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AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

AAUW CELEBRATES

Courageous Women: Women Who Have Surmounted Great Odds

Wednesday, April 13, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Grand Oaks Clubhouse
(W. off 53rd to Grand Oaks Drive)

In April, we are privileged to have a panel of four outstanding local women, each of whom has encountered tremendous challenges in her life, and each of whom has met and overcome these challenges and gone on to become even more productive and inspiring because of the odds each has faced. Who are these women?

Join us for an evening of incredible stories and find out more about:

1. Mary Zalinka, who has been able to move through and beyond domestic violence;
2. Jodi Parker, who first encountered mental illness in college and has used a variety of therapies which enable her to function very successfully within the Corvallis community;
3. Kathy Heath, who encountered gender bias in university level sports in the 1960's; and
4. Zel Brook, who has faced and pushed through numerous physical challenges.

We have a lot to marvel at and learn from these four Courageous Women. Please plan to attend this heart-felt evening of inspiration. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. See you at Grand Oaks!

"Courage conquers all things: it even gives strength to the body."

—Ovid

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OREGON RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT IFUW

The American Association of University Women has been a member of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) since it was founded. However, faced with a budget crisis, the leadership of AAUW decided last summer not to pay our IFUW dues. While university women in third world countries, women who lack the economic advantages, and cultural freedom of American women, continue to pay their IFUW dues, we, living in the richest country in the world, have ceased to pay our IFUW dues. Shame on us!

Many Oregon AAUW members are concerned that our international dues are included in the Association budget as a line item. Therefore they have proposed a resolution to be considered at our state Convention in April.

This resolution would require Association to remove IFUW dues from the Association budget as a line item and make IFUW dues a separate fund.

Your delegates to the convention will be voting on this resolution.

Please read your *Oregon News*, page 6, for details and be prepared to discuss this issue at the April general meeting. We need to hear your opinions. AAUW members, Speak Out!

--Stefani McRae-Dickey

Note: The bylaws of IFUW allow us to remain a member for two years after we cease to pay our dues. (See the President's letter in the Aug-Sept 2004 Newsletter for details).

Caring and Sharing

(Contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at mcraedic@peak.org with information)

Congratulations to **Rebekah Lancelin** who received a yellow rose from Zonta for her work with CARDV (Center Against Rape and domestic Violence).

Thanks to **Martha Jenkins** and **Rebekah Lancelin** for the wonderful Women's History Month display in the Corvallis Public Library. The display, entitled "Mothers of Invention," features just a few of the many inventions by women.

Velna Werth is ill with pneumonia, and would appreciate your cards and letters. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Velna.

Getting Acquainted with New Members

Welcome to **Eneida Hallenborg!** Eneida comes to us via Puerto Rico, New York, and California. She is now living in Philomath, where she and her husband, a retired aerospace engineer, have realized a dream of having a hobby farm. They have three adult children living in San Francisco, Michigan, and San Diego.

Eneida enjoys hiking, gardening, and the beauty of the great outdoors. She has been a life long volunteer in the communities where she has lived – from classroom Mom to heading a free medical-dental clinic. She is currently putting her experience and nursing degree to good use as an instructor of nursing at LBCC.

Meet **Susan Gelberg** who moved to Corvallis three years ago when her husband was selected to be the Dean of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Having practiced as a clinical psychologist in Illinois prior to their move, Susan has worked part-time in Career Services at OSU and as an organizational consultant. Susan enjoys cooking and entertaining, reading, walking their two dogs in McDonald Forest, yoga and Tai Chi, and visiting her two daughters, one a technical writer in CA., and the other, an engineer in Houston.

AAUW and its interest groups provide an opportunity for Susan to apply her interest and experience in multicultural training and as an advocate for at-risk populations. Introduce yourself to Susan and welcome her to AAUW, this being her very first AAUW membership.

2004-2005 Yearbook Update

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With the state legislature in session, two bills guaranteeing permanent insurance coverage for women's health have unanimously passed the House. A number of these issues were mentioned in last month's Public Policy section. These bills would require employers to provide insurance to cover clinical breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap tests, pregnancy, childbirth, and mammograms. These bills have bipartisan support and are expected to pass. Another bill that requires insurance to cover prescription contraceptives is facing opposition.

A bill seeking parity for mental health care barely squeaked by the Senate Health Policy Committee on a vote of 3-2. Thirty-five other states, including most recently Washington, ensure that mental and physical illnesses receive comparable treatment from insurers. For more information on Senate Bill 1, visit www.leg.state.or.us.



