



Branch Newsletter

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From Stef's Stylus

Corvallis AAUW Wins Grant

This past winter, we applied for a grant from AAUW of Oregon to co-sponsor the Women's Leadership Conference at Oregon State University. Martha Jenkins wrote the grant application and got spectacular results. We received the largest amount given, \$2000, which may be used to help pay for a nationally known speaker for the conference on February 19, 2005.



Martha will work with the OSU student leaders to determine how Corvallis AAUW may provide additional support for the event. We hope to have an information table at the conference so young leaders will know about AAUW, and the opportunities for leadership development with AAUW. We may offer a workshop on Volunteering/Professional Associations as a path to leadership. Martha will be chair of our committee for the Leadership Conference. If you have suggestions for a key-note speaker or would like to be on the committee, please contact Martha Jenkins at marthaj@peak.org. Thank you, Martha, for a job well done!

LAF Thank You

Thank you to Nancy Sanderson and Sue Borden for the fabulous "Musicale" on Sunday, May 16th in Nancy's home. Everyone enjoyed the spirited performances by *Antiquae Novae*, *Spiritoso Woodwind Quintette* and, of course, Sue and Nancy. The musical selections ranged from the 1260 composition, "Bamburg Codex," to a modern (1959) piece entitled, "Ancient Hungarian Dances." We learned about Renaissance and Baroque recorders from *Antiquae Novae*. Nancy played several beautiful pieces for harpsichord and an elegant, and beautifully played "Graceful Ghost Rag" for piano. Sue and Nancy played two lively ragtime duets for clarinet and piano, including "Breeze from Alabama" by Scott Joplin. The *Spiritoso Woodwind Quintette* ended the program with two wonderful pieces, including their signature piece, "Allegro Spiritoso" by Senaille'.

The musicians generously donated their performances to raise money for LAF. *Antiquae Novae* performers are Maureen Beezhold, Dave Benson, Dave Brown and Joe Postman. *Spiritoso Woodwind Quintette* includes Julie Sutherland on flute, Steve Ford on oboe, Karin Magnusen on bassoon, Bob Schapper on horn, and Sue Borden on clarinet. Nancy Sanderson played both harpsichord and piano.

Thanks to Sue and Nancy for organizing the Musicale and for the magnificent performance. Thanks also to Nancy for opening her home to us. All these talented musicians shared their knowledge and their joy of music with us at this beautiful Sunday afternoon gala. My condolences to everyone who missed the concert!!

Membership Congratulations!

Our wonderful Membership Committee, Rosemary, Jan and Dorothy demonstrate "The Power of Three." Due to their efforts, not only has our membership has grown, but also they were recognized by AAUW of OR for the 16 NEW members who have joined the Corvallis Branch this year! Congratulations, Rosemary, Jan and Dorothy!

Please help our membership continue to grow by inviting your friends, neighbors and acquaintances to join. Sometimes they are waiting for you to make that welcoming gesture! Don't be shy, ASK!

Stefani McRae-Dickey

President

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[Join the campaign to keep Rosie sane. \(More later.\)](#)

Getting Acquainted with New Members

Our newest member, **Nelwyn Price**, joined at our April meeting, held at the Country Club. Nelwyn has a colorful history and many stories to tell about the places she's lived; they include Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Colorado, and California. A retired teacher, Nelwyn received her B.A. degree from Mississippi College and completed her "5th year" at Portland State.

Nelwyn and her husband, Doug, have 2 daughters, five grandchildren—AND—one Jack Russell terrier, *OOPS*, er, I mean terrier, named—you guessed it—Jack! (We know who's boss at their house!). Actually, Jack is full of personality and cuteness. Before acquiring Jack, they had another "dog": a metal one—staked in the front yard— named "Rusty!"

An avid reader (and a great cook!), Nelwyn also enjoys collecting antiques and traveling. Nelwyn, we are so glad to have you as part of our branch. Welcome!

[Join the campaign to keep Rosie sane! \(More later.\)](#)

It's THAT time again, folks!

