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Branch Program

Welcome Back!



Welcome Back Gathering
Saturday, October 3, 2009 10:00am

First United Methodist Church
Martha Room
11th and Monroe

We have great speakers lined up, interest group information on display and a short business meeting. Come renew old friendships and welcome new ones.

Joanne Stern, AAUW of Oregon past president and current AAUW of Oregon parliamentarian, will discuss the changes implemented at the AAUW Association Convention this summer. Joanne has been active in state and association AAUW over the years, and has an insider's knowledge of AAUW changes and direction.

Shaunia Banks, who attended the 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders with help from the Corvallis Branch, will talk about her experiences at the Conference.

Interest Group sign ups will be held and the budget will be presented for approval.

Sue Borden will discuss our Crisis in Leadership-What is your role?

Cookies, fruit and beverages will be provided by the board.

Don't miss our Welcome Back Coffee!

By
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News from the Board

By Martha Jenkins
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The AAUW Corvallis Branch Board met on September 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Present were Urchyl Bohard, Sue Borden, Marion Dickens, Pam Duren, Martha Jenkins, Edie Lee, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Nancy Neumann, Hope Reenstjerna, Marilyn Roland, and Marilyn Treiman

There were three major agenda items:

- * Programs
- * Budget
- * Future of the branch

The programs for the '09-'10 year are developing well. The group collaborated, building on Stefani McRae-Dickey's excellent outline, and worked out some of the details for these events.

Sue Borden presented a draft of the '09-'10 budget. After discussion and minor revisions the board voted to approve the budget that will be presented to the whole branch on October 3rd.

Concerns about the future of the Corvallis

Branch were discussed. Most of the Board positions have been filled; however, we still need a President and President-elect. Efforts to recruit have not been successful. There is a need for more members able and willing to become more involved in the organization.



By Public Policy Chair
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AAUW and the White House Celebrated Women's Equality Day

On Wednesday, August 26, AAUW celebrated the 89th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. President Obama issued a [proclamation](#) in honor of the day, and the White House also held a special conference call on Wednesday afternoon focusing on the White House Council on Women and Girls and health reform's impact on women. AAUW state and branch public policy chairs were invited to participate in the call. Tina Tchen, the executive director of the Council and the director of the Office of Public Liaison at the White House, updated listeners on the status of a federal interagency plan that will include an assessment of each federal agency's efforts to further the progress and advancement of women and girls. Health and Human

Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was also on the call to talk about the impact that health reform will have on women and the administration's [study on women and health care](#).

Pro-Woman Initiatives Sidelined by Health Care Storm

In the first few months of his administration, President Obama drew praise from women's groups for his efforts to advance pro-women initiatives and appointments. This included the signing of the [Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act](#) and the creation of the White House Council on Women and Girls. While the administration was off to a great start, [Women's eNews](#) reported that the progress has greatly slowed due to the all-encompassing frenzy over health care reform. Leadership vacancies still exist in departments that deal with women's issues, and the Senate has stalled on both the [Paycheck Fair-](#)

[ness Act](#) and the [Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act](#). However, the health care debate will likely continue to overshadow this and other women's issues at least through the fall. In a related commentary on women, [Women's eNews](#), Dr. Linda Brodsky acknowledged that women still have a ways to go to achieve equity in the world of medicine and health care. Major issues affecting women's health care include the practice of "gender-rating" and the continued prevalence of discrimination within the medical community. Gender profiling is legal in most states and leads to women paying more for health coverage than men, causing many women to go without health care or delay measures for prevention. Insurance policies often lack coverage of maternity benefits.

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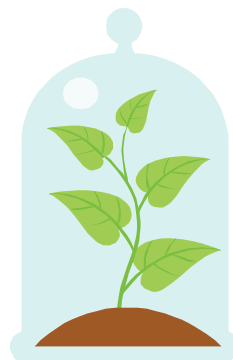
Public Policy (Continued)

Female physicians earn less than their male counterparts-61 cents for each dollar a male physician earns-and are more likely to face sexual harassment and less likely to hold positions on medical journal editorial boards, leading to a lack of research on issues that affect women. A failure to fix these problems of gender inequity will ultimately damage the health care system as well as the overall

health of the nation.

ACTION: AAUW believes that health care is a basic right, and that women in the United States are in particular need of health reform legislation. Specifically, AAUW believes that any health reform legislation must include the following three tenets: an end to the practice of gender rating; coverage of reproductive health services; and access to and coverage of preventive services and care. If

you haven't yet done so, [urge your members of Congress](#) to make these three critical pieces a part of the final health care reform bill. For more information, read AAUW's full [position paper](#) on health care.





Membership

Membership Dues are Past Due

By Membership Chair
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If you have not already done so, please renew your membership promptly! Dues for the 2009-2010 year should be paid now. We have only 71 paid members, not including people who have said that they will join for this year but have not yet sent in their check or renewed online.

There are two ways to renew your membership.

