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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.

November is Educational Foundation focus month

Meet our Neighbor — MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY

Saturday, November 8 at 9:30 AM
Heritage House, 10th & A Streets, Lake Oswego

Some of us may only recognize the Marylhurst University sign on Highway 43. Some may know that every year we give a scholarship to a student there. A few of us have taken classes there and at least one member received her degree from Marylhurst. Come to the general meeting to learn more about our neighbor, Marylhurst University.

Christine Cruver is a student at Marylhurst and is our Student Affiliate. She will talk about her experiences this summer when she attended the National Conference for Women Student Leaders in Washington D.C. and what that has led her to.

Jennifer Sasser is Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of Human Sciences. Jennifer comes highly recommended as a speaker.

Dennis Finnigan is a retired businessman, a resident at Mary's Woods, and an actively involved mentor at Marylhurst. He has wonderful stories to tell about his mentoring experience.

We will serve a continental breakfast beginning at 9:30, followed by a brief general meeting before hearing our very interesting speakers. Join us and bring a friend!

Facts about Marylhurst University

- Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities
- 46 full-time faculty, 402 part-time faculty
- 837 Undergraduate students; 596 Graduate students; 31% men; 69% women
- Degree Programs: 19 Bachelor's; 7 Graduate; 12 Certificate (some offered on-line)

Jottings from Jane



**“We’d like to act more.
To do so, we need more
members involved.”**

The board has asked me to tell you that they need help. We try hard to keep AAUW alive and well in Lake Oswego, and we can’t do it alone. I started to write a message about the responsibility of all members to bear their share of the burden, but then I discarded it. (I’d say I tore it up, but I really just told the computer not to save it.)

Instead, I’d like to talk about the satisfaction that comes from making AAUW happen. It might come from chairing an interest group or simply from hosting it once every year or two. It might come from running a fund-raising event, serving refreshments at a branch meeting, or simply making sure your neighbor has a ride to meetings. Those of us on the board have taken on continuing responsibilities, which might include keeping the books, recruiting and orienting new members, or editing the newsletter. We get our rewards in various ways – meeting the monthly deadlines for the newsletter, or watching the lively discussion at a book group, or meeting the financial goal we’ve set for EF, LAF or our local scholarships.

We talk at board meetings – sometimes a lot – about how we’d like to make AAUW and its commitment to achieving equity for women and girls more visible to the community. About how we’d like to work with the local schools and encourage girls to take more interest in the STEM disciplines (that’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, a favorite AAUW acronym). About providing more

money for local scholarships. About finding ways to attract and keep younger women to AAUW membership.

And sometimes we act. We’ve recruited some former presidents to the Fund Raising Committee, which has come up with a great idea for revamping our April Tea. One of our board members, Suzanne Kaveckis, with the welcome assistance of her husband Stan, has redone and updated our web site and made the commitment to keep it current through the year. Suzanne and Stan were undaunted by the mysteries of web design and the complexities of transferring the domain name to a new host. We’ve started a new interest group where shared cooking leads to a satisfyingly social evening.

We’d like to act more. To do so, we need more members involved. These don’t need to be long-term involvements. Help could mean recruiting a knowledgeable acquaintance as a program speaker. It could mean heading a sub-committee for an event. It could mean spearheading a group to be involved with the broader community.

The members of AAUW are a lively and diverse group. Getting involved with a project can give you an opportunity to get to know some different people or get to know acquaintances better. Working on improving AAUW is a great chance to have a good time and do some good for the community. Please consider it and let me or any other board member know where you’d like to help out.

What is the Educational Foundation?

The Educational Foundation (E.F.) is one of the basic programs of AAUW. It is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women who wish to further their education.

How does E.F. do this?

It provides fellowships, grants and special awards to outstanding women in the United States and around the world.

Who qualifies for consideration of a grant or fellowship?

Preference is given to women whose community or professional work demonstrates a commitment to improving opportunities and conditions for women and girls. Women from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. During the '07-'08 academic year, more than 250 women received funds through E.F.

