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Branch Program



EF Film and Dessert Night

7:00 pm, Friday, February 6, 2009

First Congregational United Church of Christ

4515 SW West Hills Road

Donation: \$15

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 dialogue, 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.

Introduce a new generation to great comedy and see Roz Russell portray a strong career woman with wit and humor. Great fast-paced fun!

Bring a friend!

At least \$10 per ticket will be tax-deductible as the proceeds will go to the AAUW Educational Fund/ Legal Advocacy, a 501(c)(3) organization working for equity for women.

Tickets may be purchased from Stefani McRae-Dickey. Reservations may be made by either:

email, mcraedic@peak.org or phone, 929-7988.

Tickets can be mailed or held at the 'Will Call' table the night of the film.

By

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President's Message

New Year Message



The Christmas tea and poinsettia sale was a success. It was good to see so many members at the event. There was good food and lots of good cheer.

Our branch has great programs coming up in 2009. Film night will be back by popular demand in February. If you haven't been able to make it to any programs

this year, make a point to be a part of the fun the coming year. If you need a ride, please call me at 730-0503 and make a request. We are here to see that everyone who wants to participate is able to.

I am especially looking forward to the March 14th program: a tour of the Benton County Historical Museum with

lunch afterward at Mexico Lindo. Besides my love of AAUW, I love history and genealogy. What a perfect union of the three!

Mark your calendar for the next two programs and don't miss them!

I wish you all a healthy, happy, and productive 2009.

By President
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News & Notes—LUNAFEST Corvallis

On **January 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Women's Cancer Coalition (serving Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties), in collaboration with the Oregon State University Women's Center, will host the fifth annual **LUNAFEST Corvallis at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center Austin Auditorium**. This festival of short films is produced by LUNA, the whole nutrition bar for women. LUNAFEST's films have won industry awards and audience accolades. From quirky animation to touching documentaries, the

nine selected films are diverse in both style and subject matter, united by a common thread of exceptional storytelling "by...for...about women." Proceeds will benefit the Women's Cancer Coalition (formerly Benton County Breast & Cervical Cancer Coalition) for its early detection and outreach programs; the OSU Women's Center for health education; and The Breast Cancer Fund for research and advocacy on environmental and other preventable causes of the disease. LUNAFEST Cor-

vallis also will feature a show of healing quilts by local artists.

Tickets will be available January 5th at the OSU Women's Center and Grass Roots bookstore. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students. Learn more about LUNAFEST at <http://www.lunafest.org>; for information about LUNAFEST Corvallis, contact Linda Lovett at 738-6875 or linlov@comcast.net.

By Linda Lovett
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New Member Biography—Friah Rogers

Friah Rogers graduated from San Francisco College for Women with a BA in Biology with a Philosophy minor. She served a Children's Hospital Internship in Medical Technology and is a Board certified MT (ASCP) and also in Nuclear Medicine Technology. She was a Medical Technologist/Nuclear Medical Technologist for 33 years and a Business owner of Autumn Leaves Studio specializing in Advertising Specialties for 12 years. She is currently retired.

Friah was born in the Philippines and has lived in San Francisco, CA, Biloxi, MS, and Charleston, SC. She was recently widowed from husband, Roger. She has two children, Theresa and Gene. Theresa is married to Andy and they have two children, Michael and Katie. Gene is married to Emily and they are still enjoying being newlyweds. Theresa and Edie Lee's daughter have been friends since middle school and are business partners. They own The Artists Palette

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and can be found at www.artistspalette.com. They specialize in gifts for quilters and have kits and original patterns as well.

Fria enjoys reading, traveling, volunteering, shopping and craft projects such as beading, working with tile, knitting and crocheting. She joined AAUW because the meeting Edie Lee invited her to attend was interesting, the members were friendly and welcoming, and the upcoming events were appealing.

Save the Date!

