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

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Branch Program

Summer Program Luncheon



Luncheon

Saturday, June 14, 2008—11:30 a.m.

Gathering Together Farm, Philomath

Our summer program is lunch at Gathering Together Farm on Saturday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m. This is a purely social event with no agenda other than to have a good time. We'll be ordering off the menu, which always has a nice selection of interesting meals. Their menu highlights fresh, seasonal ingredients grown on the farm. You don't need to make reservations – just come on June 14th. Last year we ate outside on the front porch and enjoyed the nice weather as well as the food.

Driving directions: When you reach Philomath from Corvallis, turn left onto 13th Street, which becomes Fern Road; go about 1 mile and turn right onto Grange Hall Road, where there is a sign; go about ¼ mile and the Farm is on the right side of the road. If you want to carpool, meet at the Bi-Mart parking lot on SW 53rd Street at 11:15 a.m.

I'm getting hungry already! See you there.

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New Programs VP Selected

The nominating committee did an outstanding job of finding women to fill the slate of officers that we elected at the last general meeting. At that time, the position of Program VP remained unfilled. The board was very fortunate to find and appoint Chris Smith to the position. Chris brings much enthusiasm and creativity to AAUW and to her position. She will be installed along with the elected officers at the May 24 luncheon to be held at the Corvallis Country Club.

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President's Message

End of the Year Wrap-Up

By President
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Without people like you, this branch would cease to exist.

Thanks once again for making this a good year.

- Edie Lee

This is my last newsletter article as President of the Corvallis branch. We have had a successful year, which is due in large measure to the willingness of the branch officers to help out whenever they were needed.

Our membership committee of Pam Duren, Dianne Jackson, and Marion Dickens managed to keep our membership count quite steady. Although we lost some members, the diligence and follow-through of the membership committee encouraged other women to join. We currently have 98 members, a similar count to last year.

Our branch has donated over \$2,000 in local scholarships. We have given a \$1000 scholarship to an OSU student, \$750 to an LBCC student, \$300 to participants in the OSU Adventures in Learning

and Winter Wonderings programs, and \$100 to a participant in the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Our main fundraising event, the Bridge Marathon, raised over \$2300 to benefit EF and LAF. Thanks go to the Bridge Marathon committee, consisting of Sue Borden, Evelyn Stephens, and Ann Mills. We couldn't have pulled the event off without the donations of gifts and food from members and the successful efforts of AAUW members to solicit donations from the Corvallis community.

Thanks to all the board members for working together to produce interesting and informative programs this year. You have put in extra effort above and beyond your job description, and this

effort has been appreciated by all. There were so many events, and so much help from the board and the membership that I could go on and on...

My job this year as President was made so much easier by the help of the past-presidents, who answered my questions and offered encouragement when needed. The whole board was very supportive and I appreciate their helpfulness. Lastly, a big THANK YOU to the people who said "Yes" when asked to become an officer for the 2008-2009 board. Without people like you, this branch would cease to exist.

Thanks once again for making this a good year.



AAUW Membership

Upcoming AAUW Conferences

AAUW Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference, June 27-29 on the Lewis & Clark College campus in Portland with housing in West Hall Apartments. The agenda and registration form are on the www.aauw-oregon.org website. This is a great opportunity for you to meet AAUW members from

Idaho, Montana, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. Find out how other states function, what makes them great, and how you can improve your weak spots. The weekend will include scenarios that ask for your involvement and activities for you to develop skills needed to make your AAUW job

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easier.

AAUW of Oregon All Member Summer Retreat, July 25-27 at Willamette University, Salem. This should be a fun event. Further details will be posted on the www.aauw-oregon.org website.

New Member Biography—Chris Smith

New member, CHRIS SMITH graduated from Santa Clara School of Law with a J.D. and from Central Michigan University with M.Ed. in Computer Science. She practices Intellectual Property law for IBM. She has lived in San Jose, California and St. Clair Shores, MI. She has been in Corval-

lis for a year. Her husband, Lew Nunnelley, is retired from IBM. She enjoys hiking, fly fishing, and quilting.

Chris was a member of AAUW in San Jose. She likes the goals and focus of AAUW and wants to help support efforts to improve the equity position of women. She found our Branch from the

Web Site.

