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Branch Program: "White Collar Crime"

Speaker: Jan Margosian

Thursday, October 20, 2005

7 p.m.

Corvallis Caring Place
750 NW 23rd St.

Coordinator: Marilyn Roland



Corvallis Branch is privileged to present Jan Margosian of Salem as our featured speaker on "White Collar Crime" on Thursday, October 20, at 7 p.m. The setting will be Corvallis Caring Place, 750 NW 23rd St.

Jan Margosian is the Consumer Information Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Justice. Having served in that capacity for 20 years, Ms. Margosian travels throughout the state speaking to consumer, business, civic, government, and law enforcement groups about the problems consumers are having in the marketplace. She also is the state designee for the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Ms. Margosian has a 30-year background in public relations, having served as the public relations director at Willamette University and the Oregon Public Employees Union. She also has a background in professionally managing political campaigns.

Jan comes very highly recommended so this is a program you won't want to miss. Our goal is to have at least 50 people present, so please invite your friends and acquaintances as well as spouses or partners to attend. This dynamic program is open to the public as well. You will be sure to learn new things that will keep you safe financially.

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President's Message

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Jan's Jottings

Wonderful opportunities are ahead of us—all because of the change in Association bylaws made at the June convention in Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found in our Membership article this month. For years, many in AAUW across the nation have felt this change is the right step to take. Read Membership for details, and consider inviting your newly eligible friends to join us!

And why should they join us? Well, we have lots of fun (of course!); our meetings and interest groups are stimulating; and yes, we *are* exceptional people! But more important, perhaps the AAUW mission statement will capture the attention of prospective members. As you know, it is:

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

We've all heard and read the mission statement many times. If you ponder the words and meaning—they are quite admirable, important, and bold.

One BOLD way Oregon AAUW is striving to fulfill a part of that mission is with the Centennial Crystal Campaign. To celebrate 100 years of AAUW in Oregon, the goal of the Crystal Campaign is to raise (in Oregon) \$100,000 in combined donations to EF (Educational Foundation) and LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) in 2005. Quoting from *Oregon News*, Summer 2005, "While the goal is \$100,000 in combined donations, EF and LAF donations still can be designated for any purpose or endowment the donor or branch chooses. Undesignated contributions will support a new EF research project called 'Building a Harassment-Free Campus,' aimed at defining and stopping sexual harassment on college campuses." Total funds raised as of August: \$45,574. The amount for LAF: \$14,241 and for EF: \$31,333.

If you want to be part of the Crystal Campaign and contribute additional funds to EF or LAF, you may send or give a check, *made out to LAF or EF*, to our treasurer, Nancy William. She'll then send it on to Association.

On a related note, here are some impressive AAUW 2004 national statistics. Oregon was:

- #9 for state EF contributions (\$71,442)
- #3 for state LAF (\$25,598)
- #2 for state LAF per capita contributions (\$13.09)

We live in a great and gorgeous state. And from the above statistics—it's obvious Oregon AAUW members are generous!

See you at the next AAUW event. I'm looking forward to being with all you *fun, stimulating, and exceptional people!*

Jan Rounds
President

P.S. We welcome new member Jody Parker to the Board position of Public Policy. Jody will be putting articles and issues of interest in the newsletter from time to time. When asked if she'd consider a "job" on our branch Board, Jody didn't hesitate, but graciously agreed, and said, "I can do that!" Thank you, Jody!



Membership

V.P. Membership
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Associate or Equivalent Degree Holders can now join AAUW

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, delegates at the Association Convention voted to amend the by-law which qualifies individuals to become members of AAUW. Graduates holding an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution are now welcome to join AAUW. For now this means that Associate degree holders and RNs, who have received a diploma - each from a regionally accredited college/university are now eligible for membership. Questions regarding eligibility and qualification can be addressed to: MemberCriteria@aauw.org or the AAUW Helpline at 800/326-2289. I am also happy to help answer any questions. My phone number and e-mail address follow: Phone - 745-7961 and e-mail address millsmaryr@msn.com

What a great potential for the 92 members of our Corvallis Branch to welcome new members and help shape the future for women and girls.

--Mary Mills

New Member Coffee



Please circle **November 5 at 10 a.m.** on your calendar. Diana Bernstein has once again offered her lovely home for the event. All branch members are encouraged to come and greet our newest members and "catch up" with old friends. A special invitation to new members, Jody Parker, Marilyn Kolar, Camille Gudger, Candy Pierson-Charleton, Patti Dunning, Diana Cleland-Boyle, and Kelly Volkmann.

Diana lives at 10 NW Edgewood Drive in Corvallis. There will be tasty treats to tempt all attendees!