Yes, it is *dues* time. The membership form was included with the last newsletter, is available on the Corvallis AAUW website, and Rosie also has extras. The deadline is June 30th, but Rosie Cunningham would be happy to receive your check and membership form before that date.

Please do remember the following:

1. To turn in that membership form at the same time as your check.
2. To list your extended zip code, with those extra four digits (just check your junk mail address labels).

So, join the campaign to keep Rosie SANE!

Yes, you, and only you, can do that by meeting the June 30th dues deadline with your completed form and check!!!! THANKS!

Incoming/Outgoing Board meeting

June 14, Monday, 5 p.m. Incoming/Outgoing Board meeting. Summer meeting of all elected and appointed officers both incoming and outgoing. Lasagne, salad, bread and dessert will be provided. Please bring your records to pass to the incoming officers and bring lots of ideas to share. Meeting at Stefani's home, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath. Take West Hills Blvd west until it becomes 9th street on the west side of Philomath. At that point, turn right on Wyatt Lane and continue up the hill to the first driveway to the left. Take the left onto this shared driveway, and take the left branch of the drive. You will see Stef's house beige house down the driveway. Parking is somewhat limited, so carpooling is appreciated.

Named Gift Honorees – 2003

The Corvallis Branch of the American Association of University Women has contributed \$2000 to the national AAUW Educational Foundation and has selected four outstanding branch members as named-gift honorees for this 2003 donation. They are **Zell Brook**, **Martha Jenkins**, **Rebekah Lancelin**, and **Mary Lee Seward**.

Zell Brook was born in Seattle. She received a BA in Speech Pathology at the University of Oregon, a MA in Speech Pathology, Education, and Psychology at OSU, and a BA in Fine Arts at the University of Arizona, where she then taught art. While in Corvallis she has been Chair of the School Board, First Citizen of Corvallis, a member of the Benton City Cultural Coalition, and a Hospice worker. She has been both President and Vice President of the Corvallis AAUW Branch and gave 25 art history programs for AAUW, as well as a Jail House Education Project. She is now busy expanding and renovating her art studio, the Art House in Corvallis.

Rebekah Lancelin was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has a BA in English from Alverno College. She joined AAUW shortly after moving to Corvallis in 1998 and was the Newsletter Editor for 4 years, from 1999-03 and also did a wonderful job as Registration Chair for the AAUW of Oregon Convention in Corvallis last year. Currently Rebekah works at the University Honors College at OSU and volunteers at the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence.

Martha Jenkins has been a member of AAUW since 1973. Before moving to Corvallis in 1998, she served on the board of the Elmhurst, IL Branch as membership vice-president, program vice-president, newsletter editor and book group chair. She is the immediate past-president of the Corvallis Branch, coordinator of the Women's History Month display at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and is the Corvallis Branch newsletter editor. She has a BA in English from the University of Illinois and a MA in Library Science from Dominican University. Before moving to Corvallis, she worked as a senior reference librarian for 10 years for the law firm of Lord, Bissell and Brook in Chicago and is now the Benton County Law Librarian. Her two daughters are both scientists; one lives in Illinois and teaches high school biology and will receive a Masters in Biology this summer, the other is a marine biologist at the University of California Santa Cruz.

Mary Lee Seward was born in Seattle and received a BA in Education from Western Washington State University and an MA in Education from San Francisco State University. She has been an AAUW member since 1997, during which time she has been Educational Foundation Co-Chair for 3 years, did a great job co-chairing the decorations committee for the AAUW of Oregon Convention in Corvallis last year, has been very active in the Gourmet group and pitches in wherever needed. In the community she has served on various boards and committees, including the Downtown Flower Basket Board, the Library Board, and has been a SMART volunteer for four years.

