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HAVING FUN, HELPING WOMEN & CHILDREN

Give light and people will find their own way.

- Author Unknown



Chandra Terry
President

Lake Run is Ready to GO!

Blooming flowers and hints of sun... that carrot that Oregon is famous for is almost dangling. And with the warmer weather, comes a busy and exciting time for LOJWC. First, the Lake Run, is just around the corner. We have just over 3 weeks until one of our biggest events, and the first of the year, is about to be in full bloom. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for your shift ASAP. Know some runners? [Click here for registration forms.](#)

And if you have the time, you should stop by the Family Fun Festival in Millennium Plaza during and after the race. This really is an event for the whole family. The Lake Run committee has worked really hard and we should show our support. Plus, for the Provisionals, this is the first event since you've joined. I think you will be proud to be a part of the Lake Run.

Next, we have our May meeting on Thursday, May 19th. Not only is May the last General meeting of the year, there are two important events that happen in May.

First, the new Board of Directors and bylaws changes will be announced and voted on. Second, all of the Provisionals will become Active members. On top of that, we'll announce the numbers on the Lake Run! It is an important, festive meeting and I would love for as many of you to be there as possible. Watch for an e-mail with the logistics.

In June we'll have our end of the year party where you are more than welcome to bring a buddy. Now, that buddy can be whoever you choose it to be. It's always nice to meet the husbands and put a face to the name, but that is completely up to you. This is a relaxed get-together to wrap up a great year with some great friends. More information to come soon. Wow! I cannot believe I am talking about wrapping up the year!

I want to take the time to give a huge

thanks to all who have worked so hard on the Lake Run. Of course, the Lake Run committee, but also the Sponsorship & PR girls. They have put their heart into making this a very special event and it will show on May 7th. Thank you!!!

At this point you may be wondering why you are giving up your time and effort. Possibly wondering if it is making any difference? If so, try to remember the girl I spoke about at the first meeting at the Country Club. I didn't realize I made any change in her life at all, but when I ran into her years later she told me that simply knowing I cared stopped her from committing suicide. Like it says at the top of the letter, all they may need is a light at the end of the tunnel. It is our job to help these charities give them that opportunity.

Hope you all have a blessed Easter & are able to get out & enjoy the sun!

Chandra Terry
President



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Philanthropy

LOJWC Scholarship Recipients Picked!

The LOJWC received 27 applications from amazing seniors in the Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, and West Linn high schools. Of these, 16 were chosen to be interviewed, based primarily on their community service and volunteerism. Winners of the five \$1000 scholarships were Helen Sungeum Lim (LOHS), Danielle Metke (LHS), Katelyn Ried (LHS), Beatrice Roman (LOHS) and Anna Williams (LOHS). Congratulations ladies!

First Friend-Raiser for Next Year's Class



Macey Lempert,
Ingrid Smith,
Kathleen Ellman
Membership
Co-Chairs

Hey ladies! It's that time of year when LOJWC starts looking for some women to join our crusade. If you know someone who likes to have a little FUN while helping others bring them to the upcoming FRIEND-RAISER!

This past year, LOJWC had a HUGE success in building the club by adding new members. We'd like to continue the trend for next year. That said, we challenge all members to recruit at least 2 women to learn more about our club. Join us for our first event in 2011:

**Sunday, May 22nd @4 PM
Lauren Retzlaff's home
22700 Kobuk Court
West Linn**

Please RSVP by May 2nd to the Friend-Raiser by calling or emailing [Ingrid Smith](mailto:Ingrid.Smith@lojwc.org). When you RSVP, please include the potential new member's full name, phone number and email address.

If your friends can't make it to the May 22nd Friend-Raiser, never fear! Let them know that we will be having one or two more Friend-Raisers this summer. Remember, even if you can't make it, please send us your friends' information. We'll take it from there!

Questions? Comments? Complaints? Contact next year's Membership Committee:
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Philanthropy Focus— Dinner & A Movie

Re-parenting Young Adults and Assisting Families to break the Abuse Cycle



Sharon Mirarchi
Philanthropy Co- Chair

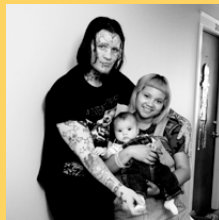
Last year a LOJWC was introduced to a charity that made a big impression on our Philanthropy Committee. Dinner & A Movie is a non-profit that first opened its doors on 9/11/2001. The original plan was to serve a hot meal to Portland's younger homeless. Eventually, a movie was added so that guests and volunteers could really have an evening of respite from the stresses of street life and something in common to talk about—hence the name Dinner & A Movie.

