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WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

**Saturday, September 16th
10 a.m.**

First Congregational Church, Fireside Room
4515 SW West Hills Road



Feel free to ask friends who might be interested in AAUW to join us. Plan to come and have an enjoyable morning renewing acquaintances and making new ones. Our many interest groups will be highlighted. Yearbooks will be distributed during this meeting.

As a special treat, we will welcome our international Educational Foundation scholarship winner, newly arrived from Kenya for a year's study at OSU! Please bring an item (toiletries, school supplies, etc.) to fill a gift basket for her. (More about this in the President's Notes.)

Please bring your favorite "brunch" food" to share (fruit, breakfast bread, or other "goodies"! It's always such fun to see the serving table laden with yummy treats!

Coffee and tea will be provided.

The First Congregational Church is located on West Hills Road, between 35th Street and 53rd Street. The parking lot and building entrance is in the rear.
See you on the 16th!

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President's Message

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Notes from Sue: Looking Forward

I always looked forward to the beginning of school—the new clothes, the school supplies, seeing old and new friends, meeting new teachers. As a teacher, I looked forward to starting over, refreshed and filled with anticipation of good things to come.

Now I'm looking forward to a new year with AAUW. I'm looking forward to meeting old and new friends at the Welcome Back Brunch on September 16. I'm looking forward to a year filled with interesting programs, speakers, and activities.

I'm looking forward to meeting our new Corporate Representative from Oregon State University. OSU, a university member of AAUW, is currently searching for a director for the newly created Office of Women's Advancement and Gender Equity. They expect to fill the position this fall, and the new director will be our liaison with OSU.

I'm looking forward to meeting Juliana Mbutia. Juliana is one of only 18 recipients of the 2006-2007 AAUW Educational Foundation International Fellowships. She is from Kenya and will be taking graduate work in Mathematics at Oregon State University. She is a young mother of two and has been teaching high school mathematics. She will arrive in Corvallis soon and hopes that her family can join her in 2007.

Juliana will join us at our Welcome Back Brunch. Let's greet her with a basket of items that she will need to make her life here a bit more comfortable—toiletries, an umbrella, school supplies, and the like. Please bring something for the basket when you come to the brunch. We'll send out a notice later with more suggestions of the things she will need.

I'm looking forward to new involvement for all of us in AAUW. We're trying a new approach to hospitality, to assure that everyone is welcomed and comfortable at our meetings. (See more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.) Several of our programs will allow us to become involved, in addition to absorbing the message of the presenters.

I hope you're "looking forward," too. We'll all enjoy a new year with AAUW

Sue.

AAUW of OR News

AAUW of OR has a new, improved website which can be found at www.aauw-oregon.org. To visit the Member Center, login with *Oregon*. The password is *AAUW* (this must be in caps). Give it a visit!



Membership

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AAUW KEYS TO THE FUTURE

Mary Mills, Nelwyn Price, and Louise Livesay are enthusiastic to begin another year on the membership committee. We look forward to working with Hospitality Coordinator Pam Duren who will serve as a liaison between membership and hospitality.

Last year our membership totaled 109, and we are delighted that 16 of the 18 new members renewed their membership in June. As of the end of July, our membership count is 92 so we need the help of each and every one of you to recruit new members for our branch. As we recruit new members, remember that the qualifications for joining AAUW have been broadened. Graduates holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution are now welcome to join AAUW.

In late June, AAUW launched a membership initiative called: "AAUW: KEYS TO THE FUTURE: A Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. Quoting from Membership Matters, the AAUW State Newsletter: " The Primary KEY to the future of AAUW is PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. You, as an AAUW member, are in the best position to identify and recruit new members. As we begin a year-long celebration of AAUW's 125th Anniversary, we encourage every AAUW member to make the personal commitment to recruit at least one new member for AAUW. The strength of AAUW for the next 125 years is dependent on the commitment of its current members to work to assure that strength." So with this thought in mind, bring a recruit to the September, "Welcome Back Brunch". See you all on September 16th.

