Honeyman and Edith Green were the first two.

**A look back at our past**

**by Ray Johnson**

35 years
OEA-Retired
founded in 1986

Here is what happened following our formation 35 years ago in November of 1985.

35 years ago

The NEA-Retired-Oregon (OEA-R-OR; original name of OEA-Retired) Board approved grandfathering all members who retired prior to September 1, 1986 as retired life members, provided they maintain their membership in NEA-Retired.

30 years ago

It was reported that retired membership at the national level had increased from zero in 1984 to more than 100,000.

25 years ago

A concern was raised by OEA Executive Secretary Bob Crumpton that NEA-R-OR was overspending its budget and lacked program development, and after much discussion changes were proposed to correct the problem.

20 years ago

Newsletter editor Paul Zastrow announced that a new logo was adopted for NEA-R-OR, as well as a new format for the newsletter with the new logo.

15 years ago

It was announced that NEA-Retired lifetime dues were going to increase from $100 to $200.

10 years ago

PrimeTimes editor Ray Johnson announced that any member with an email address was added to the electronic mailing for the newsletter, which increased the numbers from 27 percent to 68 percent.

5 years ago

Evan Wickersham was appointed staff consultant to replace Paul Kyllo.
We need you
by Bobbi Yambasu
I’m not sure whether or not you are aware that OEA-Retired has a number of committees that work on behalf of the organization. Those committees can always use more members. We want to make sure our committees work for the benefit of our membership; the only way we can do that is to have participation by our membership.

In the past, most committees have met during the OEA-Retired Board meetings. Doing so meant that business got taken care of, but often that meant that only Board members served on committees because most people didn’t want to travel to Salem for a meeting that lasted only about an hour.

However, a year in which the Board could not meet in person, led us to have our meetings via Zoom. This made it easier for others outside the Board to attend meetings as no physical travel was required. In addition, committees could schedule longer meetings.

Longer meetings enabled more discussion and more general work being completed. Some of our committees have been able to expand what they are able to do.

One of my goals has always been to have more of our general membership on our committees. I am hoping that some of you will volunteer. For most committees, the meeting commitment time would be about 1-2 hours once every two months. Occasionally, a committee might have more meetings because of commitment deadlines.

The OEA-Retired Committees are Bylaws and Policies, Communications, Conference, OEA Foundation, Legislative, Literacy, Membership, Nominations and Elections, and Travel. In addition, we have a new group, the Equity and Racial Justice Task Force. Some of the committees are self-explanatory, but some are not. A brief explanation follows:

The Bylaws and Policies Committee is responsible for keeping the OEA-Retired Bylaws, Policies and Board Policies current.

The Communications Committee promotes OEA-Retired and is responsible for all internal communication, our Webpage, publication of PrimeTimes, and providing technical training for the use of our various communication modes.

The Conference Committee plans the Fall Conference (September) and the Annual Assembly (March).

The OEA Foundation Committee works with OEA on promoting the OEA Foundation and helping maintain the records necessary for the disbursal and use of OEA Foundation funds.

The Legislative Committee promotes involvement with the OEA candidate interview process, election activities, lobbying elected officials and monitoring senior issues, such as PERS, health, welfare, insurance and housing.

The Literacy Committee promotes literacy by gathering books (via donations and purchase) and distributing them to various school classrooms and other places where children are present. These books are for children to take home and keep.

The Membership Committee develops materials and promotes activities to facilitate in recruiting new retired and pre-retired members.

“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”
– Helen Dyer

Remember the children
by Anne Jones
Children’s needs are greater than ever and the OEA Foundation for Children is a great help toward meeting some of the need.

With our reduced ability due to COVID to hold fundraising efforts, we haven’t been completely thwarted. The 35th Anniversary Challenge was one of our tools which has so far raised $1,000 toward children’s needs. Thanks if you contributed your $35, and it is still not too late.

Even though the OEA RA was virtual this year, the virtual Foundation Auction raised a whopping $7,480!

Whether you’ve ever donated to the Foundation before or not, remember you can send donations, pay online or you can do as we do and make a monthly donation when we pay our other bills.

Since OEA supports the administrative costs, 100% of our donations go to children.
Books for kids

by Janet Jackson

Things have slowed down a bit for the Literacy Project, but we have made a few donations since February.

- Little Free Libraries, Portland and Forest Grove—20 books
- Washington County Kids, Hillsboro—30 books
- Ukiah K-12 School, Ukiah—44 books

That brings our total of books donated since 2009 to 18,496!

Because all of the events at which we usually receive books were cancelled or went to Zoom in the last year, I have created a Wish List on AmazonSmile.