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Saturday, January 17

10:00am

Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance

420 NW 2nd Street, Corvallis AAUW



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. We would especially like to extend an invitation to our new members: Jerry Fong, Susan Garner-Warsinske, Susan Gelberg, Tonya Nave,

Friah Rogers and Linda Seekatz; also to our new student affiliate members: Nicki Bezanson, Katie Parker, and Debra Sinclair.

Public Policy

By Public Policy Chair
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December 10, 2008 marked the 60th anniversary of one of the great international efforts to eradicate human injustices for good, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. UDHR is the foundation for all international human rights law and is committed to protecting "inherent human dignity, non-discrimination, equality, fairness and universality." The Document was introduced in 1948 by President and Chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Eleanor Roosevelt, and continues to be an inspiration for all nations. Amazingly progressive for its time period, the [UDHR](#) conveys the importance of upholding the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people in its 30 articles. The Declaration is continuously relevant, as people fight injustices on the national and international level every day. While all countries have not accepted all treaties, all countries have accepted (and imple-

mented to varying degrees), the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Of course, the US still has not signed CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women).

But I read recently that President-elect Obama's pledge to restore the United States' international standing includes a promise to push for ratification of the women's equal rights treaty — the United Nations [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#). Although 185 countries have ratified the 1979 treaty, the United States remains one of only eight that have not, alongside Sudan, Somalia, Qatar, Iran, Nauru, Palau, and Tonga. The battle for women's rights has paralleled that of human rights in many ways. It speaks to the basic human rights — justice, fairness, and equality. Human rights transcend all boundaries and

borders. December 10 was the anniversary of [UDHR](#), the foundation of international human rights law. The day passed by without most people even knowing about it. Most of us consider ourselves to be free and equal in this great nation of ours. We often just brush off acts of discrimination, indignities, and rights violations in other countries as "a part of their culture" to justify its existence and our own helplessness and inaction. Around the world, women's rights are violated every second of every day.

So we should celebrate this day not only by being thankful for the opportunity to exercise our rights to justice, freedom, and equality but also by acknowledging that, around the world, many women and girls are still seeking the basic human rights that we take for granted.





Legal Advocacy Foundation

By Legal Advocacy Foundation Chair
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Branch Contributions to LAF

Happy New Year! It's time to start gathering gently-used books and other media material for the LAF sale event at the May 16th luncheon. Last year our branch members spent \$217 for books; Browsers' Books bought \$25 worth and Book Bin bought \$7.70 worth; and a member gave \$15 to the book sale. The total proceeds for the sale was \$249.70.

Our total branch contribution to LAF was \$825-- member checks (\$305) and fundraisers (\$520). Thanks so much!

LAF Updates

Purpose and Goal: The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund was conceived and implemented to aggregate member contributions to invest in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination and promote gender equity through support of litigation and educational programs. Begin-

ning January 1, 2009, LAF case support will expand to address discrimination cases that protect women in all workplaces, as well as those that arise in the academic context. Specifically, LAF will seek to support plaintiffs with significant cases that have the potential to set precedent and protect others against discrimination in the future.

Current and past plaintiffs:

* While LAF has notified 2008 LAF plaintiffs that their funding will terminate on December 31, 2008, most of the cases supported in 2008 have already ended. The few remaining plaintiffs are welcome to apply for support under the new LAF criteria, and further support decisions will be made through the processes described in the criteria.

*LAF will continue to provide travel grants and stipends to LAF speakers as requested by branches and will work proactively with potential speakers, includ-

ing those we support as amicus curiae, to encourage their participation.

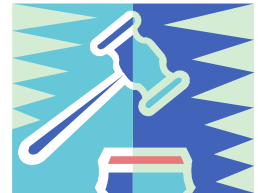
Educational Foundation Board Oversight

LAF operates under the auspices of the Educational Foundation, which makes the EF board the voting body until after the restructure vote.

*Staff will work with branches to expand the marketing of "Campus Outreach Programs" to encourage more branches and colleges to participate.


