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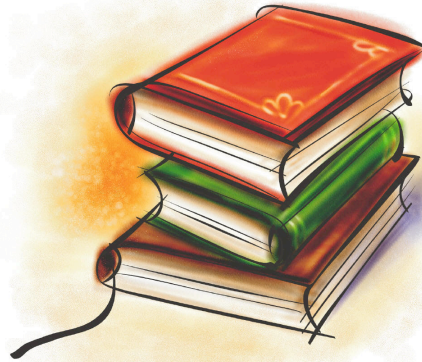
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Brave New Worlds in Reading

John Storhm, Molly Divine, and Stephanie Carter

**Saturday, September 10
9:30 a.m.**

**Oswego Heritage House
“A” Ave and 10th St, Lake Oswego**



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.

We will have a panel discussion with open participation from members in attendance. Our panel will include John Storhm, Burned Books Publishing, Molly Divine, publisher sales representative, and Stephanie Carter, former library director. The morning will include having the opportunity to explore, hands on, a range of electronic reading devices currently on the market.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. If the parking lot at Heritage House is full, additional parking is available across the street at the church.



BRANCH BUZZ

Stephanie Carter, Co-President

Each year our AAUW Branch sponsors a scholarship to help a female student pay her educational expenses. This scholarship is funded through activities undertaken by our members. For the last three years, members have contributed their time, talent, and funds to make the Tea and Talent Luncheon a success.

After three years, is it time to host a different fundraiser?

The Board began to address this question at our July meeting. On August 17 (I'm writing this column on August 15), our Board will hold a special meeting that will focus entirely on the issue of fundraising. Some of the questions we will consider follow. What types of fundraisers: Will bring in people from outside of our membership so that the funding burden does not fall on our members? Earn sufficient funds? Not conflict with or duplicate the activities of other community groups? Enhance the image of AAUW in our community and further our mission and goals? Inspire our members to contribute their time to, and participate in the activity?

Our members are a goldmine of experience and knowledge and we'd like to extract some of that gold. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Experience with a fundraiser

that was really successful? Didn't work out? Please speak with me or another member of our Board if you would like to provide input into the process of selecting a fundraiser for this year. I am confident that, together, we can accomplish and exceed our fundraising goal.

WHO'S WHO?

This new column is intended to provide a brief introduction to your Board and committee members. We hope that the information will give each of you an opportunity to become better acquainted with these members.

Penny Hansen

I am currently a Co-President of the Lake Oswego AAUW. For the previous four years I was the Financial Vice President. A long time ago, I obtained my BA in mathematics from Oregon State University and my MA from the University of Oregon in Education. My entire teaching career was at Lake Oswego High School. Being involved with the students as a teacher of mathematics and Spanish was such an exciting and rewarding experience. I consider myself fortunate to have been a part of the students' lives and interests in the Lake Oswego community.

Now that I am retired, I have time to indulge in many pursuits and interests, some new and others long time favorites. I love to golf, even though I am still a hacker. Other interests are reading, traveling, cooking, gardening, bridge, playing the piano, painting, talking with family and friends and going to the movies. So many AAUW activities fit in with these interests. I love to try new things. "So much to do and so little time" seems to be such an apt concept.

I am particularly interested in promoting the education and well being of women. These are strong factors in why I belong to AAUW. I am looking forward to meeting and knowing many more of you in the coming years.

WHO'S WHO?

Stephanie Carter

This year I am enjoying the opportunity to act as Co-President with Penny. Before leaving Washington State to attend law school, I was a member of the AAUW branch in Centralia. For over 10 years, I worked at Centralia College as a member of the library faculty and, later, as the associate dean in charge of the library and online education. Centralia College serves a population that had one of the highest unemployment and poverty rates in the State even before the recent economic turmoil began. A large percentage of our students were the first person in their family to ever attend college. Watching the joy and feeling of accomplishment they experienced upon receiving a GED certificate, a one-year certificate in a technical program, or a two-year degree brought me great satisfaction. My job was to help them – so many of them women in their mid-20s to late-30s – succeed. AAUW's goals are aligned with my belief in the ability of education to help women achieve greater financial security, value lifelong development, and help their children to value education.

That said, one of the greatest pleasures of being an AAUW member is the opportunity to interact with women (and some of their husbands) who are intellectually curious, well-travelled, talented and caring. I belong to the Thursday evening book group, Eat Ethnic, and facilitate the movie group. I am hoping this year that we will be able to start a new interest group having to do with needlecrafts and quilting. Anyone interested? When I'm not working, I remodel houses, garden and read.

**Deadline for October Newsletter
September 15
mdivine@aol.com**

An open letter to membership from our scholarship recipient, Lisa Hunt:



To the Donors of the AAUW Scholarship:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the American Association of Women scholarship I have been awarded. My education is extremely important to my family and me and I am very grateful for the financial help in obtaining my goal of a Bachelor's degree in Business and Leadership.

I have been a single mother of four fantastic children for eight years. In the early days I realized that a decent college education would be the only way I would be able to successfully provide for my children. I also wanted to show by example what could be done if one puts her mind to it. I returned to school and earned my Associates Degree but knew that wouldn't be enough. Last year I returned to pursue my Bachelor's and I'm contemplating my Master's. I have learned so much over the past year not only in my field of study, but also about myself and what is most important to me.

The best part of the opportunity to continue my education has been the influence it has had on my children. I don't just talk about the importance of a college degree, I live it. My oldest son has not done well with school and had decided not to pursue college. By sharing my experiences with him, an interest in upper education was sparked and thanks be to God, he is starting college this Fall.

