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Branch Program

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AAUW Spring Luncheon
Saturday, May 16, 2009, 10:00 AM
Corvallis Country Club
850 SW Whiteside Drive

- *Legal Advocacy Fund Book Sale
- *Speaker Nicki Bezanson, Corvallis AAUW's local scholarship winner
- *Time for socializing

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Menu and Reservations:

The luncheon menu includes Cobb salad with smoked turkey and bacon, breads, beverages, desserts, and gratuity. Cost will be \$15--same as last year. Reservation checks should be made out to "Corvallis AAUW" and sent to Sue Borden, 1150 NW Oak Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330. Please indicate if you would like a vegetarian salad. Deadline for reservations is May 8. Our goal is to receive a minimum of 30 reservations so please try to attend this event. Of course, we'd like to see all of you.

Book Sale:

Please bring your gently-used books and other media items with you to the luncheon. It would be helpful if you could arrive just before 10 a.m. with your items. If you cannot attend, contact Marilyn Roland, 752-5257, or email rolandm2@comcast.net and she will pick up your items. All proceeds will benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund.



Speaker:

Nicki Bezanson is the recipient of our \$1000 local scholarship for 2008. She is a junior at Oregon State University majoring in psychology. Her ultimate goal is to earn a master's degree in criminal psychology. To supplement her income, she works at Jamie's Great Hamburgers. In her very limited spare time she enjoys singing karaoke and creating black and white pencil drawings. She has a very interesting life story to relate to us. Come hear her!



Educational Foundation

AAUW Branch & State Local Scholarship Program

The Corvallis Branch has chosen to participate in this scholarship pilot program. The following information is extracted from the *AAUW Current Topics Briefing #21*, dated March 3, 2009.

This voluntary program, set to launch August 1, 2009 for scholarships to be awarded for the 2010-11 academic year, preserves the ability of branches and states to establish their own scholarship amounts and eligibility and selection criteria and to retain their authority to decide which candidate/s will receive its scholarship awards, and how much each will receive. The purpose of this voluntary program is to create a centralized, standardized, online undergraduate scholarship application posting and processing initiative that will support our local scholarship program. As a participating branch, we will post our scholarships and their eligibility criteria on the AAUW website. The branch may continue to advertise locally and on our website.

The goal is to provide a simple, reliable web portal for students seeking fund-

ing, make it easy for applicants to find out about our scholarship opportunities, and to submit an application online. The program verifies the accuracy of the applicant's information for our branch. We continue to select our recipients.

An overview of the process follows:

- The branch completes the information data form included in a notification e-mail sent to the branch president and other branch leaders on December 15, 2009.
- When applicants go to the AAUW undergraduate scholarship webpage, they will find a drop-down menu listing all participating branches/states and the specific criteria specified by the branch.
- Each scholarship applicant will fill out only one standard form online application form that includes her general eligibility criteria. Once an applicant has completed the online form, the drop-down menu of scholarships for which they are eligi-

ble will appear on the screen. Each applicant can then apply for the specific scholarship(s) for which they wish to be a candidate.

- These applicants will be processed and verified by the AAUW educational contractor, ACT, Inc. and sent to the branch by March 14, 2010 for their award determinations.
- The branch must inform ACT of their award decisions by April 15, 2010.
- If desired, ACT can notify the winner and non-winners on behalf of the branch on May 14, 2010

This program is meant to extend scholarship marketing to a wider student audience and to give confidence that the applications that are received are accurate representations of the candidates' qualifications. Lastly, it presents a more comprehensive picture of the AAUW community's educational philanthropy and provides reliable data that can demonstrate the financial support provided to women by AAUW at the national, state, and local levels.

By Educational Foundation Chair
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Membership

Membership Dues

Thanks to the members who have already sent in applications and membership dues for 2009-2010. There has been no increase in dues for the coming year. Because of changes at the national level, \$46 of the \$49 National Dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. At our May luncheon on May 16, we will have a drawing for those who have paid by that date. The prize is that the National Dues will be paid for you – a value of \$49! The membership form is available online at www.corvallis-aauw.org

aauw.org and in this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it, with a check made out to "Corvallis AAUW", to Edie Lee, 7550 NW Mountain View, Corvallis, OR 97330 by or before June 30, 2009.

Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a **friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece**—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

She will receive a free one-year member-at-large AAUW membership! This is a \$49 value.

By Membership Co-Vice President
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She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

Complete the online membership application at <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfml#eform>

Or...

Download the application at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/forms/upload/Give-a-Grad-a-Gift-Application-Form-PDF.pdf





**2009 - 2010
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 _____

2009-2010 Dues Payment

\$77.00

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

If you are a Life Member, Student Affiliate Member or Member-at-Large, please contact Edie Lee (edie.lee@lifetime.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 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.



AAUW Public Policy

AAUW, the WAGE Project Join Forces to Address Equal Pay

AAUW and The WAGE Project have announced the formation of a partnership to ensure that women graduating from college start their careers knowing how to negotiate for fair and equal pay. This partnership will offer smart Campus Negotiation Workshops to 500 college campuses over the next three years. These nuts-and-bolts workshops, piloted by WAGE in 2007 and 2008 on more than 60 campuses, will be presented by trained AAUW facilitators. AAUW and WAGE urge all campuses in the nation to offer this valuable workshop, which can serve as a powerful influence in the lives of young women. The gender wage gap begins as early as the first year after a woman graduates from college, according to AAUW's research report, *Behind the Pay Gap*. A decade after graduation, it widens. In fact, AAUW found that the gap is clear even when women have the same major and occupation as their male coun-

