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What's inside:

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Some major changes have been made to our Council schedule for this coming year. We will have a shorter than usual OWL-California Council Meeting in Sacramento the day before our Mother's Day event. This will be on **Wednesday, May 5**. It will probably be in a hotel (not yet determined). We will try to get a hotel within reasonable distance to the Capitol for those staying overnight, since the following day, **May 6th**; we will meet there for our usual eventful **Mother's Day program**. We hope this will encourage more of you to join us for that program, which is the Thursday before Mother's Day. It is really a remarkable day, which includes some great speakers and a chance to see and go around the Capitol as we visit legislators in small groups presenting our Mother's Day cards. The theme of our Mother's day at the Capitol this year is the Elder Economic Security Act Issues. The capitol is a beautiful building and it will be an interesting, fun day. **Our June Council meeting for 2010 is therefore canceled.**

The second change is our **October Annual meeting**, which has been moved to the third weekend in October – **Oct. 15, 16, and 17**. It is **OWL's 30th Anniversary**, so we hope you will make note of these days and plan to come. There will be a day of exciting presentations and workshops on Saturday. We are also going to **honor Betty Perry at he banquet on Saturday evening**. She has been our devoted **Chair of the Public Policy Committee** and has traveled those Capitol halls for us visiting legislator after legislator for many years. We hope to have a large turnout. This is an event you will want to attend. Please plan on t!!

Co-Presidents, Ruth Kletzing and Evie Kosower

**SPRING OWL-CA COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 5 & 6, 2010,
SACRAMENTO, INCLUDING MOTHER'S DAY @ CAPITOL
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010
ANNUAL OWL-CA COUNCIL MEETING IN SACRAMENTO
OCTOBER 15, 16 & 17, 2010**

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POLICY

Betty Perry, Director, Public Policy

We will again celebrate Mother's Day at the Capitol. Thursday, May 6 is the day. The Theme will be **Expanding the Economic Security Initiative**.

Presently the cost of living index is out of date and only covers food. The insert describing the events of the day is included in this newsletter. We need to have **you** come to Sacramento and pass out Mother's Day cards to your legislators and others to acquaint them with our work. Complete the insert, get your cards signed, and come to Sacramento May 6 to distribute them, and enjoy a day at the Capitol.

Our issues begin with healthcare. Some things seem so clear to me. Having Medicare, I am more than ever aware of the value of a government sponsored health program. Those opposing any form of government subsidy of health care speak about it with great fear and anger. I am uncertain why they cannot observe a successful program that has been in effect for about forty years. We recipients go to our own doctors and keep healthy with the service from a good program.

Some opponents of a government backed health plan seem to ignore the problems of low income people without health care. The crowds in the clinics and emergency rooms go unnoticed. The bankruptcies caused by medical bills are ignored. We certainly are the heirs of the OWL founders, Tish and Laurie; both lost their health care benefits when they lost their husbands. Our work continues.

I also cannot get over the state administration hostility shown to the IHSS program. We oppose fraud in any program. But we should work to stop the

fraud, not the care giving. The courts have saved IHSS on several occasions, ruling that recipients must be cared for.

We are getting ready for more action on the legislative scene. The bills have been introduced. Our Mother's Day bill of last year on ombudsmen for nursing homes is up again for there was only enough money for one year. I am sure that we have gained supporters for this very good program. There are costs for the administration of the program, but the ombudsmen who go to the nursing homes are all volunteers. They are observers of the way the nursing home is run and they are special friends to the residents. Many of the residents have few visitors. The ombudsman can provide a pleasant interlude in a lonely person's day. The residents feel comfortable talking to the ombudsman and many problems are solved with this exchange of information.

An issue that CARA has continued to work on is labeling of prescription drugs. As we age our vision can change, sometimes quite rapidly. All of this leads to prescription drug labeling. The proposed legislation required size 12 font for prescriptions. If you have prescriptions, look over the label carefully. There are things that I must call the pharmacist about because I cannot read size 10 font or smaller. This measure was voted down, but the issue is not dead. CARA gave an outstanding presentation at the pharmacy board, requesting larger type on prescription labels. There was also the rejection of the option to have prescription labels available in most commonly used languages other than English. CARA will continue this fight and OWL and Gray Panthers will be right there keeping the issue going.

