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Mission
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

EF and LAF Fundraiser *An Evening of Mystery, Murder and More*

Friday, March 2, Show time: 7:00 pm
Donation: \$15

First Congregational United Church of Christ
4515 SW West Hills Road



Enjoy a film noir classic from 1944, indulge in absolutely decadent dessert, including a gourmet selection without sugar, and support AAUW's Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. Bring a friend! Introduce a new generation to the best of the forties film noir. At least \$10 per person will be tax-deductible as the proceeds will go to these 501(c)(3) organizations working for equity for women.



Laura, Woman of Mystery

The story of a love that became the most fearful thing that ever happened to a woman.

"Laura is one of the most stylish, elegant, moody, and witty classic film noirs ever made with an ensemble cast of characters.

Preminger's film falls under the category of romantic, melodramatic mystery/detective thriller. It might also be called a psychological study of deviant, kinky obsession, because almost everyone in the cast loves the title character - Laura." writes reviewer Tom Dirks.

Hard-boiled homicide detective Mark McPherson falls in love with the beautiful and glamorous Laura. The only catch? She's the homicide victim. Come unravel the mysteries of Laura's life and death.

Cast includes Vincent Price as the dim-witted, slithery gigolo; Judith Anderson as the wealthy socialite who would like to seduce Price; the catty newspaper editor, Clifton Webb, who has all the great lines and views Laura as his Eliza Doolittle; Gene Tierney as the lovely and haunting Laura; and Dana Andrews as the chain-smoking detective.

Video Hound gives this 4 bones! (Highest score)

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Tickets may be purchased from Sue Borden, Edie Lee or Stefani McRae-Dickey. Reservations may be made by either email, mcraedic@peak.org, or Phone, 929-7988. Tickets can be mailed or held at the 'Will Call' table the night of the film.



President's Message

President
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Notes from Sue:

Here's to Good Women...

May we know them.
May we be them.
May we raise them.

We know them. We encounter them every day. We all know women we respect and cherish. They are our relatives, our friends, our colleagues---women at home, at work, in politics, in education, in health care, even in entertainment. We celebrate their accomplishments, and yes, we're even a little envious of them.

We are them. We work hard, multitasking all the way. We're industrious, creative, caring problem solvers. We have our flaws, but, mostly, we know what they are, and we work on them. We try to make the world a better place with whatever talents we have.

We are raising them. Those of us with daughters work to instill "goodness" qualities from the day they are born. The rest of us help raise good women by teaching, mentoring, supporting (who among us has not bought more Girl Scout cookies than we really need?) and generally being good role models for them.

The world is full of good women. We all need the support, love, and respect of good women as we work together for equity. That's what friends do.

Scholarship Offered

The board has approved offering scholarships to two deserving women who reside in Linn or Benton County and are 25 years of age or older.

The scholarships will be for the 2007-2008 academic year.

A \$750 scholarship will offered to a woman attending Linn Benton Community College seeking a certificate or degree and a \$1000 scholarship to a woman attending Oregon State University seeking an undergraduate degree.

If you know of any women who might qualify and wish to apply, applications can be obtained from our Corvallis-AAUW website (click on Scholarships on the menu) or at the financial aid offices of either school. Application deadline will be April 8.

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Membership

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Welcome NEW Members



Juliana Mbuthia is our 100th member! Juliana Mbuthia was the recipient of our Educational Foundation International (EF) Award. We now welcome her as a member of our Corvallis branch of AAUW.

Juliana has a BS degree in Education from Egerton U., Kenya, and is now working toward her MS degree in Mathematics at OSU. She hopes to become a math professor after graduation.

Juliana and her husband, James, have 2 children. She is hopeful they can join her this year. They are currently awaiting visas. When not busy with academics she enjoys reading, farming and charitable work.

Juliana says, "It is through AAUW that my dreams are coming true and it is also my dream to have an organization like AAUW in Kenya."

We want to thank Stefani McRae-Dickey for providing her membership dues.

Thanks also to Jan Rounds. Her excellent articles, "Getting to Know Juliana," will help us become better acquainted with Juliana and her country of Kenya.

Kathy Evans attended school at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, VA and holds a BS deg, from Strayer Univ., Washington, DC.

She is a retired technical writer. Kathy has lived in northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC. Her husband, Paul is a retired computer software engineer. They have 1 adult son, David.

Kathy enjoys reading, cooking, exercising, taking care of her home and her 3 cats.

She is very interested in international events as well as local politics. Kathy would like to be informed of programs offered by AAUW, especially, the "Great Decisions" program.

