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Power Breakfast of the Corvallis Branch with Linda O'Hara

Past President, AAUW of Oregon

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 A.M.

Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle

We're going to Power into the new AAUW Year.
We have lots of New Interest Groups, We have Transitions,
We have a Murder Mystery,
We have CONVENTION.

WE are Corvallis Branch, Hear Us Roar!!!

Best of all, we have Linda O'Hara, immediate past president of Oregon AAUW. She is a high energy woman who will invigorate us for the coming year. Linda will speak with her usual elan about Transitions, a one day conference for women who are considering attending college. Oregon AAUW received one of the 33 grants from Association to present 4 conferences in Oregon. We will co-sponsor a Transitions conference with the Albany Branch at LBCC in the next few months. This very successful AAUW program has been offered in several other states and has garnered much publicity for AAUW while providing encouragement and support for women entering higher education.

Please bring a guest or potential member. Men are eligible to join also. (They don't even have to wear pearls, unless they want to. We do not discriminate)

Instead of the usual salad brunch, we will have Breakfast Breads and Fruit for our Power Breakfast. Members whose last name begins with:

A - N Bring breakfast bread, muffins, coffee cake, croissants, doughnuts, or other baked item cut into individual servings.

O - Z Bring fruit cut into finger size portions.

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AAUW promotes equity for 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.

Directions to Stoneybrook. Take 53rd south to Country Club Drive. Turn east on Country Club Drive (left) and a couple of blocks to SW Stoneybrook Street and turn south (right). The Clubhouse will be on your right as you reach the lodge. Parking is limited, so please car pool or plan to park on the street rather than in Stoneybrook parking spaces. Most parking spaces are reserved for residents. Thank you!!

Stefani McRae-Dickey
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Talent Call

Actors and Mystery Lovers

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 – 11:30 am

*Mafia
Murder*

*Cacciatore
Killer*

*Ravioli
Rubout*

*Estate
Bottled
Bloodshed*



*Vintage
Victim*

*Fatal
Fumé*

*Manicotti
Massacre*

*Capocollo
Caper*

Pasta Parting

We're planning a *Murder Mystery* fund raiser for January 24 and 25, 2003. We need mystery lovers, organizers and actors to plan the *Dastardly Deed* and play in the mystery. We will select our mystery script for a small cast of characters. Good ideas and suggestions are needed. Look at food and venue options and costs to select the one that works best for us.

We hope to have 150 people attend, 75 for each performance. The tax-deductible proceeds will go to EF and LAF. Tickets will be available for purchase from November through January 8, 2003.

We'll put on the *Perfect Murder*--- no one gets hurts and we raise money for EF and LAF! Wear your *Miss Marple* hat, bring your writing tablet and indulge your secret desire to create the *Perfect Crime*.

Meet at Stefani McRae's home, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath. Call for directions, 929-7988.

Auction for Local Scholarship Fund

Bring Your Bucks and Bid on an Autumn Weekend at the Wildhorse Casino

At the September branch meeting, we will auction off a stay at the Wildhorse Casino, Pendleton. The package includes:

- One night's stay in a standard room
- Two 18-hole rounds of golf
- \$10.00 certificate good for restaurant, snack bar, gift shop or cashier cage
- Two tickets to the outstanding Tamastlikt Cultural Institute (museum)

The package is valued at \$155.00 and bidding will open at \$25.00. Proceeds will go to our local scholarship fund. Be sure you practice all your bidding signs!



"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead, in *Utne Reader* (1962)

Martha's Musings

At the August AAUW Board meeting, board members took time to consider what AAUW meant to us, why we joined and why we continue to belong. Some of the answers to the question, "What is AAUW about" were: education over the life-span, women empowering women and girls, mentoring, networking, diversity, educational and legal advocacy, leadership growth, work and pay equity, and friendship. Many thanks to Stefani McRae-Dickey, Membership Development Vice-President and Joyce Carver, Hospitality Chair for planning informative and exciting programs which spotlight "What AAUW is about".



