

# Branch Newsletter

## Mission

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

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## Branch Program

### Branch Summer Activity



## Neal Gladstone and Company

*Tyee Wine Cellars Annual Summer Concert*  
*Saturday, July 24, 2010*  
*6:30 p.m. until dark*

Rain or shine, join us at Tyee Wine Cellars for the 20th annual concert. Tickets go on sale for \$12 at Grass Roots Bookstore on 2nd Street in Corvallis a month before the concert and are available at the gate for \$15. You can also purchase advance tickets by mail up until July 16 by sending a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Neal Gladstone, 2725 NW Mulkey Ave., Corvallis OR 97330. Please, no credit cards.

Bring along some blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, some warm clothes, and sun screen. There's a sheltered area in case of rain.

Bring a picnic or indulge in Nearly Normal's excellent vegetarian cuisine. No alcohol is to be brought in. Wine tasting is scheduled from noon until 5 p.m. Tyee wine will be available for purchase

We will gather in the covered area for a picnic dinner about 5:15 p.m. before the concert. Please contact Marilyn Roland, 541-752-5257, or email [rolandm2@comcast.net](mailto:rolandm2@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

Neal Gladstone and Company are local musicians who perform unique songs which are composed by Neal Gladstone. Some songs are humorous, some are serious, some are quirky, and a few are political. Can you imagine tunes about "oatmeal" or "grapefruit"? Neal writes about turning 50, hair loss, Dodge Dart, American Dawg, Little Fish in a Big Ocean, etc. The group has fans of all ages in the Corvallis community. To learn more about the group, peruse the website [www.nealgladstone.com](http://www.nealgladstone.com).

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## AAUW of Oregon 85th Convention

By Martha Jenkins  
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### Convention Report

Corvallis Branch Members  
Attending as Delegates:

Sue Borden

Martha Jenkins

Sue and I were privileged to represent the branch at the 85<sup>th</sup> AAUW of OR Convention. Sue and I traveled to Wilsonville on Friday, April 23, to meet up with our afternoon enrichment tour to the Barn Owl Lavender Nursery. The nursery owner discussed the growing of various herbs and lavenders, answered questions, gave us a garden tour, and gave us time to shop for plants and garden related items.

At 5:30, before dinner, we had time to visit the Showcase of Success room. The displays showcase the various activities of branches around the state. Our after dinner speaker was Betsy McDowell, Salem Branch and AAUW Director at Large.

Saturday morning was the first business meeting. We learned that of the 27 branches in OR, 22 were represented at Convention.

There were 98 voting delegates present. The Welcome speaker, Wendi Eiland, chair-elect of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, praised AAUW for its work on pay equity, education and advocacy.

Sue and I attended two workshops on Saturday. The first, *Connecting with AAUW*, was led by Jane Lancaster, AAUW of OR Program VP and Mardy Stevens, AAUW Leadership Corps Grassroots Liaison. The objective of the workshop was to increase understanding of AAUW resources and how to find, use and adapt them to our branch needs. One of the new services provided is mission-based programming called Programs in a Box. There are 27 programs available. This could be of interest to us. We also learned of a change in the AAUW Mission Statement. The word "philanthropy" has been added so that the Statement now reads:

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

The second workshop we attended, *You and the Social Network*, was led by Mary McPherson, a marketing programs manager. The firm Jenny Craig is one of her clients. Mary stressed that before signing up for various social media sites—Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr or blogs, that you define your goals. What do you want social media to do for you and how much time each day do you want to spend using it? She then logged into various services and demonstrated how each service could be used.

Sue and I had various opportunities during the conference to visit with AAUW members from around the state and to discuss what various branches are doing. Former Corvallis Branch member, Kathy Skelton, sends greetings to our branch as does the winner of one of our wonderful fundraising baskets donated a few years ago.



By Public Policy Chair  
Marilyn Treiman

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**AAUW Launches New "Elect Her" Initiative to Change Status Quo in U.S. Politics.** AAUW will collaborate with Running Start and the Women's Campaign Forum to Increase the number of Women Office Holders.

AAUW is launching Elect Her—a new initiative—to expand the pipeline of women running for elective office, an effort that could change the face of politics in America. Women now hold just 17 percent of the seats in Congress and 24 percent of seats in state legislatures. AAUW's new Elect Her initiative aims to close the long-standing political leadership gender gap by empowering and training women to run for office at all levels. The initiative consists of a full continuum of programming. The centerpiece is Elect Her-Campus Women Win, in which AAUW, in conjunction with Running Start, will train college women to run for campus-based elective office. Additionally, AAUW will promote Running Start's successful Young Women's Political Leadership High School Program and the Women's Campaign Forum's She Should Run campaign, which also has Running Start's support.

