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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.**



## "Exploring Alzheimer's"

January 12, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Good Samaritan Hospital  
Room 2  
3600 NW Samaritan Drive  
Corvallis

We are privileged to have Dr. Cecilia Keller, Neurologist, as our guest speaker at the January meeting. Dr. Keller has practiced Neurology in Corvallis since 1985. She has been Chairperson of the Department of Neurology at both Good Samaritan Hospital and the Corvallis Clinic since 1985, as well. She is also a member of the American Academy of Neurology.

She has a remarkable history of higher education, including: **BA**, 1972, Incarnate Word College; **BS**, 1976, University of New Mexico; **MD**, 1980. U. of New Mexico, School of Medicine; **Internship**, 1980-81, Internal Medicine, Nassau Hospital, Mineola, NY; **Residency**, 1981-84, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY; **Chief Resident**, 1983-84, Stony Brook.

Not only does Dr. Keller excel in her career, but she is also active in many community activities, including: Housing for the Handicapped; Volunteer Medical Professional Speaker, CHS; Casa De Angeles Foundation; and former Board Member for both Children's Farm Home and Grace Center for Adult Day Care Services.

It is an honor to welcome Dr. Keller to our AAUW meeting on Jan. 12th to discuss Alzheimer's disease. She will give us some background on the disease, and share some insights into care and treatment practices and options. This is a disease that can be devastating for both the patient and their loved ones. More than likely, we all know or know of someone affected by this tragic disease.

Please join Dr. Keller and your fellow AAUW members on Jan. 12th at 7:00 at the Hospital to address this timely topic: "Exploring Alzheimer's"!

Also, Tara Robinson will share with us the "Women Making a Difference" in her pursuit of quality life and higher education. We look forward to hearing her story.



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## From Stef's Stylus

### AAUW: Women Making a Difference

Happy New Year!! I hope your holidays were Joyous and Flu Less!

Every January we consider our goals and resolutions for the New Year. Envision what our branch would accomplish if we each made the following resolutions:

Resolved, I will:

- Attend at least five branch general meetings during 2004
- Invite two friends to join AAUW
- Memorize the AAUW mission statement:

*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change*

- Read and act on our Public Policy
- Sell at least 2 tickets to the Murder Mystery. (Friday, January 30, \$40 per person. Includes dinner, wine, and the mystery)
- Advance AAUW goals of Equity for All Women and Girls by working on the Transitions conference
- Support EF and LAF with a donation
- Volunteer to work on at least one AAUW project this year
- Appreciate all the wonderful, energetic women who are members of our branch.

It is the members of AAUW who promote Equity, Education and Positive Societal Change. Please select some (or all) of these resolutions and help our branch accomplish our mission.

**Our Transitions Conference** has been postponed to next autumn. We want to include other groups which support our goals as cosponsors. The only date the facilities at Linn-Benton Community College were available this Spring was in February. This did not allow enough time for organizations to meet and allocate funds before plans could be finalized. We will work with other organizations during the next three months to raise funds. Once the budget is determined, we will complete plans for the event at LBCC. I'll keep you posted on developments.

**The Murder on Maui Mystery is January 30th.** As of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, we had sold 26 tickets. If every member asks a friend to attend, we can sell out all 64 tickets in a flash! Please, even if you are unable to attend, tell friends and neighbors about this fun-filled evening. Invitations which include an order form can be obtained by calling 929-7988. We will enjoy a Hawaiian dinner catered by Valley Catering, wine, entertainment, and a fabulous mystery. Tickets at \$40; approximately \$15 of that is tax deductible. The proceeds go to EF and LAF. See page five for details and an order form.

Thanks for your support of AAUW goals!



**Stefani McRae-Dickey**

President

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## Membership Support



Over 40 members attended the Holiday Tea on Friday afternoon, December 5th. Poinsettias, Santas and snowmen decorated the beautiful home of Shirley Wirth. Many thanks to Shirley for opening her lovely home to us and thanks to all the members who brought guests and wonderful goodies. It was a fine time to see us at our best!

The second "As You Like It" adventure will be an escape to Ashland on Sunday, March 7, 2004. The trip will offer first class tickets to the play, "A Comedy of Errors," and transportation on a comfortable chartered bus. It's open to all members, spouses or friends. For additional information, please read the "As You Like It" announcement in this newsletter.

