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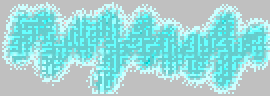
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April Program
"Mind-Body Medicine"

Date
Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Time
7:00 p.m.

Place
Timberhill Place
989 NW Spruce Street
(plenty of parking on the street)



Dr. Mary Ann Wallace from Heartspring
Wellness Center, a part of Samaritan
Integrative Medicine, will speak to us about
the center and what it has to offer.

Heartspring focuses on mind, body, spirit
and the environment, and has a staff of
physicians and therapists who use many
mind-body medicine approaches.

Join us at Timberhill Place to hear about
this wonderful resource in our community.

-Nancy Tolin, Program Coordinator

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President's Message

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Jan Rounds, 754-7730



Jan's Jottings

This famous and inspirational woman must be included in the quote-of the month selections. She said so many important things. Here is just one of them:

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

And what would be a great and noble AAUW task? The Bridge Marathon for one. Through the efforts of organizers Evelyn Stephens and Sue Borden (and some AAUW elves helping out now) this year's marathon profit was approximately \$2,400. This money will be divided between LAF, EF, and local scholarships. This amount enables us to increase our two local scholarships this coming September from \$600 to \$1000 for two *older-than-average* local women attending an Oregon college or university. Yea!!!!

Speaking of scholarships: each year our branch contributes \$50 to each of two OSU summer programs for girls in elementary and middle school. The programs are "Expeditions" and Adventures in Learning." Here is an excerpt from a "thank you" letter we received (complete with illustrations!) from one of our young recipients:

Dear Donor,

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to be in Expeditions! My first class is Drawing and Design. So far we have done about 25 drawings of other classmates, our teacher, 1 perspective house, and 2 animals.

My second class is Claymania and we are working on glazing all the pieces we made. I made a pinch pot, a spiral pot, and a slab pot, and a horse, an island, and a pocket hanger with a crazy face!

Finally my last and favorite is Art Explorations. We have made a painted horse and a death mask. Our main project is a self-portrait doll. My doll will be BIG.

Once again THANKS!!! for the scholarship!!!

A great and noble task—enriching the lives of girls!

Here are some clues to the identity of the remarkable author of our quote: illness, silence, darkness, enthusiasm, contentment, productivity! Yes—Helen Keller!

Jan Rounds,

President

P.S. Speaking of great and small tasks—I've included my "Annual Report," which is available online. These reports are sent to the state AAUW president each year by every branch president. I thought you'd like to see what our branch accomplished this year.



Membership

V.P. Membership
Louise Livesay, 753-4813; Mary Mills, 745-7961; Nelwyn Price, 754-3612

Membership Dues

As most of you know, our AAUW fiscal year - for branch, state and national ends on June 30th, 2006. We know that many of you like to pay your dues early so the due date doesn't sneak up on you!!

For your convenience, there's a membership application form available in this newsletter. National dues have increased by \$2.00, so are now \$45.00. That brings our total dues payment to \$72.00. Please take time to complete the enclosed membership form and return it, along with your check to:

Mary Mills
1095 NW Overlook Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

Why not, fill it out and mail it today!

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LAF: Because Equity is Still and Issue. . .

A significant part of the mission of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is to raise awareness of the issues facing women in higher education. Unfortunately, sexual harassment remains a persistent problem for women on campus. LAF strives to bring the issue to the forefront of campus discussions and activism. With an increased understanding of sexual harassment as well as the implementation of laws, policies, and practices to address and remedy the problem, LAF hopes to see a reduction in the prevalence of these incidences.

Did you know?

- Sexual harassment includes **verbal, nonverbal, and physical behavior**.
- Unwanted and unwelcome **lewd jokes, gender-based slurs, and sexual contact** all represent examples of sexual harassment.
- Behavior that creates a **sexually hostile learning or working environment** is also sexual harassment.
- Sexual harassment can occur between people of the **same sex**.
- Whether the harassment occurs between a man and a woman or people of the same sex, it's still **against the law**. *Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, Inc.*, 523 U.S. 75 (1998)
- The victim of sexual harassment does not have to be the person directly harassed but could be anyone affected by the offensive conduct. (EEOC)

For more information go to: <http://www.aauw.org/laf/library/harassment.cfm>



LAF Book Sale at May Meeting *Recycle the Old and Enjoy the New*

We will have our annual LAF book sale at the May meeting at the Corvallis Country Club. We need your used books for the sale. Please collect the books you have read and donate them to the sale. This is a great way to share a wonderful reading experience and support LAF at the same time.

You may bring your books to the meeting, or call Stefani, 929-7988, to pick them up in advance if you are unable to attend the May 20 meeting. This is a great opportunity to purchase some exciting new books at reasonable prices.

Support the Corvallis Branch book sale because 'Equity is still and issue!'

Corvallis AAUW Receives Thanks

Corvallis AAUW has received thanks for the \$500 branch donation to the 2006 Oregon State University's Women Leadership Conference from Tiffany Palaniuk, chair. Tiffany writes:

"Thanks to all of you lovely ladies for participating in the Women's Conference on February 11, 2006. It was so nice that you were able to run the registration table and be present in the morning. It was so nice to meet all of you (it really sparked an interest in AAUW for me), and the conference participants enjoyed learning more about your organization. Thanks, also, for your wonderful donation which helped us bring in a keynote speaker. It means a great deal to us to have your support."



Equal Pay Day - April 25, 2006

Every year in April, the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) coordinates a national day of action promoting fair pay: Equal Pay Day. Pay equity continues to be an issue of economic justice for women and minorities in America. April symbolizes the month when women's wages catch up to men's wages from the previous year. NCPE is a nonprofit organization working exclusively to achieve pay equity in America.

