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ANTHONY'S AIRPORTER

has donated a roundtrip shuttle ticket to the Portland Airport!

The free raffle tickets and drawing will be held at the Spring Brunch.



Saturday, May 17, 10 A.M.
Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 1710 SW Hollyhock Circle



Spring Brunch Artists and Musicians of AAUW

AAUW artists displaying their work are
**Zel Brook, Irene Lilja, Esmeralda Reyes-Allen,
Sally Terman, Jane Ann Warkentin, and Shirley Wirth.**

**Sue Bordon, clarinet, and Judy Krueger, piano,
will present a lively program for us.**

Sue played with the Corvallis-OSU Symphony for many years. She now plays with Corvallis Community Band, Alder Creek Woodwind Quintet, and Beaver Country Hot Air Band.

Artists' work will be displayed throughout the sun filled Stoneybrook Clubhouse. Members are invited to enjoy the artwork while renewing friendships. The Brunch buffet will be served at about 10:30 with the program to follow. Special recognitions and installation of officers will complete the meeting.

Please invite another member to car pool with you. **We now have 100 members!** Let's have as many as possible attend the meeting to celebrate.

Please bring Salad or Breakfast Breads to share.

Members whose last name begins with:

A – K Bring breakfast bread, muffins, coffee cake, croissants, doughnuts, or other baked item cut into individual servings.

L – Z Bring salads with serving utensils.

Directions to Stoneybrook. Take 53rd south to Country Club Drive. Turn east on Country Club Drive (left), go a couple of blocks to SW Stoneybrook Street and turn south (right). The Clubhouse will be on your right as you reach the lodge. Parking is limited, so please car pool or plan to park on the street rather than in Stoneybrook parking spaces. Most parking spaces are reserved for residents. Thank you!

If you need a ride to the meeting or can offer a ride please call Stefani at 929-7988.

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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.**

LAF Book Sale!

Bring and buy books for LAF at May 17 meeting. Only \$1 per book! Please bring singles or small bills to make your purchases easier. Proceeds help women reach equity in our colleges and universities.

Martha's Musings

We've come a long way, baby—but it's not long enough. According to Census Bureau* figures released in March, a highly educated white man still makes more money than anyone else. On the average, a white man with a college degree earned about \$65,000 in 2001. A similarly educated white woman made about 40 percent less, or \$37,000. A man with a bachelor's degree will earn \$2.5 million from ages 25–64; a woman with a bachelor's degree will earn \$1.6 million. We have a long way to go to achieve pay equity.



One of the statistics that surprised me concerned the number of people completing a bachelor's degree. According to the Census Bureau, more than 29 percent of whites are college graduates compared with 17 percent of blacks, about 11 percent of Hispanics, and 50 percent of Asian residents. I once heard an AAUW member (not from our branch!) at Convention wonder if there now were so many college-educated women that AAUW's mission was no longer relevant. After seeing these statistics, I would say our mission is more relevant than ever!

The AAUW of OR Convention that we just hosted expressed our belief that education shapes the future. The Yes I Can! Transitions Conference that we are co-sponsoring with the Albany Branch and that takes place on May 3^d at Linn-Benton Community College provides us with the opportunity to take action on this belief. As of April 15th, thirty-eight participants have registered. This is a really good response for a first-time event. If you are available to assist with the conference, even in a small way, please call Conference Coordinator Nancy Brown (Albany Branch) 928-6779 or e-mail her at coachnancy@attbi.com.

It may take a while but Yes, We Can—make a difference in the lives of women and girls!

*To see the full Census Bureau report, go to www.census.gov/newonsite and click on "Educational Attainment in the United States: 2002 and 2001".

Martha Jenkins

President

GIVE A GRAD A GIFT ... A FREE AAUW MEMBERSHIP!

As an AAUW member, you can now give a grad* – a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece – a free AAUW membership.



