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AAUW promotes equity for all 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.

## CELEBRATE GLOBETROTTERS



**Monday, November 8  
7 p.m.  
Willamette Landing Clubhouse  
3501 SE Shoreline Dr.**

You don't have to pack your bags! You don't have to sit in cramped airline seats hour upon hour! You don't have to sleep in strange beds and eat strange foods! You are, however, invited to be "armchair travelers" and tag along with several real-life AAUW travelers as they journey to picturesque locales around the world at the branch meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, November 8, in the Willamette Landing Clubhouse, 3501 SE Shoreline Dr. Husbands or other guests are welcome to attend.

Stefani McRae Dickey and Muriel Lawrence will entice your wanderlust as they tell you about Greece. Marilyn Roland will share some of the historic sites of St. Petersburg, Russia, and Mary Lee Seward will relate her experiences exploring the Baltic States. Christine Cantey will take you to South Africa where she had an unforgettable occurrence. The program might just whet your appetite for travel abroad to numerous and unique spots upon the map. Cathy Phelps is the program committee member in charge of this event.

Our "Celebrate AAUW" speaker will be Renee Senior. She will share some interesting aspects of her life. It's a wonderful way for all of us to become better acquainted and discover our similarities and differences.

Directions to Willamette Landing Clubhouse: Drive south on 3rd Street (Highway 99S). Just past B and R Wrecking ( on the left side of the road) turn left onto Rivergreen Avenue. (If you come upon the DMV sign you have gone a little too far.) Continue driving to the end of Rivergreen where you will see the clubhouse. The parking lot is to the right of the building. These directions are for those members coming from the north side of town.

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"You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

- Mahatma Ghandi

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## From Stef's Stylus

WELCOME JAN ROUNDS!

I and our entire branch have been blessed with Jan Rounds' acceptance of the nomination and election as our AAUW branch Co-President. Welcome Jan! Jan will lead us as Co-President during the remainder of this year and through the next year. We will share the duties of President, thus easing the responsibility for each of us. Each person will have half the job, and the support, ideas and energy of two people instead of one. What could be more inspiring and enjoyable?



This year as Jan serves as Co-President she will be learning about her new responsibilities, chairing meetings, and keeping track of AAUW events. Next year she will be the mentor of our incoming Co-President. This makes a wonderful transition, and takes the scary prospect out of assuming the President's job alone.

Please thank Jan for saying 'Yes' to our pleas that she become Co-President. And, think about what fun you could have serving as Co-President with her next year. Although this is a two-year commitment, you would still be able to leave on vacation, visit your family, or avoid that presidential job you might hate (like calling to ask people to volunteer for jobs – my personal least liked task). Jan will be a gracious and calm Co-President. Offer her your congratulations and plan to help her in every way!

## Women Weren't Born Republican, Women Weren't Born Democrat, & Women Weren't Born Yesterday! VOTE!

As we await the upcoming election, I think of all the women before us who have worked for our rights. Women who sacrificed their time, and their health so that we can vote. Women who are fighting for our right to choose. Women who are determined that women and men receive the same wages for the same job. Women who fought for a college education. Women who have paved the way for future generations to enter professions once limited to men. Women who are running for public office so that they can implement programs to better the lives of all women and girls. Women who serve as judges, from local magistrates to the Supreme Court. Women who first dared to fly airplanes and women who fly in space.

Each of these women had a vision of what can be. They saw not obstacles, but opportunity. They were determined and steadfast. They refused to be deterred. This strength of character led them to make changes in our world. Can you imagine how our lives would be without the suffragists?

Having no vote means having no influence with local and national government. No say in electing officials. No opportunity to serve in government.

Having no reproductive rights means having no control over your own body, perhaps dying in childbirth or back street abortions.

Having limited career choices means low paying menial jobs and having no economic independence.

We are free to pursue our dreams here in the United States, although many of our rights are under attack. Your vote could make the difference in the Supreme Court. Your vote could make a difference in defending those rights for us and generations to come. Please support the candidates who vote with AAUW on women's issues, support the candidates who support our mission and vision. And most importantly – VOTE!

Make our suffragist foremothers proud!

**Stefani McRae-Dickey**  
President

PS: If you aren't sure how your federal members of congress voted, go to <http://capwiz.com/auw/issues/>

V.P. Membership  
Jan Rounds, 754-7730  
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## Getting Acquainted with New Members

**Joyce Pytkowicz**, long time Corvallis resident, is our newest AAUW member and brings our membership count to 95! Joyce is a retired counselor and received her Masters degree from OSU. She has traveled widely and enjoys writing, exercising, the ballet, symphonies, lectures and reading. Through our local branch, Joyce hopes to meet interesting, involved and worldly women.

We invite you to check out our literature groups, Joyce. Also, our November program celebrates our own globetrotting members!

