

Marlene Owens Rankin Continues Family Legacy



and field Olympian and hero, "really believed in his fellow man," said Marlene Owens Rankin, executive director and daughter of the late Owens. Today, Owens' spirit of improvement through hard work is carried on through the Jesse Owens Foundation. Since 1983, the Foundation has provided 88 scholarships to qualifying youth

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New Hotline for Women, Children and Teens

Oregon's women, children and adolescents will have access to health care information through a new statewide toll-free number.

The Oregon Health Division, Maternal and Child Health Program, has opened a new service, "Oregon's Hotline for Women, Children and Teens." This new information line will target low-income populations including pregnant women, families with children from birth to 21, disabled children, adolescents.

The number is 1-800-"SAFE-NET" (1-800-723-3638). This statewide toll-free number will assist Oregonians to access needed preventive and primary health care. Some of these services include:

- Well Child Care
 - High Risk Infant home visits by public health nurses
 - Maternity services
 - Family planning services
 - Nutritional services through the WIC Program
 - Medical services for children with special health care needs
 - Immunization services
- The caller may need supplemental income and medical services offered

through the Adult and Family services (AFS) Division, for low-income families. If that is the case, the caller will be directed to the correct local Adult and Family Service Branch Office.

The trained information specialist also can serve Spanish speaking families. A special feature of the new hotline is the capability of "conferencing," which means the information specialist is able to stay on the telephone line with the caller, while needed appointments are being made. This three-way conversation permits the hotline operator to advocate for the family when that kind of support is needed.

The Oregon Hotline for Women, Children and Teens will assist Oregon families to better use the public health expertise and resource information found in each of the 34 local county public health departments. When acute medical care is needed, the local health department will help the family identify a private practitioner in the community who will serve them. The hotline will enhance the effectiveness of Oregon's statewide public health network and improve access to health care for more Oregon citizens.

Awards Given At Club Women's Annual Meeting



Back row: Club Women of the Year recipients. Front: Scholarship recipients OACW

Educational Scholarships, "Club Women of the Year" and Arts and Crafts Awards were special features of the Annual Convention of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs held June 14-15. The convention, celebrating 80 years of club work in Oregon, opened Friday at the Pacific Power Community Room with Mrs. Carrie L. Holliday, President, presiding. Workshops presented included: "Positive Attitudes" by Mrs. Mattye Iles and Mrs. Irene Cranford, "Communications," Mrs. Mary Brannon, "Stress," Mrs. Betty Stephens, "Protocol," Mrs. Julia Ganter. Friday's session concluded with The President's Reception.

The Aladdin Inn was the site of the Saturday meetings and the Annual Awards Luncheon. Ms. Anna Street-Slider, Director of the JOB CORPS/PIVOT PROGRAM (Partners in Vocational Opportunities and Training) was the keynote speaker addressing the convention theme: "Strengthening the Black Family - Breaking the Welfare Cycle." Mrs. Carrie Cannon was Program Chairwoman, Mistress of Ceremonies. Special entertainment numbers were presented by the Soldiers of Light Girls Club. Award presentations were: Educational Scholarships - \$500 each presented to Ms. Natasha Harrison, Jefferson High School and Mr. Eric Jenkins, Benson

High School by Ms. Sally Hurst, OACWC Scholarship Co-Chairperson; "Club Women of the Year" awards were presented by Mrs. Carrie L. Holliday to Mrs. Carrie Muldrew, Fleur de Lis Club; Ms. Shirley Nacoste, Katherine Gray Club; Mrs. Harrie Belle Paris, Literary Research Club; Mrs. Clara Johnson, Multnomah Women's Club; Mrs. Louise Waters, Altruistic Club and Mrs. Barbara Scott, Harriet Tubman Club. The Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit was diverse, displaying hand work, painting, needlework, crafts, basketry and knitting. Competition winners were First Place to Miss Camille Mason, 7 years, and member of the Soldiers of Light Girls Club. Miss Mason submitted an abstract painting of children. First place honors also went to the Harriet Tubman Club for a hand-knitted sofa afghan.

The convention concluded with group church attendance at Bethel A.M.E. Church. The Association is finalizing plans for the 1992 National Convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs which will convene in Portland, July, 1992. The National Association of Girls and Boys Clubs will meet concurrently for sessions at the Portland Hilton. Founded in 1896, NACWC is the oldest black women's organization in the nation.

Arts & Crafts Award To Camille Mason



Shown are: Mrs. Bernadette Plummer, Arts Co-Chairperson, Mrs. Natalie Carter, Harriet Tubman Club Pres. and Mrs. Ernestine Wiseman, Arts Judge.

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Hospice House Merger Under Discussion

Hospice House Board President, David Dougherty, and The Reverend Willie Smith, President, Board of Directors, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, announced that merger discussions are underway between the two organizations. In a joint settlement, they said: "It is our hope that the creative initiative and distinguished track record of both of our organizations will enable the care of people with life threatening illnesses to be revitalized at Hospice House as well as other vitally needed human services."

Discussions will continue with the hope that Hospice House will soon be able to provide expanded services to people with life threatening illness.

For the last several months Hospice House has been reevaluating its operations in order to meet a broader range of community hospice needs. Hospice House was established in 1980. Since its inpatient wing opened in 1987, it has cared for 332 hospice patients. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has a 75 year history of numerous direct service ministries. Meetings between the two organizations are aimed at positioning Hospice House as another essential service of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Health and Human Ministries Commission, that will continue to offer services to those living with life threatening illnesses.

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