The majority of the books are to help us realize this year’s goal of reaching the youngest Oregon readers, from birth to Pre-K. If you would like to purchase a book please email me at gogirl@comcast.net and I will send you the link.

Also, if you know of a daycare center, home daycare, or preschool that you would like to recommend for a donation of our books, email me that information also.

Thank you for your continued support of the Literacy Project.

Census

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boundaries; not divide communities of common interest; and be connected by transportation links.” They should also not favor a particular political party. The League of Women Voters suggests that the balance of parties represent the proportion statewide. (Oregon law does not require members of Congress to live in their districts.)

First proposal: While most would intuitively see a new district in the metro area, Jim Moore, a political science professor and director of political outreach at Pacific University’s Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation, suggests new district that would include all of Oregon’s coastal counties, northwestern Columbia County, the far western portion of Lane County and Josephine and Jackson Counties in Southern Oregon. The new district would unite the coastal region, currently in three different districts, as “a community of common interest”.

The 1st Congressional District (currently includes almost all of Washington County, most of the westside of Portland and Yamhill, Columbia and Clatsop counties) would be located only in sections of Washington and Clackamas counties. The growth in the population of Hillsboro, Beaverton and Oregon City would mean that those cities would hold the majority of the population of the 1st District.

The 5th District would lose part of Clackamas County but keep most of it. “It would give the suburban areas their own district,” Moore said, noting that “this is where much of Oregon’s population growth has come over the last 10 years.”

Final score, party-wise: two districts “even”: — the 1st and the 5th districts. The 2nd District would remain Republican with a split of 56 percent Republican and 42 percent Democrat. The 3rd, 4th and newly drawn 6th districts would be considered Democratic districts, with 77, 60 and 60 percent Democratic representation.

Second proposal: Jacob Boenzi is an Arizona high school student (or was in 2019) whose map creates a sixth district that consists of all of Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, Benton and Linn counties along with less populated parts of Marion and Washington counties.

Third proposal: Reagan Knopp, a political consultant, created a map with a new district containing Lincoln, Polk, Benton, Marion and Linn counties along with small portions of Yamhill and Clackamas counties. His version cuts portions of District 2, moves Hood River County into District 3, and approximately half of Wasco County moves into District 5. To get to the necessary population, the eastern parts of Lane and Douglas counties join District 2. In this version CD 2 remains red, the other five blue.

Again, it’s all informed speculation. Now the real question is: where do Oregon’s House Districts end up? And how will that inform our lobbying on the issues that are determined in the State Legislature? Those are the issues usually closest to our daily lives.

The Oregon Supreme Court granted the Legislature an extension to September 27, 2021 from July 1 to add a sixth congressional district because of delays in getting the census data.
OEA PAC supports school board elections

by Marleen Wallingford

The OEA-PAC has worked hard to elect local candidates who support public education. A decision was made to take a more active role in helping to elect school board members who reflect our values.

Often when candidates initially becoming involved in the political process, one of the first activities is their local school district.

Former Governor Barbara Roberts began as an advocate for her Autistic child before districts were required to teach children with disabilities. She was incensed when she found out that her child could be refused an education. As a single, working parent, she devoted one day a week to go down to Salem to change Oregon’s law. She began her career in public service by being elected to the Mt Hood Community College Board.

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici began volunteering at her children’s school and then ran to be elected to the school’s Advisory Committee.

School boards are critical in establishing policies that affect children and educators. The school board sets the vision and goals for the school district, and holds the district accountable for results.

School board candidates are evaluated by the following “Measure Up” criteria:

- Strengthen Public Education – through budgets that prioritize student learning
- Respect School Employees – by respecting their collective bargaining rights and including educators in decision-making processes as appropriate.
- Maximize Student Learning – by providing for professional development, classroom technology; and
- Ensure Students’ Health and Safety – by support of safe schools and campuses, and of healthy learning environments.

Because of the local nature of School Board races, the locals have the primary responsibility for determining their process of School Board Candidate. All locals are encouraged to evaluate candidates in their district.

If candidates are endorsed by OEA, they would be eligible to receive assistance and consultation services from the Government Relations staff as well as funds to support their campaign.

