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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

THE AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

THE AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

In principle and in 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, or disability.

Annual Meeting Election of 2008-09 officers

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This is real. This is life. This is
REAL. LIFE.

March 8 program to tour exhibit at Medical Teams International

Medical Teams International has put together an exhibit showcasing world-wide hunger. In this multi-sensory exhibit, you will step into a:

- Medical triage clinic in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina
- Room with a 25-foot tsunami wave
- Ugandan camp for people displaced by a rebel group
- Refugee camp housing Kosovars fleeing ethnic cleansing
- Mozambican village where HIV and AIDS have claimed lives
- Mexico garbage dump where families live and work
- Romanian placement center for abandoned children
- Burn unit in a Moldovan children's hospital

The exhibit also empowers each person to learn, "I Can Make a Difference." Like a pebble makes ripples in a pond, each of us can make a difference that will touch people around the world.

If you would like to carpool to the exhibit, meet at the Heritage House at 9:15am on Saturday, March 8. If you wish to drive directly to the exhibit, look for the sign "Real Life Exhibit" after you turn onto SW Milton Court. Volunteers will be waiting to escort our AAUW group from 9:30am to 11:00am, so please be prompt.

Location:

**Medical Teams International Headquarters
14150 SW Milton Court, Tigard OR 97224
(503) 624-1097 — desk number**

**SW Milton Court is off the north side of
SW Bonita Road,
one block WEST of SW 72nd Avenue**

Jottings from Jane



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Long-range planning to keep our Branch vibrant

Where do you see our branch in a few years? Should things continue as they are? Should we be making more of an effort to focus all our programs on the AAUW mission? Should we be making AAUW more visible in the community? If so, what kind of activities would achieve this, and how much woman power do we have to implement them? Do we want to do more fundraising? Are the existing fund-raisers (the EF and LAF brunches, the Tea and Book Sale) events that we should continue, or are there other events that might be more fun or might make it possible for us to get contributions from individuals other than branch members?

What are new ways in which we can attract new members? Younger members? How can we make membership in AAUW, and specifically in our branch, attractive to a more diversified population? Should we continue to have monthly Saturday morning meetings, or is there another approach that we could try?

What about the way we run the branch? We are fortunate at this time to have a very strong board, but what plans should we be making against a time when nobody may be willing to take on a two-year commitment as an officer? How else could we approach keeping the branch functioning? Would you, our members, like the branch to put more emphasis

on specific short-term projects with clear goals and measurable results, rather than maintain the status quo?

These and other related questions will be tackled by the board in its summer planning session. Because we do not expect any turnover in elected officers this year, we can concentrate on exploring such options and doing some longer-range planning, rather than spending much of the day orienting new board members to their specific duties.

For our long-range planning to be successful, we need input from all of you. I urge you to spend a little time pondering the questions I've raised and to share your thoughts with me or with any of the board members.

Nominations for 2008-09 Officer Positions

Our Annual Meeting on March 8 includes voting on several 2008-09 officer positions.

The nominating committee — Sue Kingzett and Robi Ingram-Rich — have put forward nominations of **Carol Cooper** and **Dorothy Martin** for co-Membership VPs and **Penny Hansen** for Finance VP.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are very happy to welcome **MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY** as our Higher Education member! Marylhurst, located in Lake Oswego, has been a longtime supporter of Education over the lifetime for women, as well as a proponent of educational equity for women and girls. We look forward to working with Marylhurst in a partnership that continues to promote those values.

Our representative from Marylhurst is **LYNN BROWN**, who is their Director of Career Services and Internship. Lynn's passion is assisting women in finding their personal power and their professional best. Lynn is a graduate of Willamette University where she earned a BS in Psychology, and Western Oregon State College where she received her MA in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Education, Anthropology and Counseling. Upon graduation she received both a certificate to teach, and a license to practice as a counselor. She has been employed as a school counselor and a teacher at both the high school and college/university levels. She also owned and operated a counseling and vocational assessment firm in Portland for many years. Lynn is married and has three grown children: two sons and a daughter. Lynn grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado but chose Portland as her home in 1979.

