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by

**Native American Storyteller  
Joyce Greiner**

**March 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.**

Benton County Historical Museum  
1101 Main Street, Philomath

Don't miss this fabulous evening with Joyce Greiner. She is a master story teller and organizer of the recent Tcha Tee Man Wi Story Telling Festival. Come prepared for laughter and delight. The title tells it all!

There will be a LAF book sale from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Please bring your used books to donate to the book sale and be prepared to add "new" books to your collection. There will also be a short business meeting for election of officers before the program.

If you would like a ride to the meeting, or can volunteer to drive others, call Stefani at 929-7988.



### Nominations

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting in March.

Slate of officers for 2003–2004:

Program Committee: Beverly Arthur (Chair), Marilyn Roland and Carolyn Moore.

Membership Committee: Dorothy Ruff, Jan Rounds and Rosemary Cunningham

Treasurer-in training: Nancy William

President-elect: no candidate

Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election, provided that written consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Rosemary Cunningham, Chair  
Nominating Committee

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**AAUW promotes equity  
for 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.**

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## Martha's Musings

For the past several years, the Corvallis Branch has co-sponsored and assisted with the *Discovering New Horizons* career conference for young women in grades six to twelve held at LaSells Stewart Center in February. This year there were 176 students, 65 parents, 22 presenters and 11 AAUW volunteers (from Corvallis and Albany) in attendance. Former branch member Gail Howe was one of the presenters. Many thanks to members Jan Rounds, Stefani McRay-Dickey, Diana Bernstein, Gail Garrison and Martha Jenkins for assisting with registration. This conference really makes a difference in the lives of young women in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties. Here is what some of the students wrote on their evaluations:

"I really loved this! I can't wait until the next one!"

"Next year, I want to choose more sessions and hear more speakers!"

The March branch meeting will be our Annual Meeting this year and we will have election of officers before our program by Joyce Greiner, Native American storyteller. The board voted to move the Annual Meeting from April to March due to branch activities in April relating to Convention. As branch president, one of my Convention "activities" is to submit a branch annual report to the AAUW of Oregon President. This report is included in the Convention workbook and enables all the branches in the state to share program and membership recruiting ideas. I share this report here with you as a celebration of our branch's wonderful year.

### Corvallis Branch 2002-2003 Annual Report

This year, the Corvallis Branch has been seeking answers to the question, "What is AAUW about?" AAUW is about innovation and risk-taking. In September, our branch went "live" with an electronic newsletter which is posted on the branch website ([www.corvallis-aauw.org](http://www.corvallis-aauw.org)) as both web pages and as a PDF document. Realizing that continuity and expertise in web publishing are critical to the success of the newsletter, the board began working in the summer of 2002 with consultant Cynthia McMahon of McMahon Business Consulting ([cynthiamcm@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiamcm@yahoo.com)). In addition to publishing the newsletter, Cynthia also keeps our website current. Over seventy-five percent of our 98 members now receive the newsletter electronically and are kept informed about branch activities while at home and while traveling. Each member receives an email to notify her that the current newsletter is now posted on the web site. Members appreciate being able to print all of the newsletter, just a page or two, or to be able to return to the online archives for a back issue. Best of all, we are receiving membership inquiries from women in the community who have "found" us on the web.

AAUW is about visibility in and connectivity with the community. This year, our branch decided to host a public awareness booth at the Corvallis Fall Festival in September. The Fall Festival is a two-day artist and artisan fair held in Central Park in downtown Corvallis and is attended by hundreds of people. Rosemary Cunningham, branch Membership VP, registered us for one of the few public awareness booth locations, prepared a wonderful visual display, obtained a drawing prize, and arranged for branch members to staff the booth. Teams of members told all who stopped to visit or to sign up for the drawing about AAUW and the Corvallis Branch. We know that three new members joined the branch as a result of hearing about us at the Fall Festival. Members staffing the booth realized that, as they told others about AAUW's goals and mission, they again realized why they had joined AAUW and what membership has meant to them.