Your recruit will receive a one-year member-at-large membership – a \$40 value. She can join a branch at any time, and be responsible for paying only branch and state dues. For the online membership application, type in the following: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/gradgift.cfm.

If you don't have access to a computer, contact Rosemary Cunningham for assistance at 753-1319.

*Degree must be a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited institution.

Membership F.Y.I.

100 Members!

We have reached a new peak in membership this year—100 wonderful members! Now the challenge is to encourage and invite our new members to become involved in branch meetings and activities. Why not invite a new member to attend a meeting or interest group with you? How about bringing a buddy to the May Brunch? A list of new members who have joined during the year is included in the newsletter. Give a new member a call and make a new friend!

As you recall, the “As You Like It” interest group took a one-day trip to Ashland to view the play, *Present Laughter*, by Noel Coward. The comedy was entertaining, extremely well done, and the Ashland restaurants served up delicious food with cozy atmosphere. Everyone seemed to have a great time and, except for damp weather, spirits were high and dry! **Martha Jenkins, Diana Bernstein and Rosemary Cunningham** contributed snacks and beverages. The following members and their companions traveled to Ashland: **Mary Lou Russ, Carol Nelson, Linda Lovett, Joyce Carver, Mary Geisler, Martha and Bill Jenkins, Dorothy Ruff, Anne-Lise Olsen, Julie Searcy, Patty Eberhardt, Ruth and Tom Gallagher, Jan and Don Rounds, Sue and Jerry Borden, Rebekah Lancelin and Chad Fell, Diana and Seth Bernstein, Esmeralda and Todd Reyes-Allen, Mary Lou Noble, Rosemary and Tom Cunningham.** It's time for another “As You Like It” experience! Who has an idea and would like help making it a reality? Membership will gladly assist.



Getting Acquainted With New Members



Pam Turner splits her professional time as a general internist at Corvallis Clinic and medical director of Benton Hospice Services. She earned her BA in Biology at the University of California in San Diego and her MD at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. This, in turn, was followed by her internship and residence at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. After practicing medicine in McMinnville, Oregon for five years, Pam and her family moved to Corvallis where they have resided since 1991. Pam's husband, Bob Turner, is on the faculty in Biology at Western Oregon University, and daughter, Lindsay, is a junior at Carelton College. One large dog and one fat cat complete the family household.

Pam engages in relaxing activities such as walking the dog, yoga, gardening, and playing the piano, also finding time to read medical journals and novels. She loves to travel – most recently to Bolivia, where Lindsay studied last term. Currently working part-time and having Lindsay away at college, Pam has more time to participate in the community. When asked why she joined AAUW, Pam replied, “Education is so important; it's one way I can give back some of the support I received through my years of school. I also expect to make some new friends outside of my work.” Pam found out about us from our local web site, and has already become a valuable member of our evening literature group.

Newlyweds, **Esmeralda Reyes-Allen** and Todd Allen moved to Corvallis last October. Because Todd is a resourceful travel agent, they were able to celebrate their marriage by traveling to exotic countries including Greece, Philippines, Hawaii and Spain.

Before moving to Corvallis, Emeraldalda worked for thirty years in public administration and personnel for the City University of New York and the City of New York. Her qualifications include a BFA from Herbert H. Lehman College and an Executive Masters of Public Affairs from the Baruch College of The City University of New York (CUNY).

Esmeralda retired in 1996, dedicating herself to the redevelopment of her fine arts career. Among her many interests are painting, sculpture, photography and traveling. She joined AAUW to “help in the movement for equality in education for women.” The Fall Festival booth was Esmeralda's first encounter with the Corvallis Branch, and she's enthusiastic about meeting other AAUW artists!

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! DUES TIME AGAIN !

This is a reminder to pay your 2003-2004 dues BEFORE June 30th.

The new membership year begins on July 1st. Our fiscal year ends June 30th and we like to be able to send as many renewals as possible with the year-end report. It will save our membership chair lots of phoning and emailing and make her job much easier.