"AAUW, Running Start, and the Women's Campaign Forum are committed to helping women become leaders on their campuses and in their communities. We focus on the different aspects

of the leadership gap, but our ultimate goal is to have better representation of women at all levels—from the highest halls of government to student government," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. AAUW and Running Start have worked together since 2007 to encourage college women to run for campus-based elective office. Building on those successes, AAUW and Running Start have developed a new and improved training program, Elect Her-Campus Women Win.

"Running Start is thrilled to launch Elect Her-Campus Women Win with AAUW so that we can reach more college-aged women with our message of women's political empowerment. Our collaboration allows us to build a pipeline from high school through college of young women ready to run. Running Start's high school programs expose young women to the importance of political leadership. Elect Her-Campus Women Win gives college women the concrete skills they need to be confident to run for student government. And She Should Run sends young professional women the message that they are ready to lead. I am confident that these programs will change the future of politics in America by filling the pipeline to power with more young faces," said Susannah Wellford Shakow,

president and founder of Running Start.

From the Women's Environment and Development Organization, which monitors equality of gender representation throughout the world, we learn that by the end of 2008, 22 countries had achieved a critical mass of 30% women in national parliaments. These countries are Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Burundi, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Macedonia, Mozambique, The Netherlands, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, and Uganda. Each of these countries has made changes in their electoral and/or parliamentary processes, recognizing the importance of equity between men and women in decision-making. In the United States, women are currently 17% of Senators, and about 21% of the House of Representatives. In Rwanda, women are in the majority in the legislature with over 56% of the members being female. Sweden, Cuba, Finland and Argentina have over 40% women in their parliamentary bodies. It is also worth noting that in almost all of these countries, funds for electoral campaigns are provided by the country to the political parties. It appears that we have some catching up to do, and the "Elect Her" initiative is a step in that direction.





## Membership

By Membership Chair  
Edie Lee

### *Membership Dues Deadline is June 30*

Please send in your membership dues by June 30. Extra work is created for the treasurer and the membership committee if dues are received later than June 30. As of now, about ¼ of our membership has sent in

their dues. Thank you to the early birds! A membership form is located in this issue of the newsletter and on the [www.corvallis-aauw.org](http://www.corvallis-aauw.org) website. You can also charge your dues to your credit card and send in your membership

information at the national website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Remember that \$46 of the Association dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

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### *Member Profile—Bibi Momsen*

Bibi Momsen

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B.A. Sociology, Mount Holyoke College, 1958

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Bibi is retired, has been in hospital and health care related administration, political research, translation and software companies. She's lived in Florida, Denmark, New England, Virginia, California and New Mexico. Her daughter, Barbara Stone, who is Director of Shared Housing for the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, lives in Hillsboro with her long-time partner. Her daughter, Cricket

Stone, is Director of Riding, Chatham Hall School (girls' preparatory boarding school), Chatham, VA. Bibi lives with her cat, Munchkin, and Dachshund, Ebony. She is working on her autobiography and will then work on a genealogy. She likes to read, attends Simon Johnson's writing workshop at the Senior Center, serves on Unitarian-Universalist Social Concerns Committee and as UU representative for "We Care."

She attends the Academy of Lifelong Learning and is a volunteer with the first grade at Garfield School.

She has been a member of AAUW in Las Cruces, NM, and joins now because "AAUW supports girls' and women's education and has interesting and intelligent members." She found out about the Corvallis Branch on the Web and is interested in joining the literature interest groups.

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### *Email Changes*

Hope Reenstjerna's e-mail is [hope.reenstjerna@gmail.com](mailto:hope.reenstjerna@gmail.com).

Louise Wiprud's e-mail is [jvygardens@comcast.net](mailto:jvygardens@comcast.net).

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**2010-2011  
Corvallis Branch AAUW Membership Form**



Note: The information you provide will be printed in the Branch Membership Directory unless you indicate otherwise.