Legal Advocacy Fund

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Surgeon Fights Injustice

As chief of pediatric surgery—and as one of a few female surgeons and the only female surgical section chief—at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Roberta Sonnino earned \$35,000 less than a junior male associate. Other male colleagues criticized her behavior as “too aggressive” and “domineering,” and staff publicly mocked her authority. But, most importantly for her patients, administrators resisted her efforts to improve pediatric care and retaliated against her for reporting her concerns by suspending and revoking her medical privileges—despite reviews confirming she had met the standard of care. Even when Sonnino filed a lawsuit and left for a better job, the hostility continued. The medical center registered false complaints against her with the national practitioner data bank and the licensing board in the state where she now practices. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund adopted Sonnino's case in October 2003. The case is under way; the parties are also engaged in mediation.

Because Equity Is Still an Issue ...

With this concise new statement, AAUW confronts skepticism while it confirms and affirms why, after more than a century, we persist in our mission: promoting education and equity for all women and girls. The slogan reminds members and nonmembers that our work is more critical than ever ... because despite the gains, equity is still an issue. The pay inequity between women and men continues; girls in grades K-12 experience a gender gap in technology that cuts them off from the high-growth, high-paying careers of our technology driven world; and women students and faculty continue to face sex discrimination on campus.

Raise awareness with the new “because” screensaver, free for members only in the Member Center at www.aauw.org, and companion static decal, just 75 cents at ShopAAUW.



Afternoon Literature Group

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813
Contact Louise if you can not come.

April 12

His Excellency, George Washington, by Joseph Ellis

Hostess: Brenda Rowley

Reviewer: Irene Lilja

Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Mills, 745-7961
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

April 6

Tales of a Female Nomad by Rita Gelman

Hostess: Carol Nelson
5925 Rosewood Dr.
745-7275

Reviewer – Nancy Tolin

Foreign Films & Food

April 15 is our next video/dessert night at Sally Terman's home (2964 NW Spurry Place).

We will meet at **7:00 p.m.** from now on as many need to take care of family ahead of time. The deadline for responding is April 11.

Do come for an enjoyable evening among friends. This should be a welcome break from doing your taxes! Calling ahead to 752-9019 is a good idea.

Gourmet Group

On Friday, March 11, 2005, 17 of us enjoyed a fantastic evening of Greek Gods, Goddesses, and gourmet Greek foods at the home of Christine and Jim Cantey.

From the Cucumber Yogurt Dip (Plaka Tsatsiki) through the Baklava, every bite was a culinary delight!

Have you been considering attending one of these dinners? If so, you have one more opportunity this Spring. That will be a **Shakespearean Feast** at the home of Nancy and Don Sanderson. Exciting palate pleasers await your discriminating taste buds. Won't you join us? **Saturday, May 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

Please make your reservation to Carolyn Simmons by Sunday May 1, 2005, so we can plan this year's Fantastic Gourmet Finale! Thanks!

From your Gourmet Committee: Chris Cantey, Denise Nervik, Carolyn Simmons

Reserve at CrCAROLYN@aol.com or 758-0271.

No-Host Lunch

Our lunch at New Morning Bakery on Thursday 3/17 was delicious and a lot of fun.

We hope you will plan to drop in for lunch on the third Thursday in April. That lunch will be on **April 21, 2005, at 11:45 a.m., Evergreen Indian Restaurant**, 136 SW 3rd St., downtown Corvallis. Contact me, if you wish, but as always, you can just "drop in"—even if it's your first time. Everyone is welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you for lunch!

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APR	Activity	Time	Location
6	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Carol Nelson, 5925 Rosewood Dr.
11	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
11	Bridge Marathon final night		Info: Evelyn Stephens, 754-7327
12	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Brenda Rowley
13	Branch Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Grand Oaks Clubhouse
15	Newsletter deadline		
15	Foreign Films & Food	7:00 p.m.	Sally Terman 2964 NW Spurry Pl.
21	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Evergreen Indian Restaurant 136 SW 3rd, downtown
29 – May 1	Oregon Convention		Seaside, Oregon
MAY	Activity	Time	Location
1	Reservations due for Shakespearean Feast		Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271
9	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
15	Newsletter deadline		
21	Spring Brunch	10:00 a.m.	Corvallis Country Club
21	Shakespearean Feast	7:00 p.m.	Nancy and Don Sanderson 1165 NW 17th St.