Fundraiser 2008-2009

Tea and Talent – April 11, 2009

Are you a quilter? Painter? Gardener? Do you do needlework? Swedish Embroidery? Knitted dish-rags? Retro Aprons? Table Runners? Bookmarks? Placemats? Pottery? Note cards? Beadwork?

We would like to see your work on **Saturday, April 11, 2009**, from 12 – 2pm at our **Tea and Talent Event** at the Heritage House. Plan ahead for all of the following: bring a friend to tea, share your talent, add discovery of our members' talents, and create an enthusiasm about our local scholarship fund. Look for more information in future newsletters and at your interest groups.

Save the date – April 11, 2009!

The Fund-Raising Committee

What are the categories of the fellowships and grants?

- *American Fellowships* are available for women completing doctoral dissertations or seeking funds for postdoctoral research.
- *International Fellowships* are for graduate or post-graduate study by women who are not U.S. citizens and have the potential to improve the lives of women and girls in their native country.
- *Selected Professions Fellowships* are awarded to women to pursue a degree program in architecture, computer/information sciences, engineering or mathematics/statistics.
- *Fellowships* are also available to women of color in business administration, law or medicine.
- *Career Development grants* are offered to women preparing to advance their careers, change careers or re-enter the workforce. Special consideration is given women of color and those wishing to enter nontraditional fields.
- *Community Action Grants* provide seed money to women, branches, AAUW state organizations and local nonprofit organizations for projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.
- *Biennial awards with honorariums* are given women of outstanding accomplishments in academic or professional fields.

How is all of this done?

People like us contribute to the E.F. Fund to make all of these fellowships, grants and awards possible. The results of the subsequent accomplishments of the recipients are spread around the world.

Please be an active participant in supporting the work of the Educational Foundation today.

For more information, brochures are available through the branch. Take one to someone who might be an interested candidate.

New Member Profiles

Joan Case

A graduate of State University of New York, with a major in chemistry and history, Joan and her husband, Arnold (“Case”), have recently moved to West Linn from Munich, Germany. After a very full career with the State Department, this international resident and her husband have retired to the Portland area to be closer to her son and his family who live nearby, in Vancouver, WA. She is now able to spend time with 13 year old twin granddaughters who lead very active, athletic lives. Joan and Case also have a daughter who recently moved with her family from Mercer Island, WA to Birmingham, Alabama.

Joan has long ties to Oregon; her parents lived in Bend for 20 years, so she and Case spent lots of time traveling between Europe and Bend for visits. Joan has lived internationally in several cities in Europe as well as in Korea and other Asian locations when Case served in the US Navy. She has wonderful memories of special times spent in some of the most beautiful cities in the world. She also has enjoyed the many cultural activities that are available here: Symphony, Theater, and the Art Museum have been among the tops on her list. She enjoys reading, interior decorating (she has collected many antiques from her time of living overseas), gardening, and exploring her new “home town” and environs.

JoAnn Siebe

JoAnn has recently relocated to Lake Oswego from the San Francisco Bay Area because she felt like she “needed an adventure.” JoAnn attended UC Berkeley, and then transferred to George Mason University following an eight-year time out in Thailand. She earned a BA in Sociology, and went on to receive her MA in Management from Sonoma State University in California.

In Thailand, she administered and taught English for the Thai Ministry of Education to medical doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who were preparing to come to the US to obtain medical degrees in this country. While there she increased the program from 150 to over 400 students and added a wing to the university, an accomplishment for which she is very proud.

JoAnn has two daughters. One is an attorney in Manhattan, NY, and the other is a massage therapist practicing in San Francisco. She has taught at JFK University and at Golden Gate University in the SF Bay Area. She also developed her own consulting and coaching business there. Currently she is teaching and coaching at Portland State University in the School of Business Administration where she concentrates on professional women going through transitions in their lives. She also teaches a “Capstone” program for graduating seniors who work in marketing teams on ‘real life’ projects. JoAnn enjoys walking, art, and exploring the PDX area.

