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Branch Program

AAUW Spring Luncheon and LAF Book Sale



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Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10 a.m.
Corvallis Country Club
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Come and meet your AAUW friends and acquaintances at our annual luncheon and enjoy the beautiful country club atmosphere.

Speaker

Amanda Jean Halama is this year's older-than-average \$1000 winner of our branch's local scholarship to Oregon State University. She will share her academic experiences and will tell you more about her life outside of the classroom.

Book Sale

Please bring any gently-used books or other media items to the luncheon by 9:45 a.m. If you need to have your books picked up, please contact Marilyn Roland, 541-752-5257, or email rolandm2@comcast.net. The book sale offers wonderful opportunities for your summer reading pleasure and helps women who are seeking equity in the workplace.

Luncheon

The luncheon for \$16.00 includes a luncheon salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea and gratuities. The salads offered are:

- Traditional Cobb Salad
- Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad (with bacon, strawberries, pecans) and a Dijon vinaigrette dressing
- Vegetarian Version of the Spinach Salad

Reservations

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 5. Please send your **reservation check** made out to "Corvallis AAUW" and the **salad choice** to Marilyn Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330. We need 25 reservations to break even on this event. Please join us for this enjoyable morning!

Bridge Marathon Results

By Sue Borden
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Winners in the 2009-2010 AAUW Bridge Marathon were announced at the Marathon Awards Bridge Party on Monday, April 12, at the Corvallis Country Club. The Grand Prize Winning team was Ellen Ethington and Sheryl Kirkpatrick with 14,880 points. Barbara Livernois and Jeannine George took second prize with 14,460 points. Beth Arnoff and Rosemary Owen came in third with 14,240 points. Other group winners were Norm and Pat Bishop, Mary Brauti and Kay Enbom, Lucy Newton and Janie Penner, Ann Hilderbrand and Donna Lewis, Ellie Edwards and Millie Elder, Meredith Baughman and Karla Stewart, and David and Anne Grappo. Betty Gibb had the high score for the evening's play. Karen Nelson came in second, Eleanor Scott claimed third prize, and Margie Bur-

nett was fourth.

Evelyn and I want to recognize all those members of AAUW who helped make the Awards Party a great success: Urchyl Bohard, who organized the refreshments, Edie Shields and Edie Lee, who came and helped with whatever needed to be done, Diana Bernstein who was a prize runner for the evening, Nancy Sanderson who helped register players, Muriel Lawrence who contributed some prizes and brought brownies, Stefani McRae-Dickey and Louise Wiprud, who contributed delicious tea sandwiches, Marilyn Roland who brought a lovely fruit plate and stayed to help, Julie Searcy who contributed a veggie plate, Nelwyn Price who contributed some prizes, and many other

members who donated books, lotions, kitchen items, baskets, and a myriad of other things that became prizes for the players. Special recognition should go to Ann Mills, who made arrangements with the Country Club and collected and compiled all the scores.

After expenses are paid, the Bridge Marathon project should add \$2000 to our local scholarship fund—enough to provide a scholarship to OSU and to LBCC, plus donations to Adventures in Learning (a summer program for talented and gifted youngsters) and other worthy programs that encourage young girls to pursue academic excellence.

Thanks again to everyone who helped.





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Legal Advocacy Fund

By LAF Liaison
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Case Support

AAUW has signed an amicus brief for *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, a case that will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. The court will rule 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. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld the university's policy. AAUW joins other amicus signers in supporting the school, the separation of church and state, and

religious liberty. You can read the amicus brief of our partner, the Anti-Defamation League.

There are no new updates this month on the five cases LAF currently supports. Learn about their status on the AAUW website.

LAF Webinar

Join LAF staff on May 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. EDT for a 45-minute webinar about the latest LAF programs and case updates. After the webinar there will be 15 minutes for questions and discussion. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to laf@aauw.org to re-

ceive the call information.

Campus Sexual Assault

Soon you can access a new Program in a Box about campus sexual assault created in collaboration with SAFER (Students Active for Ending Rape). The PIAB introduces a new, more user-friendly format and includes guidelines for what different audiences can do about this issue, including current students, alumni, faculty/staff, parents of current or prospective students, and AAUW branches.



Membership

By Edie Lee

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Membership Dues



There has been no increase in dues for the coming year. Remember that \$46 of the \$49 National Dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. At our May luncheon on May 15, we will have a drawing for those who have paid by that date. The

prize is one of two gift baskets. The membership form is available online at www.corvallis-aauw.org and in this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it in with a check made out to "Corvallis Branch AAUW" by June 30th. It is now possible to renew your membership on line using a credit

card. You need to know your member ID and password to logon to the member services database. The url is https://svc.aauw.org/recore/MPP/MPP_Individual.asp. If you don't remember your ID, it's on the address label of your Outlook magazine.

Give a Grad A Gift

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a **friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece**—a free AAUW membership. There is no

cost to you or to her!