Marilyn Rolands introduced Kathy to AAUW.

New Branch Members

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Gender Pay Gap Widens for College-Educated Women

In 2005, the most recent year for which data is available, women continue to earn only 77 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts. While this gap is narrowing in several sectors, a recent [New York Times article](#) reported that the pay gap between women and men college graduates has actually widened over the past decade.

For example, according to Labor Department data analyzed by the Economic Policy Institute, college-educated women between 36 and 45 years old earned 74.7 cents in hourly pay for every dollar that men in the same group did last year, down a full penny from ten years ago.

For more information on Pay Equity and what you can do to help, read [AAUW's Pay Equity Resource Kit](#) and learn about [Equal Pay Day](#).

As the majority of minimum wage earners are women, you can also help reduce the gender pay gap by visiting [AAUW's Two-Minute Activist](#) and urging your representative to support an increase in the federal minimum wage.



News & Notes

AAUW Co-sponsors Seminar in March

The Benton County Historical Society and the American Association of University Women, are inviting high school sophomore and junior girls to attend a seminar to celebrate **Women's History Month, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**. The seminar, titled *History Making Women*, will feature outstanding women who have contributed significantly to their professions and to the quality of life in their communities. The seminar, to be held at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath, is offered at **no charge**.

The seminar will be facilitated by Kimberly S. Jensen, PhD, Professor, Department of History and Gender Studies, Western Oregon University.

Invitation from the Eugene Branch

The Eugene-Lane Branch of the American Association of University Women invites you to a special Birthday Celebration brunch on Saturday, March 10, 2007. The occasion is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of AAUW and a birthday celebration of the contributions members have made to advance equity in education for women and girls since the founding of the Eugene Branch in 1913.

The brunch will be at Mallard Hall in Eugene, beginning with a social hour at 11:00, brunch at 11:30, and a program ending at 2:00. The cost will be \$18.00 per person.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please contact Eugene Branch President Peggy Shippen, 686-8619, if you have any questions.

Getting to Know Juliana

Here is additional information Juliana Mbutia would like us to know about Kenya. (For those of you new to Corvallis, Juliana is an EF international scholarship recipient from Kenya studying at OSU for her master's degree in mathematics.)

Gender Parity: Gender equality is yet to be achieved. Women are not given enough recognition; in fact there is a lot of discrimination. Many women, especially those without education, have accepted this position but the few who are educated are fighting very hard for women's liberation—but the battle is tough because men are also fighting back: male chauvinism, you know. In some communities women are not supposed to inherit from the parents, and this worsens if a woman in such a community has children and is unmarried. In other communities, parents prefer to educate their boys and just marry off their girls. Our current government is trying hard to end such traditions.

Christmas celebration: This past Christmas, I closely observed all the preparations being made here and the anticipation. I admire all that, and I am going to borrow some ideas when I leave. All the same it makes me so sad when I remember the situation back in my country. Many kids don't even know about the opening of gifts because there are no gifts to open. Many parents, especially those in rural areas, can't afford to buy gifts, let alone put a meal on the table. Most kids, especially HIV/AIDS orphans, spend a gloomy, hungry, and miserable Christmas. There is nothing to enjoy. I don't know where to start, but next year perhaps we can join hands and think about those little miserable angels. It takes only \$2 to buy a decent gift in Kenya, and with only \$1 you can give a child a very nice Kenyan meal. Sell this idea to other well wishers. This year I plan to provide a meal to 10 Kenyan HIV/AIDS orphans. This is all I can afford this time.

In Kenya we need also an organization to assist the less fortunate kids. I would like to see a "KAUW" in Kenya! This way we can turn things around.



Juliana is Moving!

Juliana will be moving into an unfurnished apartment in Orchard Court in late January. She is still hoping that her family will be able to join her there. She'll know more about that after her family has its appointment with the US Embassy on January 22.

A request at the recent AAUW Board Meeting brought promises of the following items:

desk (no chair), love seat, end table, several table lamps, glider (rocker) chair with footstool, small dining table, recliner, single bed comforter, futon, dishes (4 place settings), coffee table, kitchen stuff, toaster, silverware, towels & other linens.

It looks like she could use a few dining chairs, and perhaps a bookshelf and a chest of drawers. Most of all she needs someone with a pickup (and some strong backs) to help move all these things to her apartment.

If you can help, please contact Shelly Murphy, her current host, or Juliana at 754-1154.