Susan Harrell

Susan has said that she “grew up with AAUW.” Her mother was a charter member (one of three) of the Hood River Branch, which she helped start in about 1950. After her mom subsequently moved to Salem, she continued to be very active, serving as the AAUW State Scholarship Chair as well as holding other Branch offices. Susan says that her mother had a passion for getting funds for women to pursue their college education. Susan’s aunt, Betty Foxley, was the State President about 1986, so it’s easy to see that AAUW is, indeed, a part of her life.

Susan was born in Portland. She received her BS in College Teaching and Exercise Physiology from Portland State University, and her first Master’s degree in Teaching, also from Portland State. Her second Masters in Special Education was received from Lewis and Clark College. She is currently employed as a teacher of students who are emotionally disturbed and/or behavior disordered.

She has four sons and five grandchildren ranging in age from 2½ to 17 years. One son and his wife and their two little boys live across the street from her so she gets to see them on a daily basis. Susan likes to knit and to quilt. She looks forward to retirement when she can do more of both. She also enjoys the company of three dogs and five chickens and is thinking that maybe she will get a goat!

Interest Groups

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

November 20, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Louise Weiss

Leader: Linda Watkins

Book: *Good Country People* by Flannery O'Connor

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday

November 18, 9:45 a.m.

Hostess: Nancy White

Leader: Dixie Kroupa

Book: *Disgrace* by J.M. Coetzee

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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December 4, 7:30 p.m.

(note this is the first Thursday)

Hostess: Robi Ingram-Rich

Intro: Suzanne Kaveckis

Book: *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

November 21, 10:00 a.m.

(note this is the 3rd Friday in order to avoid the Friday after Thanksgiving)

Hostess: Millie Bennett

Presenter:

Book: *Buy the Chief a Cadillac* by Rick Steber

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

Fourth Wednesday Bridge

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

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

Laffalot Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays, 1–4 p.m.

We play contract bridge twice a month. This is an easy, interesting group of ladies. Do join us if interested. To be on our sub list, call Jo Ann Frost at 503-624-0871 or email her at ldfrost@spiritone.com. We use our subs regularly.

Movie Group

JoAnn & Larry Frost, Planners.

November 11

We plan to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month for a 7:00 or 5:30 p.m. movie of interest. To be on the e-mail notification list, just call us at 503-624-0871 or ldfrost@spiritone.com. Ladies and couples are welcome. We have a van to furnish a ride from our house. If a coffee shop is open afterward, we like to discuss the movie over a beverage.

Portland Center Stage

November 13 at noon

R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery of the Universe) — a one-man performance explores Bucky's life and work through a blend of testimony, lecture, autobiography, poetry, comic antics and video imagery.

Please contact Betty Barber for more information: barberbc@yahoo.com or 503-675-0594.

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.

Eat Ethnic

3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

We travel south of the border to Tigard to enjoy Mexican Food at El Sol de Mexico, which is located on 72nd St. and Upper Boones Ferry Road (end of Carmen). Everyone is welcome. Call or e-mail Susan Hornung if you would like to come: susanhornung@hotmail.com or 503-635-4893.

Great Eats!

No meeting in November

We have launched a new interest group related to food. Now who isn't interested in food? The group will meet every 2-3 months. It is not a potluck group. It is not a gourmet group. It will be a themed dinner where the hosts send out recipes and then the cost of the food is divided evenly among the participants. Diners will also bring the beverage of their choice.

If you have questions or would like to be put on the email list for Great Eats! in the future, call Barbara Buckley at 503-635-4649 or email her at barobuck68@msn.com.

Note: This group replaces the previous Gourmet Group.

AAUW to Launch Major STEM Study with Funding from National Science Foundation

A AUW has won a two-year, \$249,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to launch a major study of the causes and dynamics behind the low participation of women and girls in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. This is AAUW's fourth grant from NSF. Set for a 2010 release, the study has the potential to garner public support for policies to even out the disparities in the higher-paying, male-dominated STEM fields, in which women are woefully underrepresented.

