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AAUW's Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Local Scholarship Fundraiser 2008-2009

Tea and Talent – April 11, 2009

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Heritage House, Lake Oswego

Come enjoy Spring at the Heritage House on Saturday, April 11, 2009. *This year we have planned something special. We need you to attend and bring a friend.*

The **Tea** will feature special food and tea items for the same cost as last year (\$15).

You may make reservations by calling Sandra Hoover at (503) 635-0952.

The **Talent** aspect features our very own members who have donated items of their own creation for sale. We'll have paintings, notecards, needle crafts, baked goods, A Charleston Lowcountry Luncheon for 12, quilted items, jam, tea basket, bridge basket, jewelry, bookmarks, etc. Some items are for show only and many items are for sale, with all monies going towards our local scholarship for a Marylhurst student.



*Bring a friend and enjoy
both tea & talent
with the AAUW
Lake Oswego Branch.*

Jottings from Jane



April brings a new event to the branch calendar. We've done Tea, we've done Tea and Bake Sale, and we've for some years done successfully Tea and Books. This year, on April 11, from noon to 2:00 p.m., we are moving on to Tea and Talent.

This year, our members are donating their talents to fund our annual scholarship for a Marylhurst student. We are committed to helping a mature student advance her education; according to the Marylhurst financial aid office, our help can make the difference in a student's ability to complete her degree.

We have many talented, skilled and experienced people in our branch: writers, poets, teachers (from pre-school to university level), programmers, nurses, logicians, librarians, soccer players, singers, instrumentalists, masters of kayaks, sailboats, and horseback riding. In particular, we have a number of members who have at least one talent that produces tangible results. There are painters and weavers, quilters and bakers, photographers and cooks. Thanks to the hard work of our fund raising committee, some of the products of these talented people will be featured at our spring fund-raising event. Many items (from jars of jam to handmade quilts) will be available for purchase. Others, including certain works of art, will simply be displayed for your pleasure and admiration.

This is not a silent auction. It won't be necessary for you to linger, hovering over the object you favor,

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until the final countdown of the end of sale. Instead, you can just select the baby blanket, notecards, or luncheon that appeals to you, write a check, and present it to the cashier.

But we hope that you will also take the time to enjoy the wonderful tea luncheon that is being prepared, as it has been for quite a few years, by the talented Ann Keddie and her team of volunteers. Proceeds from this Tea also contribute substantially to the scholarship fund, and our thanks go to those who contribute food items so that the end result is even larger. This year, there will be a wonderful salad buffet, along with cream scones and small sweets, and the ever-popular Special AAUW Tea blend. You may feast either before or after visiting the Talent room – or perhaps you'll want to browse both before and after your meal.

I really hope you'll come to the tea and, perhaps, bring a friend who would enjoy meeting our diverse and talented members.

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We still need a 2009-10
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Okay, so you think you'd rather have a root canal than become the newsletter editor. Maybe you think it takes too much time, or it's too complicated, or it will turn your hair gray and make you gain weight, or ... well, there are many excuses for taking a wide berth around this position.

Keep reading, though. Maybe it's not as difficult as you think. Here are the major responsibilities and time commitments:

- Receive, usually by e-mail, articles from Branch officers and interest group coordinators (this is not a big deal; our members are mature, task-oriented women who know how to get things done right and on time). Items are due to you by the 15th of each month.
- Attend monthly Board meetings on 4th Tuesday evenings
- Arrange the articles into a 6- or 8-page newsletter (about 4-6 hours monthly, done over several days). This includes updating each month's calendar with interest group meetings. You can use MS-Word or a page-design software for this task.
- Produce a PDF file of the newsletter draft and send, by e-mail, to the Branch President for review.
- Produce a PDF file of the final newsletter and e-mail the file to all Branch members by the end of the month. (There are still some members who receive a hard copy of the newsletter, but you don't have to handle this task; we're so fortunate that the printing and distribution of these hard-copy newsletters are done by another Branch volunteer.)
- Coordinate e-mail list updates with the Membership VP.

That's about it! You can do this! Please contact Anne Smith for more information on this important Branch position beginning in August (annehartsmith@comcast.net or 503-582-9201).

Public Policy Call to Action

Members, a very important piece of legislation is awaiting action. The **Paycheck Fairness Act** passed the House 256-163, but the bill (SB 182) is stalled in the Senate. This bill would update the 45 year old **Equal Pay Act** which allows many loopholes and lacks incentives for enforcement. The Lucy Ledbetter Fair Pay Act only corrected the Supreme Court's ruling. It did nothing more.

The Paycheck Fairness Act will close loopholes in employers' defense, prohibit retaliation, improve equal pay remedies, increase research, training and education, establish salary skills negotiations training, and improve collection of pay information.

This bill passed the House in 2007 but was not acted upon by the Senate so it died at the end of the legislative session. This same fate will await it if the Senate again does not act. Contact Senators and plead for action.

Barbara McDonald
Public Policy Chair

In response to new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics which says the pay gap has narrowed one cent to 78 cents on the dollar, AAUW is launching a new grassroots campaign with a clear message: "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change." While this is the narrowest the wage gap has ever been its still only an additional one cent on the dollar. While women have been hard at work to earn their extra penny, Congress has failed to pass legislation that would give women effective equal pay protections. In light of this development, AAUW and our friends will tell Congress: "Keep the Change until Women Have Real Change."