Caring and Sharing (Contact Jan Rounds at donjan@peak.org with information)

Our sympathy is extended to **Nancy William** in the loss of her mother. Nancy, we are thinking of you.

Congratulations to **Carol (Nelson) Sumner**. Carol and Richard were married recently. We are very happy for you, Carol!

Congratulations, also, to new grandma **Martha Jenkins**. Ask her about her new (first) granddaughter, Gwen! Martha is accepting advice on how to be a good grandma!

Joyce Lockard, featured speaker at our May 2004 group luncheon at Corvallis Country Club, has sent thanks to our branch for participating in the Beaverton Rotary Club's project--"Books for Uganda 2005". The books were sent August 8 to Makerere University in Kampala. Special thanks to the husbands of Pam Turner and Marilyn Roland (**Bob Turner and Leon Roland**, both of Western Oregon University) for their contributions. The 44,200 pounds of textbooks will be sorted by grade level for distribution to primary and secondary schools or kept for the university.

When Joyce and her husband Ray visited Uganda recently they discovered classes with mud floors and thatched roofs. The Oregonian reports: "Some teachers worked outside under the African sky with only a blackboard as equipment."



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AAUW Celebrates Women's Equality Day

The following is a news release from August 25, 2005:

AAUW Celebrates Women's Equality Day

Washington, D.C. — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) celebrates Women's Equality Day – commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote – by reflecting on accomplishments both past and present and emphasizing the need for continued vigilance in the quest for equity.

"Looking at women's accomplishments in both the public and private sphere during the past 85 years, there is much to celebrate," said Ashley Carr, AAUW's director of communications. "The tremendous amount of progress made is a testament to the dedication of women and men who see that the fight for equity doesn't just benefit women, but benefits society as a whole."

AAUW has played a key role as a catalyst for progress, particularly in the area of educational equity for women. In 1881, a group of 17 women gathered in Boston to create the organization that would unite the few women in the United States who had earned college degrees. Their work in political advocacy, educational achievement, and emphasis on lifelong learning has resulted in substantial gains for women, in both access to education and involvement in influencing the direction of public policy issues key to influencing their long-term economic security.

At its 2005 National Convention in June 2005, AAUW members adopted the theme, "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security," focusing their efforts on ensuring educational gains women make in the classroom are carried through all aspects of their lives, including pay equity.

"Women's Equality Day should be a time for us to recommit to our need to achieve equity in all aspects of our lives," said Carr. "While great progress has been made, it needs to be defended and furthered – because equity is still an issue. For example, although women now outnumber men on college campuses, they continue to lag behind their male counterparts when it comes to earnings in the workplace. Achieving equity at all points in women's lives needs to continue to be a high priority for all Americans – not just women, but everyone."

Changes to the 2005-06 AAUW directory

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Interest Groups



Afternoon Literature Group

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

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October 11

The Kite Runner by Kahled Hosseini

Hostess: Marilyn Roland
4099 Live Oak Place

Reviewer: Nelwyn Price



Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Mills, 745-7961
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

October 5th

Atonement by Ian McEwan

Hostess – Carol Sumner
1525 NW 14th St.
745-7275

Reviewer – Mary Gray



Gourmet Group

This season our Gourmet Dinner group will feature food representative of cities in the US. The Fall dinner, on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 pm, will spotlight Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meal will be held at the lovely home of Marilyn and Leon Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Dr. The dinners are open to all AAUW members, but as space is limited early registration is a must to assure you a place at the table. If you would like to prepare and eat german fare, make your reservation by Oct 15th with Brenda Rowley, 752-6779, or e-mail brendar@peak.org.

Dates of the other dinners planned are: Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th and April 15th.

Thanks from your Gourmet Committee: Christine Canteay, Denise Nervik, Brenda Rowley



No-Host Lunch

On Thursday, October 20th, we will meet for a delicious Mexican-style lunch at 11:45 a.m., at El Tapatio, on Circle Blvd., in the Albertson's Shopping Center. Sure hope you can join us for good food, good friends, and good fun. You can let me know you're coming, or just drop in. All members are welcome!

~Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271, CrCAROLYN@aol.com



Events Calendar

OCT	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Carol Sumner, 1525 NW 14 th St.
10	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 Live Oak Place
15	Newsletter deadline		
20	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	El Tapatio, Circle Blvd.
20	Branch Program	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Caring Place 750 NW 23rd St.

NOV	Activity	Time	Location
5	New Member Coffee	10:00 a.m.	Diana Bernstein, 10 NW Edgewood Dr.
14	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
18	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 Live Oak Place Reservations by October 15