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Branch Program

What's New at the Majestic?

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Thursday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Majestic Theatre, 115 SW 2nd Street

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*Tour of the theatre

*Speaker and tour guide, Nancy Glines, Development Director

*Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Educational Foundation

*Optional no-host gathering at New Morning Bakery, 219 SW 2nd Street, at 6 p.m.

Reservations are appreciated so that we can reserve tables at the restaurant. Please email Marilyn Roland rolandm2@comcast.net or call 752-5257 by October 14.

Corvallis Branch members and guests will be presented the opportunity to view first-hand the "inner workings" of the Majestic Theatre on a tour led by Nancy Glines, development director, at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 16. Glines also will disclose anticipated improvements for the Majestic, as well as relate the history of the theatre since its inception. In addition she will outline the various class offerings and opportunities for outside volunteers.

Glines was hired as development director of the Majestic in April of this year. She has a wealth of administrative experience and has received certification by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives of Alexandria, VA. She received a BS degree in 2001 from the University of Oregon in the areas of Planning, Public Policy and Management and Women's Studies. She also studied Industrial Relations at Lane Community College.

Gline's most recent position was Executive Director of the Community Sharing Program in Cottage Grove, OR, from October 2003 to April 2008. Earlier she held positions as director of the Sexual Assault Support Services in Eugene, the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Lane County Chapter of the American Red Cross in Eugene, Options Counseling Services of Oregon Inc. in Eugene, and Goodwill Industries of Lane County in Eugene.

Please join your AAUW friends at this program!

President's Message

Musings On The Future of AAUW Membership

By President
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"I would like to encourage participation among all our members. There are so many ways that you can be a meaningful part of our branch. Ask a board member how you can help."

- Janice Abele

Our AAUW year is off and running! We have seen current and new members step up and offer their time and energy when they probably had little of either to spare. Our rewards are the furthering of the AAUW mission and the camaraderie of like-minded women. We can be serious and have fun! I would like to encourage participation among all our members. There are so many ways that you can be a meaningful part of our branch. Ask a board member how you can help.

There are many proposed changes on the horizon for AAUW as a whole. One of the most divisive is the proposal to open our membership to any and all regardless of educational credentials. This is an issue

that strikes a nerve with many of us. Whether this proposed change comes to fruition or not will be decided by a vote at national convention in St. Louis in June 2009. I believe that the most important thing to remember is the mission of the organization. We all hold the same values to be most dear: equity for women in the workplace and in higher education; the removal of barriers that prevent women from attaining all that they are capable of achieving. Perhaps by broadening the definition of who may become a member, we will see increased membership and a strengthening of our organization that will bring about a heightened awareness of our mission among the general popu-

lation. On this flip side of this, as an organization that promotes education, shouldn't we ourselves be educated? What better way to promote our mission that to have an educated membership.

Back on the local level, our branch is increasing membership. We are very fortunate to have four new members among us. Susan Garner-Warsinske, Susan Gelberg, Tonya Nave, and Jerry Fong. I would like to extend our warmest welcome to these four dynamic women.

Our next program on October 16th at the Majestic Theatre promises to be informative and great fun. I hope to see you all there!

Membership

Membership Campaign

AAUW is sponsoring a new membership campaign. A discount of 50% off Association dues is given to a new or lapsed member (those who have not been

members for at least two years) if the prospective member joins at an AAUW event. Joining entails filling out the membership form and paying the mem-

bership dues. The total cost for national, state, and branch membership with the discount is \$52.50, a savings of \$24.50 for the year.

By Membership Co-Vice President
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Membership (continued)

New Member Biography

Susan Gelberg has BA from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; MA in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Ithaca College, NY; and PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She has been a licensed psychologist since 1990. She has worked in university counseling centers, university career centers, hospitals, large and small private practices, HMO's and community mental health centers. After moving to Oregon, she worked as a psychologist at Oregon State Hospital and is now at the Oregon State Penitentiary. She also does occasional MBTI (Myers-Briggs type Indicator) consulting.

She was born in Miami, FL. Her husband, Howard, is on the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU. They have lived in NH, NY, IL, and Oregon. They have two daughters, Katherine, an engineer in Houston married to a percussionist in the Houston Symphony, parents of on-year-old Benjamin; and Sarah, a technical writer in San Jose. They have two golden retrievers, Andy and Kasey.

Susan says that friends call the field of psychology both her work and her "hobby" because she spends a lot of time reading psychological topics just for fun as well as for professional development. She and her husband enjoy walking the dogs in

McDonald Forest—a walking path directly behind their house. They are passionate Democrats and so enjoy listening to Air America, watching Keith Oberman (MSNBC), and Democracy Now on Link TV. They enjoy movies and dinners with local friends.

She belonged to our Corvallis Branch several years ago before she began full-time work at Oregon State Hospital. Since she works in Salem three days a week, she's not able to attend many daytime events. She's especially looking forward to attending the evening AAUW programs and any weekend events. She does want to meet other women with common interests.

