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"CREATIVITY IN YOUR BONES: TAPPING INTO YOUR TRUE CREATIVE SELF"

**Thursday, OCTOBER 12, 2006
12 p.m.**

**ROOM 203 ALSEA-CALAPOOIA ROOM
COLLEGE CENTER
LINN BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
6500 PACIFIC HWY**

Karin Magnuson, a training specialist at Linn-Benton Community College, will lead us through creative exercises which may startle and inspire us. Not only will we "find ourselves" as we interact in response to Karin's directions, but also we will come away with some tools and techniques to help us increase our creative awareness.

All this, plus a bowl of delicious homemade soup and a loaf of crusty bread for only \$2.75! AAUW will furnish cookies.

This is a joint meeting with the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC). This meeting will give us a chance to meet some new women and will give them a chance to get acquainted with us.

**LET'S SPREAD OUR CREATIVE WINGS
TOGETHER!**



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President's Message

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Notes from Sue: Ensemble Playing

Among other things, I'm a musician, and my favorite musical activity is playing in a small ensemble. To be satisfying, ensemble playing involves several basic rules: 1) Each player has to play his or her part. 2) Each player has to listen to the other players, and play in tune and in rhythm with them. 3) Each player has to understand when to take the lead and when not to. When everyone follows these rules, the group doesn't just play together--it makes music!

This metaphor applies nicely to the way your AAUW Board works. Each board member has a part to play, and does so. At meetings, we do listen to each other and try to reach decisions for the benefit of the Branch. We understand when it's time to step forward and lead and when someone else is taking the lead. In fact, in October, our president-elect, Edie Lee, is going to step forward and lead in my absence. She will preside at the October meeting of the Board and be present at the October branch meeting at Linn-Benton Community College (see page 1).

I'm confident that the Corvallis Branch will continue to "make music" as all of our very competent members "play their parts" and listen to each other as we work together to "promote equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change."



Public Policy

Rosemary Cunningham, 753-1319

AAUW of Oregon Takes Stand on November 2006 Ballot Measures

For more information, see the link at the Corvallis AAUW Public Policy webpage: <http://www.corvallis-aauw.org/policy.html>. Additional information can be found on the Oregon Secretary of State's webpage: www.oregonvotes.org Under "What's New", click on "Military/Overseas Voters' Guide for 2006 General Election".

AAUW of Oregon **supports** Ballot Measure **44**—Allows Any Oregon Resident Without Prescription Drug Coverage to Participate in Oregon Prescription Drug Program

AAUW of Oregon **opposes** the following ballot measures

40—Amends Constitution: Requires Oregon Supreme Court Judges and Court of Appeals Judges to be Elected by District

41—Allows Income Tax Deduction Equal to Federal Exemptions Deduction to Substitute for State Exemption Credit

43—Requires 48-hour Notice to Unemancipated Minor's Parent Before Providing Abortion; Authorizes Law suits, Physician discipline

45—Amends Constitution: Limits State Legislators: Six Years as a Representative, Eight Years as a Senator, Fourteen Years in Legislature

48—Amends Constitution: Limits Biennial Percentage increase in State Spending to Percentage Increase in State Population, Plus Inflation

Jan Rounds, 754-7730

Mission: The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Educational Foundation--the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women--supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

The Foundation funds:

- [Groundbreaking Research](#)
- [Fellowships and Grants](#)
- [Special Awards](#)
- [Vital Community Action Projects](#)
- [Symposia, Roundtables, and Forums](#)
- [AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund](#)

Our Corvallis Branch is honored to have an Educational Foundation International Fellowship recipient at OSU this year. Juliana Mbutia, a mathematics teacher from Kenya, is concrete evidence that our EF dollars do good works! Hopefully, we'll get to know Juliana better in the coming months.



Calendar alert! Is it snowing yet?



Your pumpkins probably haven't sprouted faces yet, but it's not too early to mark your calendars now for our EF **Holiday Tea**. This year it will be held on **Friday, December 1st** from 4-6 pm at the home of Nancy Sanderson. As usual, in addition to your baked goodies and treats, we'll hold our annual EF poinsettia sale fundraiser.

But there is a difference this year. Instead of having you pre-order your poinsettias, we're going to order a specific number of them, and they'll be at the Holiday Tea for your purchase. The poinsettia sale will be a "first come, first served" event. We'll have "sold" signs available so you can stake your claim to the ones you want! When they're gone, they're gone! We're hoping this makes it easier for everyone involved.

So, save the date: **December 1st—Holiday Tea and Poinsettia Sale!**

Questions? Call Jan Rounds @ 754-7730

Marilyn Roland, 752-5257

One of the most recent cases supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund is helping a male wrestling coach who formerly was at the University of California-Davis. Here is part of the article in the Daily Courier-Observer dated August 16, 2006:

The Opinion Page

"Discrimination Case"

A sex discrimination case supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is headed for trial. Michael Burch, a former UC-Davis head wrestling coach, who filed for Title IX violations, alleges that UC-Davis barred female participation in the wrestling program and terminated his contract after he showed support for the female wrestlers in 2001. The Burch case is supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

In June, after more than two years of legal wrangling, U.S. District Judge William B. Shubb denied the university's motion for summary judgment and found sufficient evidence to send the case to a jury. Trial in the case of Burch, et al, v. Regents of the University of California, et al, is set for October 2006 in a federal district court in Sacramento.

