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October is Voter Forum Month!

October 2: Corvallis City Council races
October 9: Benton Co. Commissioner and Corvallis Mayor races
October 17: Candidates running for State Rep. (Districts 15, 16 & 23) & State Senator – District 8
October 23: Ballot Measure Forum – Initiatives and Referrals

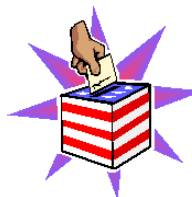
All begin at 7 p.m. — Corvallis Library Meeting Room

October 29: Ballot Measure Forum – Initiatives and Referrals
Chintimini Senior Center, 2 p.m.

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Wondering who's running for local and state office? Still trying to figure out the new numbers and boundaries of the state election districts? Want to learn more about the 12 ballot measures slated for the November ballot?

Once again, Public Policy leads the program in October as AAUW is co-sponsoring a series of five voter education forums with the Corvallis LWV. Come meet the candidates running for Corvallis City Council and Mayor, Benton County Commissioner, and State Senate (District 8) and State House of Representatives (Districts 15, 16 & 23). And the place to learn more about the state-level ballot measures will be the Ballot Measure forum, to be held at the library on October 23 and repeated at the Senior Center on October 29.



As in the past, the Candidate Forums will feature sponsor-led general questions for the candidates, followed by audience questions. The Ballot Measure Forums will outline the meanings and ramifications of the individual measures. An informed voter is the best kind of voter!

Note: AAUW will be selling "Murder Mystery Night" tickets at all of the forums. Also, Nanette is still looking for more volunteers to serve as greeters and card collectors on Oct. 2, 9 and 17.

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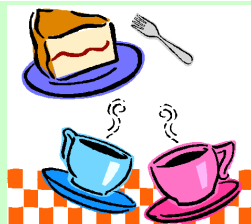
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AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

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.



NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 am
New Morning Bakery, 219 SW 2nd Street

We have 91 members and are still growing – thanks to your efforts!

Please drop in for coffee and casual conversation with our new members.

Martha's Musings

I am still so energized by the excitement and enthusiasm generated at our September 14th Welcome Back breakfast that my fingers are flying over the keyboard! Forty-five members and guests of all ages, including two potential members, babies Claire Dupuy and Elizabeth Hodgert, enjoyed fellowship, fun, food, beautiful interest group displays, and a guest speaker in the elegant Stoneybrook Clubhouse. Our thanks to Stoneybrook residents Marian Swanson and Beth Strong for sharing the Clubhouse with us. If you were not able to attend on September 14th, mark May 17th on your calendar when we will meet at Stoneybrook for our *Highlighting the Arts* May Brunch.



During the business meeting, the 2002–2003 budget was presented by treasurer Julie Searcy, discussed and passed. Then it was time for some fun(d) raising! Irene Lilja has donated a wonderful wicker birdhouse and will have raffle tickets available until May; Anicia Criscione won the getaway weekend to the Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton; and Nancy Tolin had the winning bid for the mystery bottle in the bottle auction (see related article in the newsletter). Everyone got so caught up in the excitement of the auction that members who didn't win gave an extra dollar towards the scholarship fund. By the end of the day, we raised \$121.00 for the local scholarship fund and had such fun doing it. Our thanks to Sylvia Volk for donating the bottle and for the suggestion for the auction.

Our special guest speaker was Linda O'Hara, immediate past president of AAUW of OR. 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. The Albany and Corvallis branches will co-sponsor a conference this spring at Linn–Benton Community College. As a branch, we have been reaching out and helping women returning to college by providing local scholarships. Participation in the *Transitions* conference enables us to expand our commitment.

It's going to be a busy year. We will co-sponsor the *Transitions* conference, present a Vintage Murder Mystery fundraiser in January and host the 2003 AAUW of OR Convention April 25–27, 2003. As Linda O'Hara said in her speech, "Corvallis will be glowing on the AAUW map this year!"

Martha Jenkins
President



Adelante Judy Isaacson

Adelante has a new list of books for the 2002–03 year. Adelante is a book club that is a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program. You can purchase the books, at a discount, through the AAUW website, and Amazon.com.

At the September meeting, a few people expressed an interest in forming a local Adelante book group. We will probably meet four to six times during the year. Within the next three weeks, we will meet to make decisions about what books to read, and how many. If you are interested in being part of a local Adelante book group send me an e-mail. Judy Isaacson at jdisaacs@teleport.com. You can review the list of this year's books on the Internet at www.northnet.org/nysaauw/2002book.htm.

