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Branch Program

New Vistas for the Corvallis Senior Center



March 21, 2006
2:00 p.m.

Corvallis Senior Center
2601 NW Tyler Avenue

Karen Emery, Director of the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department, will present and explain the plans for the beautiful Senior Center of the future. An architect's model will show the Senior Center, the surrounding grounds and the parking lots.

Performing for us will be one of the most active groups at the Senior Center, the Recycling Band. The members will present a shortened version of one of the programs performed in many nursing homes, assisted living facilities and residential homes in the Corvallis and Albany area. This band, composed of 16 men and women, is dedicated to staying young and entertaining others. Feel free to sing along!

Remember—you may not be a senior now, but someday (with any luck)...!

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President's Message

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Jan Rounds, 754-7730



Jan's Jottings

Great news! Great news! Huge thanks and hugs go to the wonderful members of our nominating committee: Rosie Cunningham, Martha Jenkins, and Mary Mills. Their task is complete and their job well done! Read on to see the results of their labors—our 2006/2007 "Slate of Officers" to be voted on in April. You will be pleased!!!

And a gigantic "Thank you" to the three women who said, "Yes" when Martha, Mary, or Rosie asked them to serve. What wonderful spirits our nominees have. We'll vote on them at our April 19th Branch meeting. And here they are:

President: Sue Borden
President Elect: Edie Lee
Secretary: Sandra Edinger

Please thank these six women the next time you see them. Our Branch is stronger because of each of them.

To feel valued, to know, even if only once in a while, that you can do a job well is an absolutely marvelous feeling.

The quote for the month comes from a strong and courageous woman. She is one who broke ground in her field for the many women who would follow her. She overcame the ridicule and suspicion of chauvinistic co-workers. She is a *real* person because I once heard her express "regrets" in her life, thus she's not perfect and is just like the rest of us! She has accomplished so much. Thank you Barbara Walters! Your words resonate!

Jan Rounds

President

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New Members

Elaine Mc Manus is a retired teacher. She has a degree in elementary education from the University of Florida, and a Masters in reading from Oregon State Univ. She has lived in Massachusetts, Florida, California, and Oregon and has resided in Corvallis, for 28 years.

Elaine enjoys reading, traveling, substitute teaching and playing with her grandchildren. She has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Betty Iverson is a retired elementary teacher. She has a degree in education from Sacramento State Univ. She has lived in Palos Verdes, Valencia, Hermosa Beach and Roseville, Ca, Her husband is retired from Northrop Grumman Corp. They have 2 grown children. **Betty** enjoys cooking, reading, traveling and entertaining. She is interested in joining reading and gourmet groups.

Betty was a former AAUW member in California and supports the furthering of women's education. **Jan Rounds** was instrumental in bringing Betty our way.

Ruthann Rhodes began her college studies at University of Missouri and completed her degree in business and accounting from California State University, Hayward, Ca. She is retired after having a career in Tax Accounting and Insurance Premium Auditing. She was born in Missouri and moved westward via Kansas, Texas and lived in the San Francisco Bay area.

Ruthann says that she planned her move to Corvallis for some 10 years. She has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Her interests include hiking, camping, reading and gardening. Her goal is to take a cross country motor trip, stopping along the way to hike and camp in beautiful places she has heard so much about. Thanks to **Louise Livesay** for inviting Ruthann to an AAUW meeting.

Jan Christensen has been in Corvallis for 4 months. She is the new Curator of Education for the Benton County Historical Museum. She has a BA in art education from Arizona State Univ. and did graduate work in reading from University of Arizona. **Jan** is a native of Arizona and has also lived in Guadalajara, Mexico; Saskatchewan, Canada; Portland and Roseburg, OR. She has 2 grown sons and 1 very spoiled CAT: Michael Jordan. Her professional life has been in many fields. She taught in middle school and for 13 years, was an office manager in an OB/GYN practice. She was also the School and Family Program Coordinator for the Portland Art Museum. She enjoys skiing, golf, walking on the beach, yoga, reading, travel and spending time with family and friends.