When reviewing candidates the following criteria is considered:

- Fit-to-District – How do the candidate’s ideological values fit the district? The candidate must have a base of support within the district, with voters willing to volunteer, contribute financial resources, and campaign on his/her behalf.
- Ability to Raise Funds – The candidate must be willing to raise sufficient funds to be viable. Knowing and having access to the financial community in the district is very important.
- Community Profile – He/she must be able to identify with voters in the district and feel that he/she would be the best candidate to represent the district. The candidate should have the respect of the district at large. He/she should have extensive community experience and/or experience in elective office from which to build a base of support.
- Organization – The candidate must be prepared to simultaneously work closely with volunteers, donors and voters. The candidate must be able to motivate people to volunteer and recruit others.
- Commitment – The candidate, his/her family and friends must be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to win. The candidate must be able to give a heart-felt answer to the question “Why are you running for office?” The desire to win must be palpable to all those in contact with his/her candidacy.
- Voting Record – Does the incumbent’s voting record and leadership activities on clearly warrant continued support? Incumbents are evaluated on:
  - Has the candidate worked hard to promote particular education issues?
  - Is the incumbent accessible?
  - Has the incumbent been a leader or follower on the School Board?
  - Is the incumbent likely to be reelected?

The right school board member can make a significant difference in our children’s education. The right school board member can also help create a supportive working and learning environment for our educators.
Retired supports PAC

By Marleen Wallingford

Thank you to the following OEA-Retired members who have supported the OEA PAC in 2020. We can be proud that we contribute to state and local candidates as well as legislation that provides the school community we want.

Adams, Bruce*
Andrews, Michael
Basta, Marie
Bauer, Stephen
Beach, Lawrence E.
Bronstein, Martin A.*
Buck, June*
Colley, Herb
Cornelius, Lee
Crawford, Linda
Domenigoni, Daniel*
Domenigoni, Terri*
Eager, William
Farley, Lisia
Fisher, Paul*
Fogg, May
Glick, Joel
Haas, Bertha M.
Harrison, Glenn
Hauck, Dale A.
Hayes, Elizabeth
Hermann, Craig
Hiatt, Judith
Hoffenberg, Rebecca
Houston, Marcia
Jackson, Janet R.*
Johnson, Lindell
Johnson, Merv
Johnson, Ray*
Jones, Anne*
Letz, John
Lewis, Nancy*
Marchel, Walt
Matsui, Jerry & Christine
Mattix, Elouise
McDonald, Cynthia
Melton, Robert
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Morgan, Jane
Naef, Blyth
Nielsen, Victor D
Parker, Cynthia
Paul, Dianne
Ramey, Carolyn*
Randklev, Mavis *
Richards, Judy*
Rose, Michael
Schoner, Forest
Sevier, Deirdre
Simpson, Julia
Stack, Judith
Thurber-Brown, Catherine
Tichenor, Steven
Wallingford, Marleen
Wiper, Katherine
Wolken, Chris
Woods, Ardeth*
Woods, Joyce
Zehrung, Don
Zinser, Claudia

* OEA-Retired Board member

Enjoy the Christmas markets along the Rhine River

meetings, the participants talked about their handling of the pandemic and other items of interest.

The group hoped for a return to an actual restaurant on May 21. The next meetings are June 21 and July 20.

For questions, please contact me at rayugene@gmail.com.

11 a.m., June 10, 2021

We will be picnicking outside at Mary S. Young Park in West Linn by the Willamette River. The park encompasses about 128 acres with more than five miles of hiking trails.

Lunches will be individually made and packaged by Susie Garrison and provided for our members. The menu: sliders (2 per box) or chicken, bacon and ranch margherita, green bean and corn salad, fruit and dessert.

For non-members the cost is $10. RSVP to Julia at juliasimpson.pdx@gmail.com so she can order lunches.

It's time we met in person with safety in mind.

Region I meets

by Ray Johnson

The plan was for Region I to resume its monthly meetings in person in April, but with the rise in COVID cases in March, the meeting was held on Zoom again. As there was no presentation as at previous
Time to travel again

by Ray Johnson

Ready for some exciting news? The OEA-Retired Travel Committee has selected our trips for 2022 that include two to the east coast of North America, Japan and a cruise in France. Please see sidebar for details.

The first one in May is Spotlight on New York City. It was rebooked from last year. Experience the best of “the Big Apple” in this spectacular tour. From Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village, New York City is a destination that will dazzle even the most seasoned traveler. Spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park and Times Square.

Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway shows. Ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. See the Empire State Building and Central Park. Visit the poignant 9/11 Museum and 9/11 Memorial. Enjoy plenty of free time to shop and explore this fabulous city on your own. Get ready to “start spreading the news!” Activity level is lots of walking.

The second one is Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Cote d’Azur. Marvel at the lights of Paris, the capital of romance, along with a panoramic tour that includes the Champs-Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and followed by a walk in a neighborhood.