The October book corresponds with Disabilities Awareness Month. *Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography, and Being Female in America*, by Gelya Frank, tells the story of Diane DeVries—bright, funny, sexy—and without arms or legs.

Caring and Sharing

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

Our *get-well wishes to Norma Craighton* who has broken her foot. She is reading ahead so that she will be ready to return to both book groups as soon as possible. She would love a call from her friends.

A *heartfelt thanks to Gail Garrison and Rebekah Lancelin* for all the work they did over the summer to publish our membership directory. This little book lets us keep in touch with all our members and makes the work of the branch go so much easier.

Thanks to all the members who so enthusiastically embraced the new electronic newsletter. We continue to send print copy to those members without Internet access. If you do get Internet access, please let Martha Jenkins know since it costs the branch about \$.85 a newsletter for copying and mailing. It's fun to share the Corvallis website (www.corvallis-aauw.org) with friends and family so they can see all that we are doing!

Our bug lady extraordinaire, member and entomologist *Sujaya Rao invites us to Museum Days on October 29th* and October 30th between 9 am and 4 pm at the LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis. This event is open to the public and is great for kids. Four OSU departments will participate: Entomology (bugs), Botany & Plant Pathology, Fisheries & Wildlife and the Hatfield Marine Science Visitor Center. There will be gorgeous 'wow' dead bugs on display and live stick insects, hissing roaches, silkworms, millipedes and other bugs for people to observe and handle. Special weird events include the maggot race where you can race your bug against another, and bug cooking where you can watch Sujaya cook bugs that you can sample!

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September's high-powered breakfast resulted in two new members! We'll be highlighting **Jean Eidemiller** and **Carolyn Moore** in future newsletters. This month a harvest moon shines on the following new members: **Sujayo Rao, Linda Lovett, Kinsey Bass Green, Kori McDonald, Lori Hodgert, Sue Borden, and Marnie Baxter Noble.**

Originally from India, **Sujaya Rao** is an assistant professor at OSU in Entomology and has lived in Corvallis for about a year. She received her Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Minnesota and a postdoctoral degree from the University of California at Berkeley. In her leisure time, she enjoys hiking, music and traveling. Sujaya joined AAUW to meet interesting people and to participate in fun activities. Also, she's a "strong advocate for women and bugs!" Members who have recently gotten to know her, feel that Sujaya's vibrant personality helps spark discussion in the evening literature group.

Linda Lovett, a research analyst with Hewlett-Packard, moved to Corvallis over 18 months ago. Born in Seattle, Linda has lived in New Orleans, Des Plaines, Illinois, and Northern Virginia. As a native of the Pacific Northwest, she's very happy to be home again and loves Corvallis. Linda earned her BA in English at the University of Illinois; MA in International Relations at the University of Chicago; and MS in Library Science at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Her family includes two feline companions (Ripley and Dewey) and a human one named Mike. She and Mike share outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, gardening, and birding. A lover of reading and music, Linda has recently taken up quilting (attention, quilters!) and attends the evening literature group. Having been a national member of AAUW for many years, welcome to our local branch, Linda!

Kinsey Bass Green began her very distinguished academic career by earning a BS in Home Economics Education at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She came to Corvallis in 1984 to accept the position of the Dean of the College of Home Economics at OSU. With the merger of two colleges, she became the Dean of the College of Home Economics and Education from 1992-2001. Kinsey holds certification in association management, secondary teaching, and family and consumer sciences. In addition to being active in many professional associations, she still finds time for community volunteer work.

Kinsey is also very active with Kinsey Green Enterprises, which comprises three small businesses. This involves managing a group home for developmentally disabled adults, one of which is her sister, Harriett Ann. Other family members include a foster sister, Gloria Crandall, a Siberian husky, a golden retriever puppy, and an eighteen-year-old, "fragile but bossy" cat. Gardening, piano, dogs, international travel, and reading are among her many interests. If you would like to meet Kinsey, check out the evening literature group!

