

Branch Newsletter

Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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Branch Program



Healthy Brain Session
February 3, 2010, 6:30pm
West Hills Assisted Living Facility
5595 SW West Hills Rd., Corvallis

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March Program—The She Project

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**A Woman's Community
Creative Project**
March 16, 2010, 7:00pm
**Corvallis-Benton County
Public Library**

Lauren Ohlgren, The She Project creator will talk about her book, which won the Silver Award Winner of 2008 Nautilus Book Award. The She Project invites women over the age of 18 to submit a small piece of art work based on a phrase containing the word "She" or "Her". The piece must be completed in 2 hours after receiving the text.

Does this sound intriguing?
Come to the meeting on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and learn more!

Public Policy

By Public Policy Chair
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In April, to mark Pay Equity Day, our April 14th branch meeting will be devoted to that topic with Linda O'Hara as the featured speaker. It would be interesting to know some of your experiences with pay inequity in your working lives. I'm sure that many of our members have been caught in that trap over the years--in fact, statistically it would be impossible that I was the only one who was discriminated against in this way! Some of you have undoubtedly heard my story, and now I'd like you to share yours. The stories could appear in the April newsletter or be told at the meeting. Please write down what happened to you, and send it to me at the e-mail address above or to 3315 NW Lynwood Cir, Corvallis 97330. Thanks.

AAUW has just issued The Congressional Voting Record for 2009

The *Congressional Voting Record* provides AAUW members and the public with critical information on how their members of Congress voted on issues affecting women and girls in 2009. New this year, AAUW also scores legislators on their co-sponsorship of key legislation. When a member

co-sponsors a bill, it demonstrates initiative on and commitment to the issue and gives the bill momentum. Our 2009 successes include House passage of the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, and more than 100 House co-sponsors of the Healthy Families Act, which would provide employees seven paid sick-leave days per year. Disappointments include the House Stupak vote, Senate efforts to advance school vouchers, and Senate failure to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

AAUW's Linda Hallman Contributes New Blog to MORE.com

MORE.com (January 2009)

In her [latest installment on MORE.com](#), AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, spotlights women philanthropists and highlights the generosity of AAUW members. She writes, "because of our members and supporters, AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of [funding for graduate women](#) who, through their intellect, dedication, and imagination, are forging new paths

in scholarship and tackling the educational and social barriers facing women in the United States and around the globe. It's a powerful example of how the gift of education can make a profound difference."

AAUW Highlighted for Awarded Grants in CA and MA

AAUW has awarded \$50,000 in Campus Action Project (CAP) grants to 12 institutions across the country for the 2009-10 academic year. These projects will target some of the barriers to entering and staying in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields faced by women and girls.

AAUW to Participate in February Blog Carnival Set for Next Month

Fem2.0 (Tuesday, Dec. 21)

From January 25 to February 5, 2010, Fem2.0 will present a [blog radio series](#) zooming in on how today's work environment and policies are impacting particular communities. The series' purpose is to demonstrate how work/life is NOT just a women's issue but everyone's issue AAUW's Lisa Maatz will join the conversa-



Public Policy (continued)

tion on Friday, Jan 29. AAUW will be participating in the blog carnival scheduled for Feb 6-13, and we encourage all AAUW members to [learn more and participate](#) to share your experiences and views about what it's like to work in America today.

Former AAUW Fellow Featured in Blog Post on Equality in the Workplace

Gapers Block (Monday, Dec. 28)

Heather Boushey, the senior economist for the Center for American Progress and a former AAUW fellow, was high-

lighted on [Gapers Block](#). She said the nation should focus on equality in the workplace amidst the recession, explaining that workers who need time off for sick children "are the ones who are going to be most dependent on the state if they arepushed out of employment."

Educational Foundation

Bridge Marathon Needs Prizes, Refreshments

If you have items you've set aside for "re-gifting" or nice items you don't want or can't use, please consider donating them as prizes for the AAUW Bridge Marathon Party on April 12.