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## Fall Festival

Fall Festival gives AAUW an opportunity to have a personal connection with the community. We are grateful to members of our local branch who unselfishly gave of their time to represent us on that beautiful September weekend:

**Patty Eberhardt, Cathy Phelps, Dorothy Ruff, Jan Rounds, Audrey Varseveld, Nancy William, Marilyn Treiman, Linda Lovett, Zel Brook, Jane Ann Warkentin, Ann Mills, Diana Bernstein, Carolyn Simmons, Nancy Sanderson, Julie Searcy, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Edie Lee, Muriel Lawrence, Louise Livesay, Urchyl Bohard, Charlotte Drost, Marilyn Roland, Nelwyn Price, Mary Gisler, Martha Jenkins, Rosemary Cunningham.**



### New Member Coffee

Saturday, October 30th  
10 a.m.

10 NW Edgewood Drive



Visit with friends over a cup of tea, coffee and goodies.

Introducing the following members: Nelwyn Price, Pamela Duren, Jeri Le, Louise Wiprud, Marla McVay, Renee Senior, Sandra Edinger, Susan Ogdon, and Joyce Pytkowicz.

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## Membership Directory

Please add these members to your new AAUW directory:

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By now, you may have submitted or are in the process of submitting your vote for this very important November 2 election.

There is another issue of importance to all AAUW members. President Bush has nominated Utah lawyer Thomas Griffith to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. As a member of the commission created by the Department of Education to evaluate the enforcement of Title IX, Griffith proposed to eliminate the proportionality prong of the three-part test used by colleges and universities to prove compliance with Title IX.

You can make your voice heard in Congress by accessing the AAUW website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Issues of immediate and vital importance are prominently displayed on the home page. When you click on this issue, you are forwarded to the "Two Minute Activist". Take one minute to read about the issue and one more minute to personalize a prewritten AAUW message that can be emailed to your member of Congress.

This is the time to vote *and* email Congress to oppose the judicial nomination that threatens Title IX.

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## News & Notes

### Evening Literature Group Book List

November 2004

*The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason

December 2004

"*By the River Piedra, I sat down and wept*" by Paulo Coelho

January 2005

*Industry of Souls* by Martin Booth

February 2005

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

March 2005

*Inextinguishable Symphony* by Martin Goldsmith

April 2005

*Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Gelman

June 2005

*Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

September 2005

*Leap of Faith* by Queen Noor

## Caring and Sharing

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

**Sally Terman** is convalescing after surgery. Your cards and calls are welcome. We wish her speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her at meetings again soon.

**Joyce Carver** has impressed us all by bouncing back from knee replacement surgery with her usual verve. She is an example to us all! Congratulations, Joyce!

Marge Bromley, 757-7722  
Jane Ann Warkentin, 754-8875



Jingle bells, jingle bells. Do you have your Christmas shopping done? I don't have mine done, but here's a painless, effortless way to start. Simply order a beautiful red, pink, or white poinsettia plant that you can give as a gift or keep for yourself. They come in small and large sizes. (Refer to the order form you received recently) And some of the income goes for scholarships, etc.—another way to give a gift! Orders need to be placed with Jane Anne or me by October 22nd, so get out your order form, your checkbook, and start your Christmas shopping!

There is another fundraiser for EF. It comes in the form of a "raffle." The winner will receive FOUR hours of Brenda Hibbs' organizational skills for "your HOME, your OFFICE, your MOVE, your LIFE." The tickets will be available (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) at each AAUW meeting until May when we will draw for a winner. Again, you can get the tickets from Jane Anne Warkentin or me.

--Marge Bromley EF Co-Chair

## The Puzzle of the AAUW Murder Mystery *EF and LAF fundraiser*

Will it be "**Publisher's Killing House**" or "**Mafia Murders**" or "**The Altos – like the Sopranos, only Lower?**" We have "**The Family**" script in hand, and a **Mystery Writers Conference** mystery in the wings, currently being custom written for us by a professional. We'll know soon, but until then here are the details as of Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.



Be prepared to use your **little gray cells** to **sleuth** out the **killer** on Friday, January 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Corvallis Inn, at 1550 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street. For only \$40 you can enjoy a fabulous dinner served by Valley Catering, solve the **mystery**, bring the **villain(s)** to justice and support the Educational Foundation and to the Legal Advocacy Fund. All profits are tax-deductible. Tickets are available by advance purchase only (see [order form](#) on Page 6). This will be a mystery to **die** for, just use your **powers of deduction** to discover the **murderer** before you become a **victim**.

The **puzzle** of "which mystery" will be **solved** by the first part of November. A **mysterious** email will reveal the **secret** of our mystery's title. Tickets and Invitations (including order form) will be available at our November meeting.

The public is invited, and information about the **mystery** will be the FYI column on a regular basis. This means that if you wait too long, your tickets could be sold to someone else! We are limited to only 65 people, so reserve your tickets soon! Once we've sold a sufficient number of tickets for Friday's performance, we will release tickets for the Saturday, January 29, performance.