In a poll conducted by Lifetime Television and the Center for Policy Alternatives, workingwomen ranked equal pay as a top priority for Congress in 2001. Overall, 93 percent of African American women, 91 percent of Latinas, 90 percent of Asian Pacific American women, and 87 percent of White women said equal pay and benefits for women should be one of the top policy priorities in the United States.

Achieving fair pay for women and minorities continues to be a struggle for the U.S. The problem is complex. In some instances, women and people of color do not receive equal pay for doing the same job as their male or white counterparts. On a broader level, because socialization in America is not free from sex or race bias, we continue to wrestle with stereotypes about women and people of color, including stereotypes about what kind of work is appropriate for women and the importance of their jobs. When parking lot attendants are paid more than child care workers, we know the work women do is undervalued.

While earnings statistics do not tell the whole story, they are an important indicator of the progress we have made in wage parity and in economic opportunity, such as ensuring fair opportunities to earn more. Several legal cases have focused on the problems women and people of color face in gaining access to higher paying positions, such as revenue-generating jobs.

According to the 2005 U.S. Census Bureau the median annual earnings of women overall were only 77 percent of men's salaries. The gap is even worse for women of color. African American women make 66 percent, Latinas make 55 cents and Asian American make 80 percent of men's salaries.

State Convention to be in Klamath Falls—and You're Invited!

Save the dates **April 28th to 30th**. State convention is a fantastic opportunity to meet AAUW women from across our state. You'll meet new friends, hear about events in other branches, and come away inspired and with a new appreciation for what AAUW is all about.

The sign-up deadline is April 1st. Read your *Oregon News* for details and to see of the many activities and workshops to be offered. Birding tours, trips to local museums, and a visit to Tulelake (the site of a WWII Japanese-American interment camp and German POW camp) are available.

You'll hear an update on AAUW of Oregon's Crystal Campaign and how the \$100,00 will be used. The nationwide project "Drawing the Line: Sexual Harrassment on Campus" will also be highlighted.

Call Jan Rounds if you'd like more information.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Literature Group

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

Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271
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April 11

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahir

Hostess: Sally Terman
2964 SW Spurry Place, Corvallis

Reviewer: Yvonne Lee

Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Gray, 752-5970
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

April

The Kite Runner by Khled Hosseini

Hostess –

Reviewer – Jan Ann Warkentin

Gourmet Group

Participants had such an enjoyable evening sharing Creole food and drink at our March Gourmet Dinner. Hosts Christine and Jim Cantey had the table decorated in gold and purple, and we all were given Mardi Gras beads to wear. Such fun!

Our final Gourmet Dinner, April 15th at the Bromley's, will feature the New California Cuisine of Berkley. Reservations are full.

Please watch your AAUW Newsletter in the Fall for announcement of the first Gourmet Dinner of the new season.

Your Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik and Brenda Rowley

No-Host Lunch

Great food at New Morning Bakery in March. Did you miss it? Well, that's o.k.

Just plan to meet your AAUW friends at **Ruby Tuesday's** (1895 NW 9th) at **11:45 a.m.** on the 3rd Thursday, **April 20, 2006**. These monthly lunches are a comfortable, low-key way to stay connected and enjoy a nice lunch at the same time. Hope to see you there--then!!

~Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271

Spotlight on Women Composers

Martha Jenkins designed a great display featuring women composers for the Women's History Month showcase at the main library. Kudos to Martha!

If you would like to experience some inspirational, humorous, lively and just plain beautiful music composed by women living right here in Corvallis, reserve May 21 at 7:30 for the concert 'Corvallis Connection.' The music of local composers Laura Zaerr, Laurie Bates, Judith Freeman, Sally McBride and Ella May Wulff as well as 'Corvallis Connection' composers Alice Parker and Margaret Tucker will be performed by the First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir with accompaniment by a brass quartet, gospel and other ensembles. Laura Zaerr will perform harp solos of her own composition.

For more information contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at 929-7988. The concert will be at First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th Street.



2006-2007 Corvallis Branch AAUW Membership Form



Note: The information you provide will be printed in the Branch Membership Directory unless you indicate otherwise.

Please complete this form and send with your payment to:

Mary Mills
1095 NW Overlook Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

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Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip +4** _____

Telephone: Home: _____ **Work:** _____

E-Mail: _____

University/College _____ **Highest Degree** _____ **Field of Study** _____

2006-2007 Dues Payment

\$72.00

Branch \$16.00
State \$11.00*
National \$45.00
Total \$72.00

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

If you are a Life Member, Student Affiliate Member or Member-at-Large, please contact Mary Mills (millsmaryr@msn.com) for dues information.

- I need a **print copy of the newsletter**, and enclose **\$10.00** for printing and postage. \$ _____
- **Contribution to the Local Scholarship Fund** - Provides tuition scholarships to older than average female students. (Contribution is *not* tax deductible) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Corvallis Branch AAUW

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.

Contributions

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) (Check written to LAF is tax deductible) \$ _____

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 athletic programs.

AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) (Check written to EF is tax deductible) \$ _____

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



Events Calendar

APR	Activity	Time	Location
	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Sally Terman, 2964 SW Spurry Place
15	Gourmet Group		The Bromley's
15	Newsletter deadline		
19	Branch Program	7:00 p.m.	Timberhill Place, 989 NW Spruce Street
20	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Ruby Tuesday's, 1895 NW 9th
28-30	State Convention		Klamath Falls