Welcome New Members

Loretta D'Ambrosio was encouraged to join AAUW by her good friend, Sally Treman. Thanks Sally! Loretta is a retired guidance counselor from the N.Y. City School System. She received her AB degree from ST. John's Univ., N.Y. and her MA degree From N.Y.U. and Long Island University.

Loretta is well traveled and has lived in New York, Virginia, Florida, Island of Jamaica, Italy and Oregon. She has been in Corvallis for about 17 years and has a second home in Florida, where she enjoys spending her winter months in a warmer climate. Loretta has two grown sons, one in Corvallis and the other in Florida. Her family also includes 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and one English Springer Spaniel. He is called Jack of Diamonds.

She enjoys shopping, buying birthday presents, decorating, attending the theatre and having dinner out. Loretta is new to AAUW, but spent 15 years as a member of Business and Professional Women. Loretta says, "AAUW could fulfill my need for intellectual stimulation, so necessary after retirement." She is eagerly awaiting our branch newsletter.

Kryn Freehling-Burton has a BA degree in Political Science from C.B.U. in CA., and is presently working toward her MA Degree from OSU, in the field of women's studies and theatre. She also served as a graduate teaching assistant at OSU.

She spent her childhood in western Pennsylvania and lived in Riverside, Ca. for 20 years. She moved to Corvallis a year ago to attend graduate school. Kryn is a playwright, actor, director and mom to school age children. She has been in theatre productions at OSU and Eugene. Kryn learned about AAUW from Lisa Maaty at National AAUW in Washington, DC. Kryn said, "I was convinced that AAUW was an organization I wanted to be member of."

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August 26 is Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day, August 26, marks the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

The passage of the 19th Amendment was the culmination of the first Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. Attendees drafted a Declaration of Sentiments which addressed the social, civil and religious rights of women including the right of franchise. It detailed injustices to women in areas as diverse as education, occupation, participation in the church, and property rights.

In 1878, the Susan B. Anthony amendment, which would grant U.S. women the right to vote, was first introduced in Congress. In 1919, the House and the Senate passed the suffrage amendment, by votes of 304 to 89 and 56 to 25 respectively.

Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919. Tennessee provided the last vote necessary on August 26, 1920.

The 19th amendment simply states that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

President Carter designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1971 to honor women's continuing efforts toward equality.



Legal Advocacy Fund

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Two Victories in Ongoing Battle for Pay Equity

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is pleased to share news of wins in two LAF-supported cases. In "Miller v. Texas Tech", a jury decided in favor of Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller in their fight against denial of tenure and retaliation for complaints about discrimination. In "deMartin v. New Mexico Highlands University", the university made a generous settlement offer upon hearing the news that LAF chose to support Lynn deMartin's case for sex discrimination in pay, race discrimination, and retaliation for her complaints of sex discrimination, resulting in wrongful termination.

These wins, especially the deMartin case, demonstrate the importance of LAF and the support it gives to women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education.

Corvallis AAUW Receives Thanks

Each year, Corvallis AAUW awards scholarships to two girls so that they will be able to attend Oregon State University's *Expeditions* (third and fourth graders) and *Adventures in Learning* (fifth and sixth graders) summer camps for talented and gifted students. The funds for the scholarships come from your generous donations to the local scholarship fund. The following letters show how much the scholarships meant to these students (and one of the parents!).

Our *Adventures in Learning* student wrote:

Thank you for the money you donated to help pay for my going to camp.

Some of the classes I took were Web Design, Antibacterial Compounds, On the Air with KBVR, Creature Creation, and last but not least, Sea Sleuths. In Web Design, I got to make my own website from scratch, which means I learned all the coding. In Antibacterial Compounds, I got to look under microscopes at microbes in pond water and bird bath water. In On the Air, I got to run a radio show for thirty minutes and I got to learn about things that have to do with radio. In Creature Creations, I got to learn about mythology and make my own creature. It was a mermaid/fairy. In Sea Sleuths, I learned about oceanography. I got to make my own fish. I call it an Anglerbit. It is a mix of an angler fish and a halibut.

