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Branch Program

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Holiday Tea  
And  
Poinsettia Sale  
To Support  
The Educational Foundation

Friday, December 5, 2008  
4 to 6 pm  
Home of Nancy Sanderson  
1165 NW 17th Street, Corvallis  
( between Beca and Buchanan)  
757-0832

Please bring a small plate of cookies, bread,  
or other favorite item to have with tea and coffee.

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Enjoy fine fellowship, creative treats, and at the same time support EF by purchasing poinsettias or by giving a donation to EF. Consider purchasing one or more of the lovely poinsettias for yourself or as a gift for friends or family. The profit from the \$10 poin-

settias directly benefits the AAUW Educational Foundation.

When purchasing poinsettia(s), checks should be made payable to "Corvallis AAUW".

If you wish to support EF and not purchase a poinsettia, your tax-deductible check may be made out to AAUW Educational Foundation. Cash is also accepted.





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- Janice Abele

## President's Message

Our branch is filled with phenomenal women who have done and are doing great things with their lives. Each of us has in some way blazed a trail that will make life easier for women in future generations. From small inroads to seminal events, AAUW women consistently strive to create and promote equity. One particularly noteworthy woman is our branch's own Zel Brook.



*Bernie Wagner, former track and field coach at OSU, and Zel Brook*

Prior to Title IX, Zel ran cross country at the University of

Oregon under Bill Bowerman (Nike founder). At that time, there was no sanctioned track competition for women in the Pac-8 (as the Pac-10 was known back then). Zel never had the opportunity to run in a formal meet while at the U of O.



*OSU women's cross country team members wrote Zel's name on their arm as an homage to her.*

Zel finally was given that chance. She was honored at a Pac-10 cross country meet

at Oregon State University in October. The meet was dedicated to her. When the meet was finished, Zel ran the course. She said, "It was absolutely one of the most wonderful things that I have ever done because I never got the chance to be on a team to do this type of competition."

Congratulations Zel!





# AAUW

## Membership

By Membership Co-Vice President  
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### New Member Coffee



## Save the Date!

### NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Saturday, January 17  
10:00am

Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance

All AAUW members, new members, and prospective members are invited to a

New Member Coffee. We will socialize and learn about the mission and goals of AAUW,

the Corvallis Branch's interest groups and programs, and our other activities.

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### Address Changes / Corrections

#### Muriel Lawrence

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Corvallis, OR

#### Maxine Eckes

Address correction - Par Place, not Park (no k)

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### Returning Member

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752-5338

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## Public Policy

By Public Policy Chair  
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On November 7, two days after the presidential election, the Washington staff of AAUW held a post-election conference call with branch Public Policy leaders all over the US to discuss the outcome and probable impact on the AAUW legislative agenda. Some vast number of branches participated in this effort to get information to the branches quickly to start them thinking about how best to pursue AAUW goals in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. This one hour session was also recorded by the conference call company.\*See the end of the article.

The first speaker was Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director. She said that Obama's victory depended on the fact that 56% of women voted for him, while fewer than 50% of men did. In general, women candidates did well in their bids for office. There was a "first" in New Hampshire: their State Senate now has more women than men (13 out of 24) making it the first state legislative body to have a female majority. Alas, that is not the case in the US Congress. In the

Senate, there are 17 women members. And in the House of Representatives, there are 74 women out of 435 total. (Amazingly enough, that is also 17%)

She was followed by three members of the Public Policy and Government Relations Team: Seth Chase, Field Director; Lisa Maatz, Director; and Tracy Sherman, Government Relations Manager. Chase talked about the pay equity issue, which is one that is a top priority for Barack Obama and that he campaigned on, encouraged by AAUW and other women's organizations. Chase also stressed the importance of affirmative action, which has come under attack, to women in both education and jobs. Lisa Maatz pointed out that there will be many changes in the new Congress. Much of the leadership in the Senate will remain the same, but we'll need replacements for Obama and Biden, as well as for other Senators and Representatives who give up their seats to work for the new administration. As a result, there will probably be many new people for

AAUW to get to know, build trust with and educate as to our interests.

Terry Sherman described some AAUW goals in education and reproductive rights. She expects the No Child Left Behind Act to be reauthorized in 2010, but with some AAUW-recommended improvements. Title IX needs to be revived since it has been weakened in several ways by the Bush Administration. In reproductive rights, comprehensive sex education should be revived, not limiting the content to abstinence only. And funding should be restored for international family planning programs.

Lisa Maatz explained that AAUW supports many issues, but under the current financial constraints, we have to be realistic and scale back some expectations. However, we firmly support women's economic security by advocating pay equity and specifically two laws, "Paycheck Fairness Law" and the "Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Law". To improve work-life balance, AAUW encourages expansion of the Family Medical Leave Act to include a few paid sick days,



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## Public Policy (continued)

including some to care for sick children. In regard to retirement security, AAUW strongly favors this, but recognizes that there will probably not be any opportunities to enhance the Social Security System now. Also, health care reform will likely be too expensive to deal with at present, but there is a good possibility that children's health care program, SCHIP, may be enacted.. In judicial nominations, AAUW generally supports nominees who are considered moderate, and expects there to be several resignations soon by members of the Supreme Court whose health is poor. In the area of civil rights, AAUW supports the hate crime prevention legislation which was passed by Congress but never signed by President Bush. The last major legislation in this field was the Omnibus Civil Rights Law of

1964 which combined many relevant topics. However, over the years, many of its provisions have been changed or eroded away, so a new law should be considered. Also, a concept that is gaining many enthusiasts, including AAUW, is the idea that any new program that is proposed should include a method for funding it, rather than just relying on the expectation that money can be made available. That sounds like something that should have been done years ago!