Jan agrees with AAUW'S mission of supporting women in their pursuit of education. She is interested in joining an evening literature group.

Extend a hearty welcome to these new members !

News & Notes

Bylaws Changes Needed

Several "housekeeping" changes to the Corvallis Branch Bylaws are necessary and have been requested by our state bylaws chair. The changes must be voted on by the Branch at the April business meeting. The changes are as follows:

1. Striking references to associate members (we do not have any)
2. Clarifying the timing of reports to the Association
3. Changing the number needed for a quorum at a Branch meeting from a number (15) to a percent (15)
4. Bringing the Branch bylaws wording into conformity with Association requirements.

Copies of the bylaws will be available for review at the March and April meetings or from Jo Anne Trow, Bylaws Chair.

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!

17th Annual Oregon State University Women's Conference a Success

Thanks to Corvallis Branch members Marilyn Treiman, Dorothy Ruff, Mary Mills, Rosemary Cunningham, Linda O'Hara and Martha Jenkins and Klamath Falls member Sherry Yang over 100 young women attending the Conference now know about AAUW's goals and mission! The seeds for future membership have been well planted!



Women's History Month Display

Be sure to stop by the display case at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library to see the AAUW Women's History Month display-- "Women Composers--Hidden Treasures". You will be surprised and enlightened by what you discover!

Directory Additions

Membership F.Y.I.

Our Corvallis Branch has **106** members!

The AAUW year: **July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007.**

Prospective members may join in **March** and receive a **2006-2007** membership!

Current members should renew their membership by July 1, 2006!

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VARIOUS AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING

(or everything you wanted to know about EF fundraising but were afraid to ask)

The holidays are over and we've conducted another successful poinsettia sale - netting around a total of \$412. This also includes "money-only" contributions to EF. Sue Borden and Evelyn Stephens are rounding the turn of the bridge marathon which has been going on since Fall. They expect to make around \$2,000 from this popular marathon. Both these events will no doubt be traditional EF fundraisers.

EF NAMED GIFT HONOREE NOMINATIONS

The AAUW Educational Foundation raises money to fund scholarships, fellowships, and grants for women in various fields and for research projects. The EF Co-chairs will select two of our members for this honor. We would like input from the membership as to whom we should select. The previous honorees are listed in the front of your AAUW membership directory. Please take a minute, look these names over, and give us your nomination of two new members whom you feel deserve this honor to add to that list. Their names will be forwarded to the State EF Chairman for further recognition.

THE OREGON CENTURY CLUB

The Oregon Century Club was established in 1988 to recognize major donors to the **AAUW Educational Foundation**. Its members are donors of \$100 - 174, and those who donate more than \$175 belong to the Century Club Plus. Membership is on an annual basis and donations can be general or designated to a particular fund of the AAUW Educational Foundation, for example, the Crystal Campaign (against sexual harrasment). This donation IS tax-deductible if you're thinking of joining the Club.

This year our branch has four members belonging to the Century Club: Stefani-McRae Dickey, Marilyn Roland, Barbara Mykrantz and Marion Swanson. These ladies should be congratulated for their generosity and support of the Foundation.

STATE ANNUAL MEETING - In Klamath Falls

Another place where you will have a chance to be part of our ongoing fundraising is at the Silent Auction at convention in Klamath Falls in April. Last year over \$4000 was made from this event, which was a significant start for the Crystal Campaign. There were a huge array of items, from hand-made craft items, art pieces, beautiful baskets, Mary Kay products and a special "Tea party" prepared and hosted by Stefani McRae-Dickey.

You'll be seeing more details in the upcoming OREGON NEWS (convention issue).



Your LAF Dollars at Work: Supporting Victims of Injustice

Below are cases highlighted in the Fall/Winter 2005 issue of AAUW's *Outlook* magazine. They illustrate in concrete terms how LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) is supporting women who are pursuing justice in the workplace or university setting.