I had a lot of fun at camp so I have you to thank. I couldn't have gone without you so thank you.

Our *Expeditions* student wrote:

Thank you! I heard that you donated money to help provide my scholarship to attend Expeditions.

Expeditions helps us learn new things and it was so much FUN. We choose our classes and mine were Chemistry, Spanish, and Adventures in Painting. I learned so much and had fun besides. I'm grateful for your help so thanks again.

Her mother wrote: *Without the generous scholarship I am not sure that my daughter would have been able to attend. I am a full time PhD student who is trying to improve life for myself and my child but, therefore, cannot always afford her every opportunity. Expeditions has been a wonderful experience for her because it stimulates her mind and has taught her that learning can be fun and interesting, a point she has not been getting lately in her regular classroom. The scholarship that we received made this opportunity possible and for that I thank you.*

Membership and Hospitality – Hand in Hand

Along with recruiting new AAUW members and nurturing current members goes the responsibility of making everyone feel welcome to our events and meetings. Greeting members and visitors, providing food and drink, making the facility comfortable and accessible for our participants, and cleaning up (so we're welcomed back again) are part of that responsibility.

This year, we're asking more members to get involved in these hospitality efforts. Some of you have already signed up to help at last spring's luncheon, but we'd like a larger group to be in charge of those efforts instead of just one or two members as in the past. We'd like to invite **everyone** to help with hospitality for one meeting this year. Pam Duren will coordinate these assignments with each program chairwoman, since hospitality requirements vary at different meeting sites and times. Please sign up at the Welcome Back Brunch for a meeting or event that works into your schedule.

The Welcome Back Brunch is a large event to which members bring food to share. The Board is asking the members of the Afternoon and Evening Literature Groups to provide hospitality for that meeting. You will hear more about this from your lit group leaders.

Welcome to a new year of AAUW events and involvement!

Interest Groups

Afternoon Literature Group

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

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The first Meeting for this AAUW year will be held at the home of :

**Marilyn Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Place
(please note location change)*

September 12 @ 2:00 pm

**Peace Like a River* discussion will be led by Sandra Edinger.

**Bookmarks* with reading schedules will be passed out.

**For questions, or further info., please contact Carolyn Simmons*

Evening Literature Group

Salad potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Gray, 752-5970
Jan Tallis, 757-8060

September 6th

The Emancipator's Wife by Barbara Hambly

Hostess – Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood
Please call Shirley at 754-7186 if you plan to attend

Reviewer – Jan Tallis

Gourmet Group

Your Gourmet Dinner Committee is planning four special evenings for the enjoyment of good food and company. The first dinner will be held on the 4th of Nov., a Sat. evening, and will be hosted by Carolyn and Bob Simmons. The meal will feature dishes with Fall flavor from Bon Appetit magazine.

We are able to seat 16 at these dinners, and both singles and couples are welcome. The only prerequisite is willingness to prepare a recipe provided by the committee. The cost of the meal is divided among the participants.

If you would like to attend the Nov. dinner, please make your reservation with Brenda Rowley at 752-6779 before the 21st of October.

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

No-Host Lunch

It was great to see so many of you for our annual luncheon at Nearly Normal's in August.

Good Food, Friends, and Fun made for a Winning Recipe!!

In September, we'll meet on the "traditional" 3rd Thursday, September 21, at 11:45 a.m. for our kick-off No-Host Lunch.

We'll eat at **The Pantry** (the new fish market/restaurant) located in The Water Street Market at the corner of Monroe and 1st St. (The Pantry's telephone number is 738-6440 in case you need to call there).

If you care to come, just drop in. I recently ate there and enjoyed a wonderful meal.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271, or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com.

Hope to see YOU for lunch.



Events Calendar

SEPT	Activity	Time	Location
6	Evening Lit Group	6:30 p.m.	Salad Potluck: Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood
11	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	US Bank (corner of 9th & Walnut)
12	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Place
15	Newsletter deadline		
16	Welcome Back Brunch	10:00 a.m.	First Congregational Church, Fireside Room 4515 SW West Hills Road
21	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	The Pantry