Interest Groups

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

April 16, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Joanne Nawrocki

Leader: Diana Gough

Book: *Strange As This Weather Has Been* by Ann Pancake

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday

April 28, 9:45 a.m.

Hostess: Judy Kelley

Leader: Jean Cleary

Book: *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Pat Lewis

Intro: Dorothy Martin

Book: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

April 24, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess & Presenter: Jeanne Keevil

Book: *Dreaming Water* by Gail Tsukiyama

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.

Laff-a-lot Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays, 1–4 p.m.

Interested? Call Jo Ann Frost at 503-624-0871.

Movie Group

JoAnn & Larry Frost and Ann Pritchard, Planners

April 14

One change — Ann Pritchard will be our movie chooser for awhile. Otherwise, same format, location & ride situation — second Tuesday of each month for a 7:00 or 5:30 p.m. movie of interest. Ladies and couples are welcome. The Frosts have a van to furnish a ride from their house. If a coffeeshop is open afterward, the group may like to discuss the movie over a beverage. To be on the e-mail notification list, just contact Ann Pritchard at 503-670-7934 or AnnPritchard@comcast.net.

Portland Center Stage

April 30 at noon

Crazy Enough – World Premiere. Written by Portland's own Storm Large. What do you do when you're told you are going to lose your mind? And you are only nine years old? This is an exploration through stories and song of how a girl can live, nearly die, and live again by praying to the holy trinity: Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll.

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.

April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

We will be out and about Portland to try a new ethnic restaurant. It might be Japanese, African or Italian. For details join our email or telephone list. Just contact Susan Hornung at susanhornung@hotmail.com or at 503-635-4893. New members and friends and spouses are always welcome.

Great Eats!

This group meets every 2–3 months for a themed dinner where the hosts send out recipes to those who have made “reservations,” and then the cost of the food is divided evenly among the participants. Diners will also bring the beverage of their choice.

Our next dinner, scheduled for April 4, is hosted by Anne Smith with a get-healthy theme of low-carbohydrate recipes, including cheesecake for dessert! Our last dinner of this year is scheduled for **June 6**.

If you would like to be on the email list for Great Eats!, contact Barbara Buckley at 503-635-4649 or barobuck68@msn.com.

**NEXT
BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 28**

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

News About Dues

Yes, it's that time of year again. Already! Time to remind you about annual dues. You will find the annual Dues Statement in this Newsletter. Notice that the National dues have remained the same as last year; however there is an increase in our branch dues. In the March Newsletter Jane's article focused on why we need to increase our branch dues now. It has been five years since our last increase in branch dues and our operating costs have gone up considerably during that time. During the last three years, National dues increased \$2 each year, and our Board had decided not to raise our Branch dues during that time. So this year you

will see an all-at-once \$5 increase in the branch dues to bring our actual operating costs into line with our income.

Now some good news. After a lengthy examination of the structure of the organization, one change that National has made affects you. As of April 1, 2009, \$46 of your \$49 that goes to National is tax deductible; the other \$3 goes to support our very active Lobby Corps and election-related activities, and therefore is not deductible.

I appreciate receiving the filled out copy of your dues statement along with your check; that saves me the work of having to make one out. I have to send those forms on 5½ x

8½ size sheets to our State database person. If you receive your newsletter by email, please print the page with the Dues Statement on it to fill out and send to me along with your check. If you receive the newsletter by mail, either cut the dues statement out or make a filled out copy of it to send to me.

As Jane announced at our March meeting, we recognize that this is a financially challenging time for many people. If you're having to closely watch your pennies, please let Jane Taft or Dorothy Martin know so that we can help work things out with you. We don't want to lose any members because of lack of finances.

2009-2010 AAUW Dues Statement Lake Oswego Branch

Dues for 2009-2010 are **\$77.00**. Please send this form and check payable to **AAUW, Lake Oswego Branch** to Dorothy Martin, 17480 Holy Names Drive #414, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Please highlight any changes

Last name _____ First name _____ Initial _____
 Spouse _____
 Phone _____ Year you joined L.O. branch _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 College Degree(s) and college update _____
 Amount enclosed \$ _____
 New ___ Renewing ___ Life ___ Honorary Life ___ Dual ___ Student ___

\$49.00 Assoc Dues *

\$11.00 State Dues

\$17.00 Branch Dues

\$77.00 Total Dues

\$23.00 Student Dues **
Undergraduates only

* National Dues – \$46 is tax deductible; \$3 supports your AAUW lobby corps.

** For student affiliates, \$16 of the National Dues is tax deductible. \$1 supports your lobby corps.

Dues payments may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses, if appropriate.

Our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. State dues include \$1.00 for the Oregon News.

Occasionally AAUW's membership lists are made available to carefully screened companies and organizations.

___ Check here if you do not want your name included on the list.

Lake Oswego Branch • APRIL 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Great Eats!
5	6	7	8	9 Theater Group	10	11 TEA & TALENT 12-2
12	13 Laff A Lot Bridge	14 Movie Group	15	16 Interpretive Books	17	18
19	20	21 Eat Ethnic	22 Wednesday Bridge	23 Thursday Evening Books	24 Friday Books	25
26	27 Laff A Lot Bridge	28 Tuesday Morning Books Board Meeting	29	30 Center Stage		



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