



## Branch Newsletter

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## TITLE IX, THIRTY YEARS AFTER

### Panel Discussion on the effects and future of Title IX

**Saturday, February 22  
10:00 a.m. to noon  
Arnold Dining Center  
140 Arnold  
OSU Campus**

Title IX has had an enormous effect on opportunities for women in federally funded schools. After 30 years, we see American women competing and winning in all events in the Olympics.

#### Here are some statistics to ponder.

Prior to Title IX, one in 27 high school girls competed in sports. Today, one in every 2.5 high school girls compete in sports. There are 3,714 more women's teams on college campuses than there were in 1972, and 989 more men's teams. Of the total NCAA athletic budgets, 33 percent is spent on ALL women's sports, while 70 percent of NCAA men's athletic budget goes to football and basketball.

Did you know that Title IX impacts women's opportunities in academics as well? The number of women majoring in Engineering, Mathematics, and other non-traditional areas has increased dramatically. As a result of Title IX, the traditionally male only majors were forced to open their doors to women both as students and as faculty.

We still have far to go. On the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX Nancy Zirkin, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, said:

"Overall, today's 'Report Card' reveals a failing grade in technology (D+) and barely passing grades when it comes to sexual harassment (C) and learning environment (C-). For those committed to gender equity, these grades are simply unacceptable."

#### We've come a long way, but we're not there yet!

Directions: The parking lot for Arnold Dining Center is on the north side of Western between 26<sup>th</sup> (College Dr.) and 17<sup>th</sup>. Arnold is a one story building between the two seven story residence halls, Bloss and Finley. Park in the parking lot on Western which is next to Bloss. Arnold is just north of Bloss Residence Hall.

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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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## Vintage Murder a Hit! Thank You!

If you didn't attend the Vintage Murder at the Wine Auction on Friday, January 24 you missed a great evening of laughter, suspense, and plain old fun! Our actors were fabulous!

A big thank you to Kori McDonald as the scheming Toni; Christine Cantey as the man pleasing Olive; Jan Rounds as the local law and a FBI wanna-be, Jesse Jones; Seth Bernstein as the lily-livered mama's boy, Nigel; Joe Eitel as the possibly Mafia connected Carmine; and Brian Watkins as the evil land developer Joe Bob. They played their roles to the top and over! We were in suspense until the final scene.

Special thanks go to Mary Jeanne Reynales, noted local director of many successful musicals. She directed with tact, skill and vision to bring out the best in each cast member. Without her there would have been no show. Thank you Mary Jeanne for saying yes when I called! I am still amazed that she agreed to direct for a group of people with which she had no previous connection. What enormous generosity!

Thank you also to our energetic decorating committee chair, Diana Bernstein, and her committee, Barbara Mykrantz, Nancy Tolin and Martha Jenkins. They transformed the dining room at the Courtyard Inn into a fantastic fantasy wine cellar. AND, they did it for less than \$15! Kudos to you all!!!

Thank you also to the local businesses which provided in-kind donations. Winco, Henderson's Copying, the Courtyard Inn and Tyee Winery all helped make this event possible. Winco, Henderson's and the Courtyard Inn gave non-profit discounts on goods and services. Tyee provided four large wine barrels and numerous bottles for decoration. The staff at the Courtyard Inn cheerfully helped with additional furniture and allowed us to hang a banner on the wall. Thank you all for your support and donations.

So, how much money did we make for EF and LAF? We raised \$840 on ticket sales to send \$672 to EF and \$168 to LAF. We have established an event which people will look forward to every year. Several non-AAUW members attending the mystery have already inquired when next year's event will take place. We plan to present at least 2 performance of our Murder Mystery fundraiser next year. Yes, it will be a different mystery! Following the "unpleasantness at the Winery," we auctioned off the remaining wine to cover expenses and provide seed money for next year.

Congratulations to everyone involved! AND, when I ask for volunteers to help plan the Murder Mystery for next year, please say "YES!!!"

Stefani McRae  
Murder Mystery Producer

### **Transitions Conference Date Change**

**Martha Jenkins, President**

Due to a scheduling conflict with Linn-Benton Community College, the *Transitions* Conference will not be held on February 15, 2003 but will be scheduled for later in the spring.

The goal of the conference is to reach out and encourage women returning to college by providing information about careers, college admission and financial aid, and support systems.