They all encourage members to actively support the AAUW program, and to do so by telling your legislators of your interest .

\*( It worked like this: a conference call company was in charge of the arrangements. Anyone who wanted to participate could call an "800" number and

then enter a password which identified the caller and also gave access to the presentation. The incoming lines were blocked so no direct input was possible. This was listening only. Comments and questions could be submitted by e-mail. Four members of the AAUW staff, in Washington, spoke. The entire call took about an hour. I understand that there were some problems in putting things together at the beginning, so there was a delay in starting the message. Actually, I listened to a recording of the conference call which was made during the actual event and was available at any time during the following ten days. The recording began with profuse apologies for taking so much extra time.)



**Educational Foundation**

**EF Film Night**

By Educational Foundation Chair  
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**Save the Date—Friday, February 6th, 2009**



# His Girl Friday

With Cary Grant

And Rosalind Russell



An outstanding, high-spirited screwball comedy!

His Girl Friday matches its live-wire screenplay to a well-chosen cast, headed by the double act of Grant and Russell. Hildy (Russell) was the star reporter at the Morning Sun and Walter (Grant) will do anything to get her back. Witty dialog, delivered at a breakneck pace, will delight as Hildy holds her own against the manipulative and charming Walter.

Enjoy a comedy classic from 1940, indulge in absolutely decadent dessert, including a gourmet selection without sugar, and support AAUW's Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. Bring a friend!

At least \$10 per person will be tax-deductible as the proceeds will go to these 501(c)(3) organizations working for equity for women.

Tickets may be purchased from Stefani McRae-Dickey. Reservations may be made by either: email, [mcraedic@peak.org](mailto:mcraedic@peak.org) or phone, 929-7988. Tickets can be mailed or held at the 'Will Call' table the night of the film.

**Donation: \$15**  
First Congregational United Church of Christ  
4515 SW West Hills Road





## Interest Groups

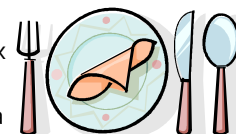
### Gourmet Group

Several AAUW members and their guests enjoyed the first Gourmet Dinner of the 2008-2009 season on Oct. 25th. Mary Lee and Norm Seward were our gracious hosts. We enjoyed lots

of good food and, of course, good company. Reservations are full for the Dec. 6th. dinner, but it is not too early to sign up for the dinner scheduled for Feb. 21st. If you haven't partaken of one of

these special meals and you enjoy cooking food you probably won't fix for dinner tonight, please join us. For reservations or if you have a question, call Brenda Rowley at 752-6779.

By Brenda Rowley



### No Host Lunch

It's time (once again, already) to meet for our annual Holiday Luncheon at Michael's Landing, 603 NW 2nd St., Corvallis. For this lunch, please make a reservation with me (Carolyn), so I

can reserve us our own special table overlooking the river. It's always such a warm gathering. Be certain not to miss out! Please contact me by Monday, 12/15/08, to get your name

down. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 18th, at 11:45 a.m. Please bring something to share; such as a favorite holiday tradition, memory, or event.

By Carolyn Simmons



### Afternoon Literature Group

On November 11th, fifteen of us shared a great gray afternoon at Marilyn Roland's, enjoying yummy cake and mulled cider, while counting our blessings, as we discussed The Worst Hard

Time--Timothy Egan's horrific tale of the 1930's Dust Bowl. On December 9, 2008, at 2:00pm, we'll meet at the home of Mary Lee Seward, 1501 Dixon St., Corvallis. Brenda

Rowley will lead the discussion of On Gold Mountain by Lisa See. Hope to see you there. Any AAUW member is welcome to join our group.

By Carolyn Simmons



### Evening Literature Group

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday, December 3, to discuss The Teahouse Fire, by Ellis Avery. Socializing starts at 7:15; the discussion will begin at 7:45.

The meeting will be at the home of Betty Iverson, 3425 SE Shoreline Drive. Please call her at 754-4250, or email her at [iversons@extima.com](mailto:iversons@extima.com) if you plan to

attend. If you have something Japanese to wear, or something from Japan to bring and talk about briefly, it will add an interesting dimension to our discussion.

By Carol Sumner & Ann Brodie

### Great Decisions Discussion Group

The Great Decisions Discussion Group is forming for winter. We review topics in foreign affairs, watch an informative DVD and utilize a briefing booklet to guide our discussion. The

eight class series will be held in the Corvallis Caring Place meeting room at 750 NW 23rd St., Corvallis, OR. on Wednesdays, January 21 through March 11, from 1-3 PM. Cost of the booklet is \$18

plus share of DVD for a total of \$23 per person. Please call facilitator Charlotte Drost at 541-753-7253 or e-mail at [mkcgdrost@aol.com](mailto:mkcgdrost@aol.com) by Dec.18 to order your booklet for the class.

By Charlotte Drost





## EVENTS CALENDAR

DEC	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
3	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Betty Iverson 3425 SE Shoreline Drive
5	Annual Educational Foundation Holiday Tea and Fundraiser	4-6:00pm	House of Nancy Sanderson 1165 NW 17th Street
6	Gourmet Dinner—"Gourmet Every Day"	TBD	Call Brenda Rowley 752-6779
9	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Mary Lee Seward, 1501 Dixon Street
15	January Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to <a href="mailto:pattic@peak.org">pattic@peak.org</a>
18	No Host Lunch—Please Call Carolyn at 758-0271 to reserve space	11:45am	Michael's Landing 603 NW 2nd Street

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21	Great Decisions Discussion Group	1—3:00 pm	Corvallis Caring Place, 750 NW 23rd