1) To renew online: Go to www.aauw.org, then to the Member Center, then to the Member Services Database. If you are already an existing user, sign in to the MSD using your MSD login

and password. If not, you will need to register first. Then, make your payment with a personal credit card. You will receive an immediate email receipt.

2) To renew by check: Make your check payable to your Corvallis Branch, AAUW, and mail it to Sue Borden, Treasurer, 1150 NW Oak Ave., Corvallis 97330 (email: sueborden@comcast.net)

Dues Information: National \$49, State \$11, Local \$17 = Total Dues \$77

Effective April 1, 2009:

AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2010 are

\$49: \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).

AAUW National Student Affiliate fee for fiscal year 2010 is \$17: \$16 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$1 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).



Legal Advocacy Fund

By LAF Liaison
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LAF Update from Association President of AAUW Carolyn H. Garfein

Since 1981, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has awarded millions of dollars to plaintiffs seeking redress from sex discrimination. This support, however, is just a drop in the bucket in addressing the ongoing gender-based problems -- pay inequity, sexual harassment, stereotyping, bias, and the obvious and covert actions -- that demean and unfairly disadvantage women in the workplace.

To make the most difference, AAUW is selecting cases with significant potential to create systemic change that reduces discrimination and sets precedents that protect women in the future. Case selec-

tions for LAF support are made throughout the year; so, if you know of such a case, please e-mail laf@aauw.org to receive a Case Recommendation Form.

We are all aware that the work of LAF is supported by the generous donations of our members. Because the need is great, we maximize our impact by employing a variety of strategies to combat discrimination in addition to our litigation support. One of the most effective is our LAF Campus Outreach Program grants to educate college students about gender-based discrimination. I encourage you to work with a college or university in your community

to help design a campus event focused on a sex discrimination topic. These grants are awarded on a funds-available basis so apply early to ensure that your project receives funding. Visit www.aauw.org/advocacylafcampusOutreach.cfm for more information.

None of these efforts would be possible without the generous support of you, our donors. Thank you for all your past contributions, and thank you in advance for what I know you will continue to give. Let's make 2009 a banner year for advancing equity through the work of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.



DONATIONS NOW MADE TO AAUW FUNDS

If you wish to contribute to the Legal Advocacy Fund or the Educational Foundation there is a change that has been made recently. The Educational Foundation is not a recognized corporation anymore, so when you write a check,

make it payable *AAUW Funds*, and note *LAF Contributions, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Educational Foundation, Undesignated* or other instructions in the memo line of the check. Please send it to branch treasurer Sue Borden, 1150

NW Oak Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Oregon was #3 nationally for overall LAF contributions, #5 for LAF state per capita giving, and #9 for total giving to the Educational Foundation.



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Interest Groups

Gourmet Group

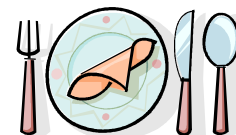
By Brenda Rowley

With some regret Denise, Christine and I have decided to pass on the job of organizing the Gourmet Dinners. We have been doing the special meals for a few years now, and it is time for AAUW members with new ideas to

take on the group. We can assure you that the whole process, from meeting over coffee for menu planning to the actual dinner service and interaction with fellow diners, is a lot of fun. Denise, Chris and I are available to help

new organizers get started. If interested, you may contact any one of the committee members.

Brenda Rowley at 752-6779, Christine Cantey at 758-5307, Denise Nervik at 752-8241.



No Host Lunch

By Hope Reenstjerna

Drop in for lunch and friendly conversation at 11:45 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday, October 15 at the Oasis, 2315 NW Kings Blvd (near Star-

bucks). You may vote on restaurants for future lunches. **All members – Do you have a suggestion for a December location?** No one is sure if

Michael's Landing will be open. Contact person: Hope Reenstjerna 753-4807 hope-fred@peak.org



Afternoon Literature Group

By Hope Reenstjerna

We will meet at 2:00 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday, October 13 at the home of Mary Lee Seward, 1501 NW Dixon.

Mary Lee will be leading the discussion of Stubborn Twig by Lauren Kessler.

Contact person: Charlotte Drost, 753-7253, mkcgdrost@aol.com



Evening Literature Group

By Elaine McManus & Rosemary Cunningham

The Evening Lit Group will meet Wednesday, October 7th, to discuss The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch. Socializing starts

at 7:15; the discussion will begin at 7:45. The meeting will be at the home of Jan Snyder, 3175 NW Greenwood

Ave. Please call her at 754-0696 or email her at tomandjan3@juno.com if you plan to attend.





EVENTS CALENDAR

OCT	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
3	Branch Program—Welcome Back Gathering	10:00am	First United Methodist Church 11th St. and Monroe St.
7	Evening Literature Group	7:15pm	Home of Jan Snyder, 3175 NW Greenwood Ave
13	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Mary Lee Seward, 1501 NW Dixon
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to pattic@peak.org
15	No Host Lunch	11:45am	Oasis, 2315 NW Kings Blvd