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### Branch Program

## "Profiles of Women Who Have Changed Our World"



**February 21, 2006**

New China Buffet  
1720 NW 9<sup>th</sup> St

**Dinner 6:00 p.m.**  
**Program 7:00 p.m.**

- *Is there still power in the words of famous women past and present?*
- *Can we find strength in those words to carry us through our own challenges today?*
- *Have most of these issues the women dealt with been solved or is the struggle ongoing?*

In the voices of our AAUW actors, selections from the words of women who have changed our world will be presented readers theatre style at this meeting.

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**"Modern invention has banished the spinning wheel, and the same law of progress makes the woman of today a different woman from her grandmother."**

-- Susan B. Anthony

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# President's Message

**President**  
Jan Rounds, 754-7730



## Jan's Jottings

I love winter! Yes, the mornings are dark and the weather's chilly and a "bit" wet. That's what makes this season a great time to cuddle up with cozy comforters, steaming cups of tea, and intriguing books! It's also a perfect time for reflection.

When you scan the winter landscapes in the upper Mid-West, Mid-Atlantic, and New England states, the scenery looks barren and unproductive—sometimes even dead. But underneath that supposedly inert land good things are happening. New life is preparing to make itself known—new life, new growth, new beginnings.

And so it can be with us. Winter can be a time of renewal—a time to reevaluate our lives. It's never too late to add new and meaningful activities; never too late to meet new friends; it's never too late for new goals.

One new goal AAUW of Oregon had this past year was the \$100,000 Crystal Campaign. This money will fund a portion of AAUW's national project: "Building a Harassment Free Campus." Quoting AAUW of Oregon President Betsy McDowell, "AAUW of Oregon will be credited for funding the analysis and the fall 2006 publication of campus project research findings and best practices workbooks." State Vice President for EF Joyce Zook stated that these funds will also support the training of college staffs across the nation. [AAUW of Oregon is close to the \$100,000 goal, but not there yet.]

Oregon is involved in another way: Chemeketa Community College recently received a \$5,000 AAUW national grant for a sexual harassment campus-action project. Their representative will present the project's results at the June 2006 AAUW Association student leadership conference (A list of the recipients is printed in the News & Notes section.)

You and I are a part of all this! Our LAF/EF donations play a significant role in this important effort. Because of this, *we* are helping to improve the safety of women on college campuses. We can be proud of that!

A quote from a multi-talented woman:

*You have to count on living every single day in a way you believe will make you feel good about your life, so that if it were over tomorrow, you'd be content.*

May you feel contentment with *your* life. May you experience new growth in this time of winter. And may your AAUW involvement contribute to that contentment and growth.

The source of our quote: actress/artist Jane Seymour.

And now for that cup of tea . . .!

**Jan Rounds**  
President



# Membership

V.P. Membership  
Louise Livesay, 753-4813; Mary Mills, 745-7961; Nelwyn Price, 754-3612

## Membership F.Y.I.

### **WE ARE 105 MEMBERS STRONG!**

A big "Thank You" to so many members for introducing people to our branch and what AAUW stands for. Now our challenge is to encourage and invite our new members to become involved in branch meetings and activities. The Membership Committee is requesting names and addresses of prospective members so we may send them a copy of our monthly newsletter and invitations to AAUW events. Half year dues are now in effect for a brief time, so this is another reason to tell friends and neighbors about AAUW. Please respond to Mary Mills, Louise Livesay or Nelwyn Price.



## News & Notes

The Oregon AAUW Centennial Crystal Campaign (CCC) project, providing funds for the "Building a Harassment-Free campus" has resulted in a grant award to an Oregon College of like initials!

Chemeketa Community College (CCC) has been awarded a Campus Action Project Grant, as part of the "Building a Harassment-Free Campus" project. AAUW of Oregon has a goal of providing \$100,000 to this project for the training/materials stage of the project.

CCC is one of eleven grants awarded out of 44 applications from universities across the country. Other grant awards were provided to Alfred University, Georgia Southern University, Indiana University Louisiana State University, Mississippi University of Women, Pennsylvania State University, Stony Brook University, University of Akron, University of Central Florida, University of North Texas.

The purpose of the Campus Action Project (CAP) grants is to provide pilot programs that will be the fine-tuning used for implementation of the project nation-wide.

For updates about this project, please check out this website:  
<[http://www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm)>[www.aauw.org/campus\\_connection/cap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/campus_connection/cap.cfm).