The Sacramento chapter had Lennie Goldberg of the California Tax Reform Association speak at our last meeting. He is an advocate for finding more money for needed programs. He pointed out areas that the present administration avoids taxing. They include the oil severance tax, \$1.2 billion dollars, secret corporate loopholes, \$1.3 billion, reinstate top income tax brackets. The list goes on to a total of \$21.2 billion. We cannot believe that we cannot afford home care for the disabled or other vital services while this possible tax revenue is available. We hope that you will call or write your state legislators about these issues.

NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY FEBRUARY 25, 2010

Clare Smith, National Public Policy Rep.

Health Care

Suspense continues...by the time you read this, the health care reform summit convened by President Obama will be over. Although the President's proposal for reform is less than our ideal – it must be passed! The proposal combines some of both the House and Senate versions and offers among things, the following (short list):

1. Adds to measures aimed at reducing health care fraud and waste.
2. Establishes a government rate board to oversee insurance policy rate increases.
3. Phases out the Medicare Part D "donut hole" by 2020.
4. Raises funding for community health centers by \$11 billion.

There is no "public option" even though Americans have voiced support for some type of government-run plan. Insurance exchanges, at the state level, would offer plans through private insurers. The Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act (the CLASS

Act) is part of the reform blueprint and offers a voluntary, community-based long term custodial care support to families, especially for older adults and people with disabilities.

After over six hours of discussion during the summit, there is still no agreement. The biggest hurdles remain in the areas of insurance company restrictions, such as no higher premiums based on gender, limits on premiums on age or family size and the most contentious – universal coverage with no denial of coverage or higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions (effective 2014). That is, everyone must be covered. Here are a few facts.

According to the Center for Public Integrity, companies and organizations seeking to influence health care reform legislation hired over 4,500 lobbyists— **eight for every member of Congress**. Health care lobbyists doubled throughout 2009, reaching nearly 3,700 in the fourth quarter (October through December 2009).

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics released figures showing health care special interests have **invested over \$28 million** on influential members of Congress since 2005. The report is thought provoking and sickening. For instance, Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ) received over \$1.6 million from the industry.

Sources:

Democracy Now!

www.democracynow.org

Center for Public Integrity

www.publicintegrity.org

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics

www.citizensforethics.org

Hey, what a minute, wasn't it Senator Kyl that questioned the government's role in knowing what was best for

Americans during the health care summit? Yes, I think it was. I wonder who Senator Kyl thinks would be the best decision-maker for our health care... maybe, Anthem Blue Cross?

We must continue to make calls, write letters and talk with your friends and family. Keep the process moving and to the finish line- passing national health care reform legislation. I'm receiving more attention to my Older Women's League bumper sticker..."For Profit Health Care Makes Me Sick!"

Housing

As reported last month, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 created the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) for the purposes of creating a permanent source of funding for affordable housing (and not subject to the annual appropriations process), the Senate approved a \$15 billion jobs bill this week and housing advocates report that the NHTF is not included in its most recent "Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS)" Act.

The plan is to keep contacting Senators to urge that funding is included in any final legislation. According to the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) (<http://www.nhtinc.org/>):

"The campaign will focus on two avenues to achieve passage of funding:

1. Negotiations between the Senate and the House on jobs legislation, since the House bill passed in December included \$1.065 billion to capitalize the NHTF and fund project-based vouchers to be coupled with capital grants.

2. Other "must-pass vehicles" to which the NHTF can be attached." More information can also be found at the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH) website www.scanph.org.

Older Americans Act Reauthorization

The U.S. AoA (Administration on Aging) to hold Public Input Sessions for the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. They will get input from seniors, caregivers and representatives of national network of community-based organizations that will be considered in developing recommendations for the next reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The final AoA sponsored public listening sessions will be held in San Francisco, Calif. (March 3). **Increasing funding for the existing safety net community-based programs, needed now more than ever, is the top priority!**

Send your comments online by visiting http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/OAA/Reauthorization/Index.aspx. More information can be found at the National Council on Aging www.ncoa.org

National Board Report 2/2010,

Shirley Harlan, Southwest Regional Rep.