The article states "of the cases LAF currently supports, faculty members make up 47 percent of the plaintiffs, students 21 percent, and staff/administrators 32 percent." Quoting directly from *Outlook*:

Athletic Opportunities and Retaliation

"In yet another Title IX case, *Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California*, four female students chose to attend University of California, Davis because its varsity wrestling team provided women the opportunity to compete in major competitions. As members of the team, women received the same benefits as male wrestlers, including insurance and tutoring. The program was cut while three of the female students were there and just as the fourth, who had a scholarship to wrestle, arrived.

The female wrestlers were then told that they could remain on the team only if they could win against the male wrestlers using male wrestling rules. They appealed to the university to no avail. In 2003 the female students filed suit in federal court alleging failure to provide equal athletic opportunities.

Their coach, Michael Burch, has strongly supported them. As head coach of the wrestling team, he was committed to providing opportunities for women in the sport. In 2000 he was informed that due to concerns about liability and insurance, the wrestling team would no longer be open to female athletes.

Burch assisted the female athletes in appealing the university officials' decision—to no avail. When the female wrestlers filed a formal complaint for Title IX violations, Burch spoke publicly in their support. Soon thereafter, the university chose not to renew his contract despite his winning record. Burch filed a claim against the college in federal court in 2003 claiming retaliation in violation of Title IX. For both cases Burch feels that 'without programs like the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, many people would have little hope of getting any justice, and causes that need to be fought would not be fought.' "

Another LAF Example

Termination

"Talented female faculty members like LAF plaintiff Batya Weinbaum increasingly find themselves excluded from academia due to gender stereotypes and claims of lack of collegiality.

When hired by Cleveland State University, Weinbaum, a tenure-track assistant professor of English, was promised a part-time graduate assistant, an office, and equipment to support her work on a feminist journal. She claims she was denied these promises and also faced harassment and disparate treatment from her male department head.

At her four-year review, the department's peer review committee praised her scholarship and teaching. However, they questioned her ability to work well with others and recommended she not be reappointed. She appealed the decision, but the university decided not to renew her contract. Weinbaum filed her case in 2004 in the Ohio Court of Claims."

Weinbaum was quoted as saying: "LAF validated me in my long, lonely struggle...they saw [my case] and named it as part of a national trend."

The above cases are just two of the many examples of victims of injustice our LAF dollars support! Our money counts!

Interest Groups



Afternoon Literature Group

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

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March 14

Lunch at the Picadilly by Clyde Edgerton

Hostess: Jan Rounds
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Reviewer: Group Discussion led by Nelwyn Price



Evening Literature Group

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

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

March 1

The Known World by Edward Jones

Hostess – Julie Searcy
2854 NW Angelica Dr.
753-9471

Reviewer – Nancy Tolin



Gourmet Group

On the **15th of April** AAUW members and guests will gather at Marge and Bob Bromley's to savor the flavors of Berkeley's New California Cuisine. This will be the last of the featured cities; the last Gourmet Dinner until Fall.

If you would like to be one of the 16 in attendance at the April dinner, please make your reservation with Brenda Rowley at 752-6779 before March 15th. March 15th to March 25, reserve with Denice Nervik at 752-8241. After the 25th, reservations will be closed.

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



No-Host Lunch

We will meet on the 3rd Thursday, **March 16th**, for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Drop-in to The New Morning Bakery on 2nd Street. Lots of salads and goodies to enjoy, as well as other wonderful AAUW women!! Hope to see you there.

For questions, etc., contact Carolyn Simmons 758-0271 or CrCAROLYN@aol.com



Events Calendar

MAR	Activity	Time	Location
1	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Julie Searcy, 2854 NW Angelica Dr.
14	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Jan Rounds, 3111 NW Norwood PL
15	Newsletter deadline		
16	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	New Morning Bakery
21	Branch Program	2 p.m.	Corvallis Senior Center, 2601 NW Tyler