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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.

AAUW Fall Brunch September 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

The "Welcome Back" brunch will be held on Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle. It is requested that each member bring either fruit or a breakfast bread. Beverages, table service, etc. will be provided.

The featured speaker will be Vicki Hannah Lein, a local inspirational speaker, writer, trainer, and personal consultant. Her company, JoyWorks, is dedicated to helping people discover, nurture, and follow their bliss. She believes in the power of the human spirit to transform any tragedy into compassion and service. Vicki values meaningful relationships, integrity, the pursuit of truth, and is committed to an authentic, joyful life. She lives with her beloved husband, Murray; her best friend, Mollie, and their little dog, Ruby.

Vicki has an amazing ability to spontaneously create exercises, stories or songs that get right to the heart of an issue and help you take action to initiate change. Asked to describe what she does, Vicki says: "I create internal and external environments that increase possibility and create meaning and joy. I create safety so people are willing to do things they never would have predicted they would, so they learn to plug into their own passions to get excited and hopeful about the possibilities of their own lives."

Finding magic in adversity means learning a whole new way to see. Vicki has had to do just that. She inherited a rare genetic disease, called Sorsby's macular dystrophy, that caused her to begin to lose her sight at age 37, with more vision loss each year since. She is now legally blind. Despite that challenge, she has pursued her dream to become an international speaker.

In keeping with this year's program theme--Women Making a Difference--the branch meetings will feature some of our newer younger members who will briefly share details about the women who have influenced their lives and careers. Sujaya Rao will be the first speaker in this series. Other members will be highlighted at later meetings.

All the AAUW interest groups will be featured at the brunch: Literature, bridge, Great Decisions, theater adventure, no-host luncheon, "As You Like It" and gourmet group.



There should be something for everyone at this brunch. So dig up your breakfast bread or fruit recipe, come with an open mind ready to explore all possibilities and look forward to visiting with old and new friends at this event.

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From Stef's Stylus

AAUW: Women Making a Difference

Welcome back! I hope you had a summer that included both exciting activities and time for relaxation and reflection. 'Women Making a Difference' is our theme for 2003–2004. Programs will focus on women meeting challenges ranging from the ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro to turning blindness into an inspiration.

The women of Corvallis AAUW made a difference in the lives of two Corvallis students, Kati Allard and Alison Robinson Widmer. AAUW scholarships allowed them to attend Adventures in Learning and Expeditions this summer at Oregon State University (OSU). The girls engaged in hands– on science, technology, literature and performing arts. Programs such as these empower girls to meet new challenges with confidence, encourage them to consider college, and expand their career horizons. Your donations to the Local Scholarship fund made this possible.



You made a difference in Maria Beattie's life when you awarded her a \$400 scholarship to continue her education at OSU. Her goal is "to be a teacher who is compassionate, while at the same time having strong expectations for children to reach individual, attainable goals that are appropriate for them." You made a difference in her life, and she will 'play it forward' in the lives of all the children she touches.

You made a difference in the lives of 70 women who attended the Yes I Can! (Go Back to School) Transitions conference at Linn–Benton Community College (LBCC) last May. The AAUW sponsored conference provided information, support, and scholarships to women considering returning to school. The free conference included childcare, lunch and workshops. Participants said "Excellent! Empowering, exhilarating. Thank you so much," this is "the beginning of a drastic change I need to do with my life," and "I feel more confident already."

Please continue encouraging women and girls by participating in one (or more) of the many programs we will sponsor this year. The Transitions conference will be on Feb.7 and co–sponsored by the Corvallis Branch, the Albany Branch and LBCC. We will ask local businesses to donate door prizes or money, invite other women's service groups to co–sponsor, distribute flyers, and volunteer the day of the event.

You made a difference by supporting the Murder Mystery that earned over \$700 for EF and LAF. Your help is needed to plan an even more successful event this year. We need organizers, actors, publicists, and decorators for the Jan. 30 & 31 mystery. A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2003; see the notice on Page 5 for location and directions.

Thank you, Corvallis Branch, touching lives of so many women and girls. With YOUR PARTICIPATION we will continue to be "Women Making a Difference."

Stefani McRae–Dickey

President



WANTED: Fall Festival Volunteers



**We need volunteers to assist at the AAUW table
Sept. 27 or 28 at Fall Festival.**

For a couple of hours, we will smile and share information about AAUW with Fall Festival visitors.