The grants are to be used during the Spring 2006 semester.

### **Save these dates:**

**April 28-30—Oregon's AAUW state convention in Klamath Falls. Plan to attend. It's fun and informative! More next month!**



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## Famous Women in US History -- Part Two

Due to positive feedback, here are additional facts about famous women in US history. See [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) for additional women.

1. When the Mexican Revolution of 1910 reached the Texas border, she and her friends organized La Cruz Blanca, The White Cross, to take care of the wounded. They nursed people from both sides of the fighting. She was also known as a journalist and community activist. Who was she and where did she live?

Jovita Idar (1885–1946) lived in Laredo, Texas. As a journalist, she wrote articles for Spanish–language newspapers, like *El Progreso* and *El Heraldo Cristiano*, which argued for equal rights for Mexican Americans.

2. Who was the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed when American business and military interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?

Queen Liliuokalani (1838–1917). A revolution, encouraged and actively assisted by American interests backed by a U.S. Navy gunboat, established a provisional government in 1893. Among her lasting legacies: she composed over 200 songs, including “Aloha Oe”.

3. She opened “Hull House” in a run–down Chicago neighborhood, a community center to improve conditions for poor immigrants. The program of English–language classes, childcare, health education and recreational opportunities soon inspired hundreds of other settlement houses throughout the country. Her name?

Jane Addams (1860–1935). One of the first generation of female college graduates at a time when the world was not yet ready to give educated women positions of responsibility, she found her own way to lead a useful life. She won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her lifetime dedication to the cause of international peace.

4. Daughter and granddaughter of Paiute Indian chiefs from Nevada, she lobbied Congress, wrote extensively, and traveled across country during the late 1800s lecturing on the hardships brought upon Native Americans by the U.S. Government. Her name?

Sarah Winnemucca (1844–1891), later named a chief in her own right. Her autobiography, *Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*, was one of the first books by a Native American.

5. Her 1939 Easter Sunday concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial drew a crowd of 75,000. Who was she, and why was she singing there?

Marian Anderson (b. 1902), who had earlier been barred from the singing in the Washington’s Constitution Hall because she was African-American. Her open–air concert was a triumph over bigotry for this international star.

6. Who printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers’ names?

Mary Katherine Goddard (1738–1816), newspaper publisher, had such a strong reputation in the colonies that when Congress fled to Baltimore in 1776 they trusted her with the revolutionary task of printing their treasonous document. Goddard risked arrest by the British when she included her own name as printer.

# Interest Groups



## Afternoon Literature Group

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

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### February 14

*The Jane Austin Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler

Hostess: Marilyn Treiman  
3315 NW Lynwood Circle

Reviewer: Brenda Rowley



## Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Gray, 752-5970  
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

### February 1

*Unless* by Carol Shields

Hostess – Denise Nervik  
2850 SW DeArmond Dr.  
752-8241

Reviewer – Pam Duren



## Gourmet Group

Although the Feb. Gourmet Dinner is several weeks away, your meal planners are already thinking Cajun. This will be our second to last dinner. If you haven't been a participant yet, and you enjoy cooking and dining in good company, please join us Feb. 25th. at the home of Christine and Jim Cantey for a New Orleans style meal.

We can only comfortably seat 16, so sign up early, by phone, with Brenda Rowley at 752-6779.

Thanks from your committee co-chairs: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik and Brenda Rowley



## No-Host Lunch

An enjoyable lunch and get together took place in January at Tommy's 4th Street Grill.

If you forgot or couldn't make it, not to worry. This fun event happens on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **11:45 a.m.** In February we will be meeting on **February 16th** at the **Sunnyside-Up Cafe**, 116 NW 3rd Street, in downtown Corvallis. No reservation necessary.

Just mark your calendar and show up. Enjoy the food in the company of your AAUW friends. Hope to see you there--then! Carolyn Simmons 758-0271

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# Events Calendar

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FEB	Activity	Time	Location
1	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Denise Nervik, 2850 SW DeArmond Dr.
11	Women's Leadership Conference	9:00 a.m.	OSU Memorial Union
14	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Marilyn Treiman, 3315 NW Lynwood Cir.
15	Newsletter deadline		
16	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Sunnyside-Up Cafe, 116 NW 3rd St.
21	Branch Program	6 p.m.	New China Buffet, 1720 NW 9 <sup>th</sup> St
25	Gourmet Group		RSVP to Brenda Rowley, 752-6779