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## Spring Luncheon

*Luncheon Meeting, Book Sale,  
Installation of Officers*

*Celebrate  
Spring!*

**Guest Speaker: Adele Kubein**  
Winner of the 2005 Corvallis  
AAUW Local Scholarship

**10 a.m.**  
**Saturday, May 20, 2006**  
Corvallis Country Club  
1850 SW Country Club Drive



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Reservations needed: Cost \$15

Celebrate all the beauty of spring at the AAUW branch luncheon meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Corvallis Country Club, 1850 SW Whiteside Drive.

On the lunch menu is Cobb salad, rolls, beverages and choices of desserts. The cost is \$15 which includes the gratuity. Checks for the luncheon should be made out to "Corvallis AAUW" and mailed to Stefani McRae Dickey, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath 97370, by Monday, May 15.

Members are encouraged to bring their "lightly-used" books and other media items to the luncheon starting at 9:30 a.m. (paperback books \$1, hardback books \$2, CDs \$2, and DVDs \$3) This is a great opportunity to select some good books for reading on those lazy summer days. If you will not be at the luncheon and have books to donate please contact Marilyn Roland, 752-5257, after May 10.

Branch officers for the 2006-7 year will be installed. Outgoing officers and others in leadership positions will be recognized.

The featured guest speaker is Adele Kubein, winner of the Corvallis Branch Local Scholarship last spring. For more information on Adele, see page 5.

Please join us on May 20 to be inspired by Adele and to enjoy the company of other AAUW members in the lovely atmosphere of the country club.

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# President's Message

President  
Jan Rounds, 754-7730



## Jan's Jottings

I'll give you some hints: she was—and still is—famous. She experienced great sorrow. She was brave! She was noble! She was an inspiration!

*It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness.*

I'd heard this statement before and had always thought it was said hundreds of years ago. This simple-but wise-saying, however, actually came from a 20th-century personality.

And why did I select this quote? Well, it caused me to think about people in general and about myself and about all of you. Where are *we* in this quotation? Truth-be-told, many of you are "the candle." *You* offer light in so many ways. I'm thinking especially of the many of you who quietly go about helping AAUW—and the other organizations you're involved in—thrive! Many of you have already served AAUW by taking on an office in the past. And to those who will serve next year—you will bring "light"!

Speaking of light: your capable incoming president Sue Borden is working hard to fill all Board positions for the year 2006/2007. Some jobs are small, some larger. Please consider helping. You can even call her to—ummmm—*volunteer*!!!! (What a concept!)

Board members have often remarked that the way to really get to know people is to serve on the Board. Of course that can be said of any group. For me, it is especially true of AAUW. I've been on the Board for several years now, and three words describe my experience: *life-long friends*! I hope this is/will be true for many of you as well.

Looking ahead—our May meeting and installation of officers will soon be here. This is always a fun luncheon, and the used book sale is something we all look forward to. The proceeds benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Bring your used books *and* your \$\$\$!

Our AAUW fiscal year ends June 30th. Please try hard to send in your dues to Mary Mills before that date. Earlier would be great! There'll be a drawing at our May meeting for those who have paid by then; five prizes will be awarded!

As for our quote: no cursing here, Eleanor Roosevelt! We light candles!!!

*Jan Rounds,*  
President



# Membership

V.P. Membership  
Louise Livesay, 753-4813; Mary Mills, 745-7961; Nelwyn Price, 754-3612

## New Members

**Holly Harris** and her husband, Ray, have lived in Corvallis for 20 years. She is a retired teacher with a BS and MA from OSU in Elementary ED with an emphasis in reading. She taught at Hoover Elem. in first and second grade.

She is well traveled and has lived in Japan, Germany, Hawaii, Georgia, New York, Wisconsin and Washington State. Holly enjoys reading, exercising, yoga, cooking and traveling.

She was looking for a group that would be intellectually stimulating and open to new members. We are pleased that AAUW fits those requirements. Thanks to Jan Rounds for inviting Holly to join our chapter.

**Dorothy, (DOTTIE) Miller** graduated with a BA degree from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana. She retired as an Administrative Assistant at Good Samaritan Hosp. She and her husband, Richard, have resided in Corvallis for 37 years. Richard retired as a Fisheries Biologist and is now an avid gardener.

They have a combined family of 10 children, 19 grandchildren and twin great granddaughters! Dottie and her husband are avid birders and travel to out of the way places. These travels have taken them to Costa Rica, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, Brazil, Thailand, and Panama.

Dottie enjoys reading, quilting, biking, camping and activities with friends and family. After WWII she did reconstruction work with the Quakers in Poland, Germany and Greece for two years. Dottie was a former AAUW member in Placerville, Ca. and believes that women should have a well rounded education. Dottie is interested in the evening book club.