Kori McDonald has lived in Corvallis for the last eight years and attends OSU. She earned her BS (1995) in Speech Communications with a minor in English Literature and her MAIS (1997) in History, Film and Speech Communication. Currently, Kori is writing her thesis for an MS in History of Medicine. As a non-credit instructor at LBCC, she teaches history and literature courses through film. One such class (Historical Images of Women) is being offered fall quarter at the Chintimini Center. Even with her busy schedule, Kori manages to find time for professional pet sitting (attention pet owners!) and to pursue her broad interests: health and fitness, animal health and behavior, travel, writing short stories, literature and films. A long time member of AAUW national, Kori never felt personally connected until she joined our local branch!

A General Studies major, **Lori Hodgert** graduated from Portland State University in 1991. She describes herself as a title examiner, homemaker, and super mom. Before coming to Corvallis a year ago, Lori and her family had lived in Portland and Bend, Oregon. Lori's family includes her husband of thirteen years, seven year-old Brooke, five year-old Connor, and one-year-old Elizabeth. She loves to sew, play racquetball, and hang out with her family and friends. One reason Lori joined AAUW is to meet people. A warm welcome from a people-friendly group, Lori. We're glad you decided to join us!

Sue Borden has called Corvallis home since 1960. Earning her BS in math from Iowa State University and MA math degree from OSU, prepared Sue for teaching math at OSU and LBCC. Then from 1988-1999, she was Coordinator and Director of the SMILE program. Now retired, Sue lives with her husband Jerry, a retired Corvallis school teacher. They have two daughters: Julie, a librarian at Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois, and Jeanne, an economist with Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California.

A former Corvallis AAUW member, Sue was part of the "Recent Grads" program in the 1960's until other commitments took priority. She says, "I always had an interest, but couldn't find the time for it. Now that I'm retired, I think I can enjoy its benefits more often." As founder and organizer of the Community Band, Sue is very active in the local music scene. She also plays clarinet in the Alder Creek Woodwind Quintet and the Beaver Country Hot Air Band. Her broad interests include the following organizations: the Chintimini Garden Club, REWIRED Book Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Corvallis Lions Club, and a volunteer grant writer for Myrtlewood Youth Services. Fortunately for our branch, Sue is also giving her time and talents to head our local Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Thanks for being so generous with your time, Sue!

Marnie Baxter Noble earned her BA in Rhetoric (1993) at the University of Oregon. This summer she traded green and yellow for orange and black when she became Associate Director of Development for OSU's College of Engineering. She and her husband Greg, together with five year-old Berkley and two year-old Remy, are in the process of moving to Corvallis from Salem. Since Corvallis is Marnie's home town and both her parents live here, she's delighted with her new career move. Most of Marnie's leisure time is centered around her family, but she also enjoys step-aerobics, reading, crafting, and vegetarian cooking. She claims to have joined AAUW "because my mom made me do it, but networking with women is always a good idea." Congratulations, Marnie. Your mom (**Rosemary Cunningham**) is very happy you decided to join!

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It is time once again to order Poinsettias for the holiday season. This is one of only a few annual money raisers for the AAUW Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships and grants for women and supports various research projects concerning women and girls.

This year our supplier is Peoria Gardens, a local business, promising florist-quality plants. Order for yourself and for gifts for your friends and neighbors. Orders have to be placed by October 25th. The poinsettias can be picked up at the December 7th Holiday Tea at the home of Zel Brook.

If you prefer not to purchase a plant, you can still participate in this holiday fundraiser by sending a tax deductible donation made payable to "AAUW Educational Foundation". If there are any questions, please call either Barbara or Betty.

Local Scholarship Report

-Betty Sleight

For the past several years, Corvallis AAUW has been supporting the summertime Expeditions Program for gifted, talented, and creative 3rd and 4th graders and the Adventures in Learning Precollege Program for gifted, talented, and creative 5th-7th graders. Both programs are held at OSU, and we have donated \$50 to each to be used for female participants. Last month we received very appreciative letters of thanks from the two girls who were supported by us last summer and we would like to share parts of their letters with you.

The youngest participant remarked about various artistic pursuits and then said: "The last class I have is chemistry. Chemistry is the best. I made slime, a super ball, a crystal garden, pennies that got zinc sucked out of them, and lemon batteries. Thank you again. This is the best summer ever. Sincerely, Chelsea Garmon".

The older girl, Samantha James, told about the economic demands on her family and that without our help her participation might not have been possible. She is interested in writing scripts, newspaper stories, and poetry and she included a copy of the newspaper that the group published last summer and one of her poems.