Shirley Harlan at Council Meeting

The National Board met in Washington DC January 29-30, 2010. We labored very hard with tough issues for OWL's future. There was discussion about how

to push for the reforms we have been pushing and be fiscally responsible? I report that we (board members) do see a future for OWL. When we adjourned the board members both present and via phone gave and pledged a total of \$21,560.00.

We have a four-point message.

1. OWL's visibility nationally on issues we consider important is realized. Tish Somers would be very proud of this accomplishment. Our director, Ashley Carson has skillfully won us recognition with critical congressional committees and coalition with aging organizations.
2. This strength places us in a strong possibility for fund raising challenges. As you know this has been a difficult year for all non-profits and families. It is difficult in the current economy to raise funds and compete for grants.
3. We have a strong possibility of grant money.
4. The board has committed to increasing fund raising activities.

Board members instructed Kathie and myself to thank you for the support and generous contribution that OWL/CA has given to the National Office.

National OWL Board Members spoke at the White House, as well as Ruth Nadel, who was recognized publicly. Such highlights have promoted our national visibility and are OWL's greatest asset along with our grassroots members.

The outcome of the two days demonstrated that our mission is "progressive" and still very critical to acknowledge mid-life and older women and that our grassroots members in chapters and at large are very critical for our national recognition.

The Board took fiscal action to reduce national office spending and to support our DC recognition as leading advocate for elders. As Board members we developed a plan to contact every member to participate in the future of OWL. We will be discussing what form an organization takes in order to push for reforms. We have a telephone conference set for early March and we meet again in Washington DC on May 14-15, 2010.

Do contact Kathie Piccagli or myself with your comments and ideas for form and fundraising.

Personal Note: I was lucky to participate Saturday evening with others to celebrate Ruth Nadel's 96-year birthday party at the rehabilitation facility where she is recuperating from a fall. Laurie Young, former executive director was there and sends her greetings to all OWLs in California. *Contact information:*
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First Lady, Michelle Obama and Ruth Nadel

Women in Prison

Shirley Harlan, SW regional Representative

There have been changes at CIW, California's Institution for Women. Dawn Davison, warden for past five years, watching over 2,600 inmates, left a legacy of improvements and successes. When she retired in December, she said, "I know I'm leaving CIW better than when I got here". Now with California budget crisis, the new Warden, Mr. Garcia, is operating in a different manner. I received a letter from the inside telling what new is happening. Here are some of the changes: the education programs discontinued and teachers fired; cells searched and items previously approved and purchased from the canteen placed in the trash; no response to meet with Golden Girls and an increase in guard assignments when activities have been reduced. These actions are creating fear concerns for lifer prisoners who have been 98 per cent write-up free.

Our OWL member, Jane Benson, describes the Golden Girls. They are a collection of abused women who are emotionally damaged by the decades of incarceration and isolation from families whom they love. Many women have been there over forty years. From their letters to the parole board and contacts when I was visiting CIW, I marveled at their education, skill and accomplishments that now are curtailed.

In February, Jane expects to have neck surgery and other treatment to enable her to walk without walker or wheelchair. She says, "I hope to be out there hooting 'Hoot Hoot' and helping however I can." Do send her a card, Jane Benson, W28860, EB517L, 16756 Chino-Corona Road, Corona, CA 92880-9508

I have a list of 100 women in Golden Girls, who would love to have contact with an OWL on the outside to keep their hopes up. Be a pen pal and contact me for a Golden Girl name, especially during this unusual transition of prison management.

There is a template letter to send to the governor on the OWL/CA website women in prison link. Feel free to add your own words. I will post the names of women for whom the governor's parole board has approved release.

On October 4, 2009, OWL/CA passed a motion to send a letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger urging him to approve the decision of his appointed parole board to release women who have been deemed no longer a risk to society. Given the concern for the budget cuts and release of large numbers of inmates without plans or parole supervision, these releases should receive a higher priority, since that have been reviewed for their detailed plans to support themselves and have outside support.