## Membership Dues

### It's THAT time again, folks!

Yes, it is dues time! As most of you know, our AAUW fiscal year - for branch, state and national ends on June 30th, 2006. For your convenience, there's a [membership application form](#) available in this newsletter or you can bring it to the Brunch on May 20th. National dues have increased by \$2.00 so are now \$45.00. This brings our total dues payment to \$72.00. If you need to receive a print copy of the newsletter, please include an extra \$10.00 to cover printing and postage. Please take time to complete the enclosed membership form and return it, along with your check to: Mary Mills, 1095 NW Overlook Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Paying your dues on time (or early!!), before the June 30th date, makes the required paperwork for both our membership committee and our treasurer tolerable. Dues received late require additional paperwork to be sent to AAUW state and national offices. And since we have more than 100 members, many late dues **greatly** increases that paperwork. Thanks in advance for your consideration. And if you have already paid, kudos to YOU!

## 2005-2006 Directory Update

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# Legal Advocacy Fund

Stefani McRae-Dickey, 929-7988

New LAF Publication

## **AAUW of Oregon sponsored publication *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus (2006)***

Nearly two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment at some point during college, including nearly one-third of first year students, according to the AAUW Educational Foundation's newest research report on campus sexual harassment.

*Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* describes the findings from a nationally representative survey of undergraduate college students conducted in Spring 2005. This survey was conducted by Harris Interactive Inc. This report contributes to our understanding of how college students perceive, experience, and respond to sexual harassment and provides useful information for creating a campus climate that is free from bias and harassment.

### **Facts and Figures**

New AAUW Educational Foundation research on sexual harassment, *Drawing the Line*, shows that:

<b>62%</b>	of female college students and 61% of male college students report having been sexually harassed at their university.
<b>66%</b>	of college students know someone personally who was harassed.
<b>10%</b>	or less of student sexual harassment victims attempt to report their experiences to a university employee.
<b>35%</b>	or more of college students who experience sexual harassment do not tell anyone about their experiences.
<b>80%</b>	of students who experienced sexual harassment report being harassed by another student or former student.
<b>39%</b>	of students who experienced sexual harassment say the incident or incidents occurred in the dorm.

### **The Impact on Victims: Academics and achievement**

Students experience a wide range of effects from sexual harassment that impact their academics including: have trouble sleeping, loss of appetite, decreased participation in class, avoid a study group, think about changing schools, change schools, avoid the library, change major, not gone to a professor/ teaching assistant's office hours. Students may experience multiple effects or just one.

LAF and EF offer a heartfelt 'Thank You!' to AAUW of Oregon. *Drawing the Line* reflects the generous support of AAUW of Oregon, which committed significant funds to support the report's dissemination and to fund campus action projects as part of the AAUW Building a Harassment-Free Campus initiative. For more information go to:

<http://www.aauw.org/research/dtl.cfm>

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## **LAF Book, DVD and CD Sale May 20**

Summer reading season is rapidly approaching. It's time to clean those bookshelves of gently read books, CDs and DVDs and to stock up on great new reads! The LAF book sale is on May 20 at the meeting at the Corvallis Country Club. Paperback books are \$1, hardbound books and CD's are \$2, and DVD's are \$3. What a bargain!

Bring your used books to the meeting or call Stefani, 929-7988, to pick them up. This is a great way to share books you enjoyed and to buy books other AAUW members can recommend. Your support of the book sale is needed because **Equity is Still an Issue.**



I attended the traveling Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration exhibit a few weeks ago on its stop in Grande Ronde. This event gave me the idea to highlight a book about the American Indian culture and the American West in this column. AAUW's Adelante Book Club recommends "One Thousand White Women: The Journals Of May Dodd," by Jim Fergus.

An American western with a most unusual twist, this is an imaginative fictional account of the participation of May Dodd and others in the controversial "Brides for Indians" program. Launched by the administration of Ulysses S Grant, this clandestine U.S. government-sponsored program was intended to instruct "savages" in the ways of civilization and to assimilate the Indians into white culture through the offspring of these unions. May's personal journals, loaded with humor and intelligent reflection, describe the adventures of some very colorful white brides (including one black one), their marriages to Cheyenne warriors, and the natural abundance of life on the prairie before the final press of the white man's civilization. Fergus is gifted in his ability to portray the perceptions and emotions of women. He writes with tremendous insight and sensitivity about the individual community and the political and religious issues of the time, many of which are still relevant today. This book is artistically rendered with meticulous attention to small details that bring to life the daily concerns of a group of hardy souls at a pivotal time in U.S. history.

**ADELE**, *Continued from page 1*

### **Adele Kubein – Winner of the 2005 Corvallis AAUW Local Scholarship**

Adele has resided in Oregon since 1983. She moved here as a single mother to raise her daughter. Adele has been the sole owner and operator of a small landscape service since 1978. She had to leave home at the age of 11 and had received little formal schooling since seventh grade.