JACQUELYN GATEWOOD recently relocated to Lake Oswego from Lincoln City where she previously held membership in AAUW. Jacquelyn had been semi-retired in Lincoln City where she owned and operated a combination boutique and café. She now enjoys being more fully retired and exploring the many things to see and do in Lake Oswego. Prior to her move to the west coast (California and then Oregon), Jacquelyn retired after 30 years serving as an English teacher, and administrator in a prestigious private Boarding school in Michigan. She held a number of interesting positions there and then moved and held teaching and administrative positions at The Eliot-Pope School in Idyllwild, California. She also served as the Director of Development and Director of Advancement at St. Mary's Academy in Portland prior to her 'transition' to retirement in Lincoln City. She has three grown sons who are artistic, two of whom live here in the Portland area. Jacquelyn is also artistic and interested in weaving. She has enjoyed travel and has visited Egypt and Greece as well as having lived in Europe. She epitomizes the AAUW woman: always curious, always exploring new options, always excited about learning.

GARLINN STORY received her BA from Linfield College, and her JD from the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. She began her law school pursuit at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Garlinn is an Oregonian who has returned after living in many

parts of the US and also in Singapore. She has practiced family law in Sacramento, taught at a law school in Ohio, practiced insurance defense law in Louisiana, and finished up in Cincinnati where she ran a small, non-profit legal firm that focused on elder law. While living in Singapore, Garlinn served as the Director of Volunteer Placement for the American Association of Singapore, which provides volunteer placement and other opportunities for US expatriates living there. She continues to provide some contract work with the firm in Cincinnati. Garlinn and her husband, Mike, have two children, a son and a daughter who both live in the southeastern US, and whom they visit frequently. They are currently engaged in building a house in Lake Oswego. They returned to Oregon because they wanted the "community feeling" that Lake Oswego provides. Garlinn is also currently active in the Newcomers Welcome Club of Lake Oswego and West Linn.

Directory changes

Please notify Dorothy Martin of any corrections to the Directory.

Changes

Jean Bennett —
email is bnnttjn38@verizon.net
Janet Voss —
email jljv@comcast.net

Expense Reimbursement

Hello! As this is my first year as Financial Vice President, you can imagine the learning curve I am facing. As part of my duties, financial reports are presented each month at the board meetings. I have enjoyed working with and meeting many new women. We have many talented and helpful members and I have appreciated their guidance. In the process of paying bills, reimbursing you and receiving monies, several items have come to my attention. Therefore, I will take this opportunity to review some of the AAUW policies in our local chapter.

If you have incurred AAUW expenses that need to be reimbursed, please keep your receipts. These receipts **MUST** be submitted to me along with a filled-out copy of our **Reimbursement Request Form**. You can obtain a copy of the form from me directly, by email or general mail. If you need help in filling out the form, please call and I will do my best to solve the problem. Upon receipt of the documents, I will try to send or give you a check within two weeks.

Because our fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30, all requests for payment for the current year's expenses must be submitted by **June 30**. It helps if you can submit your request near the time that you incurred the expense. Remember: 1) include your receipt or receipts, 2) include the filled out Reimbursement Request Form. Please give or mail these two items to me. Many thanks!

Penny Hansen, Financial VP

Educational Foundation News

by Dorothy Martin

Have you read, or heard, that the United States has a shortage of scientists compared to those in other leading countries?

A recent AAUW action network mailing cited a National Academies report that stated that women repeatedly face biases in academia in the science fields, and these barriers to success discourage them from careers in these areas. It also cited a report from the Commission of Professionals in Science and Technology saying that women now comprise 25% of the labor force in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, commonly referred to as STEM. AAUW actively supports promoting and strengthening STEM education, especially for women and other under-represented populations in the scientific fields. Recently,

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) introduced the **Gender Bias Elimination Act** calling for better enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws. The report from the Commission of Professionals in Science and Technology says, "If women and members of other traditionally under-represented groups joined the STEM workforce in proportion to their representation in the overall labor force, the shortage of STEM professionals would disappear."

