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### Need a ride to the meeting?

Let's carpool to save resources (including our eyes!).

Call Stefani, 929-7988, if you can give a ride or if you need a ride.



Margaret Anderson

Wednesday, April 2

AAUW Presents

Authors

Margaret Anderson and Alison Clement

Program at 7:00 P.M. (Note the time change)

Corvallis Public Library Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe Ave

We have a delightful Literary Evening planned for you!

Margaret J. Anderson is best known as the author of over 20 books for children, and for her frequent presentations to the schools around Oregon.

She was born and educated in Scotland and graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in genetics. After working as a biologist and statistician at research stations in England, Canada, and the United States, she took up writing.

Among the many children's books she has written is "Children of Summer: Henri Fabre's Insects." She will discuss this wonderful book and it's beautiful illustrations.

Alison Clement, author of "Pretty is as Pretty Does," has found a strong and unique narrative voice to tell a simple, unembellished story about a self-absorbed young woman, Lucy Fooshee, coming of age. A fable of the late Fifties or early Sixties, without reference to historical events, it is truly Middle Americana, but with a twist. Because you see, that's not really Lucy but the ghost of Moll Flanders sitting at the counter a few seats down from you at Aunt Babe's Cafe, sipping a strawberry coke on the hottest day of the summer, flipping her hair and watching every move you make, never knowing that her life is about to begin.

James Hoggard of the Denver Post compares Alison Clement's *Pretty is as Pretty Does* to Eudora Welty's *Why I live at the P.O.*

"A wonderfully bawdy novel of heart-wrenching discovery, told in a uniquely revealing voice. It's my favorite novel of the year. I anxiously await a chance to wear my 'Lucy Fooshee Lives!' button." says Stacy's bookstore, San Francisco.

Wear your own 'Lucy Fooshee Lives!' button, meet the authors, hear them read and join the discussion!



Alison Clement

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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.**

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## Martha's Musings

In honor of all of our members who have been working all year to plan the 2003 AUW of Oregon State Convention, I present this Ode and Call to Convention.



## Ode on the 2003 AAUW of Oregon State Convention

Convention is here!  
It will be such fun  
With workshops to take—  
Something for everyone.

There will be old friends to greet  
And some new friends to meet.  
Exciting tours of the town—  
What a great treat!

We'll have speakers from National  
And some from the State.  
They'll give us some insights  
So please save the dates.

There will be baskets to bid on  
For the Foundations,  
Stuffed full of treasures  
They are quite the sensations.

We'll conduct some business  
And eat our good meals,  
Take a walk for Eleanor—  
Wear your pearls not your heels!

With workshops and fun  
And good friends nearby,  
Our time at Convention  
Will too quickly fly by.

See you at Convention on April 25–27, 2003!

**Martha Jenkins**  
President

## Membership F.Y.I.

### WE ARE 99 MEMBERS STRONG!

On July 1, our AAUW year begins anew. If a prospective member decides to join NOW, her membership extends through June 2004! This is a bargain, because she will get some "free" months — *15 months for the price of 12*. We have some excellent programs, social events, and book discussions coming up in the remaining months. So get your feet wet (literally) and invite an AAUW "wannabe" to come with you!

### GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH NEW MEMBERS

**Tara Robinson's** delightful accent is a give-away clue to her Southern roots. Most of her youth was spent in Louisiana. She has a BSN from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Ph.D in Biology from the University of Illinois in Urbana. Last summer, both Tara and her husband, W. Douglas Robinson, accepted positions as assistant professors in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at OSU.

Tara's leisure hours are spent drawing, writing (fiction and non-fiction), reading, hiking, bird watching, and relaxing with her dog, Natchez. She joined AAUW to encourage women to explore careers in ecology and biology. A newcomer to Corvallis, Tara, found out about our local branch from our booth at the Corvallis Fall Festival.

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A native Oregonian, **Kathy Higdon** has lived in Corvallis for the last nineteen years. Other places she's called home were Oregon City, Gladstone and Klamath Falls. As a graduate of OSU, she earned a BA in Education and a BS in Mathematics. In addition, Kathy holds a MST in Mathematics from Portland State University. She taught math at the high school level for six years and directed the Mathematical Sciences Learning Center at OSU for three years. Kathy's husband, Bob, is a math professor at OSU and they have two children living at home. Lauren is a sophomore at Crescent Valley and keeps busy with her academic classes, band, piano and jazz dance. Younger daughter, Andrea, is a fifth grader at Hoover Elementary and enjoys school, dancing and playing piano.