In 2003 Burch sued the Regents of the University of California and four university administrators for retaliation in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the law that prohibits sex discrimination in education and other federal laws. The women wrestlers filed a separate Title IX suit against the university. Since 2001 no women have participated in varsity wrestling at UC-Davis, despite the fact that two former UC-Davis female wrestlers won world championship medals.

"This case is about protecting those who speak out when others' rights are violated," said Lisa Maatz, interim director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. "By offering our support to Michael Burch, AAUW is encouraging men and women to stand up in defense of those harmed by sex discrimination.

Burch alleges that in fall 2000 the athletic director and an associate athletic director informed him that the university would no longer offer UC-Davis wrestling team participation to female students, citing concerns about insurance and liability. Burch assisted the female wrestlers in meeting with school officials to have the decision rescinded.

He also spoke out on their behalf when they filed a Title IX complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. The university declined to renew both his wrestling coach and lecturer contracts for the 2001-2002 academic year, despite Burch's excellent record.

During his six-year tenure as head wrestling coach, Burch was twice named UC-Davis "Coach of the Year," led his team to more dual meet victories than any other previous wrestling coach at the university, and qualified numerous wrestlers to both the PAC-10 Conference and NCAA wrestling championships. Burch was committed to providing wrestling opportunities to both male and female students. Burch is now the assistant wrestling coach at Brown University.

"Michael Burch has been courageous in his support of the women wrestlers, and has been committed to seeking simple justice for everyone involved," said Maatz. "The least we can do is protect brave advocates like Burch when they work to make sure the playing field is level for everyone."

Invitation to Fall District Meeting

– from Linda Holsing, Central District Director:

The Fall Central District meeting for AAUW will be held on **Saturday, October 28, from 9:30 am-1 pm** at McGrath's Restaurant, downtown Salem, 350 Chemeketa St. NE. Joyce Zook, state Communications VP, and Betty Haus, state Public Policy Chair, will be our speakers. Attendees will order their own lunches from McGrath's menu.

See you on October 28. It will be an informative and fun time together!

Note: The Corvallis Branch will offer a \$10 reimbursement to any member who attends this meeting. Call or e-mail President Sue if you are interested in going, and we'll arrange carpools.



Diversity / Equity

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Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security

The Educational Foundation Board and the Association Board of AAUW have selected a new theme for AAUW: Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security.

According to the AAUW website, there are several reasons why this theme was selected. According to research from a wide variety of sources, economic security is one of the top issues of interest and concern for all women. This topic's crosscutting appeal transcends demographic differences with high interest levels among AAUW members and nonmembers, spanning age, race, income, and regional differences. Moreover, it is perceived as a broad and timely issue that engages a diverse population of women at the local level with great potential for national and international results.

This theme has particular relevance for AAUW, as we reflect on and celebrate the tremendous progress of girls and young women in education over the past 20 years — much of which has been directly influenced by the research and advocacy work of the organization. Clearly, gender equity issues remain in the K-12 arena and into the college level, including the pervasive problem of harassment in schools and the continued need to support girls' early participation and advancement in science and technology. The reality, however, is that girls are now faring as well as boys by most measures of educational achievement. As the leader in education and equity for women and girls, AAUW must refocus its efforts to play an integral role in ensuring that the school-based achievements of recent decades translate into lasting, lifelong equity for women and their families.

As has become abundantly clear from recent research, women today are working more than ever yet remain crowded in undervalued, lower-paying occupations with fewer benefits for themselves and the children and elderly for whom they often care. Ensuring equity for women and girls — from pre-K through retirement and at all points in between — has become our greatest challenge.

The new theme is intended to focus our work as the continued leader in equity and education for women and girls, proving that for all of our accomplishments, equity is still very much an issue.

Profiles of Women

What do Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Georgia O'Keefe, Sandra Day O'Connor, Barbara McClintock, Wilma Rudolph and Sally Ride have in common? They are all Trailblazers of Equity for Women!

You are invited to learn more about the remarkable women who have shaped history. Select one (or more) to portray in costume from the many prepared scripts. AAUW actresses will visit third grade classrooms and give students an opportunity to meet remarkable women who have overcome obstacles and reached their goals. Students will discover the many important contributions women have made to our society. Girls will be provided with positive role models and all students will be introduced to the wealth of women's history often omitted from history/social science textbooks.

We will be in costume and character for the entire presentation. Your part will be approximately 5 minutes long with script provided, along with costume suggestions (quite economical and easy to put together) and suggested reading. We will make these presentations available to classrooms during March, Women's History Month.

The Profiles of Women group will meet to determine what dates we will be offering our program, and letters will be sent to the superintendent of schools, and once permission to continue has been given, we will send letters to principals and classroom teachers making our program available. Only 4-5 women will be in each program, with music and a MC. Even if you don't want to perform, you can help with music, research, and by enjoying learning about women of achievement. We will meet on the second Wednesday of October, October 11th, at 2 pm at 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath OR. Stefani McRae-Dickey 929-7988 to join.