Racism

So many faces,
From so many places,
All different shapes, sizes, colors,
But they all share a heart, and a soul,
Some people just can't see that,
They can't see past the white, or the black.
All people are made different, some big, some small,
Some are very short, while others are tall,
We all share the right to live, laugh, and love,
And we all deserve peace, from the feathered white dove.

Need I say more!

Flowers for Fellowships

Corvallis AAUW Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

6 1/2" Poinsettias with 5 - 10 blooms

___ Red ___ Pink ___ White @ \$9.00 each Total\$ _____

8" Poinsettias with ~ 20 blooms

___ Red @ \$18.00 each Total\$ _____

Grand Total\$ _____

Make Check payable to: "Corvallis AAUW"

Remit order form and check to treasurer:

Julie Searcy, 2854 NW Angelica Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330

I would not like a plant, but I would like to make a tax deductible donation of \$ _____.
(Please make these checks payable to "AAUW Educational Foundation")

Gender Equity in Education? We're Not There Yet

The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education—AAUW and about 50 other organizations—published *Title IX at 30: Report Card on Gender Equity* in June 2002. The report card assesses progress made in eliminating sex discrimination in education. Visit www.ncwge.org to read the report online or order a print copy. The grades are summarized below.

B Access to Higher Education.

Sex discrimination, most notably in admissions standards, has been reduced, but other barriers to higher education persist.

C+ Athletics.

Compared to males, females today enjoy 30 percent fewer opportunities to participate in high school and college sports.

D Career Education.

Sex segregation persists in vocational education. Male students predominate in high-wage career tracks; female students are clustered in low-wage tracks.

C- Employment (in educational institutions).

Women's numbers tend to decrease as the rank in the career ladder or the prestige of the educational institution increases.

C- Learning Environment.

Before Title IX, education and textbooks reinforced stereotypes about male and female students and people of color. Today, although some text selection committees analyze books for bias, subtle biases persist.

B- Math and Science.

Boys outperform girls on standardized tests and participate in math and science classes at higher rates in secondary school. In postsecondary schools, more men major in math and the sciences than do women.

C Sexual Harassment.

Sexual harassment continues to plague schools and students.

C Standardized Testing.

Most standardized tests used in K-12 classrooms and for university admissions continue to show gender gaps and underpredict the abilities of females.

D+ Technology.

Less than 33 percent of participants in computer courses and related activities are girls. Girls take half of all advanced placement exams but only 17 percent of AP computer science exams; women receive only 34 percent of math and computer science degrees.

C+ Treatment of Pregnant and Parenting Students.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that schools have far to go to ensure that these students are afforded every opportunity to succeed in school.

Plan Now for the Bottle Auction!

At our November 12, 2002 branch meeting at Izzy's Pizza, we will enjoy and be challenged by a Reader's Theater production highlighting some of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund recipients.

We will also have a bottle auction. What, you ask, is a bottle auction? Those members attending the Welcome Back breakfast wondered this, too, until we had an auction of one bottle as a teaser to get everyone enthused for the real auction in November. Here is how it works:

1. You bring a cleverly disguised bottle to the meeting. The bottle and/or contents should be worth at least \$5.00.
2. Our guest auctioneer will tantalize us with each disguised bottle and help us have fun as we bid. Since each bottle is worth at least \$5.00, bidding will start at \$5.00.

The funds we raise will be used for operating expenses and unbudgeted items such as our new branch banner.

Give your imagination free reign! You might want to bring a beautiful bottle filled with jellybeans or special oil or an ordinary bottle stuffed with a nice gift certificate. The disguises can be bags, boxes, baskets or various wraps—there are no limits. The fun is trying to figure out what can possibly be inside and doing our best to out-bid the competition! Have fun scouting out your bottle and planning its disguise (remember, it should be worth at least \$5.00) and come on November 12th to a great pizza party.

Irene Lilja & Judy Rudolph
Local Arrangement Chairs

"Read all about it" on page 4 in the fall edition of the OREGON NEWS!!!