A brochure describes the play:

The "Comedy of Errors" is a roller coaster farce that will have you seeing double. Two sets of identical twins, separated at birth, wind up in the same town. Imagine what happens when the townspeople mistake the visiting twins for their resident brothers – and vice versa. No plot twist is left untwisted, no excuse for laughter is excused in this good-hearted comedy of mistaken identities, surprising family ties and happy endings.

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### Forgotten Umbrellas

Shirley Wirth reports that there were two umbrellas left at her door after the Holiday Tea. One is black, and the other is maroon. Owners can call Shirley at 754-7186 to claim them.

### E-Mail Correction

for Stefani Mcrae-Dickey:  
Please correct Stefani's e-mail address in your yearbook to read: [mcraedic@peak.org](mailto:mcraedic@peak.org) (There should be just one "c")

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## Caring and Sharing

(Contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at [mcraedic@peak.org](mailto:mcraedic@peak.org) with information)

**Zel Brook** will be having a one woman art show at the Corvallis Arts Center, Art Centric, during the month of January. The exhibit will include over 300 artworks. Everyone is invited to the opening reception on January 8th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will remain at the art center through the month of January until Friday, January 30. There will be a docent presentation during the exhibit.

**Irene Lilja** has moved to her newly built home: 4628 SW 47th Pl., Corvallis, 97333

**Nancy Sutton** has moved to Colorado Springs. We wish her well and hope she will be back to see us!

Nancy Sutton  
6925 Mikado Lane  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
(719) 265-9354

## STAND for Equity

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has named the STAND program at the University of Maryland at College Park as its 2003 Progress in Equity Award winner. The award recognizes a college or university program that promotes equity on campus for women and comes with a \$10,000 stipend.

STAND—Science and Technology Addressing the Need for Diversity—within the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences addresses the long-standing national need to increase the number of underrepresented groups, including African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and women, both undergraduate and graduate, in science. STAND supports students by providing a strong community, scholarships and fellowships, recruitment and outreach activities, mentoring, and career guidance. Program director Joelle Carter said the stipend will help fund discussion panels and scholarships, among other endeavors.

Since 1987, LAF has recognized more than 35 programs throughout the United States for their progressive and innovative advancements on behalf of women faculty, staff, or students.

### LAF Fundraising Notes:

- 1) A portion of each admission to the Mystery Dinner will go to LAF.
- 2) Save your books for the Corvallis Branch's Used Book Sale to benefit LAF. The sale will be at one of our Spring meetings. It'll be a great way to stock up for summer reading!

## EF Members Say Thanks!

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Shirley Wirth for hosting this year's Holiday Tea. It was indeed a lovely event!



Also, thanks to Edie Shields who once again did a marvelous job with the name tags for the poinsettia plants and to those who helped set up for the tea – Marge Bromley, Martha Jenkins, and Marilyn Roland.

And lastly, thanks to all of you who ordered poinsettias and who contributed to the AAUW Educational Foundation in 2003.

## ***Murder on Maui***

### **Hawaiian Dinner Mystery**



Friday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Courtyard Inn  
2435 NW Harrison Blvd.  
Tickets are \$40



#### **Proceeds to EF and LAF**

It's not too late to purchase your ticket for this **KILLER** evening. The setting is the Pineapple Haven Hotel (motto: "People are **DYING** to get in") where Jewel Hogget, the pig farmer's daughter, will marry Roger Windsor, son of the snobby socialite, Abigail. Poor Jewel and her dad are still living the hippie life, much to Abigail's embarrassment. Why must the wedding occur before midnight? What **FATAL** secrets does the wedding party know?

### **Roger and Jewel are going to the chapel and they're gonna get *MURDERED*, uh, sorry, married . . .**

The mystery is interactive, and you are encouraged to come in character and in costume. Portray your favorite detective, wear a **KILLER** Hawaiian outfit, or join the Bride's side of the aisle in tie-**DIE** and love beads. Be an old flame of the bride or groom bent on **REVENGE**, a distant cousin who hopes to **INHERIT**, an unemployed Elvis imitator (think Blue Hawaii) who will **KILL** for a gig, or a wedding guest from the tules. Best of all, have a great evening, and solve the mystery!

Invitations, which include an order form, and posters are available from Stefani, 929-7988. Invitations can be given to friends and acquaintances who might like to attend. Tickets may be purchased at Grass Roots Bookstore also.

See Order Form on Page 7.

Deadline for purchase: January 9, 2004

**Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!**

For more information call 929-7988.

## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

January 14

*Middlemarch* by George Eliot

Hostess: Charlotte Drost  
1084 NW Charlemagne Pl

Reviewer: Gerry Custer

## Evening Literature Group

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

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656  
Mary Mill, 745-7961

January 7

*The Siege* by Helen Dunmore

Hostess: Mary Lou Russ  
3030 NW Thistle Place  
758-3400  
[mlrrrr@comcast.net](mailto:mlrrrr@comcast.net)

Reviewer: Shirley Wirth

## Great Decisions

January is here, and the Great Decisions program is ready to start.

Our organizing meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Regent at 1:30 PM – on the lower level as in the past. The study books will be handed out at that time. Please be there so that you can help the group set up its discussions and procedures for the 2004 season. It's going to be an exciting year, based on the topics and the events in our world.

If you have questions, please contact chair Judy Rudolph at 757-8510.

## Gourmet Group

Food lovers, climb aboard as we travel abroad to **Russia** for our next **Gourmet Dinner**. All AAUW members and significant others are welcome. Just **RSVP** to Carolyn Moore **by** no later than **the 4th of January, 2004**, 758-0271 or e-mail [CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com).

Mark your new calendar for a great evening of food and friendship. **Saturday, January 17th, at 7:00 pm**. Hope to see you then!

Thanks, The Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey, Carolyn Moore, Denise Nervik.

## No-Host Lunch

About 15 women enjoyed a great holiday lunch at Michael's Landing on the 17th of December. It's always such a wonderful setting. If you missed it, don't worry. Starting this month, the lunches will be held on their prior years' dates -- the third Thursday of each month. Apparently many people have other obligations on Wednesday, so hopefully more of you will be able to drop by for a bite and a visit. It's fun and informal.

On the third Thursday of **January**, the **15th**, we will meet at **Grepsey's**, a newer Corvallis restaurant. It is located at 370 SW Western. It's on your left, going out 4th Street, just before you come to the Philomath Highway. We'll meet at **11:45 a.m.** You can just show up, or feel free to call or e-mail me: Carolyn Moore 758-0271 or [CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com)

## As You Like It

*Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare

Sunday, March 7, 1:30 pm  
(leave at 7am and back by 11pm)  
Angus Bowmer Theater, A section seats & chartered bus =  
\$70.00

Please address checks to Rosemary Cunningham, and mail to 4754 NW Inger Pl., Corvallis, Oregon, 97330. Your tickets will be mailed to you with additional information.

The Corvallis Branch of the  
American Association of University Women  
presents

**Murder on Maui**  
**Hawaiian Dinner Mystery**

**Friday, January 30, 2004 at 6:30 PM**  
**At Courtyard Inn**  
**2435 Harrison Blvd**

We invite you to a tropical get-away at the Pineapple Haven Hotel. Harold Logan's (in)famous luau will provide some murderous entertainment. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and solve the mystery. Party on, but know this: Trouble is brewing for Harold Logan.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it,  
is to solve a **Murder** (or two).

We want you to be fully involved in the experience so please come in costume and in character! We encourage you to take on a role as a world renowned hula dancer, a scout for 'Tropical Resorts R Us,' an unemployed Elvis imitator (think Blue Hawaii), or a tourist from the hinterlands, for example. Rumor has it that the Feds are looking into Harold's activities. Are you that FBI agent? It's optional, of course, but it will enhance your whole experience. Use your imagination and get ready to play!

Who among you will become a cold-blooded killer? A victim?  
Be warned and beware, it could be the person  
standing right next to you!  
Tickets are \$40.

The tax-deductible proceeds go to the AAUW Educational Foundation and to the Legal Advocacy Fund

***Murder on Maui Dinner Mystery***  
***Friday, January 30, 2004***

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your check payable to Corvallis AAUW.** Mail your check and this form to:  
Stefani McRae  
AAUW Murder Mystery Dinner  
754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath OR 97370

Deadline for purchase: January 9, 2004

***Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!***

For more information call 929-7988 or contact any AAUW member.

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JAN	Activity	Time	Location
7	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Mary Lou Russ, 3030 NW Thistle Pl.
12	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
12	Branch Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Good Samaritan Hospital Room 2 3600 NW Samaritan Drive
14	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Charlotte Drost, 1084 NW Charlemagne Pl.
15	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Grempey's, 370 SW Western
17	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	RSVP Carolyn Moore, 758-0271 by Jan. 4th
22	Great Decisions Organizing Meeting	1:30 p.m.	The Regent
30	Murder Mystery Dinner	6:30 p.m.	The Courtyard Inn, 2435 Harrison Blvd.