While progress has been made in many STEM fields, women remain far behind in critical areas, including computer science. High school girls represent only 17 percent of computer science Advanced Placement (AP) test takers.¹ College-educated women earn only 27 percent of bachelor's degrees in mathematics and computer science.² AAUW's new research report aims to help turn back this trend and ensure that girls and women are fully represented in these critical STEM fields.

The research on innate gender differences, the effects of stereotypes and bias, mentoring, and differences in performance on standardized tests are among the topics to be covered in the new report. Looking at the most important studies from the past 15 years, the AAUW report will connect common themes across the disciplines, explore the reasons behind the persistent gender inequity, and highlight key findings from the existing STEM research.

AAUW has received three previous grants from the National Science Foundation on initiatives to remedy gender inequities in STEM fields. These grants include support

for the National Girls Collaborative Project, which facilitates collaboration among organizations, institutions, and businesses committed to expanding the participation of girls and women in STEM; the research report *Under the Microscope: A Decade of Gender Equity Projects in the Sciences*; and the creation and distribution of the video *Tech Savvy: Educating Girls in the New Computer Age*.

¹ Tabulated by National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics; data from Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey.

² Ibid.

Local Branch Dues ONLY \$11!

Many of you perhaps are not aware that our local Lake Oswego AAUW dues are only \$11 and have not been raised in a number of years. Eleven dollars is the portion of our annual Membership dues that is kept for our Branch operations and activities here in Lake Oswego.

I recently polled members of our Portland Metro Area AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC) about their respective Branch dues for AAUW. It was not surprising to learn that most Branches charge more for their local dues than our Lake Oswego Branch. As you know, everything that's purchased has gone up in price

and this includes our rental fees for Heritage House, hospitality, printing and postage.

The Branch is looking seriously at a small increase of five dollars for our Branch for the next membership year so that we can continue to serve our members in the best way possible. The positive part of this is that the increase will be used for our local needs. Please feel free to give us feedback on this proposal and thank you in advance for supporting our local efforts.

Suzanne Kaveckis,

IBC Representative

Email: ctn75492@centurytel.net

**NOVEMBER
BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25**

**7:00 P.M. AT
MARYLHURST LIBRARY**

Calling all AAUW Artists



To showcase the artistic talents of AAUW members, AAUW announces the **AAUW Note Card Design Contest**. Our 2009 note cards will be made special by using members' original art on the front of the cards. To make them even more special, AAUW members will select three designs that appear on the cards by voting online once a week for your favorites. Every time you vote, you are automatically entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates to ShopAAUW.

Enter soon and encourage your friends to enter this exciting new AAUW contest. Then, make sure to visit the AAUW Design Gallery on the AAUW website to see all the terrific artwork submissions and vote for your favorites (www.aauw.org).

Help us to ensure that the boxes of cards we mail to AAUW members next spring are uniquely AAUW.

Important Dates:

- September 15 through November 3 — Submit your designs through the AAUW website.
- November 10 through December 12 — Visit the AAUW website once a week to vote for your favorite designs. Each time you vote you will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates for ShopAAUW.
- April 2009 — Watch your mailbox for a new set of beautiful and uniquely AAUW note cards.

THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION - THE HEART OF AAUW

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This gift is a memorial (deceased) to _____

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Acknowledgment should be sent to: Name _____

Address _____

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- #9110 Unrestricted Foundation Support
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- The following Oregon funds need help to be endowed.***
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Make checks payable to AAUW Educational Foundation

Send to your branch EF Chair *Dorothy Martin* • 17480 Holy Names Drive #414, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Contributions are tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state tax purposes.

Lake Oswego Branch • NOVEMBER 2008 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6	7	8 BRANCH MTG.
9	10 Laffalot Bridge	11 Movie Group	12	13 Theater Group	14	15
16	17	18 Eat Ethnic Tuesday Books	19	20 Interpretive Books	21 Friday Books	22
23	24 Laffalot Bridge	25 BOARD MTG.	26 Wednesday Bridge	27 THANKS- GIVING	28	29
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