Corvallis AAUW Local Scholarship Awarded to Liz Miller

The Corvallis Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is pleased to announce the award of a \$500 scholarship to Elizabeth Miller of Corvallis. Elizabeth is a student at Oregon State University, majoring in Business Administration with minor in Communication and an option in Management Information Systems. She expects to receive a BS degree in June 2005. Prior to enrolling at OSU in 2001 Elizabeth earned an AA degree at Central Oregon Community College and attended Linfield College. Her future plans include earning an interdisciplinary graduate degree in business, communication and adult training as preparation for teaching at the community college or university level. Ms. Miller resides in Corvallis with her nine-year old son, Preston.

Corvallis AAUW awards a scholarship annually to a woman student 25 years of age or older who resides in Benton County or the area served by the Corvallis School District. Applicants must be enrolled in courses leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate in an Oregon college or university. Selection is based on academic achievement, career goals, work experience, community activities, honors and awards and financial need. The Corvallis AAUW Board is exploring ways to make donations to the Local Scholarship Fund tax deductible.

—Ruth Burns
Local Scholarship Chair

Sue Borden
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Corvallis Branch meets 2004 goal for LAF giving

Donations collected at the Musicale on Sunday, May 16, have put us over the top! Our goal for LAF giving was \$5 per member in 2004, and we have now exceeded that. Thanks to all of you who have contributed—and will continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

As it says in the current LAF Brochure, “Developing **equitable policies and practices** for universities...Sustaining a network of informed attorneys...Providing financial support to women **fighting sex discrimination** on campus...Clearly the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund has a steady stream of work to do.

Many campus women—students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike—depend on LAF, **because equity is still an issue**. LAF believes that raising awareness of inequities and illegal behavior is the first step in promoting fair, healthy campuses for women and men. So long as there are women fighting sex discrimination on campus, LAF will stay committed to eliminating inequities in virtually all aspects of higher education.”



Convention News

New State Leaders Elected at Convention Corvallis Branch member Irene Lilja on State Leadership Team

We elected Betsy McDowell (Salem) as President, Sarah Elmer (Bend) as Communications Vice President, Cynthia Rauscher (Gresham) as Program Vice President and re-elected Irene Lilja as our Central District Director. Completing the second year of their terms are Joan Enloe, Finance Vice President, and Becky Lowe Warren, Membership Vice President. The term of office will begin officially on July 1, 2004. Congratulations new and continuing officers.

Title IX Summit at Convention

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so feel flattered! AAUW of Oregon copied our Title IX program format from our 2003 Title IX branch meeting. Speakers included AAUW Leader On Loan, Nancy Chiu from Marin Calif; Bill Bowers, retired Springfield teacher and coach; Barbara Scott Winkler, director of Women’s Studies at Southern Oregon University; Cindy Fields, carpenter. Title IX is still under attack, and equity for girls in athletics as well as academic programs is still an issue. Please educate young women about the lack of opportunity for women and girls before Title IX and what could happen if it is lost.

Changes to the state Public Policy Focus Areas

Under Public Education, deleted “K–12” since Community Colleges are under this heading, and added two points: “Accountability for alternative education programs,” and “Requirements that Congress provide funding for federal mandates.” Under Elimination of Discrimination and Violence changed the first point as follows, “Laws that protect all persons, without regard to gender, race, creed, age sexual orientation, national origin or disability.” Under State Government added the underlined to the first point, “Adequate funding for education, public safety and human services.” Under Health Care changed the first point to read, “Support for all reproductive health options.”

AAUW of OR 2005 Convention

The 2005 Convention will be at Seaside, April 21–24, and in 2006 it will be in Klamath Falls. Mark your calendars!

Thank
You!

Named Gift Honoree Sends Thanks

Many thanks to all of you for the honor of being an Educational Foundation named gift honoree. It means a great deal to me to be so recognized by all the wonderful women of the branch.

--Martha Jenkins

Thank
You!

Memorial Generosity

Through your generosity Corvallis Branch was able to honor the memory of Ellery Frank Carver, husband of Joyce Carver, our Hospitality Chair, in three different ways. Thanks so much for all of your contributions. One memorial was a brick at the new Mario Pastega House near Good Samaritan Hospital which will be a low cost residence for families whose loved ones are receiving hospital care. A second memorial was a new rose bush for the Avery Park Rose Garden. A third donation went into AAUW's Local Scholarship Fund for an older-than-average female student who resides in Benton County.

