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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.

Spring Brunch  *Spring Brunch*

**Saturday, May 15th
10 a.m.**

**Stoneybrook Clubhouse
4710 SW Hollyhock Circle**

The program will feature installation of next year's officers, announcement of the local scholarship winner and details of the 2004 AAUW of Oregon Convention. This year's convention, "AAUW Guiding the Mission," will be April 30 – May 2 at the Riverside Inn Resort & Conference Center, in Grants Pass (complete information is contained in your Spring 2004 *Oregon News*).

At our brunch there will also be a "program review." So, be ready to evaluate our programs, make suggestion of speakers you would like to hear, and/or topics which interest you.

Members are asked to bring brunch-appropriate items such as fruits, cheese, quiches, breads, breakfast type pastries, etc. Beverages will be provided by the branch.

Also, you can renew your membership at this time and bring guests who might be prospective new members. There will be discussion of the final summer activity – a picnic on July 31st at Tyee Winery with entertainment by Neal Gladstone.

You don't have to wear your Easter bonnet—just come with your spring smile – enjoy socializing and having a tasty brunch.

See you there!

Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle. Go South on 53rd, then turn left on Country Club Drive, go a few blocks and then right on Stoneybrook St. to the Clubhouse on Hollyhock Circle. Please park on the street; spaces are reserved for residents. Parking is rather limited so carpool if you can.



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Kudos and Thanks

First, thank you to Marilyn Roland for serving as president during my April absence. She leads with gracious aplomb on all occasions, making everything run smoothly and effortlessly. Thank you, Marilyn, for chairing both the Board meeting and the Branch annual business meeting.

Thank you, also, to those who have answered "Yes, I can!" when asked to serve on the board. Congratulations, newly elected officers! Our Program Vice-Presidents, Marge Bromley, Carolyn Moore, Marilyn Roland, and new committee member, Cathy Phelps, will continue their tradition of exciting and diverse programs.

Continuing as Membership Vice-Presidents are Rosemary Cunningham, Jan Rounds and Dorothy Ruff. They make a fabulous team that has helped us to increase our membership by 22.2 percent over the last three years. Well done, Membership Committee! Louise Livesay will serve as Secretary. Our minutes will be in good hands. Treasurer Nancy William will continue to keep our books in excellent order. Thank you all for serving on the board, and helping the Corvallis Branch promote equity for all women and girls, lifelong learning and positive societal change.



Several members have agreed to continue in their appointed positions. Thank you, Muriel Lawrence (Communications), Martha Jenkins (Newsletter Editor), Ruth Burns (Local Scholarships), and Sue Borden (Yearbook Editor). Diana Bernstein will be taking a new position on the board as Public Policy Chair. Thank you all for saying "Yes!" when I called.

There are more positions to fill, and I hope that when you receive a call, you also will say "Yes!"

If you would like to join the board, I would be delighted to hear from you. There are several positions which must be filled, but which do not require a great deal of time or organizing large projects. Serving in one of them is a great way to sample a board position before you commit to playing a larger role on the board.

Please, please, please
do say "Yes!" when you are asked to serve!!

You can be a "Woman Making a Difference" for AAUW

Stefani McRae-Dickey
President

PS: If you have accepted a board position and do not find your name on this list, I apologize. This was written in March before I left for Greece and thus may not be the complete list in May.

V.P. Membership
Jan Rounds, 754-7730
Rosemary Cunningham, 753-1319
Dorothy Ruff

Membership



It's time to renew your membership! Please see the form on Page 7 which can be mailed to Rosemary Cunningham or you can bring it to the Brunch on May 15. Please do complete the form and return it with your check. The information on the form keeps all AAUW records up-to-date. If you do not know your extended zip code, check a piece of your "junk" mail. You can usually find the extended code given there. If you need to receive a print copy of the newsletter, please include an extra \$10.00 to cover printing and postage.

Say "HI" to our newest member: Louise Wiprud. Louise lives at 2860 NW Angelica Dr. (757-7338). More about Louise in an upcoming newsletter!!!

Fall Festival



We're official! Our branch has again signed up for a spot at the September Fall Festival.