**Please complete this form and send with your payment to:**

Edie Lee  
7550 NW Mountain View  
Corvallis, OR 97330

**Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip +4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University/College** \_\_\_\_\_ **Highest Degree** \_\_\_\_\_ **Field of Study** \_\_\_\_\_

**2010-2011 Dues Payment**

**\$77.00**

Branch \$17.00  
State \$11.00 (AAUW of Oregon dues include a one-year subscription to the Oregon News at \$1.00)  
National \$49.00  
Total \$77.00

If you are a Life Member, Student Affiliate Member or Member-at-Large, please contact Edie Lee (edie.lee@lifetim e.oregonstate.edu) for dues information.

- I need a **print copy of the newsletter**, and enclose **\$10.00** for printing and postage. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- **Contribution to the Local Scholarship Fund** - Provides tuition scholarships to older than average female students. (Contribution is *not* tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Corvallis Branch AAUW**

\$46 of the National AAUW dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. The total dues may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Checks written separately to AAUW Educational Foundation or AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund are tax deductible contributions.

**Contributions**

**AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** (Check written to LAF is tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LAF is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. Since 1981, LAF has helped students, faculty and administrators challenge discriminatory practices involving sexual harassment, denial of tenure and promotion, and inequality in women's athletic programs.

**AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)** (Check written to EF is tax deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EF provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

## Legal Advocacy Fund

By LAF Liaison  
Marilyn Roland  
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### Book Sale May 15

Thanks to all of you who donated books for the sale as well as those of you who bought some of the interesting selections. We earned \$145 for LAF. The unsold books were donated to the Albany Branch AAUW which is working on a project to supply books for the library of the transitional facility being built near the Oak Creek girls' detention facility in Albany.

### Case Support

The LAF Committee met recently to consider disbursements to the four continuing LAF-supported cases.

AAUW signed an amicus brief for Christian Legal

Society v. Martinez, and the case was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on April 19. The court will decide whether or not the University of California Hastings College of Law may deny school funding to a religious student organization because the group requires its officers and voting members to agree with its religious viewpoints. Gay and lesbian students were specifically barred from the group. AAUW joins other amicus signers in supporting the school, the separation of church and state, and religious liberty.

### Women's Sports Foundation Collaboration

LAF staff members are

working to further collaborative efforts with the Women's Sports Foundation on the Title IX Compliance: Know the Score program. They are looking for members who are interested in being paired with WSF experts to address known non-compliance in local areas.

### Campus Outreach

The AAUW San Diego (CA) and Tacoma (WA) branches held LAF campus outreach programs in April to commemorate Equal Pay Day. Speakers raised students' awareness about the gender pay gap and provided negotiation tips. The San Diego event was made possible through the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Fund.





## AAUW

### Interest Groups

#### No Host Lunch

By Hope Reenstjerna

Fresh local ingredients! It's becoming a June tradition. Join the group for lunch (it will be a lunch menu) at Gathering Together Farm. We will meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, June 17 at 11:45 a.m. Directions: When you reach Philomath from Corvallis on

Highway 20, turn left on 13th Street (the second stoplight in Philomath) which becomes Fern Road; go about 1 mile and turn right onto Grange Hall Road where there is a sign; go about 1/4 mile and the Farm is on the right side of

the road. Call or email if you are interested in carpooling.

Contact person: Hope Reenstjerna 753-4807  
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#### Afternoon Literature Group

By Hope Reenstjerna

According to early buzz, everyone is taken with June's selection, The Help by Kathryn Stockett. The group will gather at 2:00

p.m., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, June 8 at the home of Mary Lee Seward, who has also agreed to lead the discussion. Address:

1501 NW Dixon St. Contact person: Charlotte Drost, 753-7253 [mkgdrost@aol.com](mailto:mkgdrost@aol.com)



#### Evening Literature Group

By Elaine McManus & Rosemary Cunningham

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday June 2nd to discuss The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean. Socializing starts at

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

Drive. Please call her at 541-745-7961 or email her at [millsmaryr@msn.com](mailto:millsmaryr@msn.com) if you plan to attend.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

JUN	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
02	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Mary Mills 1095 NW Overlook Drive
08	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Mary Lee Seward 1501 NW Dixon St.
09	Branch Board Meeting	2:00pm	Benton Cnty Schools Credit Union 2001 NW Professional Drive
17	No Host Lunch	11:45am	Gathering Together Farms Grange Hall Road, Philomath
JUL	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
24	Branch Program Neal Gladstone and Company Contact Marilyn Roland if you plan to attend	5:15pm	Tyee Wine Cellars RSVP to Marilyn Roland <a href="mailto:rolandm2@comcast.net">rolandm2@comcast.net</a>
AUG	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		<a href="mailto:pattic@peak.org">pattic@peak.org</a>