Once in Oregon she moved to the rural Bellfountain area and proceeded to build her business through word of mouth. She raised her daughter and put her through five years at Oregon State University. Continuing her own education was always a far-off dream for Adele, but with the help and support of friends and teachers she took the GED exam in the summer of 2001, passed in the top percentiles, and in the fall of 2001 enrolled concurrently in Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College.

Since then Ms. Kubein has completed four years at OSU and will graduate this June. She is currently in the process of applying to the College of Liberal Arts at OSU for a position in the Department of Anthropology's graduate program. Adele tries to return the support she gets from the people of Oregon back to her community in the form of volunteer work.

Since November of 2002 Adele has been active in the peace movement as a spokesperson for Military Families Speak Out. Adele's daughter was injured and disabled in Iraq, and Adele has toured the world to help create bridges of peace between American and international families. She has shared her story and a call for international cooperation as far away as Japan where she was invited as a speaker for the 50th International Mothers' Congress. She continues to garden on the weekends, mentor youth, and work toward the benefit of her community locally and for understanding internationally.

### **A Note from our Historian, Zel Brook**

Please put any Corvallis AAUW articles, pictures, etc. in the mail slot of my art studio at 825 NW 29th Street in Corvallis or mail it to me at 825 NW 29th St. and I will place it in the archive. I appreciate receiving information about the Branch as I will not always be in town and I may miss some articles that people would like to see in the archive. Thanks for your assistance!

### **Bridge Marathon**

Thanks go to those businesses that generously donated prizes for our Bridge Marathon fundraiser. They are:

- The Hilton Garden Inn: *One night at the Inn and dinner for two at the Stadium Grill*
- Hut Airport Shuttle: *Two round trips to the Portland Airport from Corvallis*
- Michael's Landing: *One \$15 gift certificate for a meal at the restaurant*
- Dutch Brothers Coffee: *\$40 in "Coffee Bucks"*

The next time you're in any of these places please also thank them in person.

# Interest Groups

## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271  
[CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com)

### **May 9**

Guest Author, Paul VanDevelder, will discuss his book Coyote Warrior.

Hostess: Louise Livesay  
2182 NW Myrtlewood Way

**Special Note:** Any/all Book nominations for Sept. '06 - Jan. '07 must reach Carolyn Simmons by Sunday, May 7th, since ballots will be finalized and passed out at the May 9th meeting. Call or e-mail any suggestions you may have by May 7th to Carolyn at: 758-0271 or [CrCarolyn@aol.com](mailto:CrCarolyn@aol.com)

## Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Gray, 752-5970  
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

### **May 3**

Members will choose books to be read next year

Hostess – Jan Tallis  
3550 NW Tanager  
757-8060

## No-Host Lunch

In April, we enjoyed a nice meal together at Ruby Tuesdays. In May, we will meet at 11:45 a.m., on the 3rd Thursday, **May 18th**, at **El Sol de Mexico**, 1597 NW 9th Street.

Reservations are not necessary. Just mark your calendar and come by for good food and good friends. Ole`!

Contact person: Carolyn Simmons 758-0271 or [CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com)

## ***Caring & Sharing***

(Contact Jan Rounds, [donjan@peak.org](mailto:donjan@peak.org), with information)

Our love and sympathy to **Nelwyn and Doug Price**; Nelwyn's brother passed away recently. We are thinking of you these days.

Best wishes to **Nancy Sanderson**. Heath issues rudely interrupted her Arizona stay and will cause the Sandersons to return to Corvallis later than usual. We miss you, Nancy!

## **Program Ideas Wanted!**

It's time to start planning for our 2006/2007 Branch meetings. If you have suggestions for our Program Committee, there will be a clipboard available at the May meeting for you to jot down your ideas! We look forward to them. Thanks!



## 2006-2007 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:**

Mary Mills  
1095 NW Overlook Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97330

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

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

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

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

### 2006-2007 Dues Payment

**\$72.00**

Branch \$16.00  
State \$11.00\*  
National \$45.00  
Total \$72.00

\*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 Mary Mills ([millsmaryr@msn.com](mailto:millsmaryr@msn.com)) 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**

AAUW dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, but 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.



# Events Calendar

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MAY	Activity	Time	Location
3	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Jan Tallis, 3550 NW Tanager
8	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	US Bank (corner of 9th & Walnut)
9	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Louise Livesay, 2182 NW Myrtlewood Way
15	Newsletter deadline		
18	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	El Sol de Mexico, 1597 NW 9th Street
20	Branch Program <b>Spring Luncheon</b>	10 a.m.	Corvallis Country Club, 1850 SW Country Club Drive