At our Welcome Back meeting on September 14th, Linda O'Hara, immediate past-President of AAUW of OR, will be our guest and speaker. While president of AAUW of OR, Linda coordinated an AAUW Community Action grant-writing proposal for \$4000.00 to be used to hold four *Transitions* conferences in Oregon. The goal of a *Transitions* conference is to reach out and encourage women returning to college. Conference participants receive information about careers, college admission and financial aid, as well as receive support as they plan to return to college. AAUW received 230 Community Action grant proposals and agreed to fund 33 of these. The *Transitions* proposal from Oregon received one of these grants! The Albany and Corvallis Branches will host a *Transitions* conference at Linn-Benton Community College in early 2003. Linda will tell us why the Albany and Corvallis Branches were selected and more about the conference. It's sure to be a lively, challenging presentation.

Irene Lilja, Judy Rudolph and I attended the AAUW of OR All-Member Summer Retreat held at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay on July 26-28, 2002. Since membership recruitment and retention had been identified as a primary concern of many branches at the 2002 AAUW of OR convention in Pendleton, our workshops focused on communication and marketing—who are we, what do we stand for and how do we tell others about AAUW? The focus groups really did help us to think about the goals of AAUW on the local, state and national levels. The group also met with Irene and Judy to work on convention planning.

Some members have told me that they do not like receiving the unsolicited, fund-raising note cards from AAUW. At the Summer Retreat, Candace McKenzie, Association Board Director for the Mountain Pacific Region, reported that AAUW had received \$.5 million towards operating expenses from the note card mailings. The AAUW National staff does know that there are members who do not like the program and are evaluating it. Candace encourages us to contribute if we would like to or to use the cards and not contribute. If you do not want to use the cards, please give them to Rosemary Cunningham, our Membership Vice-President, who will gladly use them!

All of us who have been working on this premier issue of our electronic newsletter hope you enjoy it, print it, and share it with friends and prospective members (by print or e-mail). I look forward to greeting all of you—members and guests—at the Welcome Back meeting.

Martha Jenkins

President

Save on Books and Music...and Make Your Purchases Count

Every time you order books, music and more from online discounter Amazon.com through AAUW's website, a percentage of your sale goes to AAUW. Visit www.aauw.org and click on the Amazon.com logo at the bottom of AAUW's homepage.

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WANTED:

NEW MEMBERS

**Willing to support opportunities for women in education and in the workplace.
Holds college degree.
Enjoys friendships.**

If you know persons who fit this description, please invite them to attend the September Brunch. AAUW programs are discussed; interest groups are highlighted; and time is set aside to welcome new and old members. Special membership discounts are also available for prospective members.

Ten new members who will be introduced at the brunch are: **Sue Borden, Elizabeth Coulter, Norma Craighton, Anicia Criscione, Kinsey Green, Lori Hodgert, Linda Lovett, Kori McDonald, Marnie Noble, and Sujaya Rao.** To join the Corvallis branch, click on the [Membership form](#).

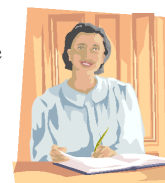
See you there!

Legal Advocacy Fund

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A Special Donor Gives Back

When Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) speaks of its plaintiffs and their fight to change the academic environment for women, words like “courageous”, “determined,” and “strong” come to mind. We think of the individual’s struggle against an institution to make higher education a more welcoming and accessible place.



Those words accurately describe the women of the “Cornell 11” who so bravely filed a sex discrimination lawsuit against Cornell University in the early 1980’s. Their tenure denial, and the sisterhood of the women who supported them from the Ithaca (NY) AAUW Branch, forever brought a new dimension to AAUW’s commitment to women and led to the formation of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Recently, Antonia Glasse, one of the Cornell 11, and a Life Member of AAUW, made a gift to LAF that will long have an impact on the fund’s ability to support precedent-setting legal cases. She contributed to a Pooled Income Fund, with Glasse receiving an income during her lifetime and LAF receiving the principal of the gift upon her death. Antonia’s gift was made in honor of her dear friend Marjorie Smith, another AAUW Life Member. Antonia said, “There is no way to fully thank this sister in AAUW for all of her time and energies in the past 11 years....I chose to donate to LAF and honor Marjorie as an expression of my gratitude and appreciation. This gift to LAF will serve other women who also struggle.”