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Local Scholarship Recipients Chosen

By Ann Mills
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In April, the scholarship committee of Nancy Tolin, Mary Mills, Edie Lee and Ann Mills met to read the applications and choose the recipients of our 2008/2009 local scholarships.

Nicki Bezanson was selected as the winner of the \$1000 scholarship to OSU, and Debra Sinclair was awarded the \$750 one to LBCC.

Nicki is a psychology major whose goal is to work with law enforcement as a criminal profiler. Previously, she has had problems at public schools due to physical problems.

However, working at National Park Service jobs turned her around and showed her what will power and hard work can accomplish. Returning to LBCC, she earned a place on the Dean's List and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honorary society. She is now ready to enter OSU and "seek new challenges and explore a world I never dreamed would be available to me."

Debra is a certified nursing assistant and her goal is to become a registered nurse. As a mother of four, receiving her CNA certificate in 1997 was an

amazing accomplishment for her. Now the nurses with whom she has worked have encouraged her to take the next step and become a RN. She has received no support from her home environment. After graduation she would like to become a volunteer nurse with Mercy Ship before seeking monetary employment.

The money for our local scholarships comes from member donations and the proceeds from the Bridge Marathon. Thanks to everyone who has donated and all those who helped make the fundraiser a success.



News & Notes

2008 AAUW Senior Woman of the Year Recognition Award

Each year OSU selects a graduating woman student to receive the AAUW Senior Woman Recognition Award at the Student Recognition and Awards Event in May. She receives a keepsake and a one year membership in AAUW. This year the recipient is Lori Chen.

Lori is from Clackamas and is graduating in only three years with a 4.00 cumulative OSU grade point average in Human

Development & Family Science with a minor in Mandarin Chinese. Last summer Lori participated in a study abroad program in Angers, France. She had two rigorous and intense internships involving children. One was as a Child Protective Worker's Aide with the Department of Human Services, and the second was at an orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Her internships became life changing experiences that solidified her

interests in international adoption work with a long-term goal of opening her own orphanage in a place where the world really needs it. In addition to children Lori lists tennis as a passion. Lori is a Waldo Cummings Award winner this year as well as a Drucilla Shepard Smith Award winner and will attend graduate school next year.

AAUW congratulates Lori on her achievement!



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Educational Foundation

2008 Marks the 20th Anniversary of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund!

Twenty years ago, AAUW members created the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund so that AAUW could research and take action on important issues that affect women and girls. The resulting research, *How Schools Short-change Girls*, exposed unintended bias against girls in the classroom and its negative effect on their academic achievement.

With that report, AAUW created a national dialogue and recommended actions to stop practices that discriminate against our daughters. Did AAUW make a difference with that report? Absolutely! Because of AAUW's research and action, the school envi-

ronment for girls has improved.

(Adapted from comments by Barbara Paulson, AAUW Oregon State EF Chair.)

Established in 1989, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, educational and research contributions, and legal and legislative work in equity for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

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Nominations must be post-marked by November 1, 2008. The awardee will be notified by April 2009. The award includes an honorarium of \$5,000 plus travel expenses to attend the **AAUW National Convention**. The awardee must personally accept the award at the Foundation Night banquet.

The Ophelia Project, Penn State Erie received the 2007 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award.

For questions or how to make a contribution to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, please call 202/728-7602 or e-mail foundation@aauw.org.



Legal Advocacy Fund

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Book Sale

Thanks to all of you who so generously donated books and other media articles for the LAF book sale at the May 24 luncheon.

New Directions for LAF

Several key LAF program decisions were made recently by the Board of Directors. Here is the information on some of these new directions.

Case Support

Many members and others who look to AAUW for our leadership have urged us to extend our LAF plaintiff support beyond academia to other workplace settings. AAUW's new Value Promise affirms that: "As AAUW members, we belong to a community that breaks through....barriers so ALL women have a fair chance." LAF is expanding to include sex discrimination in all workplaces to reflect our commitment to that fair chance.

A primary aspect of this expansion is to build on AAUW's history of participating as "amicus curiae" in cases affecting women's rights. In collaboration with the Public Policy and Government Relations

department, we will seek expanded friend of the court opportunities in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace. With this strategy, we believe that we will maximize our effectiveness and ensure that we will be heard by courts that affirmatively want our opinion on the cases and the issues before them.