There will be a few changes this time (*for the better!*): We'll be asking you to sign up for one-hour stints, to represent AAUW under our soon-to-be-purchased tent! The new tent will have a nice air flow, and we'll provide refreshments (to keep you refreshed). Each hour will need two people. We'll be taking tentative signups at our May meeting. Working at Fall Festival is lots of fun, and you get to meet a lot of interesting people. Shade, refreshments, people, fun: mark your calendars!

News & Notes



Thanks to "Oregon's Best Bakers" for bringing cookies to branch meetings this year: Marilyn Treiman, Julie Searcy, Martha Jenkins and Nancy Tolin. Thanks, too, to those who offered but weren't called upon THIS year.

—Joyce Carver, Hospitality Chair

Neal Gladstone Concert in July

On **July 31, 2004**, AAUW is planning a **special get-together**. We will meet at **Tyee Wine Cellars**, 26335 Greenberry Rd. (approx. 5:30), for the **Neal Gladstone Concert**.

We can join each other on the lawn and enjoy the Summer evening. Details and specifics will be sent out via e-mail in July, so mark your calendar now and watch for details later. Any questions? Contact Carolyn Moore 758-0271 or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com

Afternoon Lit Group Outing

The group has agreed to make the trek up to Yvonne Lee's home in Black Butte on Tuesday, June 8, 2004. We will car pool and spend most of the day, having lunch, etc.

Details will be discussed at the May meeting.

Caring and Sharing

(Contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at mcraedic@peak.org with information)

We express our heartfelt sympathy to **Joyce Carver** who lost her husband, Frank, on March 28. Joyce expresses her thanks for the love and support of her AAUW friends.

Dora Swanson, a long-time former member, passed away on April 7, 2004. No services are being held.

Nancy Sanderson's husband had his second knee replacement on March 30. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be walking with ease on his new knee very soon!

Congratulations to **Sue Borden** on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Brennan Ringel on March 17, 2004. She has a great "Grandma Brag Book" which she will be glad to show you!

Sue Borden
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Spring Musicale

Sunday, May 16, 2004, 2:00 p.m.



Return with us once again to a more genteel time, when one's education was not complete unless one could sing or play an instrument. Picture golden spring sunlight slanting through the windows of Nancy Sanderson's music room while you enjoy beautiful music performed by accomplished musicians. Afterwards, enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while discussing the nuances of the performance.

We will present a "Musical" on May 16 at Nancy Sanderson's home (1165 NW 17th St.) at 2:00 p.m. This delightful chamber music concert is a fundraiser for LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund). Tickets are just \$10 and only a limited number are available. Nancy will play the harpsichord, Maureen Beezhold's group, Antiquae Novae, will perform on recorders, and Sue Borden and the Spiritoso Woodwind Quintet will also perform. Sue and Nancy will play together in a couple of duets. While the concert is mostly Baroque, some lively ragtime is included for variety. If you would like to dress in a baroque period costume (1600–1750), please feel free to do so!

This Sunday afternoon musical event is always sold out. The musicians that Nancy gathers for this concert are inspired performers. They will delight and surprise you with their program. Those fortunate enough to attend past performances felt they had returned to an age before television, cell phones, and computers. It is a lovely visit to slower-paced time when entertainment was provided by friends and family. Please join us in this elegant finale of a successful year for the Corvallis Branch of AAUW.

To reserve your place, please call or email Sue Borden (752–6036) (sue.borden@cmug.com). Let Sue know if you can bring a bottle of wine or sparkling cider or an appetizer to share. The \$10 LAF contribution will be collected at the door.



Bucks for Books – AAUW Used Book Sale



Thanks to all of you who brought books and bought books at the Branch Meeting on April 17. We collected \$200 for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) from the book sale—and from the sale of the left over books at the Book Bin. The books that weren't sold at the Book Bin have been donated to the Friends of the Library.

Our speaker, Joyce Lockhard, selected two bags of books for her library project in Uganda—mostly literary classics. So, not only did we make money for LAF, we supplied some books for a library that really needs them.

