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AAUW promotes equity for all 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.



On January 15th at 10 a.m. Lois Meessen will present a program entitled *The Bicentennial of Lewis and Clark: "A Personal Voyage of Discovery."*

Lois has researched these two important explorers and has tidbits to share with us as to what they were really like and the hardships and problems they overcame on their long, difficult voyage across America. Her talk will be both informative and inspirational; all of us will have a better understanding of what these two men and their followers went through in order to arrive at their destination.

We will be meeting at Izzy's Pizza Restaurant on 9th Street (2475 NW 94th). We'll gather in the small meeting room on the left as you enter the restaurant. After Lois finishes her talk, we can go into the main part of the restaurant, choose our lunch from the large food selection, and sit anywhere in the main section.

It will be a great way to "unwind" after the holidays and perhaps get you started on some good history reading on your own.

"Discovery consists in seeing what everyone else has seen and thinking what no one else has thought."

--- Albert Szent-Gyorgi, 1937 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine

"The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand."

--- Frank Herbert

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Jan's Jottings

What a wonderful December Tea we had! Thanks so much to all the members who helped make this event so successful:



- To Nancy Sanderson for opening her home to us.
- To Marge Bromley and Jane Ann Warkentin for organizing the sale and obtaining the poinsettias.
- To those who set up: Nancy Sanderson, Edie Shields, Martha Jenkins, Barbara Mykrantz, Marge Bromley, and Jane Ann Warkentin.
- And to members who purchased poinsettias and those who gave outright donations: you raised \$464.75—a significant increase from last year! This all goes toward the Educational Foundation fund.

(By the way, if you're missing a spatula—see Marge Bromley!)

And now on to the hard stuff: the *dreaded* "N Y R"! Any guesses as to what those letters represent?

(Think, January! Think, "*groan*"! Think, "UGH"! Pause. . . Pause. . . Well, er, um, yes—the letters do stand for New Year's Resolutions (*sorry*).

Here is one that might be worthy of consideration and wouldn't be too painful. In fact, it might turn out to be downright wonderful! How about resolving at each branch event to get better acquainted with someone you don't know very well. You never know—a treasured friendship might be just around the corner!

A great opportunity for such an outreach is our January 15th, 10:00 a.m. Branch meeting at Izzy's.

Come and meet someone new to you. I can tell you from personal experience that our speaker, Lois Meessen, is the BEST!

Hope to see you there!

Jan Rounds

Co-President

Save on Books and Music...and Make Your Purchases Count



Every time you order books, music and more from online discounter, Amazon.com, through AAUW's website, a percentage of your sale goes to AAUW. Visit www.aauw.org, click on the partnership programs link at the bottom of AAUW's home page, and follow to Amazon.com link.





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Getting Acquainted with New Members

Sandra Edinger comes to us from Crescent City, California. She and her husband, Gene, have four grown-up children, three sons and a daughter. Their daughter lives in Corvallis, so being an active grandparent is part of Sandra's plan.

Sandra has an M.S. in Library Science. She worked in a high school library in Crescent City until retirement in 1988. Sandra enjoys quilting, reading, and camping in her motor home. Recently she became an active participant in the Afternoon Literature Group. The Edingers are owned by two beautiful Persian cats. The cats are their "spoiled" girls.

Welcome, Sandra, we're glad you're here! Your new friend and neighbor, Dorothy Ruff

Membership Directory

Please add these members to your new AAUW directory. (Some have been reprinted due to a photocopying error.)

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News & Notes

Women's Leadership Conference Opportunity

Last year, Linda Lovett and Martha Jenkins attended the Oregon State University Women's Leadership Conference. This is an annual conference attended by 150-200 young women leaders at OSU. Martha was so inspired that, on behalf of the Corvallis Branch AAUW, she applied for and received an AAUW of OR grant to be given to the Conference planners for the 2005 Conference.

The 2005 Conference will be held on February 19 at the OSU Memorial Union and the Conference planners are inviting us to staff the registration table.

So, if you would like to help out and stay to hear the keynote speaker, please call Martha Jenkins 758-4390 or send an e-mail to marthaj@peak.org.

Newsletter Deadline Change

Please note that the **March 2005 newsletter deadline will be February 8**. This is a temporary change, and regular submissions will resume on the 15th of each month in March. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

LAF at Work—On Campus and In the Community

"We're trying to create more than Band-Aid programs here. We want to come up with long-term solutions to the issues that we've identified." ...*Joelle Davis Carter, program director S.T. A. N.D., University of Maryland, College Park, the 2003 Progress in Equity Award recipient*

On Campus...LAF believes that the more men and women know about sex discrimination and the prevention policies in place at their institutions, the less sex discrimination will occur. Through campus outreach, LAF leaders and staff bring together students, faculty, and administrators to outline steps to prevent or resolve sex discrimination and to highlight the services available to women who challenge sex discrimination in higher education.

The Progress in Equity Award recognizes college and university programs that demonstrate significant progress toward equity for women on campus and in the community. The program receives a cash award of up to \$10,000 for the continuation of its work.

"I felt like a pariah. ...Nobody wanted to talk about how it felt to go to work every day and be devalued." ...*Bari-Ellen Roberts, lead plaintiff in the landmark sex discrimination case against Texaco and 2003 LAF Speaking Out for Justice Award recipient.*

In the Community...LAF's Speaking Out for Justice Award recognizes a nationally prominent individual who has advocated change on behalf of women and girls. The award honors an individual who raises national attention and awareness on issues that reflect the mission and work of AAUW. An honorarium of \$5,000 accompanies the award.

Thanks again to all of you for your support of LAF, through your individual contributions and your support of our fundraising projects. We have met our goal for 2004 (\$6 per member) and begin now to set and meet a new goal for 2005.