AAUW has also made the decision that as LAF transitions toward expanded case and issue support, we will move away from direct financial plaintiff case support. While plaintiffs have been grateful for our financial support, it has always been the act of putting AAUW's name behind the case and the issue that has been our central contribution.

As our approach shifts, it is important that we maintain our commitments to the 10 plaintiffs whose cases we currently support. Thanks to your continued generosity, LAF expects to provide third-cycle case support funds to them in May. Although AAUW is on a July-to-June fiscal year, we are annualizing LAF's 2008 case funding support to accommodate the expectations

of current plaintiffs and the tax year needs of our donors. We expect to provide direct plaintiff case support funding in August/September and November/December. LAF is no longer accepting new plaintiff case support applications, and we will not provide such direct case funding to current plaintiffs after December 2008. We will, however continue to provide travel and speaking stipends and are exploring emergency relief funding to assist with the many additional burdens faced by plaintiffs (health decline, job loss, family obligations, etc.)

Over the years, many plaintiffs have been very grateful for our support and have spoken at AAUW meetings across the country, sharing their stories and thanking our members for their help. Given our members' interest in these cases, we hope very much that the visits will continue and expect that to be so based on our experiences with with plaintiffs we have previously supported.





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Interest Groups

Gourmet Group

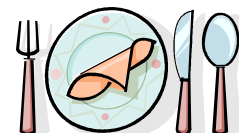
The last Gourmet Dinner of the season was held on May 17th.. Those AAUW members and their guests attending enjoyed a delicious meal featuring recipes from a vari-

ety of areas in China. Many thanks to Marilyn and Leon Roland for being such gracious hosts. Please check the Fall AAUW Newsletter for information

about the first dinner of the new season.

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

By Brenda Rowley



No Host Lunch

On May 15th, seven of us enjoyed a truly delicious lunch at Cloud 9, a newer restaurant along the Riverfront.

We missed you, if you weren't there! Hopefully, we'll see you on **Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 11:45 a.m.**, at

McMenamins, 2001 Monroe Avenue. The OSU students will be off-session, so parking shouldn't be much, if any, of a problem.

We won't do lunch in July, but we will have our annual August lunch at **Nearly Normals** on Thursday,

August 21st, at 11:45 a.m. Please **reserve your spot by Aug.15th**, so I can give them a head count.

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By Carolyn Simmons



Afternoon Literature Group

On Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., Book Club Members will meet at the home of Charlotte Drost, 1084 Charlemagne Place, Corvallis. Charlotte will guide the discussion of Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen.

We will vote on book choices

for November 2008-March 2009. If you have books you want voted on, please e-mail them to me by June 1st, so I can add them to the ballot. Also, (hopefully) I'll be passing out Gillead by Marianne Robinson, which is our Summer read and is a Library Book Bag Selection. Sure

hope to see everyone at the June Meeting!

Our next meeting will be on September 9th. I will discuss Gillead at Elizabeth Waldorf's.

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Evening Literature Group

The book Four Spirits by Sena Jeter Naslund will be reviewed in June by the Evening Book Club. Ann Mills will be giving the author report. The meeting

will be held at Jan Snyder's house and co-hosted by Mary Gray. If you plan on attending please contact Jan by e-mail at tomand-jan3@juno.com or call her

at 754-0696. Jan lives at 3175 NW Greenwood Ave, Corvallis. The meeting begins at 7:30pm on June 4th.

By Connie Anderson



EVENTS CALENDAR

JUN	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
4	Evening Literature Group	7:30pm	Home of Jan Snyder 3175 NW Greenwood Ave
10	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Charlotte Drost, 1084 Charlemagne Place
14	Branch Program—Summer Luncheon	11:30am	Gathering Together Farms, Grange Hall Rd., Philomath
19	No Host Lunch	11:45am	McMenamins, 2001 Monroe Ave.
AUG	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
21	No Host Lunch—Reserve by August 15th Carolyn Simmons, CrCAROLYN@aol.com , 758-0271	11:45am	Nearly Normals, Monroe, Corvallis