Many Thanks!

Thank you to the Community Band Flute Quartet (Debbie Hackleman, Becky Douglas, Donna Wernz, and Jim Wernz) for their wonderful example of ensemble playing at the Welcome Back Brunch. We appreciate their talent and willingness to share it with us.

Thank you to Shelly Murphy for hosting Juliana Mbutia, our AAUW International Fellow. She has opened her home to Juliana for the fall term until Juliana's family can join her. Shelly brought Juliana to our Brunch so that we could meet her, and we are grateful to her for that kind gesture.

Thanks to all of you who brought items for Juliana's gift basket. They overflowed into three baskets—and Juliana was overwhelmed by your generosity.

The Welcome Back Brunch was a wonderful success—thanks to everyone who brought food, helped with set up and clean up, and contributed your wonderful self to the lively conversations. In attendance were 47 members, 5 visitors, 4 prospective members, and, of course, Juliana and her host, Shelly—a total of 58.

"The Betrayal of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Her "Woman's Bible" given by

Laurie James, author & actress from Portland

October 14, 2006 7:30 pm

Unitarian Fellowship Hall
2945 NW Circle Blvd.

Cost is \$10 **or** \$6 for students & Seniors

NEWS RELEASE - LBCC News Service/Albany, OR

Sept. 21, 2006

Contact: Russell Tripp Performance Center Box Office, 541-917-4531



"Travel at the Tripp"

New Travel Film Series at Linn-Benton Community College Russell Tripp Performance Center

Explore beautiful and exotic places through the eye of the traveler with the new four-film travel series produced by LBCC Performing Arts and Azumano Travel titled "Travel at the Tripp" at Linn-Benton Community College's Russell Tripp Performance Center.

Join the filmmakers as they present travel destinations both near and far, giving you experienced answers to your questions about the destination presented. Experts from Azumano Travel will be on hand as well to answer your travel questions, with prizes from Azumano given at each show.

The first film in the series, "Alaska", will be shown on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale Sept. 21. Ticket prices are \$7 for each show, \$6 for students/seniors. Season Passport for all four films is \$20. All films will be shown on Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center, LBCC Takena Hall, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531. Online tickets sales available at www.linnbenton.edu, click on the "Travel at the Tripp" quick link under "News & Events", go to "Buy Tickets".

Interest Groups



Afternoon Literature Group

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

Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271
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Tuesday, October 10th

Teacher Man by Frank McCourt.

Hostess: Sharon Reese,
2898 NW Silktassel Dr. (off 29th, above Timberhill
Athletic Club).

Carolyn Simmons will lead the discussion.

Questions? Contact: Carolyn Simmons



Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Gray, 752-5970
Jan Tallis, 757-8060

October 4th

Cuba Diaries by Isadora Tattlin

Reviewer: Jan Christensen

Hostess – Jane Ann Warkentin
3126 NW Buttercup Dr.
754-8875



AAUW Great Discussion Group

This is a nine-week discussion series relating to current events. We will meet on Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to March 6, 2007 from 2-4 pm at the Corvallis Caring Place Library, 750 NW 23rd Street. Charlotte Drost (753-7253) will be the facilitator. More information will be provided in future newsletters.



Gourmet Group

There are still a few places available at the table for the Nov. 4th. Gourmet Dinner. The theme for this meal is, Fall Flavors from Bon Appetit Magazine. If you would like to be included in this get together, hosted by Carolyn and Bob Simmons, please call Brenda Rowley at 752-6779 by the 21st. of Oct.

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



No-Host Lunch

Hope you can drop in for lunch at **Francesco's**, 208 SW 2nd St. on **Thursday, October 19th, at 11:45 a.m.** They serve great soup, bread, and gelato. Come join your friends for a bite and a bit of fun. Mark your calendar. We had a very small turnout in September, but hope more of you will join us in October. Yum, yum! Questions? Contact: Carolyn Simmons, CrCAROLYN@aol.com, 758-0271



Bridge

Meets in players homes the fourth Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

Hostess for September 25 is:
Marilyn Treiman at 3315 NW Lynwood Cir., 758-6337

Please call Marilyn by Thursday, September 21 if you would like to play with us this month.



Events Calendar

OCT	Activity	Time	Location
4	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Jane Ann Warkentin, 3126 NW Buttercup Dr.
9	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	US Bank (corner of 9th & Walnut)
10	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Sharon Reese, 2898 NW Silktassel Dr.
11	Profiles of Women	2:00 p.m.	754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath. Home of Stefani McRae-Dickey, 929-7988
12	Program: "Creativity In Your Bones: Tapping Into Your True Creative Self"	12:00 p.m.	Room 203, Alsea-Calapooia Room, College Center, Linn-Benton Community College
15	Newsletter deadline		
19	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Francesco's, 208 SW 2nd St.
25	Bridge	1:00 p.m.	Marilyn Treiman, 3315 NW Lynwood Circle