## Martha's Musings

I am so pleased to announce that, thanks to all of your generous contributions and a memorial donation from the family of Neva Roberts, we will be able to award a \$400.00 local scholarship to an older than average woman student. The memorial donation for Neva Roberts was given by her daughters Shelia Roberts-Badertscher of Corvallis and Gail Roberts of Eugene to recognize their mother's participation in AAUW in California. Ruth Burns, local scholarship chair, will distribute scholarship applications to Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon State University (OSU). The Board also approved giving two \$50 scholarships to help two girls attend Oregon State University's summer programs for talented and gifted students *Adventures in Learning and Explorations*.

Prior local scholarships that we have provided demonstrate the importance we place on math, science and technology education for girls and women. In 1999, we gave Meghaan Smith a \$50 scholarship to attend TWIST-Teen Women in Science and Technology-offered at Oregon Institute of Science and Technology. At our April 2000 program with the Engineering Club women at Crescent Valley High School, Meghaan spoke to us about a robot she had built with her team and would be entering in competition. Scholarship recipient Michelle Nelson is completing her degree in nursing at Linn-Benton Community College.

There is still much need for encouragement and support for women in the sciences. A recent *New York Times* article (1/12/03) entitled *Where the Girls Aren't* states that, "more than 19,000 boys took the Advanced Placement computer science examination in 2001, compared with just over 2,400 girls." An article in *Electronic Design* states, "despite efforts on several fronts to promote engineering as a career for women and minorities, a widening gender gap exists among electrical engineers." (*Electronic Design*, October 21, 2002, p. 251). Bob Burton, our AAUW University Representative at OSU told us in September 2001 of the problems the University has both in recruiting women engineering faculty and in retaining women engineering students.

The search for our 2003 scholarship candidate has just begun. Please let friends, family and potential candidates know that we have a scholarship available. Who knows what wonderful woman will be our next scholarship recipient!

Martha Jenkins

President

## Caring and Sharing

(Contact Martha Jenkins at [marthaj@peak.org](mailto:marthaj@peak.org) with information)

Our best wishes to **Joyce Carver** and **Ruth Burns** for speedy recoveries from surgery. Joyce has a new knee and Ruth a new hip. Oh, the marvels of modern medicine!

Congratulations to **Stefani McRae-Dickey** on her new job as publicity/events coordinator for the Oregon State University Music Department.

Congratulations to **Diana Bernstein** who was certified in November by the American Council on Exercise as a personal trainer and has started working at Timberhill Athletic Club.

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## Membership F.Y.I.

Our current membership has grown to 97 members and (unlike our economy) still shows no signs of slowing down. If you have friends or acquaintances who would like to "sample our wares," AAUW is currently offering a half year membership. This discount offer started on January 1, and runs through March 15. Association dues are only \$19.50 for new branch members, from the time they join, through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2003. (Local and state dues are not discounted.) Membership would also be pleased to mail the branch newsletter to your prospective members.

## Getting Acquainted with a New Member

Before moving to Corvallis six years ago, **Bertha Houk** had spent much of her life in the eastern Oregon towns of Lakeview, Prineville, Joseph, and Pendleton. She had also been a member of the Pendleton branch of AAUW. Bertha has a BA from OSU and a MA from the University of Idaho in Business Education. Although she considers herself a retired educator, occasionally she is a substitute teacher for local schools.

Bertha takes pride in being the mother of eight children (four boys and four girls) and that two of them have received the Citizen of the Year award in their respective communities. Additionally, Bertha feels fortunate that three of her children live nearby: John, is owner/manager of Auto Tech. Alicia is a sixth-grade teacher's aid in Philomath, and Bridget, an accountant, is currently a full-time mother.

For the last year, Bertha has devoted much of her energy to supervising the building and landscaping of her new home. Now that she is comfortably settled, she desires to meet professional women and enjoy activities such as the afternoon book group. Besides reading, Bertha enjoys oil painting, playing the piano, and gardening. We extend a warm welcome from our local membership, Bertha!

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### Hello from Buffalo!

Corvallis AAUW member Sylvia Volk successfully completed her move to Buffalo, NY and sends greetings to all. She has been busy getting settled, adjusting to the cold and snow, and attending concerts, lectures and Buffalo AAUW meetings. She has found three part time jobs working for: Citizen Action of Western NY, a statewide citizen's advocacy group; the Impact Gallery for Women, a women's art gallery; and as a private contractor for the NY State Department of Labor, placing rehabilitated or disabled clients into jobs. Her new address is:

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## **FLASH! Used Book Sale to Benefit LAF in March**

Bring those books you've finished reading to the Branch Meeting on March 12. Donate them for our Used Book Sale—and buy more books to read. Prices will be so low, you won't be able to pass up the opportunity! All proceeds will go to LAF and will count toward our branch's goal to donate \$5 per member in 2003.