Diversity Issues

The Middle East continues to be in the forefront of the news. A book which may help bridge the gap between American and Iranian culture from the perspective of an Iranian immigrant is *Saffron Sky : A Life Between Iran and America*, by Gelareh Asayesh.

This book is the vibrant, discerning memoir of a young newspaper journalist which depicts her immigration from Iran in 1977, her assimilation into American culture as a teenager, and her return to her native country in October 1990 as war loomed over the Persian Gulf.

What makes this work particularly effective is the manner in which Asayesh weaves her keen reporter's eye for objective detail with her almost poetic ability to describe and analyze her own emotional connection to the story. Her first-hand accounts of post-revolution Iran are as meticulous and perceptive as they are rare.

The heart of this memoir, however, is set in America, not Iran. Her ongoing attempt to forge a living connection between her home country and her new identity as an American is a well-crafted rearticulation of the central theme of immigrant literature the world over.

The Corvallis Branch of the
American Association of University Women
presents

The Altos Like the Sopranos, Only Lower

Mafia Murder Mystery and Dinner
Friday, January 28
6:30 p.m.

The Corvallis Inn
1550 NW 9th Street

Donation \$40

It's time to chase those midwinter blues away. The **Godfather** wants you to come to our murder mystery and dinner on Friday, January 28 at 6:30 pm at the Godfather's club in the Corvallis Inn. As a loyal member of *The Family* you won't want to miss out, or there will be **consequences**. . . . Who's out to get the Godfather? Who's moving in on his territory? Will the Godfather's brother be the new **Boss**? Can Crusher Joe protect the Don?

We want you to be fully involved in the experience so please come in costume and in character! Wear a black suit, a pinky ring, a hankie in the breast pocket, gold cufflinks and other ornamentation, and get ready to solve the mystery. We encourage you to take on a role of an enforcer, numbers runner, or wiseguy's Comare (girlfriend). It's optional, of course, but it will enhance your whole experience. Use your imagination and get ready to play!

For only \$40 you can enjoy the mystery, a great dinner of Chicken Parmesan or Vegetarian Pasta by Valley Catering, wine and lots of laughs and boos with **La Cosa Nostra** while supporting EF and LAF.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it,
is to solve a ***Murder*** (or two).

See order form on the next page (page 6).

Deadline for purchase is January 14, 2005.

For more information, please call Stefani at 929-7988.

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets soon!

American Association
of University Women

Corvallis, Oregon Branch



AAUW Murder Mystery Dinner

EF and LAF Fundraiser

Friday, January 28, 2005



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of tickets _____ x \$40 = Total _____

Make your check payable to Corvallis AAUW.

Mail your check and this form to:

Stefani McRae
AAUW Murder Mystery Dinner
754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath OR 97370

Deadline for purchase: January 14, 2005

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!

For more information call 929-7988 or contact any AAUW member.

Afternoon Literature Group

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

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

January 11

Follow the River by James Alexander Thom

Hostess: Irene Llija

At her new home on 4628 SW 47th Place
Please call Louise Livesay if you cannot come

Reviewer: Mary Lynn Seward

Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Mills, 745-7961

Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

January 5

Industry of Souls by Martin Booth

Hostess: Jane Ann Warkentin

3126 NW Buttercup Drive
754-8875

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Reviewer – Shirley Wirth

Foreign Films & Food

It's time to sign up for one of our two evenings, **Friday or Saturday, January 14 or 15.**

Call 752-9019 to reserve your spot(s) at Sally Terman's house, 2964 NW Spurry Place.

Reservations are a must. There are only eight seats available each night. Deadline for sign-up is January 11. Dessert will be ready at 6:15 pm followed by the film at 7:00. See you then!

Gourmet Group

There is still time to sign up for the January Gourmet Dinner, to be held at the home of Denise and John Nervik on **Saturday, January 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.** The Theme is "At the Table of the Raj" and will feature a festive Indian cuisine. **Be sure to get your reservation in by Sunday, January 9th**, so recipes can be sent out accordingly.

Make reservations with Carolyn Simmons, CrCAROLYN@aol.com, 758-0271.

Thanks,
Your Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik, and Carolyn Simmons

No-Host Lunch

We had 18 members at our Michael's Landing December luncheon! We shared memories, made merry, and even sang a couple Christmas songs. It was lovely.

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time to mark your calendar for the **January 20th, 2005, No-Host Lunch** which will be at **The Headwaters Cafe** (Salbasgeon Suites).

It's the 3rd Thursday, same day as usual; and at **11:45 a.m.**, same time as usual. Reservations are not necessary; just drop in to wish your AAUW friends a Happy New Year! See you there, then!
Carolyn Simmons CrCAROLYN@aol.com

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions 2005 topics include:

- U.S. Intelligence
- Russia
- Outsourcing Jobs
- China
- Sudan's Crisis in Darfur
- Global Poverty Gap
- Global Water Issues

Come join us to become better informed about world-wide issues. We will begin meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2005 and will continue through Wednesday, March 23, 2005. We will meet each Wednesday in the lower level of The Regent on Good Samaritan drive from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

JAN	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Jane Ann Warkentin 3126 Buttercup Drive
10	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Irene Llija 4628 SW 47th Place
14	Mystery Dinner Ticket Deadline <u>Order Form</u>		
14 & 15	Foreign Films & Food	6:15 p.m.	Sally Terman 2964 NW Spurry Pl.
15	Newsletter deadline		
19	Great Decisions	1:30 – 3 p.m.	The Regent Good Samaritan Drive
20	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	The Headwaters Cafe (Salbasgeon Suites)
22	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	Denise Nervik
28	Murder Mystery Dinner	6:30 p.m.	The Corvallis Inn 1550 NW 9th Street
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