For the past several years Kathy has been studying her family genealogy. She enjoys connecting her family history with historical events of that time period. Our Corvallis branch thanks Irene Lilja for encouraging Kathy to join AAUW!

New email address:

**Esmeralda Reyes-Allen**  
[esmeraldaallen@attbi.com](mailto:esmeraldaallen@attbi.com)

### Congratulations to our Newly-Elected Officers

The following wonderful slate of officers was elected on March 12 at the Annual Meeting:

Program: Bev Arthur, Marilyn Roland, Carolyn Moore and Marge Bromley  
Membership: Dorothy Ruff, Jan Rounds and Rosemary Cunningham  
Treasurer-elect: Nancy William

Our great recruiters were the Nominating Committee of Val Krauss, Jane Ann Warkentin and Rosemary Cunningham. Thanks for a great job!

### Call To Artists

We would like to showcase our own AAUW members at the 10AM, May 17th branch meeting that will be held at the Stoneybrook Clubhouse. If you paint, quilt, throw pots, or have other creative skills, and wish to display some of your creations, please contact Julie Searcy, 753-9471 or Diana Bernstein, 738-8292.

Barbara Mykrantz, 753-0188  
Betty Sleight, 929-3920

CONVENTION GOERS – Plan on some exercise by signing up for the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk which will be held Sunday morning, April 27th. The minimum \$25 registration fee will go to AAUW's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund which supports research on educational issues affecting women and girls. Register for yourself or get branch members or friends to sponsor your 1 mile walk. All registered walkers will receive a T-shirt; drinks and snacks will be available. If you can't or don't want to walk, participate anyway by registering, getting a T-shirt and then sleeping in! I don't believe they will be checking who shows up! The registration form can be found in the Spring 2003 *Oregon News*.

ALSO – Look for the three (3) baskets being raffled by the Corvallis Branch at Convention. Two were done by our Literature Groups and one by residents of the Regent. Proceeds will go to EF, LAF and local scholarships.

AND LASTLY - Order your begonias and/or geraniums for the Educational Foundation spring flower sale to raise funds for scholarships and fellowships for women. See the Order Form in this newsletter for details.



## Legal Advocacy Fund

Sue Borden  
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### NEWS FLASH!

"Bucks for Books" raised \$84. There were lots of books left, so we will have them available again at the May Branch Meeting. Stay Tuned!

### **Perpetrator in Retaliation Case to Pay \$50,000**

Reporting sexual harassment is a right protected by law, and when Reed Miller violated that right, he paid for it

October 18, 2002, a jury ordered Miller to pay \$50,000 in damages to Kathy Sokol, a colleague who had filed a grievance with St. Louis Community College after Miller made several demeaning and harassing comments to her and her students. When the college failed to act on Sokol's charges, Miller retaliated against her—and Sokol filed a federal lawsuit.

When Sokol's trial concluded in October, the jury handed down a split verdict. It dismissed charges against the college relating to sex discrimination and sexual harassment but found Sokol's freedom of expression had been violated and she had endured subsequent retaliation for expressing that right.

Sokol received judgements against the three defendants—the college, Miller, and another male employee. She was awarded \$55,000 from Miller and the college.

To date, the LAF board has provided Sokol \$25,000 to defray costs of her lawsuit.

Throughout the trial, several members of AAUW appeared in court. Both Sokol and her attorney said they were grateful for all of AAUW's support.

...reprinted from *LAF Update, Fall/Winter 2002*

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## On the National level:

*On Feb. 3 President Bush released his \$2.24 trillion fiscal year 2004 (FY04) budget. Of particular concern are the proposed funding levels for education and family planning.*

**Education:** The president's budget contained \$53.14 billion for education programs, which is only a \$40 million or .1 percent increase. The president's budget eliminates funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA), a program that helps schools eradicate sex discrimination in their classrooms. President Bush did propose to increase Title I, which funds disadvantaged schools, by \$648 million, or 5.5 percent.

**Family Planning:** The president's budget also contained a \$10 million cut to Title X for FY04. Clinics receiving Title X funds provide contraceptive services and preventive health care to low-income women who would otherwise lack access to health services. President Bush did, however, request a dramatic increase for unproven abstinence-only education programs. The president requested an \$18 million increase for the Special Projects of Regional and National Significance—Community-Based Abstinence Education program (SPRANS-CBAE), increasing the federal commitment to abstinence-only funding through SPRANS-CBAE and other initiatives to a total of \$135 million.

