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The
President's
Pencil.....
By Brenda Hagar

This past month, several members volunteered at the 2005 National Veterans Golden Age Games in Norman, OK. How great to serve those who have served our Country to ensure our freedom. I was able to talk to a couple of women veterans and hear their stories of serving our Country. What a great experience. The 2006 National Veterans Golden Age Games will be held in Virginia Beach, VA next year. The GOKC Chapter will be sponsoring toiletry bags for the female veterans. Be thinking of how you can help with this special project.

This month is Father's Day. Take the time and remember your Father and those that are Fathers for their contribution in raising America's next leaders. I'm very blessed to still have my Father, and living close enough to spend time with.

Also for this edition of FEW Notes we will be celebrating the 4th of July. Independence day. Spending time with family and friends, but most of all, "Thank a Veteran" and those who serve our great Country for their sacrifice.

It's not too late to register for the National Training Program (NTP). I hope you are making plans to participate in this wonderful training opportunity held this year in Reno, NV. Information can be found in your registration book and at www.fewntp.org.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE @

<http://www.gokcfew.org/>

**Next Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2005
5:00 pm**

**Holiday Inn Airport
2101 S. Meridian**

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Father's Day
Is
June 19



The United States is one of the few countries in the world that has an official day on which fathers are honored by their children. On the third Sunday in June, fathers all across the United States are given presents, treated to dinner or otherwise made to feel special. .

The origin of Father's Day is not clear. Some say that it began with a church service in West Virginia in 1908. Others say the first Father's Day ceremony was held in Vancouver, Washington.

Regardless of when the first true Father's Day occurred, the strongest promoter of the holiday was Mrs. Bruce John Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran,

was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State.

After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. In 1909, Mrs. Dodd approached her own minister and others in Spokane about having a church service dedicated to fathers on June 5, her father's birthday. That date was too soon for her minister to prepare the service, so he spoke a few weeks later on June 19th. From then on, the state of Washington celebrated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

States and organizations began lobbying Congress to declare an annual Father's Day. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea, but it was not until 1924 when President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event to "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations." Since then, fathers had been honored and recognized by their families throughout the country on the third Sunday in June.

In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day and put the official stamp on a celebration that was going on for almost half a century.



**Term Limits
Reshape
Oklahoma
Legislature**

In 1990, Oklahoma voters approved a constitutional amendment to limit legislators to 12 years in office. The amendment went into effect in 1992.

The new legislative term limits will affect just one Oklahoma legislator this year. Sen. Angela Monson, D-Oklahoma City, is reaching her term limit this year, just three years into her current term. Monson's successor will be chosen in a special election. Among those leaving office next year will be House Speaker Todd Hiett, R-Kellyville, and former Senate leaders Cal Hobson, D-Lawton, and Sen. Stratton Taylor, D-Claremore.

The first round of term limits last year helped Republican legislators gain control of the state House and increase their strength in the state Senate.



Now is the Time

to make your plans to attend
Federally Employed Women's
36th Annual
National Training Program

Where: Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, Nevada

When: July 18-22, 2005

2005 NTP Registration:

You may register now either through your registration book or on line at FEW's NTP website www.fewntp.org.

Members	\$475 discount rate prior to May 27; thereafter \$550
Non Members	\$575 discount rate prior to May 27; thereafter \$650
Registration Deadline	July 8, 2005 Register on site after that date



Popularity

Submitted by Debbie Miller

If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you.

The point is that lasting popularity depends not on having good looks or other surface personality traits but upon inner qualities that somehow communicate themselves to others.

Such qualities include a friendly voice, a sense of humor, kindness, thoughtfulness of the other fellow's tender ego, sincere praise, gratitude and encouragement.

How well would a blind person like you?

~Author Unknown~



Women's Health Info Kit



From "Dear Abby" column, June 2, 2005

Marsha Henderson, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Women's Health, U.S. FDA, wrote a letter to "Dear Abby" publicizing the free new Women's Health Information Kit. The kit contains some of Uncle Sam's best advice on more than a dozen health topics that concern women.