AAUW means support for the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. This year, Program VP and President-elect Stefani McRae-Dickey produced, with the assistance of branch members, the first annual murder mystery dinner, "Murder at the Tortellini Winery", a fundraiser for EF and LAF. Several branch members were actors, others turned the banquet hall into a winery, still others took care of publicity. We were pleased to have State President Margene Ridout and her daughter at the dinner. It was a great success and marvelous fun; profits will help fund our EF and LAF contributions for 2003. We have even more murderous intentions for next year!

V.P. Membership  
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## Getting Acquainted with a New Member



Kerry Mullin recently counted three dogs, two cats and one bird in her household. "Having lots of pets is an occupational hazard," explains Kerry, who is the Executive Director of the Heartland Humane Society and also our newest member.

She joined AAUW to become more involved with the Corvallis community and because she believes in the AAUW mission and goals. Kerry grew up in Michigan and has a B.S. in Biology from Purdue University and a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Oregon. Her husband, Scott Givan, works for OSU. They moved to Corvallis from Vancouver, British Columbia last February.

Kerry enjoys snowboarding, reading, home decorating and playing Ultimate Frisbee. She also joined the evening literature group in February, and expressed an interest in Adelante and Great Decisions. Many thanks to Nancy Sanderson for introducing Kerry to our local branch!

### Addresses for Your Directory

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## News and Notes

### March Women's History Month Display

Corvallis Branch members Rebekah Lancelin, Elise Love and Martha Jenkins have prepared a Women's History Month exhibit entitled *Women Authors of Our Childhoods* that will be on display during the month of March in the display case near the front entrance of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Come and renew your acquaintance with six wonderful women authors!

### Named Gift Honorees Send Their Thanks

*I am grateful and proud to be named a gift honoree by such a group of highly esteemed women. I sincerely thank you for this special recognition. --Rosemary Cunningham*

*To Corvallis Branch AAUW Board members,  
I want to thank you for the honor that you conferred on me as a gift honoree for 2002 for AAUW's Educational Foundation. It is a singular honor because I realize how much of their time and talents so many of our members give to AAUW. Thank you again. --Judy Rudolph*

**Zel Brook** has been appointed to the Oregon Cultural Trust Board Cultural Coalition Planning Committee.

Zel does sculpture, painting and photography and has exhibited art at the University of Virginia, University of Arizona, the International Photography Hall of Fame, the National Press Club and in advance of Olympics.

If you have concerns about Oregon's arts and humanities and arts in Benton County, you are welcome to contact her. She has been working with the schools foundation for years on funding of the arts in public education and is former chair of the Corvallis School Board.

## Spring Fundraising

This spring we are planning to once again sell flowers to raise funds for scholarships and fellowships for women. We are in the planning stage, but intend to have the same wonderful plants as last year – impatiens and begonias.

Pick-up will be Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – a week before our spring brunch meeting. Mothers' Day is May 11<sup>th</sup> – so these plants could be used for Mothers' Day gifts. More information and the order form will be in the April newsletter.

We are also planning to have an Educational Foundation fundraising walk at Convention in April. It will be fun and exercise for a good cause. Plan to sign up. More details on this will also be in the April Newsletter.

## **Transitions Conference YES I CAN!...Go Back to School Scheduled for May 3, 2003**

The goal of a *Transitions* conference is to reach out and encourage women returning to college. Conference participants receive information about careers, college admission and financial aid, as well as receive support as they plan to return to college. The Albany and Corvallis Branches will co-host a *Transitions* conference at Linn-Benton Community College on May 3, 2003. Nancy Brown, Albany Branch Educational Foundation chair, is coordinating the conference. There are many ways to be involved, from working on publicity, registration, donor donations or a website design. If you would like to help, please call Nancy at 928-6779 or call Martha Jenkins at 758-4390. This conference really speaks to what we are about in AAUW—educated women empowering, mentoring and networking with women who are seeking to further their education.

## Legal Advocacy Fund

Sue Borden  
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## **Bucks for Books = Lucre for LAF!**

Here's your chance to clear excess books from your shelves, indulge your reading habit, AND support AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. At the Branch meeting on March 12, we will have a Used Book Sale to benefit LAF. Here's how it works:

1. Bring your previously-read books (paperback or hardback) with you to the meeting and place them on the sale table.
2. Shop among all the books that our members have brought and select ones you haven't read and always wanted to.
3. Put \$1 in the cash box for each book you select.