**Don't be shy!**

**It's a great evening – ask those who attended last year.**

Sue Borden  
[sue.borden@cmug.com](mailto:sue.borden@cmug.com)

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## LAF at Work—In The Courtroom and In Consultation

“The work that LAF does is *critical* in supporting sex discrimination cases.”...*Dan Siegel, member, LAF attorney network.*

The case support program is one cornerstone of the Legal Advocacy Fund. By providing financial and moral support, attorney referrals, and general information about sex discrimination lawsuits, LAF fosters equity on campus and helps women struggling for equity.

LAF-supported cases brought by students, faculty, staff, and administrators have challenged discriminatory practices involving sexual harassment, denial of tenure and promotion, pay inequity, and violations of Title IX. In all, LAF has provided more than \$1 million in financial support to more than 80 cases.

“LAF is a shot in the arm. I will try my best to win for all of the women who face this disgraceful problem.” ...*Linda Brodsky, LAF-supported plaintiff*

LAF also provides hundreds of hours of advocacy, technical assistance, and support to more than 500 campus women and men each year. In LAF's nationwide network, experienced lawyers and social scientists serve as consultants to women and men seeking legal advice on incidents of sex discrimination in educational settings. The network—with more than 300 participants in 48 states and the District of Columbia—provides the information people need to make the best decisions about their legal recourse. The network is a free service.

Thanks to all of you for your support of LAF, through your individual contributions and your support of our fundraising projects.



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## AAUW Murder Mystery Dinner EF and LAF Fundraiser



Friday, January 28, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 14, 2005

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## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

### November 9

*The Patron Saint of Liars* by Ann Patchett

Hostess: Charlotte Drost  
1084 NW Charlemagne Pl.  
752-5257

Reviewer: Charlotte Drost

## Evening Literature Group

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

Mary Mills, 745-7961  
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

### November 3

*The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason

Hostess: Lori Hodgert  
2941 NW Spurry Pl.  
738-6875

Reviewer - Linda Lovett

## Mah Jongg

The new interest group of mah jongg is starting. We have a couple of new players but it's not too late to get in on the fun and action. Just give me a call (757-7722) and we can arrange a date/time for an introductory session.

--Marge Bromley

## Great Decisions

Mary Gisler, 541.753.8792

The topics for the winter 2005 season will include: U.S. Intelligence, Russia, Outsourcing Jobs, China, Sudan's Crisis in Darfur, The Global Poverty Gap, The Middle East and The Global Water Issue. We will meet weekly starting in January in the basement of the Regent at 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Great Decisions book will be available in January. I will need to be certain of your order by a payment of \$16.00 to cover the cost of the book plus postage and handling. Please send this to Mary Gisler, 1868 S.E. Powell's Rd., Corvallis, OR 97333. For those who have already signed up to join this group, I shall try to give you a call during the coming weeks ahead. We can look forward to an interesting year ahead.

## Gourmet Group

Early American food was the fare for our first Gourmet Dinner of the 2004-05 year.

This Colonial Williamsburg dinner was graciously hosted by Marilyn and Leon Roland at their lovely home. We savored such dishes as Pumpkin Soup, Shaker Flank Steak, Minted Peas, and Apple Slump.

Members and guests are always welcome to attend any of the dinners, as long as they sign up by the deadline, and agree to make the homemade recipe provided to them prior to the dinner.

Our next dinner will be on **Saturday, January 22, 2005**. We will sit "At the Table of the Raj"—a wonderful treat of food from India. Mark your New Year Calendar now, so you won't forget. Look for more specific details in the AAUW December and January Newsletters.

Once Again, Bon Appetit! From your Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik, Carolyn Simmons

## No-Host Lunch

Although I was unable to make it to the October 21st Drop-In Lunch at McMennamins, I understand that good food and good times were had by all.

Mark your calendar for our next lunch, **November 18th, 11:45 a.m.**, at the new **Chinese Buffet** (on 9th near Garfield) —where North's Chuckwagon used to be; also near the Cinemas and Salbasgeon Suites. I ate there recently and was quite impressed with the delicious food and clean, open setting.

Just bring an appetite and a smile. Hope to see you for lunch in November! Remember: You don't have to RSVP, you can just drop in!!

~Carolyn (Moore) Simmons, 758-0271  
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OCT	Activity	Time	Location
30	New Member Coffee	10 a.m.	10 NW Edgewood Dr.

NOV	Activity	Time	Location
3	Evening Lit Group	7 p.m.	Lori Hodgert 2941 NW Spurry Pl.
8	Program: Celebrate Globetrotters	7 p.m.	Willamette Landing Clubhouse 3501 SE Shoreline Dr.
8	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
9	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Charlotte Drost 1084 NW Charlemagne Pl.
15	Newsletter deadline		
18	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Chinese Buffet (on 9th St. near Garfield)