According to Henderson, the materials in the kit are part of the "Take Time to Care" information service. Women are always on the go, whether caring for their family or staying busy at work, or both! Henderson continues to say that it is more important than ever for women to "take time to care" about their health.

There are three ways to order the Take Time to Care Women's Health Information Kit. Order online at www.pueblo.gsa.gov. Mail your name and address to Women's Health Information Kit, Pueblo, CO 81009, or call toll-free (888) 878-3256.



Free Credit Reports

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, signed into law in December 2003, gives every American the right to a free credit report every year from each of the three major credit bureaus. Southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas) are eligible June 1. Residents of Western states have had access since Dec. 1, 2004, and Midwestern states joined the list March 1. Eastern states complete the rollout on Sept. 1.

A credit report has information about where you live, how you pay your bills and even whether you've been sued, arrested or filed for bankruptcy. This information is sold to insurers, creditors, employers and other businesses. With it, they evaluate your applications for credit, insurance, a job or renting a home.

Credit reports are also used by the credit bureaus to create your credit score, the three-digit number lenders typically use to gauge your creditworthiness. While reports are free, you still need to pay one of the three bureaus to see your current score.



Jason Hagar Awarded Honor

Airman Jason T. Hagar, son of Brenda and E.J. Hager has been selected to serve with the Air Force Honor Guard. Stationed at Andrews AFB, Hagar's duties will include posting colors at retirements, promotions, and change of command ceremonies. His new duties also include drill meets and funerals at Arlington National Cemetery.



Independence Day

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no say in what went on. As the unrest grew in the colonies, King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion. In 1774 the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia Pennsylvania to form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775 as the King's troops advanced on Concord Massachusetts Paul Revere would sound the alarm that "The British are coming, the British are coming" as he rode his horse through the late night streets. The battle of Concord and its "shot heard round the world" would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies war for Independence.

The following May the colonies again sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress. For almost a year the congress tried to work out its differences with England, again without formally declaring war. By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman. Thomas

Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration, 2 - Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted no, Delaware undecided and New York abstained.

To make it official John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles!."

The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776. On July 8th the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square. Twice that day the Declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells. Even the bell in Independence Hall was rung. The "Province Bell" would later be renamed "Liberty Bell" after its inscription - *Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof*

And although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4 1777. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday. And although fireworks have been banned in most places because of their danger, most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.

Happy Birthday, America!



And They Say Women Talk More!



From About.com

Stereotypically women are the talkers. You've seen the cartoons that depict a woman talking to her husband, and he's watching television and completely zoning her out. Well when it comes to cellular phones, it seems that men have us beat! A survey by Cingular Wireless shows that men, on average, rack up over 35% more minutes on their cellular phones than women. This is the fifth consecutive year where men are the big talkers, although women still outrank the men on using their home phones.

Judy Rosco will assume Duties of SW Regional Manager

The following is a copy of an email sent to members of the SW Regional Board by Iris Seals. Many problems have plagued the SW Region the last several months

“Due to the circumstances regarding the Southwest Regional finances and after speaking with the FEW National President earlier today, I am tendering my resignation as the Southwest Regional Manager effective Friday, June 3, 2005. Based on the following information from the regional bylaws, Judy Rosco will assume the duties of regional manager:

ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 2 - Should a vacancy occur in the office of RM, the Alternate RM shall serve pending the regular election procedure in accordance with the National Procedures Manual which shall be initiated with thirty (30) days, and completed within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

1. I do believe that the situation was handled in an appropriate manner and I am not apologizing for what I tried to do; however, many members have voiced concern that something else should have been done. Thus, for the good of the region, it is appropriate that I step down as the regional manager.
2. I thank the individuals who were willing to step up and serve in elected and appointed offices to ensure the Southwest Region stays viable and in good standing. I know that all the regional chapters will continue to support National FEW and its goals and objectives working for the advancement of women in government.
3. God Bless each of you and thanks for the support provided to me during my short term in office.”

NEWS FLASH NEWS FLASH

We have great news! The House Subcommittee on Social Security has agreed to hold a hearing on the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). In addition, they have asked Patricia Wolfe, National FEW President, to testify on behalf of federally employed women. This is the first time this Subcommittee has ever addressed this issue, and it certainly is good news for our legislative effort to

get them both repealed. The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 9th at 2:00 pm.

