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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.



CELEBRATE WOMEN'S POLITICS

A panel discussion featuring four politically active women:

Helen Berg, mayor of Corvallis
Linda Modrell, Benton County Commissioner
Kelley Wirth, Representative to the Oregon House of Representatives
Paula Krane, Board Member and Past President of Corvallis League of Women Voters

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

7 p.m.

**Corvallis Caring Place
 750 NW 23rd Street**

The road a politician must travel is sometimes smooth, but at times it also might be a rocky one. Individuals holding public offices need to be hard-working and dedicated. Members will have an opportunity to learn firsthand the reasons three of these women—Helen Berg, Linda Modrell, and Kelley Wirth—ran for political office and hear of the positive aspects of being public servants as well as a few of the negatives. They also will reveal important issues facing the city, county and state now and in the forthcoming elections. The fourth speaker—Paula Krane—will delineate ways in which we as citizens and voters can become more politically active. There will be a question and answer time following their presentations. Please come and listen to these outstanding community leaders. They will certainly inspire us!

In conjunction with this year's "Celebrate" theme, the branch will feature one of our own members as a mini-speaker at our meetings. Yvonne Lee will share some meaningful events which have shaped her life. This is a chance to share our diversity and celebrate our lives.



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From Stef's Stylus

The year is off to a great start!

It was good to see everyone at our September Brunch. We have three new interest groups to keep us busy this year, Mah Jongg (Marge Bromley, 757-7722), Foreign Film and Food (Sally Terman, 752-9019) and Profiles of Women (Stefani McRae-Dickey, 929-7988). I hope you will contact the coordinators above if you are interested in joining the fun.



Branch Fundraisers for Operating Costs Your Opinion Sought

Our Branch, along with many others, find that dues alone do not cover all our expenses. Two years ago we held a "Bottle Auction" at a meeting to raise money for operating expenses. The issue of branches having fund raising ventures at state conventions for branch expenses rather than for the benefit of EF or LAF has been raised by several branches.

At the AAUW of Oregon Summer Retreat, there was a discussion of branch fund raising for branch needs. The Leadership Team needs our branch's thoughts on fund raising so it can be voted on at the Fall Leadership Team meeting Nov. 6 in Salem. Please let me or other board members know how you feel about this issue. We will compile your thoughts and communicate to the state leadership before November 1. mcraedic@peak.org or 929-7988 or snail mail, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath OR 97370

Transitions "Yes! I Can" go to College Conference

On October 23, sixty-five women who never thought they could go to college, who may not even have graduated from high school, will learn how they CAN attend college. AAUW Corvallis, AAUW Albany and LBCC, are co-sponsors of this exciting event.

We need your help in getting door prizes and raising money for vouchers to pay for a three unit class. We need your help in distributing flyers and registration forms to locations where women who might benefit from Transitions will see them. We need your help with registration on October 23.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO HELP?

Our mission is "equity for all women and girls, and lifelong education." Here is your opportunity to encourage women to pursue their dreams and to share your good fortune in being a well educated woman. Not all women have the economic or family situation that makes that easy. Let's give them the encouragement they need to succeed in college. Call Stefani, 929-7988, and volunteer to help.

Stefani McRae-Dickey

President



V.P. Membership
Jan Rounds, 754-7730
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Getting Acquainted with New Members

Welcome to **Jeri Le**, one of our newest members. She hails from Iowa, but went to high school in the San Fernando Valley. She has lived in Toronto; Rochester, N.Y.; Davis, Calif.; and Hanoi, Vietnam. Her degree in social science is from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo—a lovely setting for a college education. Jeri taught 5th grade and is now retired. She has volunteered in teaching ESL in California and plans to do the same here with the OSU's Crossroads program.

Jeri has been married for 30 years to Chinh T. Le, a pediatrician, and they have four children and 10 grandchildren. Jeri enjoys quilting, watercolor painting, weaving, reading, camping, redecorating, *and* eating! (Oh, so many of us can relate to that last one!) Welcome Jeri!

Fall Festival

Check out our AAUW booth (in front of the library) during Fall Festival. We have a prize to give away, and hopefully will introduce our organization to some new people.

New Member Coffee

Save the morning of October 30th, 10 o'clock. Diana Bernstein has once again offered her lovely home for the event. All branch members are encouraged to come and greet our newest members and "catch up" with old friends. A special invitation to new members Nelwyn Price, Pamela Duren, Jeri Le, Louise Wiprud, Marla McVay, and Renee Senior. Hope you especially can attend. There will be tasty treats to tempt all attendees as well!