So please fill out the **dues statement** and send it in today!

Focus: Judicial Nominees

With the shift in Senate leadership after the November elections, judicial nominees pose an even greater threat to the rights of women and families. Consider this: as the U. S. Supreme Court stands now, *Roe v. Wade* is sustained by the slimmest of margins: 5–4. Should a Supreme Court seat be vacated, the chosen successor's position on reproductive rights could tip the balance.

Yet many cases never reach the Supreme Court. The 13 federal circuit courts decide cases that affect day-to-day lives, ruling on issues such as individual liberties, privacy, health and safety, and the environment. Judicial appointments to these courts are lifelong, making it even more critical to choose fair individuals with a proven commitment to justice for all.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is considering some of the most conservative and controversial judicial nominations—among them, Michael McConnell and Dennis Shedd, whose records reflect hostility to reproductive and civil rights. Nominees with a history of challenging these rights or the separation of church and state put fairness at stake.

AAUW is committed to promoting equity for women and girls and the rights of all Americans. When those rights are threatened—as they may be with ultra-conservative judges on the bench—action is necessary. Make sure your voice is heard.

...Ellen S. Buchman, AAUW Interim Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

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Interest Groups

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Val Krauss 766–8916

May 13

"*Atonement*" by Ian McEwan

Host: Urchyl Bohard
7525 Mountain View Dr.

Reviewer: Elise Love

Book for June: "Love of a Good Woman" by Alice Munro

Adelante

May 2003: "*Kitchen*" by Banana Yoshimoto tells two stories: "Kitchen" and "Moonlightshadow". These stories as told through the eyes of two Japanese women deal with the themes of mothers, love, kitchens, and tragedy. This Adelante book can be purchased from Amazon.com at a discount.

Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 745 7396
Nancy Tolin, 752 6656

May 7

General discussion and choice of books for 2003–2004

Hostess: Barbara Mykrantz
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June 4

"*Five Quarters of the Orange*" by Joanne Harris

Hostess: Jan Snyder
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Reviewer: Mary Gray

May, it's the height of spring flower season--and the state legislative season. With the arrival of the both the Governor's and the Legislature's proposed 2003-05 budgets in mid-April, the lobbying and jockeying for funds has begun in earnest in Salem.

Some bills that AAUW Oregon has been following:

“ **HB2624**– Minimum wage indexing removal. This bill would remove the incremental increase in the voter approved minimum wage.

Health-related bills:

“ Along party lines, the Oregon House voted to require a woman to wait 24 hours prior to an abortion (**HB 2547**). Even if the senate passes this bill, the governor has promised to veto it.

“ **HB 2987** Permits carrier to impose waiver of coverage for one or more pre-existing conditions for limited time period for individual health benefit plan coverage.

“ **HB 3431** Permits carrier offering individual health benefit plans to limit individual health benefit plans in which individual may elect to enroll.

“ **HB 3156** Terminates county health department authority in matters involving dispensing of food (restaurant health inspections).

“ **SB 1** Prohibits health insurers from imposing treatment limitations, limit on total payments or financial requirements on coverage for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, and for mental and nervous conditions unless similar limitations or requirements are imposed.

“ **SB 178** for Student Child Care grants.

“ **SB785** Insurance Coverage for Breast Reconstruction following Mastectomy. Bill would require decision to be made by woman and physician and not insurance company for coverage of the reconstruction.

“ **SB 783** Requires employers (25 or more employees) to provide unpaid rest breaks to breast-feed or express milk if providing rest periods does not cause undue hardship on operation of business.

Education-related bills:

“ The “Parents As Scholars” **HB 2450**, passed out of House Education with a unanimous vote. It was amended to include all educational areas so we must monitor to make sure those getting the benefits don't get trade school instead of college. This bill would not pay for tuition or books but would allow someone going to school to receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

“ **HB 3104** Removes requirement that school district provide transportation to students who reside certain distances from school.