Again, thank you so much for this opportunity and support of my education.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hunt

Membership Updates

By Terry Hyland and Lynn Brown

A special thank you goes to the Branch members who promptly responded and completed their membership renewal for 2011-2012. The directory is an important document and all members want to have their names listed. The deadline for printing the directory determines the information that is printed in the directory. Members renewing after the printing deadline will have their information published in the monthly bulletins.

AAUW National Convention Report Susan Hornung

We lobbied for YOU on Capitol Hill in Washington DC at the AAUW National Convention in June, 2011. Twelve members from Oregon stressed the importance of keeping social security benefits. We also spoke in favor of a Women's History Museum that would be created without tax dollars, but the congress must give permission to sell the land (which is empty) for this purpose. We watched a film of Meryl Streep giving the reasons that she has pledged one million dollars towards the project. And thirdly we asked for support of a bill that would make college campuses safer for women.

We heard Edith Arana, the Wal-Mart plaintiff and her lawyer Arcelia Hurtado. Our keynote speaker was Sara Brokaw sharing her inspiration for her book FORTYTUDE which encourages women to celebrate as they age.

One evening I unknowingly sat next to Lilly Ledbetter who is such a soft-spoken Southern lady that I found it hard to believe that she fought in court for pay equity. AAUW honored her by establishing a scholarship in her name, and she was so moved that it brought tears to her eyes.

Several women Senators and Representatives spoke to us about their goals and passions. I laughed myself silly when Cynthia D'Amour shared "The Lazy Leader's Guide to Outrageous Results" and then tried to remember all her good advice. Of course I also spent workshop time trying to improve my social media skills.

It was an expensive but worthwhile convention, and I encourage anyone interested in New Orleans in 2013 to start saving your sheckels and to mark your calendars.

AAUW - FALL CONNECTION – 2011

New members are attracted to the AAUW Lake Oswego Branch for a number of reasons. The monthly programs are varied and interesting and the Branch offers a locale to meet friendly involved women living in the area. The single most important attraction of women to the Branch is found within the diverse vibrant happenings of the eleven Branch Interest Groups.

As members become involved in Branch things the Branch gains energy. This spirit is contagious and returns to members through interesting activities and programs. It is a win win situation for all. To ignite the spirit of involvement and generate ideas for new creative interest groups an evening program is planned for September. The Fall Connection gathering will offer new and not so new members an opportunity to explore existing activities and identify topics that can be quickly translated into new activities and interest groups to begin operation this fall.

The Fall Connection get-together

at Baxter Hall,** Marylhurst University

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Enjoy Harvest Cookies and Cider too!

****Prominent signs will direct you toward Baxter Hall at the eastern end of the Marylhurst campus.**

Please let Lynn Brown, 503-699-6271, (lbrown@marylhurst.edu) or Terry Hyland 503-635-1222, (tw20eagle@comcast.net) know that you are interested and will attend on September 21st.

**Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 7 p.m.
Penny Hansen's home**

Interest Groups September, 2011

Tuesday Morning Books 4th Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

September 27: 11:30 a.m.
Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry, LO
Leader: Colleen Gekler
Book: *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave
For more information about this group, contact
Dixie Kroupa, 503-697-8028

Interpretive Books 3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

September 15: 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Bettirae Willis
Leader: Linda Watkins
Book: *Fellowship*, Franz Kafka (Great Books)
For more information, please contact Ann
Keddie at 503-694-2245 or
Rlkavk50@centurytel.net.

Thursday Evening Books 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

September 22: 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Susan Hornung
Introduction: Sandra Hoover
Book: *The House at Sugar Beach*, by Helene
Cooper
For more information, contact co-chairs Sandra
Hoover, 503-635-0952, or Suzanne Kaveckis,
503-678-1641.

Friday Books 4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

September 23: 10:00 a.m.
Hostess: Janice Biggerstaff
Presenter: Janice Biggerstaff
Book: *The Memoirs of Cleopatra*, Margaret
George. RSVP Janice, 503-624-0919, or
janice@thewindwalker.com
New members are most welcome to join this
book group that meets on the fourth Friday of
the month at 10:00 a.m. Call Irene Romero,
503-657-6159, if you would like more
information.

Movie Group 2nd Tuesday, times vary

Meets second Tuesdays of the month. Contact
Stephanie Carter, 360-520-7711 or
secarter@gmail.com. for more information.

Portland Center Stage

For more information, please contact Betty
Barber, 503-675-0594, or barberbc@yahoo.com

Laffalot Bridge 2nd & 4th Mondays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information, or if you'd like to be
added to our email list, please contact JoAnn
Frost, 503-624-0871, or ldfrost@spiritone.com.

Fourth Wednesday Bridge 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Call Betty Hittle, 503-636-7034 for more
information about this bridge group which meets
at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the
month.

Eat Ethnic

3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

This month we will be gathering on Tuesday,
September 20 at 6:30 at E-San Thai Cuisine
133 SW 2nd Ave (2nd & Pine) Portland. Join us
in downtown Portland for some Thai food
influenced by neighboring Laos. Contact Susan
Hornung if you are coming. Susan Hornung at
susanhornung@hotmail.com.

Delightful Dining Dates & times vary

Join the Delightful Dining group on Saturday,
September 24 for a Pacific Rim dinner at the
home of Betty and Larry Hittle. Spouses and
guests are welcome. For more details on this
event, or to be added to the e-mail list, please
contact Jane Taft, janetaft@aol.com or
503-742-1653.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Board Meeting			Branch Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Laffalot Bridge	Movie Group		Interpretive Books		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Eat Ethnic	Fall Connection Event	Thursday Evening Books	Friday Books	Delightful Dining
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Laffalot Bridge	Tuesday Morning Books	Wednesday Bridge			



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