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Education

All Member Leadership Training/Meeting November 6, 2004

Every member of our branch has a personal invitation to join our state leadership on Saturday, November 6, to talk about the goals of AAUW of Oregon and meet other leaders from sister branches. We will have a workshop, "From Notion to Motion," which will provide guidance to bringing your ideas for change into action. The event at Chemeketa Community College in Salem includes workshop, breakfast and lunch for only \$20.

The opinions of branch members on several issues are being solicited, so please come and make your voice heard. This is an enjoyable event, and only requires one day of your time. Come meet your state leaders, have an invigorating day, and influence state policy by speaking out.

See your *Oregon News*, Fall 2004 edition, page 7, for the registration form. The deadline for registration is October 23. If you need a copy of the form, contact Stefani at 929-7988.

See you there!

AAUW Oregon Leadership takes a stand on ballot measures

AAUW of Oregon has taken the following position on two Oregon ballot measures. *The Oregon state leadership urges AAUW members to vote no on the following measures.*

Ballot Measure 36. AAUW of Oregon believes that a provision to ban same-sex marriages would put discrimination into our state constitution. Because AAUW opposes discrimination on any basis, your leadership voted to oppose the measure.

Ballot Measure 37. This measure requires the government to either compensate property owners for land-use restriction or waive those regulations. Because AAUW of Oregon leadership believes this would adversely impact the budgets of government at all levels, your leadership team voted to oppose this measure in order to protect government services.

From [Oregon News](#).



Legal Advocacy Fund

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Ending Sex Discrimination on Campus

“Developing equitable policies and practices for universities...sustaining a network of informed attorneys...Providing financial support to women fighting sex discrimination on campus...Clearly, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has a steady stream of work to do.

Many campus women—students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike—depend on LAF, because equity is still an issue. LAF believes that raising awareness of inequities and illegal behavior is the first step in promoting fair, healthy campuses for women and men.

So long as there are women fighting sex discrimination on campus, LAF will stay committed to eliminating inequities in virtually all aspects of higher education.”

This quote from the current LAF brochure says it all. The Corvallis Branch is proud to be a regular contributor to LAF. Our goal is to raise at least \$5 per member during the calendar year as our contribution. We've already exceeded that goal for 2004 and are hoping to surpass \$6 per member by year's end. In 2005, some of the profits from the AAUW Bridge Marathon will go to LAF, and we're planning to have another Used Book Sale in the spring to benefit the fund.

Thanks to all of you for your support of LAF, through your individual contributions and your support of our fundraising projects.

Marge Bromley, 757-7722
Jane Ann Warkentin, 754-8875

EF Foundation Memorial / Tribute Contributions

Inserted in the newsletter, please find the revised form for the Educational Foundation Memorial/Tribute contributions.

This is a wonderful way to recognize a person in memory or in honor!! It has been a popular recognition opportunity used by many branches in the past.

There are many other funds, such as Betty Lou Dunlop, Claudia Gray, Kappy Eaton, and others, which may be designated under "Other".

Remember that December 31st ends the contribution opportunities for 2004.

Local Scholarships

Our local scholarship fund helps not only older than average women college students, it provides scholarships for young women to attend the Expeditions and Adventures in Learning Pre-college Program for gifted, talented and creative 3rd – 7th grade girls.

An AAUW scholarship helped Hannah Williams design and make her own flute, learn about writing as a tool for personal development, costume drawing and "Challenging Challenges" which she said made her really "use your noodle!" She said, "If it weren't for you I would not have been able to go (to Adventures in Learning)."

Emily also attended with the help of AAUW and studied Chemistry, French and Claymania. She "loved them all." Both girls wrote sincere thank you letters to AAUW for the scholarships that allowed them to attend. Your donations make a difference in the lives of young women, opening doors and providing opportunity. Take a bow, AAUW members!

MURDER MYSTERY: EF & LAF Fundraiser



The **Murder Mystery** is planned for January 28 and 29, 2005. Your **killer** talent and **electrifying** energy are needed to make it an evening **to die for**. Thespians, or would be thespians are invited to join in.

There are roles for three **menacing** males and three **fatale females**. Age is no barrier when it comes to homicide. Murder is an equal opportunity employer.

Don't be a **victim** of procrastination, get involved now! You could be an actor, decorator, publicist, ticket sales or ??? The script will be available in November and the four to five rehearsals will be in January. Actors are invited **execute** ad libs. So, although you will follow the story line, complete memorization is not necessary.