Marilyn Roland, 752-5257

Associated Press Release from Montgomery, AL

COACH GAINS EQUAL FACILITIES FOR GIRLS

An Alabama high school basketball coach who was fired when he complained that his girls' basketball team was not treated as well as the boys' team--and won a pivotal Supreme Court ruling in the case--has reached a settlement that includes a school board promise of equal facilities.

"My aim all along was to ensure fair treatment for Birmingham female athletes, and this agreement at long last, should guarantee that happens," said the coach, Roderick Jackson, who was supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Under the settlement with the Birmingham Board of Education, Jackson will receive \$50,000, his lawyers will receive \$340,000, and the board will take all necessary steps to provide female athletes with facilities comparable to those used by male athletes. Jackson had complained in part that his players had to practice in a gym built in 1908 rather than a new one used by boys.

The settlement also assures that Jackson will remain the girls' basketball coach at Jackson-Olin High School. He had been rehired as interim coach by the Birmingham system earlier.

Jackson sued in 2001 after he was fired as a teacher and girls' coach at Ensley High, which has since merged with Jackson-Olin.

His case gained national attention last year when the Supreme Court ruled that the Title IX gender equity law protects whistleblowers as well as direct victims of discrimination. Lower courts found that Title IX did not authorize retaliation claims.



PLEASE START TO COLLECT GENTLY-USED BOOKS AND OTHER MEDIA ARTICLES FOR OUR SALE AT THE MAY LUNCHEON. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND.

Interest Groups



Great Decisions Interest Group

Meetings will be on Tues. Jan 16, 2007 through March 13, 2007 from 2-4 PM at the Corvallis Caring Place Library - 750 NW 23 rd St. Topics this year are Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia and Children's Rights. Please call Charlotte Drost at 753-7253 for further information.



No-Host Lunch

Drop by for a "Japanese Lunch Box" (or another great menu choice) on the 3rd Thursday, **February 15, 2007**, at AOMATSU's, 122 W. 3rd, downtown! Also, enjoy your AAUW friends and maybe make some new ones!

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Diversity / Equity

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AAUW Research Reports on Pay Equity

The new programmatic theme for AAUW is "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security". Several of the Educational Foundation's recent research publications address the issues of economic security and pay equity. These and other publications are available on AAUW's website: www.aauw.org.

Public Perceptions of the Pay Gap (2005)

Women working full time earn about 75 percent of what men working full time earn. Even after considering job tenure, years in the labor market, occupation, education, and other factors usually associated with pay, about 20 percent of the gap remains unexplained.

Do Americans know about this disparity? Why do they think there is a pay gap? In March 2005, the AAUW Educational Foundation commissioned a nationally representative poll conducted by Lake, Snell, Perry, Mermin and Associates to learn about common perceptions of the pay gap.

Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings (2005)

While educational gains for women are often credited with helping to shrink the gender gap in earnings, this interactive online report reveals that women with four-year degrees typically earn 71.5 cents for every \$1 that their male counterparts earn. Women earn \$44,200 compared \$61,800 for men—a gap of \$17,600 a year.

Women at Work (2003)

Women at Work combines interview and survey data with recent U.S. census statistics to explore how women are faring in today's work force and what their prospects are for future job success and security.

An accompanying action guide, also published by the Educational Foundation, helps AAUW members and others translate the research findings into action.

Interest Groups *continued*



Afternoon Literature Group

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

Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271

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Tuesday, February 13th

Only in America by Harry Golden

Hostess: Jan Rounds
3111NW Norwood Place

Jan will also lead the discussion.

New book choices will be announced and bookmarks distributed.



Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Gray, 752-5970

Jan Tallis

February 7th

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Reviewer – Pam Duren

Hostess – Mary Gray

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Events Calendar

| FEB | Activity | Time | Location |
|-----|---|---------------------|---|
| 7 | Evening Lit Group | 7:30 p.m. | Mary Gray, 3942 Boxwood |
| 12 | Board Meeting | 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. | US Bank (corner of 9th & Walnut) |
| 13 | Afternoon Lit Group | 2:00 p.m. | Jan Rounds, 3111 NW Norwood Pl. |
| 15 | Newsletter deadline | | |
| 15 | No-Host Lunch | 11:45 a.m. | AOMATSU's, 122 3 rd St. Downtown |
| MAR | Activity | Time | Location |
| 2 | Program: <i>An Evening of Mystery, Murder and More</i> | 7:00 p.m. | First Congregational United Church of Christ 4515 SW West Hills Road |
| 14 | Seminar: <i>History Making Women</i> | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath |