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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.



"Reaching New Heights: The Ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro"



**November 12, 2003
7 p.m.**

**West Hills Assisted Living Community
5595 SW West Hills Road**

Not very many of us can claim that we have stood on the "roof of Africa"—Mt. Kilimanjaro— but Corvallis residents Hilary White and Miriam Richards have achieved this feat. This dynamic duo will share slides as they relate their experiences reaching the 19,340 foot summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in February 2000. They will also tell of some past climbing adventures, future climbs, and long-term goals. The branch meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, at West Hills Assisted Living Community, 5595 SW West Hills Rd.

Hilary and Miriam are both part-time instructors of American Sign Language. Hilary teaches at Linn-Benton Community College and Miriam at Western Oregon University. Miriam is deaf and Hilary is hard of hearing. Hilary earned a BA degree in English at California State University at Long Beach, CA, and later took American Sign Language classes in order to work with Shane, a young boy who became part of the White family when his mother became ill. Shane is now 33.

Miriam was born deaf and attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. where she received a bachelor's degree in physical education. She worked in a group home for the deaf before deciding to go back to school. She moved to Corvallis in 1995 and in 1999 earned a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at Oregon State University. One of her goals is to be a forest ranger.

Hilary and Miriam met playing tennis in Corvallis and discovered their love of mountain climbing. Their story is truly inspirational.

As part of our "Women Making a Difference" program theme Rebekah Lancelin will identify the woman who has made the most important contribution to her career.

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From Stef's Stylus

AAUW: Women Making a Difference

If you did not attend our October meeting, you missed a fabulous program. Our own Kori McDonald presented "Strong Women in Film." We saw clips of eight films portraying women from different cultures and times dealing with a variety of challenges. All met the challenge with courage and strength. The only drawback was that we couldn't see entire films during the meeting. Thanks Kori! How about an interest group to view and discuss such films and women?



Please note that tickets are now available for *Murder on Maui*, our fundraiser for the Educational Foundation (EF) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). The Murder Mystery will be presented on January 30, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. and includes a delicious Hawaiian Luau. You may order your tickets by printing the order form from our website and mailing it to me. The tickets are \$40 and a minimum of \$15 of that is tax-deductible. Please order soon, and remember they make great stocking stuffers.

We now have our own portable public address system. We used some of the money we received from AAUW for hosting the 2002 AAUW of OR Convention to make the purchase. The system weighs less than 5 pounds and includes a handheld mike, a lapel mike and a headset microphone, all wireless. Many of us have difficulty hearing our speakers, and we now have a PA system to make all our speakers heard.

We received a request from Margene Ridout, our AAUW of OR President, to tell our members about the need for housing for nursing students from Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC). Jane Hodgkins, AAUW member (Lincoln City Branch) and coordinator of the nursing program at OCCC, is the contact person for the college. Since OCCC does not offer nursing classes, the college has arranged for OCCC students to attend the nursing program at LBCC. Students will spend at least one night a week in Corvallis during the spring, summer and fall terms for two years ending in December 2004.

Jane asks if we can provide free or low cost housing for these students on Wednesday night during the school term. If you, your church, or other group might be able to help, please contact Jane Hodgkins, Oregon Coast Community College, (541) 574-7124 or jhodgkins@occc.cc.or.us. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that Corvallis Branch AAUW members are "Women Making a Difference!"

Stefani McRae-Dickey
President

Caring and Sharing

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

Shirley Woods had knee replacement surgery on Oct. 27. Your cards and letters are welcome. We wish you a fast recovery, Shirley.

Associate members **Bobbie Pulliam** and **Kay Carroll** are also experiencing health problems. Bobbie is undergoing chemotherapy and Kay is recovering from surgery. Bobbie, we're thinking of you and offer our hope for immediate remission. We wish Kay a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Cards are welcome.
Bobbie, 1845 NW Woodland Drive
Kay, 1988 NW Sunview Drive

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



Getting Acquainted with New Members



Welcome to AAUW **Stephanie Jorgensen**. Stephanie has been in Corvallis for 17 years, but has also lived in Virginia, Tennessee, New Mexico, California, and several towns in Oregon. She is well educated with a B.A. in math and a minor in choral music from Pacific University. Her masters is from OSU!! She taught math in high school and at OSU, and has also worked in OSU's chemistry department and development office.

Stephanie is VERY busy in her spare time. Here are a few of her activities: reading, giving major support for OSU's Academy for Lifelong Learning (ask her about this), working backstage at the Majestic Theatre (I've seen her pushing scenery around like feathers!), and graphic design (plus managing sales accounts) for a local Christmas tree grower. (She must not sleep!) What a variety of interests. We're glad you've joined us, Stephanie.

Ann Mills is a "bi-coastal" new member! Though she has lived in Corvallis for 27 years and says it is the best place she has ever lived, she does like to spend winters in Florida. Many thanks to Rosemary Cunningham and Mary Mills, who talked her into joining even though she is away for the winter! Ann has a B.S. in mathematics from the College of William & Mary and a masters in science education from Oregon State. She enjoys golfing, playing bridge, and reading. Her family includes husband, Nelson; son, Galen; and daughter, Michelle. Ann is looking forward to some good book discussions, so keep your eye out for her!

Jan Tallis may be new to AAUW, but she is not new to Corvallis. She has lived here for 27 years with her husband, Terry, and has many dear friends in town and in our branch. Jan has three children and five grandchildren. She graduated from Southern Oregon with a B.S. and then got her masters from San Jose State.

Jan taught mostly at Garfield, but also in California. She enjoys quilting, knitting and reading. She is interested in the literature group. Welcome, Jan! We are looking forward to getting to know you.

We're growing!

We now have 96 members! Invite your friends to our meetings. Wouldn't it be great to pass the 100-member mark!

New Member Coffee

On October 25th we had a wonderful "coffee" to greet new members. Held at Diana Bernstein's lovely home, attendees had an opportunity to relax, chat, make new friends, and enjoy yummy treats!. We had a great time getting to know one another. If you missed it, try to attend the next one (date to be decided later). Many thanks to Diana and to all those who worked on this event.



Additions to the new yearbook

Anne-Lise Olsen - 753-6224 (new number)

Corrections to the new yearbook

Stefani McRae-Dickey's e-mail address should be mcraedic@peak.org (two c's not three)

Sue Borden
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EEOC Getting a Facelift?

A proposed reorganization is looming for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) that calls for the elimination of some functions at most of its 51 national field offices. The restructuring also includes the creation of a national phone center for fielding of complaints and filing complaints online. EEOC is the federal agency in charge of investigating complaints concerning discrimination in the workplace. Many LAF plaintiffs have filed complaints with EEOC prior to filing suits in state or federal courts.

The introduction of the national call center, as well as online complaint submission, would be used in substitution for fielding complaints at every local field office. Some of these offices may be forced to shut down. These are just some of the recommendations that the National Academy of Public Administration has outlined in a drafted plan designed to economize the agency.

A \$5 million dollar appropriation from Congress has already been requested, although the restructuring has not been formally introduced to Congress through appropriate channels, nor have there been any public hearings on the matter. Some members of Congress are opposed to the restructuring, arguing that the lack of an EEOC presence in the community would harm the agency's mission.

Reorganization is being considered in order for EEOC to be able to accommodate population growth and to save money concurrently. Acting EEOC director Joan Ehrlich's response is that the agency needs to adjust to fluctuating demographics and population growth, particularly in the fast growing western and southern cities.

LAF will keep you updated as this story continues to develop.



To all 2004 Great Decisions Wannabes – HOLD and WAIT.

This means: hold the dates and wait for further information.

HOLD these dates: Thursdays, 1:30 –3:00 in February and March, plus Thurs., Jan. 22, 2004.

WAIT for info to add to this list of 2004 discussion topics:

- the media and foreign policy
- the Philippines
- weapons of mass destruction
- U.S. and Europe
- diverse Islam
- Latin American overview
- reform in the Middle East
- public diplomacy

So HOLD and WAIT – more to come later. If there are questions, please call Judy Rudolph, 757–8510.



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The dark of winter is coming rapidly. Those dreary months of gray days and stormy nights make us long for ocean breezes and sunny climes. We invite you to a tropical get-away this January at the Pineapple Haven Hotel. Motto, "People are **Dying** to Vacation Here."



Harold Logan will host a fabulous luau for you. **Murder**, however, is on the menu! Rumor has it that the Feds are looking into Harold's activities, and his ex-wife Stella takes a **Homicidal** interest in the resort. The entertainment may prove **Deadly** for someone.

Murder on Maui will be presented on Friday, January 30, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. at the Courtyard Inn, 2435 Harrison Blvd. For only \$40 you can enjoy a delicious Hawaiian Luau, solve the mystery, bring the villain(s) to justice and support the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. All proceeds are tax-deductible. Tickets are available by advance purchase only.

The **ONLY** fundraisers we will have this year are the poinsettia sale, used book sale, and the Murder Mystery. We need your help to make this event a success. Our goal is to sell 60 tickets for the Friday performance of our **Lethal Luau**. Once we are sold out for Friday's performance, we will release tickets for a Saturday, January 31, performance.

What can YOU do?

- 1) Purchase your ticket.
2. Invite your friends to attend.
3. Distribute invitations to acquaintances and to other groups to which you belong.

Let's reach out to our community and ask for support for our Murder Mystery. Order forms for tickets may be printed from our website. Invitations which advertise the event and include an order form are on our website or may be requested from Stefani McRae, 929-7988.

Don't be shy!

It will be a great evening – ask those who attended last year.

Murder Mystery Meeting– Your Ideas Needed!!!

You are invited to share your great ideas for decorating, publicizing, providing entertainment, and planning the murder mystery. Please come to the planning meeting, Friday, November 7, from 1:30 to 3 PM at the home of Stefani McRae, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath. We need to brainstorm ways to sell out both performances, and create a great Hawaiian atmosphere at low cost. Pineapple Haven Hotel is not exactly the Royal Lahaina Resort!

Directions: Travel west on West Hills Road. Just as West Hills turns south toward Philomath, it becomes 19th Street. Slow down on this sweeping turn and look for a right onto West Hills Road. Travel west (1/2 mile) until the road makes a 90 degree turn left (south). Wyatt Lane is on your right. Take Wyatt up hill to the first left (2 blocks). This is a driveway, enter it, and take the next left. You will see my beige house with white trim down that drive. In fact, the house is visible on your left as you drive up Wyatt Lane.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

Nov. 11

Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf &
The Hours by Michael Cunningham

Hostess: Diana Bernstein
10 NW Edgewood Dr.

Reviewer: Marilyn Roland

Dec. Book: *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

Evening Literature Group

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

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

November 5

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
(*The Alienist* by Caleb Carr will be the selection for April 7, 2004)

Hostess: Ann Brodie
3145 NW Seneca Place
757-1728
annbrodie143@comcast.net

Reviewer: Mary Gray

December 3

Hotel of the Saints by Ursula Hegi

Hostess: Lois Malango
1815 NW Garfield Avenue
753-2904
malango@comcast.net

Reviewer: Nancy Tolin

Gourmet Group

Several of us enjoyed a delicious culinary evening at Marilyn and Leon Roland's, on Fri. Oct. 17, where we immersed our palates in Middle-Eastern Cuisine. The food and company were exquisite.

If you want to come to the next Gourmet Dinner, it will be on **January 17, 2004**, and will feature Russian foods. Enjoy your holiday festivities, families, and friends. Look for details for the January dinner in the December Newsletter.

Sincerely, the Gourmet Group co-chairs,
Christine Cantey, Carolyn Moore, Denise Nervik

Nov. No-Host Lunch

We had a swimmingly good lunch at McGrath's Fish House on Wed., Oct. 22. Many interesting and useful garden tips were shared.

If you didn't make it, the next lunch will be on **Wed. Nov. 19** (the 3rd Wed., due to Thanksgiving). Meet at **China Delight**, downtown, at **11:45**. I won't be there, since I'll be on my Cancer Walk/Wedding Trip. I trust that several of you will show up and enjoy your lunch, even in my absence. (It's truly fun to be "out to lunch"). Bring a tip for enjoying, surviving, or decorating for the holidays; or just come and practice using chopsticks.

--Carolyn Moore CrCAROLYN@aol.com 758-0271

Dec. No-Host Lunch

A traditional No-Host Holiday Lunch will once again be held this year at Michael's Landing, on **Wed. Dec. 17th at 11:45 am**. There are 20 seats awaiting a reservation, so remember to reserve yourself a seat soon. Please call or e-mail:

Carolyn Moore, 758-0271, CrCAROLYN@aol.com
or Stefani McRae-Dickey, 929-7988, mcraedic@peak.org

Holiday Tea

December 5
4-6 p.m.
Shirley Wirth
3994 NW Boxwood Drive

The Corvallis Branch of the
American Association of University Women
presents

Murder on Maui
Hawaiian Dinner Mystery

Friday, January 30, 2004 at 6:30 PM
At Courtyard Inn
2435 Harrison Blvd



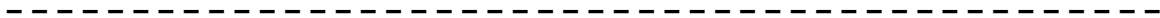
We invite you to a tropical get-away at the Pineapple Haven Hotel. Harold Logan's (in)famous luau will provide some murderous entertainment. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and solve the mystery. Party on, but know this: Trouble is brewing for Harold Logan.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it,
is to solve a **Murder** (or two).

We want you to be fully involved in the experience so please come in costume and in character! We encourage you to take on a role as a world renowned hula dancer, a scout for 'Tropical Resorts R Us,' an unemployed Elvis imitator (think Blue Hawaii), or a tourist from the hinterlands, for example. Rumor has it that the Feds are looking into Harold's activities. Are you that FBI agent? Coming in character is optional, of course, but it will enhance your whole experience. Use your imagination and get ready to play!

Who among you will become a cold-blooded killer? A victim?
Be warned and beware, it could be the person
standing right next to you!
Tickets are \$40.

The tax-deductible proceeds go to the AAUW Educational Foundation and to the Legal Advocacy Fund



Murder on Maui Dinner Mystery
Friday, January 30, 2004

Number of tickets _____ x \$40 = Total _____

Make your check payable to Corvallis AAUW.

Mail your check and this form to:
Stefani McRae
AAUW Murder Mystery Dinner
754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath OR 97370

Deadline for purchase: January 9, 2004

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!

For more information call 929-7988 or contact any AAUW member.



NOV	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Ann Brodie, 3145 NW Seneca Place
7	Murder Mystery Committee	1:30 – 3 PM	754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath, 926–7988
10	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Diana Bernstein, 10 NW Edgewood Drive
15	Newsletter Deadline		
19	No–Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	China Delight

DEC	Activity	Time	Location
3	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Lois Malango , 1815 NW Garfield Avenue
5	Holiday Tea	4–6 p.m.	Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood Drive
17	No–Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Michael's Landing