Candidate and Ballot Measure Forums



The Corvallis Branch of AAUW will be co-sponsoring Candidate and Ballot Measure Forums with the Corvallis League of Women Voters again this Fall.

- Meetings are scheduled for Oct. 2, 9, 17 and 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Public Library.
- There will be 3 candidates forums covering:
 - a) the local State Senate and Representative races,
 - b) City council races, and
 - c) County Commissioner, Mayor and Sheriff (if contested).
- One or two forums for local and state ballot measures. (The tentative date for the 2nd ballot forum, if needed, is Oct. 29.

As a co-sponsor, we are looking for folks to help with the groundwork for the forums, as well as volunteers willing to help out on any -- or all -- of the forum nights. Please contact Nanette at 752-3649 or nanjam@proaxis.com.

YOU ARE INVITED!

509J School Bond Levy Focus Group Meeting

You are invited to an information session regarding The November 5th 509J School Bond Levy. This focus group, presented by Corvallis Kids Count!, will take place on Wednesday, September 25th, 7:15p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Monroe and 8th Streets, in the Parlor.

This will be a presentation of facts and an opportunity for questions and answers in a small group setting. Refreshments will be served. Fellow AAUW member Sylvia Volk is the host of this focus group.

State Convention 2003: *Education--Shaping the Future*

Irene Lilja & Judy Rudolph: Local Arrangement Chairs

Fall Kick-Off Meeting

All convention chairs are invited to our fall kick-off meeting. There will be door prizes & dessert, current information to share and a chance to socialize. Thanks to DOROTHY RUFF for arranging our meeting place at:

Grand Oaks Club House
6050 SW Grand Oaks
Corvallis, Oregon
Monday, September 30th @ 7 p.m.

Directions: Turn off 53rd St. to go West on West Hills Rd. After about 0.3 miles, turn Right onto SW Grand Oaks Dr. Follow it to the right. Turn Left onto SW Banyon & park in the lot. The club house is adjacent to the swimming pool.



Yung-Yi "Diana" Pan Receives 2002 AAUW Outstanding Senior Woman of the Year Award

Martha Jenkins, President

I was pleased to represent Corvallis AAUW at the Oregon State University Honors banquet in May 2002 and to present the AAUW Outstanding Senior Woman of the Year Award to Diana Pan. At each university holding corporate membership in AAUW, a senior woman is recognized annually for her outstanding scholarship, character, personality, contributions to campus and community life, and potential for future achievement.

Diana graduated with a double major in Ethnic Studies and Political Science, with a minor in Chinese, had a 3.84 grade point and was a member of the University Honors College. While at OSU, Diana worked as a staff member at the Women's Center and became interested in issues facing women. This led her to help start the student organization, Feminist Coalition. Diana attended the Gloria Steinem Leadership Institute in Washington, DC and planned the 12th Annual Women's Leadership Conference entitled "Power To, Not Power Over". In her senior year, she was president of the Asian/Pacific American Student Union. She has received numerous scholarships including the Dean's Scholarship in the college of Liberal Arts, the Gates Millennium Scholarship and the OSU Diversity Achievement Scholarship. Diana is a member of the McNair Scholars Program, Golden Key, International Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Caring and Sharing

(Contact Martha Jenkins at marthaj@peak.org with information)

Congratulations to new member Sue Borden who received a Helen Keller Benefactor Award from the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Sue is in her third term as Corvallis Lions Club secretary and Lion of the Year for 2001.

Congratulations to new member, Anicia Criscione, on the birth of future AAUW member, Francesca!