## Urge Your Representative to Sign Title IX Resolution

*On Tuesday March 11, Reps. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) introduced the bipartisan House Resolution (H Res 137) which supports the current Title IX enforcement mechanisms and urges President Bush to not make any changes to Title IX.*

The Resolution highlights the problematic recommendations included in the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics' final report and questions which recommendations the U.S. Department of Education Secretary Rod Paige considers to be unanimous. Some of the language that appears in the final report does not reflect what was agreed upon at the meetings. Further, there was no opportunity for the Commissioners to review the final language before the report was released. One of the so-called "consensus" recommendations from the Commission, which the Minority Report objected to, allows the Secretary to come up with new ways to interpret and enforce Title IX that are not described in the report and were not considered by the Commission. This blank check means the Secretary could make any changes, no matter how devastating, and claim they were pursuant to the Commission's recommendations. Further, as pointed out in the Minority Report, several of the so-called "consensus" recommendations are unclearly worded and could be interpreted in ways that undercut Title IX protections including participation opportunities and scholarship dollars for women and girls. This resolution also states that Congress will take legislative action if changes are made to the Title IX law.

"The Bush Administration would like to have this attack on civil rights fly under the radar, and the Commission itself is an obvious attempt to keep Congress out of it," says Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations. "Why? Because they know that Title IX has strong bipartisan support on the Hill."

To read AAUW's statement on H Res 137: [http://www.aauw.org/1000/press\\_release/030313.html](http://www.aauw.org/1000/press_release/030313.html)

**Action:** Urge YOUR representatives and senators to sign-on to the bipartisan H Res 137.

**Reminder:** E-mail, fax or phone are the way to go. Due to the anthrax attacks on Capitol Hill, postal mail takes a couple of months to reach members' offices. Capitol Hill Switchboard: 202-224-3121.

## On the State level:

*The predominately anti-choice Oregon Legislature has introduced two bills that would threaten the lives and health of youth.*

HB 2552 would force a minor to notify her parent prior to obtaining an abortion. There is overwhelming evidence that the majority of young women involve a parent when facing a crisis pregnancy. Young women who confide in a trusted adult other than a parent, like an adult relative, clergy member, or doctor, are often victims of physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse.



# State Convention 2003

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Irene Lilja & Judy Rudolph  
Local Arrangement Chairs

### **CONVENTION 2003**

**April 25, 26 & 27th**

SUSAN CASTILLO, Oregon's Superintendent of Public Instruction, will join us for lunch on Friday, April 25 at Noon in the Granada Room at the Ramada Inn. Susan will speak about the future of education and what we can do to make a difference for education.

BARBARA ROSS will address the convention as Keynote Speaker on Friday, April 25 at 6:30 pm. Barbara recently completed six years as a representative in the state legislature, serving on the Education and Human Resources Committees. Previously she served as a Benton County Commissioner for 10 years and as a Corvallis School Board member for eight years. This event is scheduled over dinner in the Granada Room at the Ramada Inn.

Judy and I, plus 20 chairpersons and dozens of Corvallis & Albany Branch members are experiencing a whirlwind of activity as we work to make this convention a successful one. Many AAUW members throughout the state are also doing their part to ensure that the state's business is accomplished, also providing us with exceptional workshops and worthwhile but FUN activities. Whew!!!

Thanks to both the AFTERNOON & EVENING LITERATURE GROUPS who have so generously provided two bountiful and beautiful baskets for the EF/LAF Raffle. Questions, suggestions, able to volunteer??? Call or e-mail us.

### **AAUW National Convention Information on the AAUW Website**

New to the AAUW website – *Women in Charge: Bold, Innovative, and Collaborative*...everything you need to know to participate in the AAUW National Convention, Pre-Convention Institutes, and the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, all in Providence, Rhode Island, June 19–23, 2003.

Go to: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

Check your mailbox soon for the Winter/Spring 2003 issue of *AAUW in Action* for your convention registration materials as well.

### **Help Wanted: Convention Table Centerpieces**

The baskets are sprayed silver.

The dried foliage is sprayed teal and silver.

It's now time to assemble the dried arrangements to grace the dinner tables at the State Convention.

We are seeking individuals who are interested in putting together one or two (or more) arrangements. Please call Marilyn Roland, 752–5257, or Mary Lee Seward, 754–6659, if you are available between April 14 and April 20.

We will meet in Marilyn's garage workshop. Marilyn will be away March 29–April 12.

You can e-mail her at [rolandm2@attbi.com](mailto:rolandm2@attbi.com).