## **LAF Programs II**

LAF has four major programs to promote equity for women in higher education: case support, the LAF Network, the LAF Progress in Equity Award, and Campus Outreach. We looked at case support and the Progress in Equity Award last month. This month we'll learn about the LAF Network and the Campus Outreach programs.

### **LAF Network**

LAF has established a network of experienced attorneys and social scientists who serve as volunteer consultants to lawyers and plaintiffs suing, or considering suing, higher education institutions for sex discrimination. Network participants include attorneys experienced in Title VII (federal legislation prohibiting sex discrimination in the workplace) and Title IX (federal legislation prohibiting sex discrimination in publicly funded educational institutions) litigation and social scientists whose work focuses on employment and/or equity issues.

These volunteers answer legal questions, offer tips on litigation strategies, and provide information on new social science theory related to equity or the workplace. In general, an LAF Network participant assists women in examining all the available options and the ramifications of their actions. Litigation is exhausting and expensive, and the personal and professional toll is heavy. The LAF Network volunteer gives a potential plaintiff the information she needs to make the best decision concerning her particular case.

### **Campus Outreach Program**

Launched in 1996, the pilot campus outreach program was aimed at educating campus communities about the issue of sex discrimination in higher education and the work of the Legal Advocacy Fund. The program has evolved into a proactive effort by the board and staff to speak on campuses to educate students, faculty, and other employees about the problem of sex discrimination. Campus outreach presentations address the reality of sex discrimination in higher education, strategies to prevent it or resolve it when it does occur, and the services LAF provides to women who challenge it.

## **School Funding and AAUW**

Judy Isaacson

On January 13, Martha Jenkins and Judy Isaacson went to a Corvallis School District budget work session. As you may guess, there will be more cuts in the school programs, here in Corvallis and Statewide. When you attend a meeting like this you soon realize that there is little that a group can do to solve the problem. It appears that the core of the problem is how schools are funded here in Oregon. State laws prohibit many areas of school spending from being cut, and the state has many requirements for schools.

The question is how can AAUW be involved in legislative change? Is anything being done at this time? This would be a good topic for each of you to discuss as you meet in the various AAUW group activities. Can we as an organization make a change?



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## The 72nd Oregon Legislative Assembly -- convened on January 13, 2003

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**Kelly Wirth:** *Agriculture & Natural Resources (vice-chair); General Government*

**Betsy Close:** *Business, Labor & Consumer Affairs (chair); Rules & Public Affairs*

**Lane Shetterly:** *Revenue (chair); Judiciary*

**Frank Morse:** *Joint Ways & Means*

## Interest Groups

### Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Val Krauss 766-8916

#### February 11

"*This House of Sky*" by Ivan Doig

Hostess: Jan Rounds  
3111 NW Norwood Pl

Reviewer: Carolyn Moore

Books for March:

"*Pretty Is As Pretty Does*" by Alison Clement  
"*Children of Summer*" by Margaret Anderson

### Gourmet Dinner

Saturday, March 8, 2003.

7:00 p.m.

At the home of Marilyn and Leon Roland  
4099 NW Live Oak Place

MENU Crab Bruschetta on Baguette, Roasted Spicy Nuts  
Soup, Honey-Glazed Pork Tenderloin with Fennel Roasted  
Accordian Potatoes, Lemony Green Beans, Winter Green  
Salad, Pears in Marscapone Custard

For reservations, call Jane Ann Warkentin at 754-8875.

### Evening Literature Group

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

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#### February 5

"*Expecting Adam*" by Martha Beck

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Reviewer: Nancy Tolin

#### March 5

"*The Sparrow*" by Mary Doria Russell

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### Adelante

**February 2003:** This is African History Month, and with that in mind, the Adelante book, "*All About Love: New Visions*," by Bell Hooks, fits right in. This book examines the sentimental aspects of romance, and the urges of sex. The problems that can arise from the confusion between the two is studied.

**Mark your calendars now for the  
AAUW of Oregon Convention in  
Corvallis  
April 25-27, 2003**

**Workshops, tours, conversation and  
good food!**

# Events Calendar

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FEB	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Shirley Wirth 3994 NW Boxwood Dr.
10	Board Meeting	12:20 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
11	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Jan Rounds 3111 NW Norwood Pl
15	Newsletter Deadline		
22	Program: Panel Discussion on the effects and future of Title IX	10 a.m. to Noon	Arnold Dining Center 140 Arnold OSU Campus
MAR	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Bobbie Pulliam
15	Play Trip to Ashland		Contact Rosemary Cunningham ( <a href="mailto:cunninghamrt@attbi.com">cunninghamrt@attbi.com</a> )
April 25-27	2003 AAUW of OR Convention		Corvallis