



Branch Newsletter

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From Stef's Stylus

AAUW: Women Making a Difference

Come celebrate our AAUW success in Oregon at the AAUW Convention in Grants Pass. The Convention will be from April 30 to May 2. Several members have already decided to attend, and I invite you to join us. There will be a Title IX panel discussion, *Title IX: 30 Years and Counting*, which will include a retired coach, the chair of a Women's Studies program, female carpenter and Nancy Chiu, Leader on Loan and former California Deputy Attorney General. Cherryl Walker will present *Shadows on the Wall*, a slide and narrative program about the social, economic and political conditions of women in Sub-Saharan Africa and Cuba. There will be a workshop on presenting a successful Transition Conference. You will learn how to get local business sponsorship and how to involve professional women from outside of AAUW in the conference.

In addition to the business sessions and great workshops, the enrichment activities include a visit to the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Merlin, Oregon: a presentation *Russian Women: Lives in Transition*; or an Antique Stroll through historic downtown Grants Pass. On Saturday evening there will be a *Hellgate Jet Boat* Excursion to see the wildlife along the Rogue River. On the return to Grants Pass the boat will stop at the O.K. Corral for a country barbeque dinner which will include chicken, ribs, veggies and more. The Convention has something for everyone!



Last year, the book groups worked all year collecting items for three themed baskets for the EF/LAF sales room at convention. All the items were donated, many at the members' expense. Some contributors said they would rather make a cash donation than to spend so much time gathering material for the basket. We did not make as much as the baskets were worth. This was due to the convention scheduling and the location of the EF/LAF sales room in a building some distance from the main convention facilities at the Ramada Inn.

This year, the Board and EF chair Barbara Mykrantz decided to offer Teddy Bear Fudge as our EF/LAF fundraiser in the EF/LAF Sales room. Barbara and several board members met at Teddy Bear Fudge, a woman owned and operated business here in Corvallis, to sample and select the varieties to be sold at convention. The bars cost \$1 each and will be sold for \$2. Each package will have Corvallis AAUW on the label. If there are any left after the convention, they will be available to our Branch members for purchase.

The "Fudge Tasting Committee" pronounced the fudge "Delicious!" and believe it will sell well at convention. They envision members buying the fudge "to take home to my husband or grandchild" only to return the next day to buy more because they ate the fudge the night before. At least that's how it works for many of us. We will offer traditional Creamy Fudge, a dark Chocolate Almond Fudge, and Peanut Butter Chocolate Fudge.

Please come to convention! You'll make new friends, learn more about AAUW issues, meet your counterparts from other branches, and come back with renewed energy and great ideas to make our branch even better.

Stefani McRae-Dickey

President

V.P. Membership
Jan Rounds, 754-7730
Rosemary Cunningham, 753-1319
Dorothy Ruff, 929-4629

Membership

On July 1, our AAUW year begins anew.
Prospective members who decide to join NOW will have their membership extend through June 2005!!!
This is a bargain, because they will get 15 months for the price of 12!
For more information, contact Rosemary Cunningham at 753-1319.

Up Close and Personal:

The "What's Bugging You?" branch meeting, held on Saturday morning, February 21st, gave our members and guests an opportunity to get "cozy" with some creatures they might not have met before! Branch member Dr. Sujayo Rao, Assistant Professor of Entomology in OSU's Dept. of Crop Science, talked about her beloved insects and their interactions with plants and the environment. The *humans* present that day participated in maggot races and held people-friendly insects (you go, girl!). Thank you, Sujayo, for sharing your "loved ones"!

Greetings to all from Gail Garrison

Gail writes: " It hardly seems possible that we have been here (in Arizona) for 5 months. I finally went to an AAUW Branch meeting here. The Green Valley Branch is the largest in Arizona with 250+ members. Book groups are very popular (I think there are six!). There is also a New Members group (for members who have belonged less than two years) which has outings once a month to museums, the botanical gardens, or other places of interest in and around Tucson."

Gail would love to hear from her Corvallis AAUW friends. Her new address is:

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Back in the United States, she completed a Ph.D. in microbiology at the age of 42, specializing in virology. Her last employment before retirement was in a small vaccine laboratory owned by the Salk Institute, where she worked on experimental vaccines against virus diseases and eventually became a Director of Production. Joyce and her husband moved to Oregon in 1996. In addition to her responsibilities with AAUW, Joyce is a member of the Beaverton Rotary Club, where she serves as co-chair for World Community Service and is on the executive boards of the Oregon Partnership to Immunize Children, and the Friends of the Library of Portland State University.

With her husband, she has organized the collection of six containers of textbooks for Thailand and Uganda. She hopes to get another container of used primary and secondary school books shipped to Uganda in the coming summer and is looking for help from volunteers for collection and packing of the still-good used books that will be discarded by local schools at the end of the school year when the books are replaced with new editions. The next container of books will be sent from a warehouse in Tigard to Dr. Alice Kagoda, who is currently the president of the Uganda Association of University Women and the Associate Dean of the School of Education at Makerere University in Kampala.