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## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Val Krauss 766-8916

April 8

"*The Botany of Desire*" by Michael Pollan

Hostesses:

Val Krauss and Mary Lee Seward

3463 NW Maxine Cir.

766-8916

tvkrauss@pacifier.com

Reviewer: Val Krauss

Book for May: "*Atonement*" by Ian McEwan

## Adelante

**April 2003:** This first novel by Paule Marshall is somewhat autobiographical. "*Brown Girl, Brownstones*" has been around since 1959, and was recently republished in 1996. It describes the coming of age of Selina Boyce, a Caribbean-American girl in New York City.

## Evening Literature Group

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

Gail Garrison, 745 7396

Nancy Tolin, 752 6656

**Please note change in schedule for April.**

April 9 (second Wednesday)

"*Sea Biscuit*" by Laura Hillenbrand

Hostess: Carol Nelson

5925 NW Rosewood Dr.

745-7275

caroljnelson53@earthlink.net

Reviewer: Shirley Wirth

May 7

General discussion and choice of books for 2003-2004

Hostess: Barbara Mykrantz

3605 NW Glenridge Pl.

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## POLICY

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HB 2481 would eliminate comprehensive sexuality education and HIV/AIDS education in our public schools.

*Now that women have the legal right to breast feed in public in Oregon, they are trying to gain the right to do it in private while they are at work.*

Senate Bill 783 requires employers to provide unpaid rest periods for employees to breast-feed or express milk if providing rest periods does not cause undue hardship on operation of employer's business. It requires employers to make reasonable efforts to provide private area where employees can breast-feed or express milk and to allow employees to temporarily change job duties. It prohibits discrimination against an employee. It permits employers to receive certification as Breast-feeding Mother-Friendly Employer.

To read the full text of the bill and see which legislators are bill sponsors go to:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/03reg/measures/sb0700.dir/sb0783intro.html>

This bill has been introduced and referred to the Senate committee on General Government. A hearing on the bill has not been scheduled yet. Sen. Morse needs to know that this is a relevant – and important – issue to the working moms he represents.

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APR	Activity	Time	Location
2	Branch Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library Main Meeting Room 645 NW Monroe Ave
8	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Val Krauss and Mary Lee Seward 3463 NW Maxine Cir.
9	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Carol Nelson 5925 NW Rosewood Dr.
14	Board Meeting	12:20 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
15	Newsletter Deadline		
25	Spring Flower Order Deadline	<u>order form</u>	
25-27	2003 AAUW of OR State Convention	<u>(registration form)</u>	The Ramada Inn & Conference Center 1550 NW 9th Corvallis

MAY	Activity	Time	Location
3	Transitions Conference		Linn-Benton Community College
7	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Barbara Mykrantz 3605 NW Glenridge Pl.
17	Spring Brunch	10:00 a.m.	Stoneybrook Clubhouse



American Association  
of University Women  
Corvallis, Oregon Branch

## Flowers for Educational Foundation Scholarships

Spring will soon be here and it is time to think about buying flowers. Each year the EF sells plants to raise funds for scholarships and fellowships for women. This year we are offering begonias for shady spots and geraniums for sunny areas. We can promise that the plants will be of excellent quality because, once again, Eric Helpenstell, owner of Home Grown Gardens, will be our supplier.

Orders must be received by Friday, April 25, 2003, and plants are to be picked up from 3–6PM on Friday, May 16th, at the home of Barbara Mykrantz, 3605 NW Glenridge Pl., 753–0188.

Remember: All proceeds benefit women in education through scholarships and fellowships.

### Corvallis AAUW Spring Flower Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tuberous Begonias

4" Size	___red	___apricot	___yellow	___white	@ \$3.50 each	Total _____
Gallon Size	___red	___apricot	___yellow	___white	@ \$8.00 each	Total _____
Hanging Basket	___red	___apricot	___yellow	___white	@ \$25.00 each	Total _____

#### Zonal Geraniums

4" Size	___reds	___pinks	___lavenders	___white	@ \$3.50 each	Total _____
Gallon Size	___reds	___pinks	___lavenders	___white	@ \$8.00 each	Total _____

#### Ivy Geraniums

4" Size	___reds	___pinks	___white	@ \$3.50 each	Total _____
Hanging Basket	___reds	___pinks	___white	@ \$25.00 each	Total _____

**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: "Corvallis AAUW" and remit with order form to treasurer:  
Julie Searcy, 2854 NW Angelica Dr., Corvallis 97330**