Cruise through gently sloping hills and vineyards aboard the latest river ship—the luxurious M/S River Chanson. Along the way, you’ll witness the lovely landscapes and enchanting villages that inspired the great artists of the 19th and 20th history in Vienne—a city known its impressive Roman amphitheater and Corinthian columns. View ornate papal palaces, Gothic cathedrals, and medieval fortifications. We leave the ship Continued on Page 12.

OEA-Retired Travel

2021-22

Treasures of Egypt
November 4-15, 12 days
with 21 meals.
Cost: $4,949.
Three-day optional tour to Petra, Jordan available.
Deposit due: June 5
Collette
gateway.gocollette.com/link/941742

Christmas Markets Along the Rhine
December 6-17, 7 days with all meals (30) on cruise ship.
Deposit due: First come, first served.
Grand Circle

Spotlight on New York City
May 5-9. 5 days with 5 meals.
Cost: $2,649.
Deposit of $600 due: September 28, 2021.
Collette

Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Cote d’Azur
May 10-22. 13 days with all meals.
Cost: $4,495-$4,895, plus $1,200 airfare.
Deposit of $599 due: First come, first served.
Grand Circle

Maritime Coastal Wonders
July 24-August 3. 11 days with 16 meals.
Cost: $3,999.
Deposit of $600 due: January 17, 2022.
Collette

Cultural Treasures of Japan
September 18-October 1. 14 days with 19 meals.
Cost: $6,799.
Deposit of $600 due: February 12, 2022.
Collette

Cost is per person for double occupancy and includes transfer and airfare from Portland, except as noted.

For Collette trips, contact Nancy Lewis at 503-352-4453 or nancyjolewis@gmail.com.
For Grand Circle cruise, go to: http://www.gct.com/RON22. To reserve, call 1-800-221-2610 and mention Code G2-29054. Also, mention TABC 139 for a $500 discount before 12/31/2021.
2021 OEA-RETIRED FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Discover the land between Mt. Hood and the Columbia River
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ~ September 27 ~ Rockford Grange
4262 Barrett Dr. Hood River, Or. 97031
From I-84 take Exit 62
Reservation for room must be made separate.

$25 Registration Fee includes meals (dinner excluded), due September 15.
Late Registration Fee, $35.

SEND THE REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK, MADE OUT TO OEA, TO:
Mavis Randklev ~ 3835 NE Skidmore St. ~ Portland, OR 97211

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OEA-RETIRED FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
September 27, 2021

Member name(s) ___________________________ $25 X _____ = ________

Email address _____________________________________________ Phone ________________

Guest name(s) __________________________________________ $25X _____ = ________

Email address _____________________________________________ Phone________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED________________

* Please note dietary needs

Membership benefits
by Terri Domenigoni and Ruth Greiner

Congratulations to OEA member Melissa Murschall. She is the winner of the fully paid NEA-Pre-Retired Lifetime membership that was drawn from those who signed up during the month of April during RA.

She is looking forward to becoming an active retired member when she finishes teaching. OEA-Retired will have one more drawing for a free NEA-Retired Lifetime membership on June 1, 2021 for all members who sign up for an OEA-Retired Lifetime membership from August 1, 2020 through June 1, 2021.

We will announce the winner in our August issue of PrimeTimes.

Members can sign up for Lifetime membership at anytime whether they are an active member or retired. Active members can sign up early for a Pre-Retired membership and once retired, they can switch their Pre-Retired membership to Retired.

OEA-Retired Lifetime cost is $250 and NEA-Retired Lifetime cost is $300. For those members who cannot afford to pay the Lifetime membership all at once, OEA does have a one-year payment plan where you can pay $10 with your application and then pay $20 a month for 12 months.

You can also choose to pay annually. The cost is $25 to OEA-Retired and $35 to NEA-Retired for a total of $60/year. For more information you can check our web page at oeatired@oregoned.org or contact Terri Domenigoni at tdomenigoni@comcast.net or 503 654-9910.

We do not know what will happen next year, but we are hoping there will be an in-person RA. If so, we are planning on hosting our luncheon. Watch for information in the spring of 2022.
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for a nice drive though the beautiful countryside and arrive at Cote d'Azur's premier Riviera destination in elegant Nice that includes a tour. Minimal activity.

A warning, if you still wish to join your colleagues on the Treasures of Egypt trip, the deadline for deposit is only four to five days away.

Travel Committee is: Chair Nancy Lewis, Ray Johnson and Carolyn Ramey. If interested in being on the Committee, please contact Nancy Lewis. Help us choose and plan our trips.

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