It is hard to understand the economic justification. As inmates age in prison, the cost associated with their care escalates, writes John Lee, Public Administrator from Cal Poly Pomona University. Incarceration is expensive for aging inmates, three times more than for the average prisoner. Given that criminal behavior drops off dramatically with advancing age, this is a major investment for very little return.

Go to our website www.owlca.org to get sample letter to urge governor to sign for Benson's parole.

SUMMARY - OWL-CA COUNCIL MINUTES 2/7/2010 SAN JOSE

Submitted by Joyce Klein Kamian

National Board Report: Shirley Harlan. asked if the Council thinks it is critical to have an office in Washington, DC. The unanimous response was "Yes." The National Board has committed to raise \$21,000 to OWL. What can OWL-CA and the chapters, as well as individuals, do to raise funds? OWL-CA requests a projected budget but it was suggested that there be a treasurer's report rather than a full budget report. The National office is shared with WREI (Women's Research and Education Institute), and the OWL staff includes one full time person and two part time people. Kathie Piccagli spoke about budgeting and cash flow and it was pointed out that the need for input of funds is critical and something needs to be done by March 12, 2010.

Joyce Kamian and Evie Kosower presented Treasurer's Report in Glenda Cheesman's absence. It was pointed that there must be a separate account for the Deming bequest. See Treasurer's Report.

Communications Report by Ellen Doerfer, in Roberta Battle's absence. Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Feb. 17. See Communications Committee Report

Public Policy: Betty Perry discussed SB 810 (Single Payer), which passed the Senate floor and now goes to the Assembly for hearing in March or April. A veto by the governor is expected but signature gathering will begin to put the legislation on the 2012 ballot. The bill as written is not ready for submission. Funds are required to outline the structure and it will go back to the

legislature. CARA's Senior to Senior Ambassador Program was presented for calling seniors to discuss issues and counter ads that are expected to come out against health care reform. We are reminded that the Mother's Day event in Sacramento is on May 6. It was proposed and approved unanimously that there be a two day OWL-CA Council meeting May 5 and 6, and incorporate it with the Mother's day event. Sacramento Capitol Chapter will make arrangements. It was suggested that the theme be the Elder Economic Security Initiative.

CARA Report by Kathie Piccagli. Copies of petitions on the initiative on budget matters changing from a 2/3 to a simple majority are available from CARA. Piccagli also gave a report on the Senior to Senior Ambassador Program. CARA's legislative committee will be held at the same time as the Bill Powers memorial event in Sacramento on March 18. It M/S/P to buy ¼ page at \$200 to be paid for by OWL-CA in the memory book for Bill Powers.

Membership Report Kathie Piccagli noted a lack of attendance at Council meetings. There are others working with Betty Perry in Sacramento to solidify our presence in Sacramento. It was noted that we need to work on succession by working with members to take leadership roles. National OWL is supposed to receive half of whatever dues amount is take in, but some chapters will continue to handle funds as they have done in the past.

Chapter reports were presented. See individual Chapter Reports

NOTE: Due to conflicts of time, the Annual OWL-CA Council meeting dates have changed to October 15, 16, 17 from October 1, 2, and 3.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Glenda Cheesman

In 2009, our income was significantly higher than in previous years, due to the generous Deming bequest of \$68,900 received in May 2009. On December 31, 2009, our total cash balance was \$104,756 as follows:

Petty Cash	\$	50
Deming Fund		43,972
Endowment Fund		26,442
Laurie Shields Fund		5,457
General Fund		28,132
Medicare "D" Fund		703
Total		<hr/> \$104,756

We will receive our final \$5,000 Medicare "D" Grant funds in August, 2010, when the grant ends.

At Large members are reminded that their 2010 annual dues (\$10) are now due. Please send dues to the OWL-CA Sacramento Office, 1230 N Street, Suite 201, Sacramento CA 95814

Chapters also need to be reminded that Deming money (\$5,000 per chapter) was made available by the Council for projects promoting OWL and increasing membership. Requests for this money should be submitted to the Deming Committee Chair, Evie Kosower at the OWL-CA address in Sacramento.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathie Piccagli, San Francisco Chapter President

The Membership Committee met on February 6 at the OWL-CA Council meeting. In the past, we worked to get every chapter to have contact information, including an address, a

phone number, and an email address. For the most part this has happened, enabling the San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento, and Ohlone chapters both to produce brochures for outreach and to include contact information on the website.