New Members

Susan Gelberg 2553 NW Michelle Drive Corvallis sogelberg@yahoo.com	PhD Psychology—University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign 745-5549 Home
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Public Policy

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AAUW OF OREGON ADOPTS POSITIONS ON BALLOT MEASURES

At the July meeting, the State Board and leadership Team voted for AAUW of Oregon to join the Defend Oregon Coalition, formed to support and oppose certain ballot measures on the November general election ballot. AAUW of Oregon will participate only for the three measures on which we have taken positions: Support Measures 54 and 56; oppose Measure 60.

Measure 54 is a Constitutional Amendment to remove the exception banning 18-year-olds from voting in school board elections.

Measure 56 is a Constitutional Amendment to add May elections to the general elections, which allow property tax proposals that can be decided by a simple majority vote.

AAUW opposes Measure 60, an initiative statute that would base teacher raises on classroom performance rather than on seniority.

Be sure to vote on these issues, preferably as recommended by the State

Board.

BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES

Biennial priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution or leadership

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education
- Increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

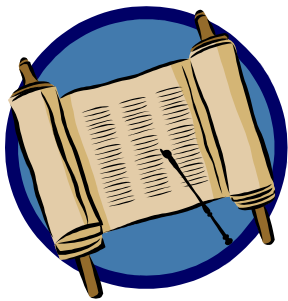
- Pay equity and fairness in compensation
- Equitable access and advancement in employment
- Vigorous enforcement of

employment antidiscrimination statutes

- Greater availability of and access to benefits and policies that create a family-friendly workplace environment
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workplace, including nontraditional occupations
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and vocational education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Protection of the social insurance nature of Social Security

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces and communities
- Increased access to health care and family planning services, and expansion of patients' rights
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns





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Educational Foundation

Educational Foundation's 50th Anniversary

By Educational Foundation Chair
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In honor of the Educational Foundation's 50th Anniversary, members can help AAUW meet the goal of raising 500 gifts of \$50 in 50 days. All donors, individuals, and branches, who mail their contribution by

October 15, 2008, will be recognized for their generosity on the online Educational Foundation 50th Anniversary Scrapbook at <http://aauw.org/ef50/index.cfm>.

You can contribute online

at [HTTPS://SVC.AAUW.ORG/Contribute/EF_50TH](https://SVC.AAUW.ORG/Contribute/EF_50TH)

or by mailing a check to AAUW Educational Foundation's 50th Anniversary to AAUW, P.O. Box 630832, Baltimore, MD 21263-0832.



Here are some questions to perk your interest and attention about the Educational Foundation. The answers are at the bottom of this page.

- In what year did the Educational Foundation initiate the Research and Projects Grant program?
A. 1972 B. 1980 C. 1990 D. 1996
- In what year was the first AAUW International Fellowship awarded?
A. 1920 B. 1932 C. 1917 D. 1911
- Former Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala received this award:
A. AAUW Achievement Award B. Founders Distinguished Senior Scholar Award
C. Progress in Equity Award D. AAUW Recognition Award for Emerging Scholars
- Released by the Educational Foundation on 1991, what landmark research describes girls receiving an inferior education compared to boys?
A. Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America
B. How Schools Shortchange Girls C. Hostile Hallways
C. Gender Gaps: Where Schools Still Fail Our Children
- Which early AAUW research publication helped spark the campaign for better employment standards for women?
A. Behind the Pay Gap B. Living Wage for College Women
C. Women at Work D. Families and Work Project
- Which award recognizes individuals, projects, and organizations that contribute to the equity and education of women and girls?
A. Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award B. Progress in Equity Award

6. A
5. B
4. A
3. D
2. C
1. A

ANSWER KEY:

Legal Advocacy Fund

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LAF Currently Supports Eight Lawsuits (Material from the LAF/Update)

This spring, the AAUW Educational Foundation Board of Directors voted to move the direction of LAF's case support away from direct plaintiff support toward support of cases that will have national significance for women in all workplaces. Therefore, while we have continued to work with our current plaintiffs, no new cases have been adopted since this decision.

Pending Cases

1) *Ilon v. The State University of New York, Buffalo, et al.* A hearing took place in April, and the judge ruled in favor of the defendants. Ilon's attorney may file a motion for a new trial.

2) *Jauregutov. Thein and Wartluft v. Feather River Community College* Feather River College recently filed motions in both state and federal courts to stay all proceedings until such time that the California State Personnel Board could render a decision on Thein, Wartluft, and Jaureguito's whistle-blower claims. No decision has been made by the board. The plaintiffs opposed the college's motions and asked that the Butte County Superior Court set these matters for trial as soon as possible. The Butte County Superior Court is expected to rule in August. The Title IX claims of all three cases are currently set for trial in April 2009 in federal

court.