*Staff will continue to expand the online "LAF Resource Library". Information on the Family and Medical Leave Act and Pregnancy Discrimination Act have recently been added and information on sexual harassment in workplace will be posted in late December.

*The LAF strategic case expansion will take effect January 1, 2009, with specific criteria for case selection and an articulated process for decision making.



Educational Foundation

EF Tea—All Poinsettias Sold!



Although I was attending a convention out of town, I am told that the tea was a very successful event with lots of interesting goodies and plenty of good conversation. Thank you to Nancy Sanderson for her graciousness in opening her home to Corvallis AAUW members. We sold all fifty

plants for a profit of \$175 with an additional \$110 being directly donated to EF. Thank you to those who were able to attend and support EF and to those of you who have a poinsettia, enjoy its long life.

EF and LAF will share the fundraising efforts of the

By Educational Foundation Chair
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February Branch program, a Friday night at the movies. As you have read on the first page of this newsletter, there will be much to enjoy as we turn back the clock to the 40's and enjoy an evening of comedy. Reserve your tickets early and let's have a sold-out show!

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Friday, February 6th, 2009

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See Page 1 for more details

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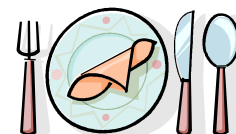
AAUW Interest Groups

Gourmet Group

Salmon Bulgogi with Bok Choy and Mushrooms was the highlight of the Gourmet Group's, "A Festive Holiday Dinner". Our hosts, Carolyn and Bob Simmons, welcomed the diners to their beautifully decorated home

where participants shared the dishes they had prepared for the dinner. A fun and filling evening. The next Gourmet Dinner is scheduled for February 21st. You may make a reservation for the

dinner now (752-6779) or wait until early February when there will be a reminder in the Newsletter. Your Gourmet Dinner Committee: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik, Brenda Rowley



By Brenda Rowley

No Host Lunch

On the 3rd Thursday, January 15, 2009, we'll start up another year of "Just Drop-in Lunches". These are great little low-key, friendly lunches. We have a kind of "regular" group that gathers, but we'd certainly welcome any/

all new faces to join us--could that be YOU?? We surely hope so. We'll meet at 11:45 at the new Italian place, **Pastini's**, on the corner of 9th and Garfield. I haven't tried it yet, but hear it's quite good. Hope to see **YOU**

there! Unfortunately, our December lunch at Michael's Landing was cancelled due to snow. *Contact Person: Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271, CrCAROLYN@aol.com*

By Carolyn Simmons



Afternoon Literature Group

On the 2nd Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., we will meet at the home of Charlotte Drost, 1084 Charlemagne. Call her at 753-7253, if you need directions. Val Krauss will be leading

us in the discussion of **Dancing With Rose** by Laurene Kessler, an Oregon author who's written about Alzheimer's. We'll also be voting on our book choices for April - October, 2009. We wel-

come new members and visitors. *Contact Person, Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271, CrCarolyn@aol.com*

By Carolyn Simmons



Evening Literature Group

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday, January 7th, to discuss **Suite Francaise**, by Irene Nemirovsky. Socializing starts at

7:15; the discussion will begin at 7:45. The meeting will be at the home of Mary Mills, 1095 NW Overlook Drive. Please call her at

745-7961, or email her at mills-maryr@msn.com if you plan to attend.

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 mkgcdrost@aol.com by Dec.18 to order your booklet for the class.

By Charlotte Drost





EVENTS CALENDAR

JAN	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
7	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Mary Mills 1095 NW Overlook Drive
12	Board Meeting	12:30pm	Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance, 420 NW 2nd St.
13	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Charlotte Drost, 1804 Charlemagne, 753-7253
15	No-Host Lunch	11:45am	Pastini's, 9th and Garfield
15	January Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
17	New Member Coffee	10:00am	Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance
21	Great Decisions Discussion Group Begins	1-3:00 pm	Corvallis Caring Place 750 NW 23rd St
31	LUNAFEST—Corvallis	7:00pm	OSU LaSalle Stewart Center
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