Contact Rosemary Cunningham(753–1319, cunninghamrt@comcast.net) to choose your shift.

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The Power of Three

This year the Membership VP position takes on a new face—or should I say faces, as we are now a committee of three: Dorothy Ruff is representing membership at events; Jan Rounds will be authoring this newsletter column with assistance from Lori Hodgert; and Rosemary Cunningham is now the membership contact person. These assignments are interchangeable and frequently our trio will be trading hats. By expanding this office, we are more able to meet the needs of our growing membership.

At the Welcome Back Brunch, we will be circulating a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with our Corvallis Fall Festival table in September. As you may recall, we've been very successful in attracting new members and establishing a visible presence in the community. With your support, we are hoping to make our participation in this popular event a yearly tradition.

We will also be circulating a sign-up sheet for our "As You Like It" interest group. Please put your name on the list if you want to be notified when a fun event is being planned. Also, sign up if you wish to plan an event and would like support from the membership committee. "As You Like It" events could be concerts, plays, travel, walks, a learning experience...or anything you like.

Don't forget to join us at the Welcome Back Brunch – and bring a friend!

--Dorothy, Jan and Rosemary



Caring and Sharing

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

We were saddened to learn that member Ruth Cowan passed away on July 22, 2003. In the late 1940's, Ruth taught courses in foods and nutrition at Oregon State University. She and her husband left OSU in the 1970's to live in the Philippines and Indonesia where her husband was a staff member of the International Rice Research Institute. They returned to Corvallis in 1982. Ruth was very active in community work and will be missed by all of us.

Carolyn Moore, a breast cancer survivor herself, will be walking in the 3-Day 60 mile Cure for Breast Cancer Walk in San Diego in November. She must raise \$2000 to participate and would welcome any contribution you could make. You can donate online at www.breastcancer3day.org or call (800) 825-1000. Be sure to include her **walker #6038634**.

Corvallis Tourism recognized the Corvallis Branch with the 'Corvallis Tourism's Local Hero Award' for bringing the AAUW of Oregon convention to Corvallis. Kudos to the entire branch, and especially our Convention Chairs, Irene Lilja and Judy Rudolph!

Purpose of the Public Policy Program

AAUW's Public Policy Program establishes the federal action priorities on which AAUW members across the country will focus their advocacy efforts and guides the work of the national staff.



2003-05 PUBLIC POLICY PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION (Adopted June 2003)

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community.

We believe in the separation of church and state.

AAUW supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals, including the right to privacy. We oppose all forms of discrimination. We support affirmative action as a remedy for past discrimination. We affirm our commitment to passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

AAUW believes that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate equity, academic freedom, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education. We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty.

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well-being are an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities, reduction of poverty, quality dependent care, paid family and medical leave, decent housing, and quality affordable health care; freedom from violence; and a clean and healthful environment. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to community. We support meaningful campaign finance reform that will promote equitable participation and representation.

AAUW values and is committed to the arts and humanities, which develop and enhance our pluralistic cultural heritage.

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these issues. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women. We affirm our commitment to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).



Save on Books and Music...and Make Your Purchases Count

Every time you order books, music and more from online discounter Amazon.com through AAUW's website, a percentage of your sale goes to AAUW. Visit www.aauw.org and click on the Amazon.com logo at the bottom of AAUW's homepage.

Murder Mystery Dinner Planning Meeting



You are invited to join the Murder Mystery Planning party. All you need is a sense of fun, enthusiasm, and ideas! Come play with us as we plan our Mystery Who–Dun–It. We will select a script, location, plan food (catered), and create advertising design. You may take as large or as small a role in the plan as you like. The Mystery will run two nights, January 30 & 31. All members are invited to join the party!

We will meet Thursday, September 25, 2003 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Stefani McRae–Dickey's home, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath, 929–7988.

Directions: Take West Hills Road west to 9th Street in Philomath (not 19th). West Hills makes a 90 degree turn to the south to become 9th street. Wyatt Lane is on the right. Turn onto Wyatt Lane and travel up the hill to the first driveway on the left. Turn onto the driveway which then splits into 3 drives. Take the leftmost one and go down hill to the beige house with white window frames. Stefani will have maps available at the Welcome Back Brunch.