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

value. 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>

New Member Profile—Cathy Law

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 PHD — 2008 Public Administration & Policy, Portland State University
 Teaching Credential— 1991 Multicultural Education, Sacramento State University
 BA - 1989 Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Currently, Cathy is the Director of Saturday Academy at OSU and an instructor in the College of Education. Throughout her career she has taught everything from preschool through graduate school.

She has lived in Oregon for 17 years. The first 6 were in Portland but she moved to Corvallis 11 years ago when she met her husband. Before living in Oregon she lived in

California. She was born and raised in the Palo Alto area, went to college in Los Angeles, and then spent 3 ½ years in Sacramento before moving to Oregon in 1993.

She has been married to her "incredible" husband, Steve George, for 10 years. She has two wonderful children, Sebastian (almost 8), and Maggie (almost 3 ½). She is an animal lover, but particularly loves cats. Her husband calls

her the "cat whisperer".

She has been a swimmer all of her life and still competes off and on. She and her husband met at a Master's swim meet.



**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.

Public Policy

Best Countries for Women Announced

In honor of International Women's Day, Professor Nancy Folbre of University of Massachusetts, Amherst reviewed lists of "The World's Best Countries for Women." Based on the criteria, the United States ranked 13th on the Human Development Index, 18th and 19th on the Gender Empowerment Measure and Gender-Related Development Index, 31st by the World Economic Forum and a 65/80 by Social Watch. While none of these scores measure all aspects of life, Norway, Sweden and Australia were some of the highest ranking countries for women.

Federal Government Not Hiring As Many Women

According to a new report by Federally Employed Women, the number of women in top positions within the federal workforce is much lower than that of men. While that number nearly doubled between 1992 and 2003, there has been relatively no change since 2006. The report cites a lack of training and cross-training as major reasons for the lack of women in top positions, and that training funds are typically cut under budget restraints. Thus, in today's economic climate, women

are provided fewer opportunities to advance to top federal positions.

Pay Inequity for Unmarried Americans

Women's Voices. Women Vote and Lake Research Partners recently released 50 Years of Unmarried America: The Status and Importance of Unmarried America, a comprehensive report that focuses specifically on unmarried women. According to the report, the number of unmarried women has nearly tripled in the last 50 years, yet these women continue to make only 56 cents to the dollar in comparison to a married man. Additionally, findings show that 79 percent of women in poverty are unmarried, demonstrating the economic need for pay equity between women and men.

Wage Gap in Academic Medicine

Women in academic medicine earn significantly less than their male counterparts, according to a study released in April's Academic Medicine. Researchers sampled at random 3,000 life science employees at the top 50 academic medical centers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) looking to explain the gender wage gap. The study found that

over a 30 year period, full-time female faculty members made almost \$215,000 less than men of equal standing, and nearly \$700,000 less over a full career. Professors Eric Campbell, PhD, and Catherine DesRoches, DrPh, have linked their work on the study with the need for a systematic change in the field. AAUW believes in equal pay for equal work and has long fought to end wage discrimination. Take Action! Urge your senators to fight for pay equity by acting swiftly on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182/H.R. 12) to ensure the change hard working Americans need to receive equal pay.

Senate Committee to Consider Women's History Museum

On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works postponed a business meeting to consider the National Women's History Museum Act of 2009. This bill would allow the National Women's History Museum, a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution, to purchase land across from the National Mall for the purpose of building a museum in appreciation of women's many accomplishments and contributions to our nation. A new date for the meeting has not yet been set.





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Interest Groups

No Host Lunch

By Hope Reenstjerna

Ooh La La! Join the group on the 3rd Thursday, May 20. We will meet at Le Patisserie, a French bakery,

956 NW Circle Blvd. (near Richie's Grocery Store). Arrive by 11:45 a.m., so we can get a good table.

Contact person:

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Afternoon Literature Group

By Hope Reenstjerna

Take part in an energetic conversation at 2:00 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday, May 11 at the home of Yvonne Lee, 1805 NW Hawthorne

Pl. Charlotte Drost will lead the discussion of Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. Contact per-

son: Charlotte Drost, 753-7253

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Evening Literature Group

By Elaine McManus & Rosemary Cunningham

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday May 5 to discuss the selection of next year's books. Socializing starts at 7:15; the discussion will begin at

7:45. The meeting will be held at the home of Sheryl Dahl, 5836 SW Englewood Ave. Please call her at 541-766-6034 or email her at

sheryln.dayl@co.benton.or.us if you plan to attend.





EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
5	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Sheryln Dahl, 5836 SW Englewood Ave
5	AAUW Board Meeting	2:00pm	Benton County Schools Credit Union 2001 NW Professional Dr., Corvallis
11	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Yvonne Lee, 1805 NW Hawthorne Place
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
15	Spring Luncheon and LAF Book Sale	10:00am	Corvallis Country Club 1850 SW Whiteside Drive
20	No Host Lunch	11:45am	Le Patisserie (Near Richie's Market) 956 NW Circle Blvd