terparts. Over a 40-year career, college-educated women will have an average lifetime loss of roughly \$1 million. In higher-paying fields, such as law, the wage gap can result in even greater lifetime losses - and long-term significantly impact retirement and Social Security income. Nationwide, working families lose \$200 billion of income annually to the gender wage gap. And as benefits, raises, and job offers are typically based on current earnings, a fair wage at the beginning of a career can help set the stage for lifetime equity. "Smart Campus Negotiation Workshops combine the vast membership of AAUW with the innovation of WAGE workshops to advance pay equity for working women," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "AAUW is well known for fighting to close the wage gap through our efforts on Capitol Hill and our other advocacy work. With these workshops, we will be on the front lines, mentoring young women to become their own best advocates." "Empowering college women with knowledge

and tools to counteract the reality of the gender wage gap is the objective of The WAGE Project's smart Campus Negotiation Workshops. WAGE is thrilled to have this opportunity to partner with AAUW members to bring smart workshops to women in colleges, community colleges, and universities throughout the United States. When these women graduate, they will have a better chance to get the paychecks they deserve," said Evelyn Murphy, president of WAGE. The gender pay gap persists because of inadequate knowledge about its devastating impact and causes, inequitable treatment of working women, and women's lack of knowledge about negotiating for a fair and equal salary. Negotiating salaries is a challenge for women at all stages of their careers, but it is an essential tool-along with stronger anti-discrimination laws and better enforcement of existing policies-to achieving economic security for women and their families.

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Letter from Barbara O'Connor

Letter from Barbara O'Connor, President, AAUW Educational Foundation

As we begin a new year, with a new administration that expresses strong commitment to pay equity, it couldn't be better timing for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's own frontal assault on workplace discrimination. This year, we are launching our enhanced emphasis on case support of strategic sex discrimination litigation. Our expanded vision for LAF will be more inclusive and will support plaintiffs in any workplace.

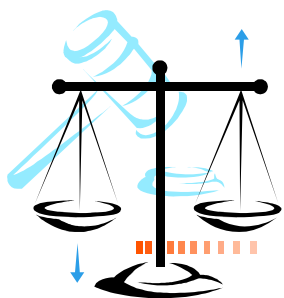
We are looking to organizational partners, collaborators, and you, our members, to help us target cases in which AAUW's

voice will make a difference, and we are already receiving case recommendations. We hope that, with your help, we can continue to learn about cases that can set precedents we need and want, not only to gain justice for the plaintiffs we support, but as to prevent future discrimination and create a climate that lets employers know that workplace discrimination will be punished. Please send your case recommendations to laf@aauw.org.

We are also strengthening our online presence. Important updates relating to LAF work are always listed on the main LAF web page, www.aauw.org/laf. Visit our blog, AAUW Dialog, <http://blog-aauw.org>, any time and read posts by LAF

staff discussing relevant news items and LAF events. You may also want to visit the Online Resource Library, www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/lafnetwork/library/index.cfm, to access updated and expanded sections on topics like pay equity, sexual harassment, Title IX and athletics, FMLA, pregnancy discrimination and sexual assault on campus. In addition, new this year, you can access a list of current news stories that address our issues to help you keep up with these topics in national and regional news.

Thank you for your support. You make LAF work possible!



Remember the LAF Book Sale, May 16th

Save the date May 16 for the AAUW luncheon and book sale fundraiser at Corvallis Country Club (details on the first page). Please bring your gently-used books and other media items to the event. If possible, please come before 10:00 to put your items out for the sale. If possible, please come before 10:00





AAUW Interest Groups

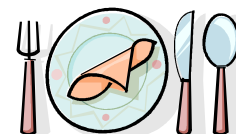
Gourmet Group

With Spring in the air, the last Gourmet Dinner of the season took place on the 25th of April. As usual, participants had fun preparing, serving and, of course, consuming the

meal. Please check the Sept. newsletter for information about 2009 - 2010 Gourmet Dinner plans.

By Brenda Rowley

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



No Host Lunch

On Thursday, May 21st @11:45, please drop in for a bite of lunch and a brief visit with your AAUW friends. We'll meet at "**Block 15**" (a new one for me) at the corner of 3rd

and Jackson. This is such a casual, friendly, and fun monthly event! Any/all interested members are always welcome! Contact

By Carolyn Simmons

Person: Carolyn Simmons, CrCAROLYN@aol.com, 758-0271. Hope to see you there!



Afternoon Literature Group

We will meet at 2:00 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday, May 12th, at the home of Brenda Rowley, 1581 Hillcrest Drive. Elizabeth Waldorf will be leading us in

the discussion of Michael Polan's book, In Defense of Food. This is a great book for our current times. Looking forward to seeing you

By Carolyn Simmons

there. Contact Person: Carolyn Simmons, CrCAROLYN@aol.com, 758-0271.



Evening Literature Group

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday, May 6th, to discuss book selections for next year. Please bring any ideas you have for our book selection and be prepared to

briefly present it to the group. Socializing starts at 7:15; the discussion will begin at 7:45. The meeting will be at the home of Chris Smith, 3544 NW Goldfinch Place. Please

By Carol Sumner & Ann Brodie

call her at 753-1070, or email her at Big5komm@comcast.net if you plan to attend.





EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
6	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Chris Smith, 3544 NW Goldfinch Place
11	Board Meeting	12:30pm	Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance, 420 NW 2nd St.
12	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Brenda Rowley, 1581 NW Hillcrest Drive
15	June/July Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
16	Branch Program—Spring Luncheon	10:00am	Corvallis Country Club 850 SW Whiteside Drive
21	No-Host Lunch—Block 15	11:45am	Block 15 3rd & Jackson