The website is a major way of distributing information about the chapters, and we expect it to be increasingly valuable in information exchange and membership. Having an online presence is recognized as essential when reaching out to a younger age group.

OWL-National designed brochures, which can be "personalized" by each chapter; these enable the same basic design to be used by OWL chapters throughout the country. San Diego and San Francisco are already using these brochures, and Ohlone anticipates ordering these when their current stock of brochures runs out.

All chapters have been working very hard to increase membership, since we realize we aren't going to survive and thrive unless we do. Santa Clara, San Diego, Sacramento, Ohlone, and San Francisco chapters all made significant gain in numbers of new members. It was pointed out that we have to get even more new members, since attrition in this group is high.

Different innovative programs are being created. San Francisco first implemented peer groups, and Ohlone is adopting the peer group model to meet their geographic challenge of being very spread out.

All chapters have lofty membership goals to achieve before our next OWL-CA meeting!

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Present: Chair: Margie Metzler, subbing for Roberta Battle, Ellen Doerfer, Shirley Harlan, Kathie Piccagli, Pearl Caldwell

Subjects: Newsletters and website

1. Shirley searched the OWL National website to find links to newsletters from various chapters. She noted many inconsistencies in quality and content.
2. Margie will write an article for a future newsletter about how to submit information for our web pages, and how to add newsletters to pages.
3. Standards for chapter and CA newsletter were suggested. Have the first page of each newsletter contain a table of contents, upcoming meetings including date, time, topics and location. Specify font and size of font for submitting articles and fonts not less than 12 points.
4. Have a short profile of a new member in each issue.
5. Recruit new newsletter and web site volunteers by actively bringing them to meetings and provide training, if necessary.
6. It was suggested that the OWL-CA newsletter come out shortly after the meetings, so the topics would still be timely. We need to all cooperate with this. Everyone needs to get articles to the editor in 10 days or less.
7. We discussed the idea of moving to electronic newsletters. We need to ease into this.
8. Include a note with newsletters asking people to forward them to their e-mail lists of people who are passionate about our issues. This is a simple way to encourage new members. We need to get a

Facebook page, and link to the National OWL Facebook page. Also we should get a Twitter account for OWL-CA. Margie will do both.

CHAPTER REPORTS

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Submitted by Evie Kosover

With the approval of the Deming Bequest funds to the San Diego Chapter for renewal efforts, an outreach campaign was begun. Brochures in the National style were printed and made available at appropriate meetings (e.g. CARA Conference), a mailing was undertaken to all past members and names from lists of interest gathered from tabling and other activities in the past year. We gained three members in this manner so far. Members were encouraged to give gift memberships; 7 were obtained. We have purchased a domain site and started a web site, which can be updated on our own. We have also purchased promotional items and will decide how to effectively distribute them. Two lively planning meetings have been held to strategize and plan our coming year. We have been hosted for these meetings by the San Diego Women's History Museum.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

Submitted by Kathie Piccagli

At our annual planning meeting in Jan., we supported continuing our commitment to the overall goals of OWL, AND to working around a framework of "Aging in the City" as the focal point for many of our local programs. There is interest in not only supporting national and state issues, such as health care and support of the safety net, but also focusing on local issues that impact us as individuals, such as housing alternatives, transportation, and safety. Our committees are:

- 1) Legislative Advocacy and Political Action,
- 2) Communications,
- 3) Program (including what was previously "housing and service"),
- 4) Membership,
- 5) Development. We hope to use the Deming grant from OWL-CA to help us jumpstart many aspects of our program.

The "Aging in the City" theme recognizes that a big interest of our members (and potential members) is a sense of community.

We have seven new board members

OHLONE EAST/BAY CHAPTER

Submitted by Joyce K. Kamian and Mary Lembke

Mary Lembke attended OWL's Annual Meeting in Washington as the representative from Ohlone/East Bay Chapter. Her report is succinct and to the point and is in the chapter newsletter.