Big thanks to Rosemary Cunningham and Jan Rounds for volunteering to dispose of the left over books—and to Zel Brook for chipping in for the books that Joyce Lockhard selected. We're more than two-thirds of the way to our LAF goal of \$505 for the year!

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

May 11

#1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Hostess: Muriel Lawrence

930 NW Oakdell Pl.

Please let her know if you're attending

Reviewer: Dorothy Ruff

June 8

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Hostess: Yvonne Lee -- Black Butte

(to be arranged--attend May meeting for details)

Reviewer: Sally Terman

Evening Literature Group

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

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

Mary Mills, 745-7961

May 5

Discussion and Selection of Books for 2004-05

Hostess: Jan Tallis

3550 NW Tanager Drive

757-8060

jantallis1@comcast.net

Leaders: Nancy Tolin and Mary Mills

June 2

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Hostess: Mary Mills

1095 NW Overlook Drive

745-7961

millsmaryr@msn.com

Reviewer: Ann Mills

Gourmet Group

Gourmet Group will meet for a **Scandinavian Dinner** at the home of **Marge and Bob Bromley, 2675 NW Roosevelt Place**, on **Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.**

Any AAUW member (and guest) may attend, so if you've been holding back, it's time to pull up to the table and sample a taste of Europe.

Please reserve your spot by Friday, May 14th, so we will know how many to plan for and can send out recipes, accordingly. To reserve, please **contact Carolyn Moore, 758-0271, or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com.**

Gourmet Group will meet again in August. Watch your e-mail in July for date, theme, and location. It'll be festive and fun. Hope you will plan to attend!

Thanks! *Christine Cantey, Carolyn Moore, and Denise Nervik; Committee co-chairs*

No-Host Lunch

In April, we enjoyed a rainy day lunch at Ruby Tuesday's. Once again, it was fun to share good food with good friends.

On the third Thursday in May, we will meet for lunch at the **Oasis Restaurant** in the Timberhill Shopping Center. The food is Lebanese, and has been enjoyed by several AAUW members. I haven't eaten there yet, have you? Sounds interesting!

If you'd like to join us, just mark your calendar, and drop-in to the Oasis on **Thursday, May 20th, at 11:45 a.m.** Hope you can make it! Any questions, please call Carolyn Moore, 758-0271, or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com.

We will not meet for lunch in June or August, but **we will drop-in for lunch** on the third **Thursday** in July--**July 15th at Nearly Normal's**, 109 NW 15th Street, Corvallis, at **11:45 a.m.** In the past, I understand, this has been a popular lunch! Remember to **mark your calendar**. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Moore (see above).

MAY	Activity	Time	Location
Apr. 30 – May 2	AAUW of OR Convention		Grants Pass
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Jan Tallis, 3550 NW Tanager Dr.
10	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Muriel Lawrence, 930 NW Oakdell Pl.
15	Branch Meeting Spring Brunch	10 a.m.	Stoneybrook Clubhouse 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle
15	Newsletter Deadline		
16	Musicale	2 p.m.	Nancy Sanderson, 1165 NW 17th St.
20	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Oasis Restaurant, Timberhill Shopping Center
22	Gourmet Group	7 p.m.	Marge Bromley, 2675 NW Roosevelt Pl. Reservations required by May 14 to CrCAROLYN@aol.com
JUNE	Activity	Time	Location
2	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	
8	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Yvonnee Lee, Black Butte – TBA
JULY	Activity	Time	Location
15	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Nearly Normals
31	Neal Gladstone Concert	5:30 p.m.	Tyee Wine Cellars



**2004–2005
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:

Rosemary Cunningham
4754 NW Inger Pl.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip +4** _____

Telephone: Home: _____ **Work:** _____

E-Mail: _____

University/College _____ **Highest Degree** _____ **Field of Study** _____

2004–2005 Dues Payment

\$67.00

Branch \$15.00
State \$11.00*
National \$41.00
Total \$67.00

*AAUW of Oregon dues include a one-year subscription to the *Oregon News* at \$0.25.

If you are a Life Member, Student Affiliate Member or Member-at-Large, please contact Rosemary Cunningham (cunninghamrt@comcast.net) 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 \$ _____

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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.