That's all there is to it! All the proceeds will go toward our annual goal to contribute at least \$5 per member to the Legal Advocacy Fund in 2003. By reading and sharing books with each other we can support these important programs that promote equity for women in higher education.

## **Case Support Tops \$1 Million**

Since the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's founding in 1981, the LAF board has adopted 76 cases and, with the Rawalt Trustees, has awarded \$1,063,157 to women fighting sex discrimination on campus. This figure includes \$84,000 in case support from the Rawalt Trust, a charitable organization managed by LAF and dedicated to supporting LAF-funded litigation to eliminate sex discrimination. At its November 2002 meeting, the LAF board awarded a total of \$37,150 to five cases, and the Rawalt Trustees gave an additional \$4,700. LAF is currently supporting 13 lawsuits.

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## On the National level:

### ***The Women's Network for Change Reports that the Bush Economic Plan does little for most taxpayers***

On Jan. 7 President Bush announced new proposals to strengthen the economy, including ones making the 2001 tax cuts permanent; new, permanent tax cuts amounting to \$670 billion; new "personal re-employment" accounts; and exempting corporate tax dividends from individual income taxes. The Bush administration states the proposals would cost \$674 billion over the next 10 years. However, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities projects the actual cost of the proposals—including making the 2001 tax cuts permanent, with interest—would be \$2.2 trillion. The proposed tax cuts would largely benefit the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans and jeopardize critical federal programs, including education and healthcare.

The president's proposed economic plan hurts the nation:

“ The package of tax cuts proposed by President Bush is too costly and would do little to stimulate the weak economy and create jobs now.

“ The new tax cuts jeopardize the nation's ability to meet its domestic and foreign responsibilities; threaten national and state fiscal stability and security both now and in future years; and inequitably distribute the benefits they provide.

“ The proposed economic plan especially hurts the states. Many are already facing budget deficits and cutting programs, and they are in desperate need of relief. The 2001 tax cuts are one factor behind the states' funding problems. In fact, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the new proposals will result in another \$4.5 billion in lost revenue to the states due to the link between the state and federal tax codes.

In contrast to President Bush's plan, a responsible economic package should include aid to states to help respond to their fiscal crises and should focus on people who will spend the money now, including those hit hard by the economic downturn. Call your senators and representatives at 202/224-3121 and urge them to oppose the president's economic plan.

## On the state level:

### ***The Oregon Advocacy Center reports that the Legislature Struggles with Service Cuts and the Speaker's Spending Package Progresses***

The package of selected budget add-backs proposed by the Speaker of the House Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) last week progressed out of the House on February 12. A special committee was formed, met on February 10, and after brief testimony passed House Bill 5075 out of committee unanimously. On the 12th the bill passed the vote with 51 yes votes and 8 no votes. The bill has now passed over to the Senate. Senate leadership is indicating an interest in taking some action to reduce the impact of certain budget cuts. However, it is uncertain what those add-backs will be and how they will compare to the bill passed by the house. HB 5075 currently contains funding to add back funding for the remainder of the biennium for

- \* The Medically Needy Program
- \* Long-term care for Seniors in Survivability Levels 10-14
- \* 122 residential mental health beds
- \* 40 state troopers, forensic laboratory capacity for the State Police

Sen. Frank Morse and others need to hear what Oregonians think! See your February 2003 newsletter for contact info.

Irene Lilja & Judy Rudolph  
Local Arrangement Chairs

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### AAUW of Oregon State Convention Corvallis--April 25--27, 2003



#### Attention all Committee Chairs:

Keep receipts of all costs and obtain a reimbursement form from convention treasurer, Muriel Lawrence. During or after the convention, give the form to Muriel who will then cut a check for you. Please stay within your budget as money is tight due to a few "surprise" expenses.

Registration forms and many convention details will be in the spring edition of the Oregon News. The registration form can also be found online at the AAUW--Corvallis website. We invite all members to attend. Plan on this learning and fun opportunity!