The Rossmoor peer group, which has thirteen participants, has met twice and discussed health care reform and end of life issues. Upon surveying prospective and new members, we found that there is a great interest in end of life issues so we will continue to address this topic at future meetings.

Due to the resignation of co-president, Diane Latko, it was decided by the Ohlone Board to develop a new distribution of collaborative sharing of responsibilities to assist the current chair, Eleanor Luce.

PLACER COUNTY

Due to the sudden death in February of Bea Graham from a brain aneurysm, there was no Chapter Report submitted. However, in talking with chapter member

Jeanette Lawrence, I found out that Bea had planned programs for the next few meetings, so they will continue to meet and are hopeful that they will continue to go on. Her Memorial Service will be held at the Congregational Church in Auburn on March 16. The family has requested no flowers, but a donation may be made to the Marley Figueroa Educational Fund at 2280 Grass Valley Highway # 542, Auburn, CA 95603, to help support her caregiver's education.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER

Rosemary Bacy,

Recent meetings include: Genny Guracar, Chapter member and cartoonist for the annual Mother's Day card, who spoke on cartoons on current political issues; A joint meeting with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and featured a documentary on the Raging Grannies: June Gorman, from the United Nations Association, spoke on the Women's Bureau recently initiated by the United Nations. At each meeting there is usually at least one petition or letter to sign on health care reform and other OWL priorities.

We have added seven new members since October, four of them in response to the National OWL challenge.

Kudos to our Co-Presidents Ruth Kletzing and Evie Kosower. They have served us well, going on their third year!! We need to look hard at handing over the reins to new blood with new energy to carry on the work of our founders, Tish Sommers and Laurie Shields. The nominating committee will be appointed at the May Council meeting, so start thinking where you want to put your talents in the next year.

FAMILIES USA 2010 CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, DC

January 27-30, 2010 Attended by OWL members
Margie Metzler, Capitol Chapter, and Allyson
Washburn, San Francisco Chapter

Families USA, a nationwide advocacy and educational non-profit organization located in Washington, DC, holds a yearly DC convention which OWL, through its MEDIC grant, has attended for five years. This year, Allyson Washburn attended for OWL, and Margie Metzler also attended, though with Gray Panthers.

The convention featured workshops on topics ranging from Medicare to SCHIP issues, as well as noted speakers. These included Senator Al Franken, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sibelius, and NAACP President Benjamin Jealous, and a tribute to the late long-time healthcare advocate Senator Ted Kennedy.

If you go to our website, <http://www.owlca.org/calpolicyhc.html>, you can watch the Kennedy tribute and also download some of the documents we got at the convention:

[A Quick Look at Media Basics \(PDF\)](#)
[FamiliesUSA Story Bank \(PDF\)](#)
[Glossary of Congressional Terms \(PDF\)](#)
[Glossary of Healthcare Terms \(PDF\)](#)
[Glossary of Media Terms \(PDF\)](#)
[Lobbying 101 \(PowerPoint\)](#)
[Lobbying Do's and Don'ts \(PDF\)](#)
[Media Relations Guide \(PDF\)](#)
[Priorities 2010 \(PDF\)](#)
[Untapped Fundraising Resources \(PDF\)](#)
[Positives in the Senate House Bill-Al Franken and Jonathan Cohn \(PDF\)](#)
[Al Franken's Families USA \(PDF\)](#)
[Notes from the session with Ezra Klein, Jonathan Cohn, and Susan Denzer](#)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Meet Jane Vinson, new Ohlone/East Bay OWL Chapter Member

New Member, Jane Vinson, is a retired psychologist and has lived at Rossmoor for five years. She has been involved in political activism for many years, and went to Georgia to protest the School of the Americas, which is also known as the 'School for Assassins' at Fort Benning. She marched with 15,000 other marchers to protest the deaths of thousands of South American people. Jane was aware of OWL's activism in Berkeley for years, but didn't have a chance to join until now.



New Member, Jane Vinson

Also, a big welcome to our new National Public Policy Person, Clare Smith, a Sacramento Capital Chapter OWL member. She has been working on national issues that affect health care and other interests of women, and plans to send us updates on these issues. We are pleased to have Clare aboard!

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