Kathleen Freeborn Receives 2003 AAUW Outstanding Senior Woman of the Year Award

Congratulations!
Congratulations!
Congratulations!

By Martha Jenkins, Past–President
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I was pleased to represent Corvallis AAUW at the Oregon State University Honors banquet in May 2003 and to present the AAUW Outstanding Senior Woman of the Year Award to Kathleen Freeborn. At each university holding corporate membership in AAUW, a senior woman is recognized annually for her outstanding scholarship, character, personality, contributions to campus and community life, and potential for future achievement.

Kathleen majored in Ag Business Management and Environmental Economics Policy and Management with a minor in Crop Science in Natural Resource and Environmental Law and Policy. Kathleen spent four very active years at OSU pursuing two majors and two minors plus an Honors Degree. An active member of several campus organizations, Kathleen worked to increase student participation in campus and community service. She enjoys educating children about agriculture and plans to become a high school agriculture teacher. In addition to her classes and volunteer activities, Kathleen farms 167 acres near Rickreall, raising and marketing grass seed and grain. She has also been a member of the OSU Crew team for three years. The team placed second last year in the PAC 10 championships.

I presented Kathleen with a crystal vase from our OSU Corporate Representative, Bob Burton, and a *Give a Grad a Gift* AAUW membership. We are honored to recognize her as the OSU Senior Woman of the Year for 2003.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

September 9

Book: "John Adams" by McCullough

Host: Carolyn Moore
1302 NW Souza Pl.
758-0271

Reviewer: Marilyn Treiman

Book for October 14: "*Brown*" by Richard Rodriguez

Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 745-7396
Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

September 3 is a salad (potluck) dinner at 6:00 p.m.

September 3

"*John Adams*" by David McCullough

Hostess: Ann Mills
1090 NW Overlook Dr.
745-7130
millsannt@cs.com

Reviewer: Mary Mills

October 1

"*Year of Wonders*" by Geraldine Brooks

Hostess: Joyce Carver
2322 Kiger Island Dr.
752-0165
joyfrancar@proaxis.com

Reviewer: Ann Brodie

Gourmet Group

Christine Cantey, 758-5307
Carolyn Moore, 758-0271
Denise Nervick, 752-8241

Our August dinner, "A Taste of Cuba," was a fun and successful event attended by 25 members and guests.

The next dinner will be in October. Sign up at the Fall Brunch on Sat., Sept. 13th at Stoneybrook.

Watch your newsletters for more details of upcoming dinners. Also, we'd love to know if you might offer your home for one of the dinners. Thanks.

No-Host Lunch

Want to just drop in for lunch and visit with other friendly members? Well, you're in luck!

The first lunch will be on **Wed. Sept. 24th at Murphy's Restaurant**, south of town, at 2740 SW 3rd Street, Corvallis, at 11:45.

Bring ideas for other spots to eat. Also, bring a cooking tip to share (if you have one). See you at lunch.

RSVP: Carolyn Moore 758-0271, or just drop in.

As You Like It

(sponsored by the membership committee)

Do you want to be contacted when someone is planning a fun activity? Or do you want to plan a mini-adventure for a fun-loving bunch? Then join the "As You Like It" interest group.

Enjoy events such as plays, concerts, lectures, walks in the park, etc. One of the proposed events for the fall season is the play "As You Like It" at Withycombe Theatre on the OSU campus. Car pooling is part of the fun!

Get on a master list by contacting Rosemary Cunningham, 753-1319, cunninghamrt@comcast.net or sign up at the Welcome Back Brunch!



Events Calendar

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3	Evening Lit Group	6 p.m.	Potluck dinner Ann Mills 1090 NW Overlook Drive
8	Board Meeting	12:30 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
9	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Carolyn Moore 1302 NW Souza Place
13	Fall Brunch	10:00 a.m.	Stoneybrook Clubhouse 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle
15	Newsletter Deadline		
24	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Murphy's Restaurant 2740 SW 3rd Street
25	Murder Mystery Planning Meeting	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Stefani McRae-Dickey 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath
OCT	Activity	Time	Location
1	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Joyce Carver 2322 Kiger Island Drive
13	Board Meeting	12:30 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
14	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	