Here are some highlights of the convention:

- Friday night's keynote speaker will discuss education and the current legislative session
- Association Leader on Loan, Ruth Sweetser, from Illinois, will present two workshops

1. Education
2. Workplace and Workforce Development Society issues, backlashes/myths

Examples of other workshops are:

- Education of Females in the Arab World
- You, too, can be an Activist!
- Shaping a Successful Meeting

Additional special features of this convention include:

- Friday evening local Reader's Theatre production:  
" Images of Women, Wise & Witty" featuring two of our very own members.
- Saturday's luncheon will feature a current LAF plaintiff as speaker.
- Saturday night's banquet at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center.
- Sunday morning Inspirational Service and EF Run/Walk, tours of OSU campus and Valley Library.

Visit the EF/LAF Sales Room & purchase a raffle ticket for a basket of goodies!

If you have a favorite branch project or accomplishment that you can highlight in our new "Connections" Room, please contact Joyce Zook by April 1, 2003 @ 503-589-4826 or [tazjazer@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tazjazer@worldnet.att.net)

## *Caring and Sharing*

(Contact Martha Jenkins at [marthaj@peak.org](mailto:marthaj@peak.org) with information)

Norma Craighton has sold her home in Sweet Home in preparation for a move to Iowa in the spring to be near her daughters. Her temporary address is: 2796 S. Main Rd., #50 Lebanon, OR 97355 Telephone: 258-1771

## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Val Krauss 766-8916

### March 11

"*Pretty Is As Pretty Does*" by Alison Clement  
"*Children of Summer*" by Margaret Anderson

Hostess: Carolyn Moore  
1302 Souza Pl.

Reviewers: Sally Terman and Rosemary Cunningham

Book for April:  
"*Botany of Desire*" by Michael Pollan

## Gourmet Dinner

### CHANGE OF DATE

The date for the dinner announced in the February newsletter has been changed.

Please reserve a place before March 10 by calling Jane Ann Warkentin at 754-8875.

Saturday, March 21, 2003.  
7:00 p.m.

At the home of Marilyn and Leon Roland  
4099 NW Live Oak Place

## Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 745 7396  
Nancy Tolin, 752 6656

### March 5

"*The Sparrow*" by Mary Doria Russell

Hostess: Bobbie Pulliam  
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Reviewer: Mary Lou Russ

### April 9 (second Wednesday)

"*Sea Biscuit*" by Laura Hillenbrand

Hostess: Carol Nelson

## Adelante

**March 2003:** "*Woman: An Intimate Geography*" by Natalie Angier is a must read!

The author investigates female physiology from all aspects: scientific, mythology, history, art, and literature. Remember that Adelante books can be purchased, at a discount, through Amazon.com

## PRESIDENT

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AAUW is about education and diversity. The Corvallis Branch worked with the Albany Branch to sponsor and register 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at the annual *Discovering New Horizons* Conference organized by the Linn-Benton-Lincoln Education Service District. The Conference encourages girls to explore non-traditional careers and is very well attended. In February, we will host a panel discussion at Oregon State University on Title IX: Thirty Years After. In March, we will celebrate Women's History Month with a display about women authors who have influenced our childhoods at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and a branch program, open to the public and co-sponsored by the Benton County Historical Society, featuring Joyce Greiner, a Native American storyteller. In May, the branch will award a \$400 scholarship to an older than average woman student.

This year, for Corvallis, AAUW is about hosting the AAUW of Oregon State Convention. Our co-chairs Irene Lilja and Judy Rudolph have many committees organized, wonderful events planned and the welcome mat ready for you!

And, in closing, AAUW is about fun—the fun of learning, working together, meeting new people, sharing ideas and talents, and mentoring. It's why we joined and it's why we stay.

**Martha Jenkins**

President

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MAR	Activity	Time	Location
1-31	Women's History Month Display		Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Bobbie Pulliam 1845 NW Woodland Dr.
10	Board Meeting	12:20 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Carolyn Moore 1302 Souza Pl.
12	Branch Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Benton County Historical Museum
15	Trip to Ashland	7:00 a.m.	Rite-Aid parking lot
15	Newsletter Deadline		
21	Gourmet Dinner	7:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Pl. Reservations needed by March 10 (call Jane Ann Warkentin 754-8875)
APR	Activity	Time	Location
9	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	TBA
25-27	2003 AAUW of OR State Convention		The Ramada Inn & Conference Center 1550 NW 9th, Corvallis
MAY	Activity	Time	Location
3	Transitions Conference		Linn-Benton Community College