In the last five years Ray and Joyce have traveled to Thailand four times and Uganda once as Rotary Volunteers. Her presentation will discuss the condition and needs of the desperately poor education system in Uganda and will touch on the much better educational system of Thailand, where they were volunteers at a young university from September 2003 to February 2004.

Treat yourself to a morning of meeting old and new friends, eating delicious cuisine, learning about Uganda and Thailand, and browsing books in a lovely country club ambience.

Sue Borden
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Bucks for Books – AAUW Used Book Sale

When: April 17, 2004 – Corvallis Branch Meeting

Where: Corvallis Country Club

Why: To benefit AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

Who: YOU – can help us meet our contribution goal of \$5/member (\$500!)

How: Several ways---

- ◆ Donate books to the sale (bring them with you to the Branch Meeting)
- ◆ BUY BOOKS (feed your reading habit!)
(Donate cash, if you think you have enough books already)
- ◆ Write a check directly to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
You'll get a tax deduction, and our branch will get credit for the donation.
- ◆ Donate to LAF through the AAUW Web Site
Again, our branch will get credit, and you'll get a tax deduction.



Help our branch speak out for justice in Higher Education.

We exceeded our goal in 2003. Let's see if we can do it again in 2004!

News & Notes

Books for Uganda's Makerere University

Joyce Lockard of Beaverton, guest speaker for the April 17 branch meeting, is seeking books for the library at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, which she relates "has a very old and very meager collection." The university is so poor that there is no money to buy new textbooks for faculty to use to prepare lectures. Especially desirable are "desk copy" samples sent to faculty members by publishers. Also welcome are discarded books from university and college libraries or from faculty members. Books that are donated will be shipped to Uganda this summer.

Corvallis AAUW members can bring such books to the April 17 branch meeting or contact Marilyn Roland, rolandm2@comcast.net, 752-5257. Joyce Lockard is the Liaison for AAUW of Oregon to the International Federation of University Women and has recently returned from Thailand.

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers

The nominating committee consisting of Marilyn Roland, Judy Rudolph and Dorothy Ruff presents the following slate of officers for your approval at the April 17 branch meeting.

- President: Stefani McRae–Dickey
- President–Elect: TBA
- Vice–Presidents (Program): Marge Bromley, Carolyn Moore, Cathy Phelps, Marilyn Roland
- Vice–Presidents (Membership): Rosemary Cunningham, Jan Rounds, Dorothy Ruff
- Secretary: Louise Livesay
- Treasurer: Nancy William

New nominees are Cathy Phelps and Louise Livesay.

A search is on for the office of President–Elect whose duties are to assist Stefani this coming year and then serve as the president for the following year. If you are interested in this office please contact any member of the nominating committee.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

April 13

Living with Cannibals by Michele Slung

Hostess: Urchyl Borchard
7525 NW Mt. View Dr.

Reviewer: Val Krauss

May 11

#1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Hostess: Muriel Lawrence
930 NW Oakdell Pl.

Reviewer: Dorothy Ruff

Evening Literature Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656
Mary Mills, 745-7961

April 7

The Alienist by Caleb Carr

Hostess: Carol Nelson
5925 NW Rosemont Drive
745-7275
caroljnelson53@earthlink.net

Reviewer: Shirley Woods

May 5

Discussion and Selection of Books for 2004-05

Hostess: Jan Tallis
3550 NW Tanager Drive
757-8060
jantallis1@comcast.net

Leaders: Nancy Tolin and Mary Mills

Gourmet Group

Do you have any idea how delectable Paraguayan Cornbread and Chocolate Hazelnut Mousse taste?

Probably not, unless you attended the South American Gourmet Dinner on March 13 at the charming home of Christine and Jim Cantey. Anyone who did attend can tell you that we had an absolutely delicious evening!

Sorry you missed it? Well, just plan to attend the next one.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.** Look for full details in the May Bulletin, and please **reserve your spot by Sunday, May 9th**, to Carolyn Moore, 758-0271, or e-mail, CrCAROLyn@aol.com.

Thanks! *Christine Cantey, Carolyn Moore, and Denise Nervik;*
Committee co-chairs

No-Host Lunch

Old World Deli was full of fun at our last lunch on Thursday, March 18th. We are looking forward to our April Drop-in Lunch, where we will meet at **Ruby Tuesday's** (on 9th Street). No need to make a reservation. Just mark it on your calendar and show up at **11:45 on Thursday, April 15, 2004**. We always enjoy each other's company, along with some good food. We'd enjoy your company, too. Hope you can join us!

Questions or Comments? Contact Carolyn Moore at 758-0271, or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com

APR	Activity	Time	Location
6	Reservations and check due for "Welcome Spring" luncheon		
7	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Carol Nelson, 5925 NW Rosemont Drive
12	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
13	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Urchyl Borchard, 7525 NW Mt. View Dr.
15	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Ruby Tuesday's restaurant on 9th St.
17	Branch Meeting "Welcome Spring" Luncheon	10:15 a.m.	Corvallis Country Club
Apr. 30 – May 2	AAUW of OR Convention		Grants Pass
MAY	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Jan Tallis, 3550 NW Tanager Dr.
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Muriel Lawrence, 930 NW Oakdell Pl.