Dinner & A Movie helps Portland's lost youth by providing for their physical, psychological, emotional & spiritual needs.

The heart of Dinner & A Movie is relationship. Through a simple meal or a play group, homeless youth and families open their lives to a mentor who commits to learning about and nurturing the specific needs of each individual. The core of this is often re-parenting—replacing the negative self-images and hurtful messages with hope and consistent support over an extended period of time.

At the April General Meeting we were lucky enough to have Jen Lawrence, Development Director, speak about

the impact Dinner & A Movie has had over the years. These include helping a young lady discover her dream to become a bicycle mechanic and providing basic necessities to parents with small children.

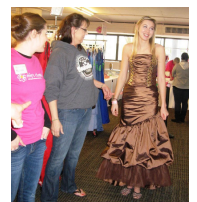


Join Kate Myers, LOJWC club member and personal Dinner & A Movie supporter, at their informational presentation on Saturday, May 14th at 3pm. The current Champion's campaign is raising money to earn a matching grant from a major philanthropic trust. If successful, the trust's grant will help

triple the number of mentor services that Dinner & A Movie can offer. Light desserts and refreshments will be served. Childcare provided as well. (Location: Reedwood Friends Church 2901 SE Steele St Portland, OR 97202). No donation is required. This is an opportunity to learn more about the plight of our youth homeless population including its root causes, as well as to show your spouse or friends the types of groups that LOJWC supports. Please RSVP to [Kate Myers](mailto:Kate.Myers@lojwc.org) via email by May 11th or call 503-753-2577 to learn more.

Abby's Closet Give Away a Big Hit!

The "7th Annual Abby's Closet Prom Gown Giveaway, held April 2-3, 2011, was a huge success! A big thanks goes out to Doubletree Lloyd Center who graciously allowed dress recipients to wait in line up to 12 hours prior to the event! Great job ladies who volunteered this year with donations, sorting and helping at the giveaway. The total number of high school women who received FREE formal gowns from the pool of 7200 this year is (drum roll, please)**2,224!** We know that each young woman who came to the giveaway event will feel confident and look beautiful on her prom night. This event makes such an impact on the lives of the over 2000 high school girls who attended. Everyone who volunteered will remember the look of joy on the young womens' faces as they found the dress of their dreams. More pictures on pg. 3.



Photos from the Great Gown Give Away!



Clockwise from far left: Amanda Anderson, Virginia Rubin, All the Volunteers, Amanda Anderson (again), Kim Nelson, Sandi Traynor, President Elect Sharon Mirarchi and President Chandra Terry, Stephanie Kidd.

Clackamas Children's Center Opens Doors

Friends, staff and supporters of the Children's Center gathered on Thursday, April 7th, to celebrate the opening of the organization's new 10,100 square foot facility. Made possible by donors throughout the region, including LOJWC's sponsorship of a \$25,000 grant (to be given cumulatively over the next 5 years). The larger facility will allow Children's Center staff to provide up to 600 medical assessments per year to children who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.

At the ribbon cutting, Children's Center Executive Director Tonia Hunt told the crowd that "the dream of a larger facility began years ago." The Children's Center, a non-profit organization, is the sole agency in Clackamas County providing medical assessments, forensic interviews and family support services to victims of child abuse. Need for the center's services has grown in recent years and the existing 1,200 square foot building could no longer meet the community's needs.

The Children's Center began serving children in the new facility on April 5th. The building is located at 1713 Penn Lane in Oregon City, on land donated by Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center. Since the launching of a capital campaign in 2008, Children's Center donors have helped raise \$4.5 million for construction of the new facility. "This building is a symbol of the region's care and concern for its children," said Hunt. "I am profoundly grateful to everyone who made this possible."



Children's Center Executive Director Tonia Hunt, right, and the Oregon Children's Choir at the grand opening ceremonies of the Clackamas Children's Center. Photo by: Raymond Rendleman / Oregon City News

To learn more about the Children's Center, visit www.childrenscenter.cc or join club members Lauren Retzlaff and Chandra Terry at the annual informational luncheon. The **Clackamas Children's Center Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 11:30am—1:00pm, at the Oregon Golf Club**. Learn more about the Children's Center, represent the Club in our role as special donor and bring a friend who is curious about what the LOJWC really does. Contact [Lauren Retzlaff](mailto:Lauren.Retzlaff@lojwc.org) to RSVP.

Save the Date- Quorum General Meeting: 5/19 @ 7pm

Welcome our Provisionals as they become Active members. Vote in the new Executive Board and vote on bylaws changes & more. We'll eat drink & be merry... Stay tuned for more details. Location to be determined.