Please care for and share with branch historian, Nancy Tolin! Please bring all the pictures and articles you have been saving to the September branch meeting and take time to see the display Nancy has put together. As you see information about members during the year, please save it and share it with Nancy.

Memorial Donations from Neva Roberts' Family Support Local Scholarship Fund

Our thanks to Shelia Roberts-Badertscher of Corvallis and Gail Roberts of Eugene for designating memorial donations for their mother, Neva Roberts, to our local scholarship fund.

Neva Roberts was born in Boston in 1912 and graduated from UCLA with a degree in English in 1939. She married Charles Roberts in 1941 in Pasadena, CA. After her children were in school, she returned to Cal State at Los Angeles for an elementary school teaching credential and taught in Los Angeles city schools until retiring in 1977. While in California, she was active in AAUW. She moved to Corvallis in 1997 to be near her daughters. The donation we have received has been deposited in the local scholarship fund.

Afternoon Literature Group

*Usually meets on the second
Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.*

Val Krauss, 766-8916

September 10
"Personal History"
by Katharine Graham

Hostess: Diana Bernstein
10 NW Edgewood Dr.
Reviewer: Jan Rounds

October 8
"Age of Innocence"
by Edith Wharton

No-Host Lunch

Martha Jenkins
758-4390

Let's meet for a kick-off organizational lunch at the
new Ruby Tuesday restaurant located at 1895 NW
9th Street

September 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 754-7396
Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

September 4
Salad potluck begins at 5:30
p.m.
"Galileo's Daughter"
by Dava Sobel

Hostess: Joyce Carver
2322 Kiger Island Dr.
Resource person: Marilyn
Treiman

October 2
*"Nine Parts of Desire:
the Hidden World of Islamic
Women"*
by Geraldine Brooks



"How smartly September comes in, like a racing gig, all style, no confusion."

Eleanor Clark, *Eyes, Etc.* (1997)

SEPT	Activity	Time	Location
4	Evening Literature Group	5:30 p.m.	Joyce Carver 2322 Kiger Island Drive Salad Potluck
10	Afternoon Literature Group	2 p.m.	Diana Bernstein 10 NW Edgewood Drive
14	Power Breakfast	10 a.m.	Stoneybrook Clubhouse 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle Corvallis
18	Murder Mystery Planning Session	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Stefani McRae Residence 754 Wyatt Lane Philomath 929-7988
19	No-host Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Ruby Tuesday restaurant Corvallis
25	509J School Bond Levy Focus Group Meeting	7:15 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church Monroe and 8th Street Corvallis
30	State Convention Fall Kick-Off Meeting	7 p.m.	Grand Oaks Club House 6050 SW Grand Oaks Corvallis
OCT	Activity	Time	Location
2	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
2	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	
8	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	
9	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
17	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
23	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library



Membership Form



American Association of University Women–Corvallis Branch 2002–2003 Membership Form

***Note: the information you provide below will be printed in the Branch directory unless you indicate otherwise.**

Make your check payable to:
Corvallis Branch AAUW

Print this form and send with your payment to:
Julie Searcy
2854 NW Angelica Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Member Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone H: _____ W: _____

E-Mail: _____

School & Highest Degree & Field _____

Regular Dues

Branch \$15.00
State \$11.00*
National \$39.00
Total **\$65.00**

Other Membership Categories

Life \$26.00
Student \$27.50

*Oregon AAUW dues include a one year subscription to the Oregon News at \$0.25.

AAUW dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Checks written separately to AAUW Educational Foundation or AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund are tax deductible contributions.

Funds

Amount Donated

Local Scholarship Fund

Provides tuition scholarships to older than average women

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (Suggested donation \$3.00)

LAF is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. Since 1981, LAF has helped students, faculty, and administrators challenge discriminatory practices involving sexual harassment, denial of tenure and promotion, and inequality in women's athletics programs.

AAUW Educational Foundation (Suggested donation is \$3.00)

The AAUW EF provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.