Thank
You!

Thank you, dear friends

Dear Members of Corvallis Branch of AAUW:

Your incredible outpouring of love and support has been a great comfort to me. Thank you for your good thoughts, prayers, and beautiful cards & messages. Indeed, AAUW is an organization of women helping women.

The thoughtful memorials of Frank given to the Pastega House and Avery Park Rose Garden warmed our hearts. Alison, our daughter, said, "Dad would really have liked that."

Thank you, dear friends

Joyce

My new email address is jcarver@proaxis.com

Caring and Sharing

(Contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at mcraedic@peak.org with information)

Congratulations to **Sujaya Rao**! Sujaya, an assistant professor in OSU's crop and soil sciences department, is the winner of the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching from the Entomological Society of America, Pacific Branch. This award recognizes Sujaya for her course on insect pest management and her innovative work with the Rural Science Education Program, a partnership between OSU and schools in Alsea, Dallas, Falls City and Halsey. She works with graduate and undergraduate fellows to develop simple and innovative experiments to integrate advances in biotechnology and ecology.

Marilyn Roland's husband, Leon, is retiring from Western Oregon University this month. Congratulations, Leon!

Get Well! **Stephanie Jorgensen** has had a viral infection affecting her respiratory system for over a month. Cards and notes would be appreciated as her voice is very hoarse. We wish her a fast recovery and that she will be able to join us at our July meeting. Get well soon, Stephanie.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

June 8

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Hostess: Yvonne Lee -- Black Butte

Reviewer: Sally Terman

September 14

Year of Wonder by Geraldine Brooks

Hostess: Louise Livesay

Reviewer: Rosie Cunningham

Evening Literature Group

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

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

Mary Mills, 745-7961

June 2

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Hostess: Mary Mills
1095 NW Overlook Drive
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Reviewer: Ann Mills

Gourmet Group

A "lucky 13" of us enjoyed an evening of Swedish Delights at the home of Marge and Bob Bromley. The foods were delicious and the company delightful. This was our last AAUW Gourmet Group Dinner for the 2003-2004 year.

If you'd like to come to the first dinner for the 2004-05 year, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 21st. Details will be sent out via e-mail in early August. For information or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the committee members: Christine Cantey, Carolyn Moore, or Denise Nervik.

No-Host Lunch

We enjoyed an interesting lunch on May 20th at the Oasis Restaurant in the Timberhill Shopping Center. Lebanese food is worth a try, so eat there sometime if you haven't already. It was fun getting together. We missed those of you who couldn't make it.

NO LUNCH is scheduled for **June or August**, but **there WILL BE a No-Host Lunch** on the third Thursday in July, **July 15th at Nearly Normals** at 109 NW 15th Street, off Monroe.

In the past, this has been a popular lunch, a special time to share summer-time talk with your AAUW friends. Please **RSVP by Mon. July 12**, so I can make the appropriate reservation arrangements. Hope to see you, "normal or not."

Carolyn Moore 758-0271 (or) CrCAROLYN@aol.com

JUNE	Activity	Time	Location
2	Program Planning Meeting	1 p.m.	Marilyn Roland's home, 4099 NW Live Oak Pl.
2	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Mary Mills 1095 NW Overlook Drive
8	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Yvonee Lee, Black Butte
14	Incoming/Outgoing Board meeting	5 p.m.	Stefani's home, 754 Wyatt Lane, Philomath
JULY	Activity	Time	Location
15	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Nearly Normals
July 30 – August 1	AAUW of OR All-Member Summer Retreat		Willamette University 900 State Street, Salem, OR.
31	Neal Gladstone Concert	5:30 p.m.	Tyee Wine Cellars, 26335 Greenberry Rd.
AUG	Activity	Time	Location
21	Gourmet Group	TBA	Details will be sent by e-mail



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2003-2004 Yearbook Update

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