Proudly announcing our local branch chairs:

Irene Lilja/Judy Rudolph	Local Arrangement Chairs
Muriel Lawrence	Finance/Treasurer
Marge Bromley	Credentials
Rebekah Lancelin	Registration/Name Tags/Meal Tickets
Urchyl Bohard	Registration Coordinator (staffing/set-up)
Rosemary Cunningham/Dorothy Ruff	Packets
Brenda Rowley/Jane Ann Warkentin	Meals
Marilyn Roland/Mary Lee Seward	Table Decorations
Joyce Carver	Publicity
Colleen Keller & the Albany Branch	EF/LAF Sales Room
Jane Ann Warkentin	Enrichment Activities
Nancy William	Hospitality/Information/Transportation
Marilyn Treiman	Signs
Val Krauss	Interfaith Service
Rebekah Lancelin	Logo/Workbook Design
Denise Nervik	Tree Planting
Betty Sleight/Barbara Mykrantz	EF Walk/Talk



AAUW of OR All-Member Fall Training

Shaping the Future with Membership is the title of the AAUW of OR fall meeting to be held at Chemeketa Community College, Salem on November 16, 2002. Information about the meeting and a registration form can be found in the Fall 2002 *Oregon News*. If you would like to attend, please call Martha Jenkins (758-4390).



Keep Your Eyes on the Birdhouse!

Irene Lilja has kindly donated a designer wicker birdhouse to be raffled off in May at the Spring Brunch. Tickets will be on sale at meetings during the year and are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds will benefit the local scholarship fund. The birdhouse will make its next appearance at the November meeting.

"If I had ever learned to type, I never would have made brigadier general."

Elizabeth P. Hoisington, in *The New York Times* (1979)

Afternoon Literature Group

The Afternoon Lit Group will meet on Tuesday, October 22 at 2 p.m.
THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL MEETING DAY.

Val Krauss, 766-8916

October 22

"Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton

Hostess: Marilyn Roland
4099 NW Live Oak Pl.
Reviewer: Gerry Custer

November 12

"Bel Canto" by Anne Patchett

Contract Bridge

(not Duplicate)

Usually meets the fourth Monday of the month at 1 p.m. New players are always welcome.

Call Evelyn Stephens at 754-7327 for further information.

Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 745-7396
Nancy Tolin, 752-6656



October 2

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

Hostess: Ann Brodie
3145 NW Seneca Pl.
757-1728
Reviewer: Rosemary Cunningham

All those planning to ATTEND should call the hostess a few days ahead of time.

November 6

"Saffron Sky" by Galereh Asayesh

Gourmet Group

1ST Dinner – October 19th, 2002 at 7:00 pm
Home of Nancy and Don Sanderson
1165 NW 17th Street, Corvallis AAUW



Marge and Bob Bromley will plan the menu for this dinner.

You will be asked to prepare a recipe for a certain number of people and bring to the dinner. You will be responsible for serving your part of the dinner. Keep track of the costs of the ingredients and bring to the dinner.

If you have not signed up at the Welcome Back breakfast, please call Jane Ann Warkentin at 754-8875 for reservations.

No-Host Lunch

We will meet at the Santiam Restaurant at Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) on October 17th at 11:30 pm. Please be prompt since there is one seating only. The delicious lunch will be prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students at LBCC. The restaurant is located at the east end of College Center. (College Center is at the east end of the campus next to the Learning Resource Center and close to parking lot #1.) When you enter College Center, go through the doorway at the east end, make a quick left and go up the stairs.

The Santiam Restaurant requires reservations. Please RSVP to Anicia Criscione (752-3954) by October 15th. This will be a special treat!

"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns"

George Elliot (1840) in J.W. Cross, ed. *George Elliot's Life As Related in Her Letters and Journals* (1884)

"I can't change my sex. But you can change your policy."

Helen Kirkpatrick (1940), on being told a newspaper didn't have women on its foreign affairs staff, in Julia Edwards, *Women of the World* (1988)

SEPT	Activity	Time	Location
30	State Convention Fall Kick-Off Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Grand Oaks Club House 6050 SW Grand Oaks Corvallis
OCT	Activity	Time	Location
2	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
2	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Ann Brodie 3145 NW Seneca Pl. 757-1728 (Please RSVP Hostess)
9	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
17	No Host Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Santiam Restaurant Linn-Benton Community College
17	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
19	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	Nancy & Don Sanderson 1165 NW 17th Street
22	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland Residence 4099 NW Live Oak Pl.
23	Candidate & Ballot Measure Forums	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library
25	Deadline for Poinsettia Orders		
26	New Member Coffee	10:00 a.m.	New Morning Bakery
28	Contract Bridge	1:00 p.m.	
NOV	Activity	Time	Location
6	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	
12	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	
12	Branch Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Izzy's Pizza
April 25-27	2003 AAUW of OR Convention		Corvallis