AAUW believes that this legislation will remove barriers to success and encourage more women and girls to choose education and careers in STEM fields. *You can be an active member in this matter by contacting your congressional representative asking for his/her support of H.R.3514, the Gender Bias Elimination Act.*

Benona's Special Birthday

by Dorothy Martin

On February 28th, Benona Dawson will celebrate her **100th birthday!** For those who have not had the privilege to know Benona, she is one amazing woman. She joined AAUW in 1950 and is now an Honorary Life Member. She was a Charter member of the Lake Oswego Branch. She has many fascinating stories about her life. Among them she likes to tell about working in the pear orchards in Southern Oregon along side Mexican pickers to earn money for college, and she is a proud graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. She also likes to tell about

teaching in a one room school on an Indian reservation in Northern California and later writing a story about the experience, which provided new information about the area for historians.

Today Benona happily reports that her mind is still sharp, her hearing and eyesight are excellent, but a stroke a few years ago weakened her legs. Benona welcomes visitors in the Marie Rose Care Center at Mary's Woods.

If you would like to send her a birthday card, I know she would be very pleased. Her address - 17360 Holy Names Drive #5, L.O. 97034.

Interest Groups

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday at 9:45 a.m.

March 18, 2008, 9:45 a.m.

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Hostess: Dixie Kroupa

Leader: Nancy White

Book: *One Thousand White Women*
by Jim Fergus

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

March 20, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Sue Kingzett

Leader: Mary Holderness

Book: *Old School* by Tobias Wolfe

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

March 27, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Kathy Kaiser

Intro: Susan Hornung

Book: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

New members are most welcome to join this book group — Call Martha Dean at 503-697-0561 if you would like more information.

March 28, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Irene Romero

Presenter: Irene Romero and Barbara McDonald

Book: *United States v George W Bush, et al.* by Elizabeth de la Vega

Movie Group

2nd Tuesday of each month. Call

Jo Ann Frost for more information: 503-624-0871 or ldfrost@spiritone.com

Portland Center Stage

March 6, 2008 at 12 noon

A Feminine Ending

At the Gerding Theater (Studio Theater) at the Armory in the Pearl District (128 NW 11th Avenue, Portland, 503-445-3700).

Please call Laura Eyer for more information: 503-982-3522, eyerfamily@wbcable.net

Laffalot Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

This casual two-table group needs substitutes. If you would like to be added to our list or would just like more information, please contact susanhornung@hotmail.com or telephone 503-635-4893.

Fourth Wednesday Bridge

4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Call

Betty Hittle at 503-636-7034 for more information about this bridge group.

Eat Ethnic

3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (usually)

New members are always welcome to join this group, which dines at a variety of ethnic restaurants during the year. Members are welcome to bring spouses and friends. To be added to the email notification list or be called each month, contact Susan Hornung at susanhornung@hotmail.com or call 503-635-4893.

Exploring the Northwest

For more information on this group, contact Susan Kingzett, 503-656-5970 or sezett@msn.com, or Shirley Ward, 503-636-4437 or wardsp@comcast.net.



Getting ready for the April Book Sale

We need your books for the April book sale. Hardbacks, trade, and beach paperbacks are all welcome. I'm sure many of you have enjoyed some of the books that your book group read this year. Now you can share them with others while we raise money for EF, LAF, and our local scholarship.

Please contact Susan Hornung by email or telephone so we can arrange for your donations: (503) 635-4893 or susanhornung@hotmail.com.

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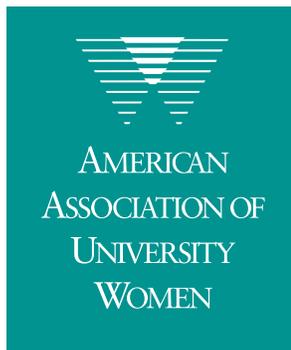
NEXT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
7:15 P.M.

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Lake Oswego Branch • MARCH 2008 Calendar

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