Please contact me if you would like to **conspire** the **demise** of the mid-winter blues by working on our **Murder Mystery**.

Stefani McRae-Dickey, 929-7988

Bridge Players Still Welcome



Good progress has been made on the Bridge Marathon. Some of the groups from previous years have remained intact. Those groups have received their players packets and are ready to begin this season's play. Other groups lost players, and have not yet replaced them.

Each group needs six pairs. Some pairs are couples, some are women. Some groups are composed of all women, some all couples and some are mixed. And some couple players are married couples and some are not. So, if you would like to play in the marathon, find a partner, let me know and I will find a group for you to play in.

--Evelyn Stephens

New Interest Group

Are you interested in having a "new" activity this Fall? I have just the game for you. It is called "Mah Jongg" and is actually a very old game which originated with the Chinese sailors playing it in order to take their minds off sea sickness.

This is an established group which plays every second Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. – at various homes. We use the Wright–Patterson Air Force method which is very intriguing. It is played with "tiles" and every player is on "his/her own" to make the hand and mah jongg first.

I hope you had a chance to visit the interest table, take a look at the mah jongg set and visit with me about the game. It is a lot of fun and addictive!! I'll give advance lessons to anyone interested and I'm sure you'll be "hooked" afterwards.

--Marge Bromley

Caring and Sharing

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

Judy Rudolf's husband Rudy is seriously ill in Good Samaritan hospital. He had a leg amputated and is suffering a serious infection. Judy needs your support at this time. Your cards and letters are very welcome.

Joyce Carver had knee replacement surgery on September 13. She is recovering with the help of Rosemary Cunningham and other friends. Board members are helping by providing some microwave ready homemade meals. Joyce will be in therapy for a while, and would enjoy your cards and calls. Joyce, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Marge Bromley's husband, Bob is also recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Bob's surgery was a couple of weeks before Joyce's. We hope Bob will be active again soon.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

October 12

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi

Hostess: Marilyn Roland
4099 NW Live Oak Place
752-5257

Reviewer: Louise Livesay

Please let Marilyn know if you are not coming.

Evening Literature Group

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

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

October 6

An American Childhood by Annie Dillard

Hostess: Lois Malango
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Reviewer: Anne-Lise Olsen

Gourmet Group

We're gearing up for our first Gourmet Dinner of the year. It will be held at the home of Marilyn and Leon Roland on **Saturday, November 6th at 7 p.m.** The theme for this dinner is "Early American". Any AAUW member (and guest) is welcome. You only need to prepare (home-made) one of the recipes for the dinner which will be sent to you ahead of time. We split the costs at the dinner. Bring wine for dinner, if desired. Dress for the theme or come casual. Sounds fun, doesn't it?!

~Your Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey; Denise Nervik; Carolyn Simmons.

If you'd like to attend the dinner, please contact Carolyn (Moore) Simmons by Sunday, October 23rd. Bon Appetit!

CrCAROLYN@aol.com or call 758-0271

No-Host Lunch

This drop-in lunch occurs the 3rd Thursday of each month. In September we enjoyed good times and good food at King Tin. If you missed it, we hope to see you in October. We will meet to eat on **Thursday, October 21, at 11:45 a.m.**, at **McMenamins**, just past Harrison, at 420 NW 3rd Street. You can let me know you're coming, or just drop in. Hope to see you in October!

~Carolyn (Moore) Simmons
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Great Decisions

The Great Decisions study group will meet on Wednesday afternoons at the Regent after January 1, 2005.

If you would like to meet to discuss current affairs and foreign policy, please call Mary Gisler, 753-8792. Study materials will be available in January.

Afternoon Literature Group Book List

Oct. 2004

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Nasir Nafesi

Nov. 2004

The Patron Saint of Liars by Ann Patchett

Dec. 2004

My Antonia by Willa Cather

Jan. 2005

Follow the River by James A. Thom

Feb. 2005

Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros

OCT	Activity	Time	Location
6	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Lois Malango 1815 NW Garfield
11	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, Corner of 9th & Walnut
12	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Marilyn Roland 4099 NW Live Oak Place
13	Program: Celebrate Women's Politics	7 p.m.	Corvallis Caring Place 750 NW 23rd Street
15	Newsletter deadline		
21	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	McMenamins, 420 NW 3rd
23	Transitions "Yes! I Can" go to College Conference		LBCC
30	New Member Coffee	10 a.m.	Diana Bernstein
NOV	Activity	Time	Location
6	All Member Leadership Training		Chemeketa Community College
6	Gourmet Group	7 p.m.	Marilyn Roland



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