We have been working hard on this issue, and certainly appreciate all of you who have contacted your legislators on this issue. If not for these letters, we probably would not have this opportunity to make our points.



GOKC Members Volunteer

Every year, more than veterans age 55 and older compete at the nation's largest annual sporting event for senior veterans. The 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games, were held May 21-26, 2005 at the University of Oklahoma.

Hosted this year by the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, the event included competition in 14 sports such as swimming, bicycling, discus, shot put, bowling and golf. The event was open to all U.S. military veterans age 55 or older who are currently receiving care at any VA medical facility.

The National Veterans Golden Age Games are sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Ladies Auxiliary, and Veterans Canteen Service (VCS).

The GOKC Chapter was presented a Bronze Award their sponsorship of the event.



Brenda Hagar and Tammie Kierstead accept award from Steve Gentling.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN
 P. O. BOX 890718
 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73189-0718**

Month/Year joined: / DOB (MM/DD Only): / Membership ID _____

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: MI

ADDRESS 1:

ADDRESS 2:

CITY: STATE ZIP CODE + 4 -

OFFICE PHONE: - - HOME PHONE: - -

FAX: - - EMAIL:

<input type="checkbox"/> GRADE (check)	<input type="checkbox"/> FWP Full-Time	DEMOGRAPHICS
<input type="checkbox"/> GS 1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> SES	<input type="checkbox"/> FWP Part-Time	SEX (M/F): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GS 5-8 <input type="checkbox"/> WG	<input type="checkbox"/> EEO	RACE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GS 9-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	YEARS OF SERVICE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GS 13-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> FWP/EEO	RETIRED (Y/N) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GS 16+	(Not Applicable)	

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

FEW is comprised of chapters throughout the world. Membership is open to all Federal employees (regular members) and to any other person supporting the goals and objectives of FEW (associate members). More information about our local chapter is posted on the GOKCFEW web site: <http://www.gokcfew.org>. For more information about the FEW organization, our site links to both our Regional and National web sites. The National FEW office address is P.O. Box 75551, Baltimore, MD 21275.

National membership dues are \$25.00 for chapter members, and \$35.00 for members-at-large (no chapter affiliation). To join the Greater Oklahoma City Chapter, the total dues are \$33.00 per year (\$25 National; \$1 Regional; \$7 Chapter); dues are prorated with an annual renewal date of March 1st. Eligibility for chapter membership is contingent upon national membership. National lifetime membership is a one-time fee of \$250.00. Greater Oklahoma City Chapter lifetime dues are available upon request. National/ Regional/ Chapter Dues are prorated as listed below. Month chosen must match "month/year joined" above.

	Natl/ Reg/ Chap/Total		Natl/ Reg/ Chap/Total	National: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> March	\$25.00/ 1.00/ 7.00/ 33.00	<input type="checkbox"/> September	\$12.00/ 1.00/ 4.00/ 17.00	Chapter: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> April	\$23.00/ 1.00/ 6.50/ 30.50	<input type="checkbox"/> October	\$10.00/ 1.00/ 3.50/ 14.50	Regional: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> May	\$21.00/ 1.00/ 6.00/ 28.00	<input type="checkbox"/> November	\$ 8.00/ 1.00/ 3.00/ 12.00	Total Due: \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> June	\$19.00/ 1.00/ 5.50/ 25.50	<input type="checkbox"/> December	\$ 6.00/ 1.00/ 2.50/ 9.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> July	\$17.00/ 1.00/ 5.00/ 23.00	<input type="checkbox"/> January	\$ 4.00/ 1.00/ 2.00/ 7.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> August	\$15.00/ 1.00/ 4.50/ 20.50	<input type="checkbox"/> February	\$ 2.00/ 1.00/ 0.50/ 3.50	

I wish to join the _____ chapter as a: regular member; associate member.
 I wish to join as a "Member-at-large" (prorated National fee from above plus \$10.00 enclosed)
 Payment (\$250.00) is enclosed for a Lifetime Membership.
 Referred by: _____

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