3) *Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al.*

The parties completed a summary judgment briefing in early April 2008. A hearing was held in April, the court ruled that there was not sufficient notice of discrimination. Mansourians's attorney will file an appeal.

4) *Potera-Haskins v. Gamble, Montana State University, et al.*

On September 28, 2007, Potera-Haskins received a partial victory in her case. Although the court dismissed her Title VII claims it allowed her Title IX claims to move forward. A trial date was set for February 1, 2008; however in early December 2007, the district court unexpectedly vacated the trial date without explanation and stated that a new trial date would be set in the future after pretrial evidentiary motions are heard and ruled upon. A new trial is set for October 20, 2008.

Settlements and Decisions

1) *Schuster v. Berea College* Schuster's attorney filed her motion for appeal in September 2007. In March 2008, a three-judge panel was seated to review and rule on the appeal. They began their review and deliberations in May 2008, and ruled in Schuster's favor in August

2008.

2) *Doe v. Berry College* Doe, a student at Berry College in Georgia, sued the college for sexual harassment and assault in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other claims in violation of Georgia state law. In December 2007, the federal court dismissed Doe's claims against Berry College without prejudice.

3) *Brodsky v. Kaleida Health and State University of New York at Buffalo*

Brodsky, a medical doctor and tenured full professor at SUNY-Buffalo, sued the university for pay discrimination and retaliation in violation of Title VII and the Equal Pay Act. Brodsky filed suit in federal district court in September 2001. In May 2008, Brodsky settled her case with SUNY-Buffalo and resolved all related litigation.

4) *Chichilnisky v. Columbia University* Chichilnisky, professor of statistics at Columbia University and UNESCO professor of math and economics, sued the university for pay discrimination, retaliation, and breach of settlement agreement in violation of New York state laws in 2000. On June 26, 2008, after a 10-day trial, Chichilnisky settled with Columbia University for an undisclosed amount.





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Interest Groups

Gourmet Group

Your Gourmet Committee is looking forward to planning memorable meals for the 2008-2009 season. The theme of the dinners will be, "Gourmet Every Day". They will feature recipes with uncomplicated preparation mainly from Gourmet and Bon Appetit magazines. While the recipes will

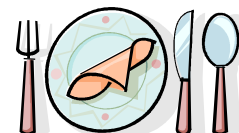
be simplified, taste and quality won't be compromised.

Dinners are planned for Sat. Oct. 25th., Sat. Dec. 6th., Sat. Feb. 21st., and Sat. Ap. 18th. If you would like to make a reservation for the Oct. dinner, please call Brenda at 752-6779 before Oct. 14th.

By Brenda Rowley

If you would be able to host one of the dinners, please contact Brenda. A large home isn't a prerequisite as we often seat, at one or more tables, less than the maximum of 16.

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



No Host Lunch

Hope you can drop in for a bit of lunch and a visit with AAUW friends at King Tin, 1857 NW 9th Street, on Thursday, October 23, 2008. It's a fun, low-key

event. Give it a try, if you haven't been coming. I bet you'll enjoy yourself! (Meets the 3rd Thurs. of each month --No rsvp--just show up!)

By Carolyn Simmons

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Afternoon Literature Group

Afternoon Literature Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 14, 2008, at Gerry Custer's home, 6800 Concord

Drive, Corvallis. Elizabeth Waldorf will be leading the discussion of The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler. Carolyn Simmons has bookmarks made for Oct.-

By Carolyn Simmons

Mar. Contact her if you want to arrange to get one. CrCAROLYN@aol.com, 758-0271.

Evening Literature Group

The Evening Literature Group will meet at the home of Carol Sumner on October 1. We will be discussing The Book of Salt by Monique Truong. The meeting starts at 7:15 for

refreshments and socializing; the discussion starts about 7:45 and ends at 9 pm. Carol's address is 1525 NW 14th Street. Her house is between Garfield and Grant

By Carol Sumner & Ann Brodie

Streets. Please email cjsunner@comcast.net or call her (745-7275) to let her know if you will be attending.





EVENTS CALENDAR

OCT	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
1	Evening Literature Group—Pot Luck	7:15pm	Home of Carol Sumner, 1525 NW 14th St.
13	Board Meeting	12:30pm	Corvallis-Benton Chamber Business Alliance, 420 NW 2nd St.
14	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Gerry Custer, 6800 Concord Drive
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
16	Branch Program—What’s New at the Majestic?	7:00pm	The Majestic Theatre 115 SW 2nd Street
23	No Host Lunch	11:45am	King Tin, 1857 NW 9th St.
25	Gourmet Dinner—“Gourmet Every Day”	TBD	Call Brenda Rowley 752-6779
NOV	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
10	Board Meeting	12:30pm	Corvallis-Benton Chamber Bus. All.
DEC	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
5	Annual Educational Foundation Holiday Tea and Fundraiser	4-6:00pm	House of Nancy Sanderson 1165 NW 17th Street