“ **HB 3557** exempts public charter schools that are operated by school district from the requirement that public charter school must be established as a nonprofit organization.

“ **HCR 6** Reaffirms commitment to fund kindergarten through grade 12 public education.

“ **SB 651** Prohibits school district board from contracting with vendor to sell to students food or drink that does not meet federal standards.

Revenue-related bills:

“ **SB 292** Extends Sunset date for corporate income and excise tax credit for donation of certain computer equipment and scientific equipment.

“ **SB 492** Creates tax credit for principal paid by taxpayer on student loan.

“ **SB 798** Establishes tax credit for teachers for expenses incurred from purchasing certain educational supplies used by teacher to instruct students.

“ **HB 3129** Allows income or corporate excise tax credit for contributions that qualify as charitable contributions under federal law.

Senator Frank Morse also forwarded a proposal for reforming the kicker recently that included creating a “rainy day” fund out of part of the potential kicker refund—an idea well worth exploring! I don't think it's a formal bill yet, but it's something to keep an eye on in the future.

To view the Ways and Means Committee's proposed budget for 2003-05:

http://www.leg.state.or.us/press_releases

I also recommend the League of Women Voters' state website: <http://www.open.org/~lwvorf/>

Thyme Garden Luncheon, July 8



Our July 8 meeting will be a luncheon at the Thyme Garden in Alsea. Please come enjoy a gourmet meal in a lovely setting. The lavender lemonade is fabulous! Stroll in the beautiful herb garden, along the shady riverside, or visit the forest pond complete with ducks. The butterfly garden will inspire you to expand your own garden. Herb, butterfly and bird plants are available in the nursery at reasonable prices.

The cost for Luncheon is \$18. This is a very full gourmet meal and well worth the \$18.

Please complete the [registration form](#) and mail in \$18 to reserve your place.

Deadline for registration is June 17.

Mail to Julie Searcy, 2854 NW Angelica Dr., Corvallis 97330-3618

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Women in Charge is the title of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders sponsored by AAUW on June 19-21, 2003 in Providence, RI. This conference is open to women student leaders from all over the country. For further information and registration materials, see www.aauw.org. If you know a college or university woman who is in a campus or community leadership role, please let her know about the conference. Scholarship funds are available.

AAUW Yearbook Information

Each year the yearbook is updated to reflect changes in addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, etc. The information for these changes usually comes from the dues renewal form that is found in this newsletter. Please fill this form out completely and remember that your work number, if you have included one, will go in the yearbook unless you tell me not to include it. Also, your dues must be paid by **June 30** in order for your name to be included in the printed membership directory. So, please get your information and dues payment in early!

Thanks – Gail Garrison (745-7396)

----- Clip and Mail to Reserve Space -----



Thyme Garden Luncheon, July 8

American Association
of University Women
Corvallis, Oregon Branch

The cost for Luncheon is \$18.

Please complete this registration form and mail in \$18 to reserve your place.

Name: _____

Number: _____ x \$18 = \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for registration is June 17.

Mail to: Julie Searcy, 2854 NW Angelica Dr., Corvallis 97330-3618

MAY	Activity	Time	Location
3	Transitions Conference		Linn–Benton Community College
7	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Barbara Mykrantz 3605 NW Glenridge Pl.
12	Board Meeting	12:20 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
13	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Urchyl Bohard 7525 Mountain View Dr.
15	Newsletter Deadline		
17	Spring Brunch	10:00 a.m.	Stoneybrook Clubhouse
JUNE	Activity	Time	Location
17	Deadline for Thyme Garden Luncheon Registration		
30	Dues Renewal payment due		



**2003–2004
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 _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail: _____

School & Highest Degree & Field _____

2003–2004 Dues Payment

\$65.00

Branch \$15.00
State \$11.00*
National \$39.00
Total \$65.00

*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@attbi.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 (Contribution is *not* tax deductible) \$ _____

Provides tuition scholarships to older than average female students.

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.