Vases, bath products (lotion, bubble bath, shower gel, etc), note cards, candles, tea collections, candy dishes, candy, gently-used, fairly recent

books, DVD's, CD's, --you get the idea of the general size and scope of things we can use as prizes.

We will also need some cookies, small sandwiches or other finger food to serve at the party. Contact me if you are willing to donate a food item.

Any donated items will offset the cost of the party. The more

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donations we get from our members, the more profit we will make from this fundraising project. We should be able to clear more than \$2000, enough to fund our local scholarships. Thanks in advance for your help.

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Legal Advocacy Fund

By LAF Liaison
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Celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day



AAUW partnered with the Washington Mystics to celebrate their third annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day on Sunday, January 24, at the University of Maryland, College Park. This event was open to the public.

Share Your Work Experiences

Between January 25 and February 13, AAUW will participate in a blog radio series and blog carnival on work-life balance issues. We encourage all AAUW members to learn more about the initiative so that you can participate and share your experiences and views. The goal is to flood public spaces

with blog posts, opinions, and real personal stories about what it's like to work in America today.

Support Title IX Legislation

In January, Congress is likely to vote on the High School Sports Information Collection Act (S. 471) and the High School Athletics Accountability Act (H.R. 2882). These bills would require high schools to report basic data on the number of female and male students participating in their athletics programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Schools already collect the data; the bills merely require schools to make the information publicly available.

Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications and is reviewing five new cases in early February with the LAF committee.

Save Your Books

The LAF book sale for our branch will take place in May. Please start saving books you would like to share with others at this event.



News and Notes

Additions/Corrections to 2010 Yearbook

Please update your yearbook to include the following members:

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Interest Groups



No Host Lunch

By Hope Reenstjerna

Mucho gusto! Join us at 11:45 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday, February 18, at Mexico Lindo, 5228 SW

Philomath Blvd.(in the Safeway/Bi-Mart Shopping Center) Contact person: Hope Reenstjerna 753-4807

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Afternoon Literature Group

By Hope Reenstjerna



Put it on your calendar -- 2:00 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday, February 09 at the home of Charlotte Drost,

1084 NW Charlemagne Pl. NOTE: This is a location change. Carolyn Simmons will lead the dis-

cussion on Enduring Love by Ian McEwan. Contact person: Charlotte Drost, 753-7253,

Evening Literature Group

By Elaine McManus & Rosemary Cunningham

The Evening Lit Group will meet **Tuesday February 2nd** to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and

Annie Barrows. Socializing starts at 7:15; the discussion will begin at 7:45. The meeting will be held at the home of Julie Searcy, 2854 NW

Angelica Dr. Please call her at 753-9471 or email her at jsearcy@peak.org if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

By Charlotte Drost



The annual AAUW Great Decisions Discussion Group is now meeting. We discuss eight current world issues and events after a short reading in a discussion guidebook and view-

ing a brief DVD on each topic. Discussions are lively as we learn about important world affairs. Broaden your knowledge base and ability to be an informed citizen! We

meet in the board room of Corvallis Caring Place, 750 NW 23rd St., Corvallis, OR. Meetings will be held on Weds. from 1 PM to 3 PM from Jan. 20 through March 10, 2010.



EVENTS CALENDAR

FEB	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
2	DATE CHANGE! Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Julie Searcy 2854 NW Angelica Dr
3	Branch Program—Healthy Brain Session	6:30pm	West Hills Assisted Living Facility 5595 SW West Hills Rd., Corvallis
9	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Charlotte Drost 1084 NW Charlemagne Pl.
12	Board Meeting	Noon	Benton County Historical Museum Philomath
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
18	No Host Lunch	11:45am	Mexico Lindo, 5228 SW Philomath Blvd
MAR	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
16	Branch Program—The She Project	7:00pm	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library