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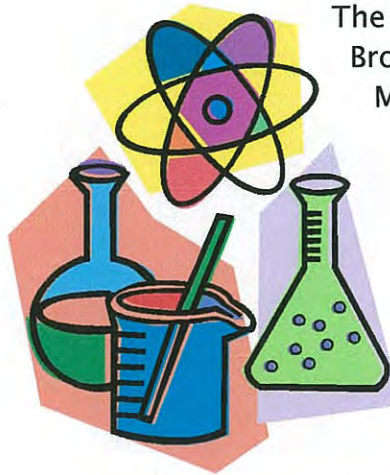
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Breaking Through Barriers for Girls in Science

Andrea Brown, Project Director
STEM Camp for Girls

**Saturday, October 9
9:30 a.m.**

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



The speaker for October is Andrea Brown. She is a teacher for McMinnville School District and along with McMinnville Education Foundation, a recipient of an AAUW Community Action Grant for 2010-2011. AAUW funded two four-day STEM summer camps for approximately 150 middle school girls, with follow-up field trips through the school year. Andrea is going to tell us

about the camp experience and what the STEM program is doing to help girls in science, technology, engineering and math.

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.

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.



BRANCH BUZZ

Penny Hansen, Co-President

Today dawns on a definitely fall day. Where is the sun? The leaves are changing and some have fallen in the yard and on the sidewalks. Yes, fall is here. The rains may be coming, but good things are still happening.

Our first branch meeting in September was quite a success. The in depth presentation of electronic reading devices and their ultimate effect on our total publishing spectrum was stimulating. The audience participation with questions and insights added to the vitality. It was a great introduction to a year of informative and interesting branch meetings which occur on the second Saturday of the month. Remember to schedule these gems into your social calendars. I believe that you will find it worth your time.

The Board is considering a variety of activities for us to raise money for our scholarships and continued support of women's issues. We may do several activities that will help us reach our goal. Part of our goal is to involve the community in participating along with us. A sample of new suggestions is an Appraisal Session of your items, a photography round-up for family and friends, a Bridge Tournament, a Lakewood Theatre production and a donated jewelry trunk show. Do you have other suggestions? What do you know has worked for other groups? What are you willing to support?

One of our first fund raisers will be our Holiday Gala. It is a festive time where we meet and greet friends and enjoy a lovely dinner. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 11. Details will follow at a later date. Also, we have truly enjoyed our Spring Tea/Luncheon and it has been a real factor in our raising money for our scholarship fund. That is something to look forward to.

As you can tell, we are in the formative stages of planning some of our annual activities. We will sift and sort your ideas and before long we will have some concrete (definite) plans.

In the meantime, enjoy your interest groups, too. There is such a nice selection of activities, something for everyone. And there is always room for a new interest group. Invite your friends to join our Lake Oswego Branch of AAUW and join in the fun.



Stephanie Carter, Lisa Hunt, and Penny Hansen

Members had the opportunity to meet our Marylhurst scholarship recipient, Lisa Hunt, at the September Lake Oswego branch meeting. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet her and to offer encouragement in her studies.

Deadline for November Newsletter
October 15
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WHO'S WHO?

Bettirae Willis, Secretary



My introduction to AAUW came from a friend who spoke to me about the great meetings and speakers she enjoyed. We were friends, young, with school aged children and still acquiring connections in a suburb. Asking about the group and possible membership, I learned that I was not eligible since I had very little college education. Disappointed, I dismissed the idea and all thoughts of AAUW. Twenty or more years later and in a new community and now with a couple of degrees behind my name, it was again through a friend that the letters AAUW came again across my path, and her invitation to join began these twenty some years in this branch.

Now as secretary of this year's board it is perhaps a chance to express appreciation for the many friends who have encouraged continuing education through opportunities this chapter offers. The fellowship with women who share also a curiosity and inquiry to learn about our community with speakers at our meetings, joining with others in a days excursion to interesting locations and events, reading and discussing ideas that support life time learning have been a very pleasurable journey.

I have always remembered how it was for me at a young age that I was unable to participate in a group with higher efforts and values. I want to continue to be a part of efforts to provide scholarships both locally and nationally. I also have pride in the record that our national AAUW office has toward lobbying for women and families. Joining others in small ways unites us all toward a common good.

Anne Redman, Treasurer

This is my first year as the Financial VP for the Lake Oswego Branch and also my first time as a new member of AAUW. Most of my working background is in the sciences and electronic engineering. I am a graduate of Portland State University BS Earth Sciences (Geology). I am a Certified Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America and I also have an additional two years at Portland State in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science. Over time I have worked in geology and as an engineering assistant, printed circuit card layout designer and CAD drafter and database programmer. In more recent years I was partnered with my brother in a small custom electronics design firm, Dybonics Inc, here in Portland until his death about two years ago.

I am a voracious reader, rarely to be seen without a book within arm's reach. I gave up watching TV completely about four years ago and can't say I've missed it much. My other interests are gardening (I am an OSU Extension Master Gardener) sewing, machine embroidery and traditional hand needlework. I have always enjoyed various types of artwork as drawing, watercolor, pen and ink and the like. I dabble in electronic artwork media such as Photoshop and Corel Painter.

I am a very strong advocate of higher education for women. Having come up through college in the sciences when I was one of only two or three women students in my department and having found it very difficult to find employment in my chosen field when I graduated, I am acutely aware of the obstacles that have faced women especially in non-traditional (i.e. male dominated) work areas in this last half century. I am overjoyed at the progress that has been made for women in all areas of education and work in more recent years but am also aware that in many areas women are still badly underrepresented and unequally treated in pay and promotion. AAUW is a champion for women in education and the workplace that I can strongly support.

Exploring the Northwest Trip Report

by Shirley Ward



OPEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

If you would like to become more involved in your AAUW Branch, please consider volunteering for one of these open positions:

Public Policy Chair

Keeps the branch apprised of the policy positions adopted by AAUW at the state and national levels. During legislative sessions she keeps us updated on proposed legislation that relates to the policies. This can be done by newsletter articles or reports at branch meetings or some combination.

Public Information Chair

Arranges for publicity by providing details of our branch meetings, including photos of speakers where possible, to the local newspapers (*Lake Oswego Review* and *West Linn Tidings*) and to the *Oregonian*. Also handles publicity for any special events, works with Marylhurst University to spotlight scholarship recipients, etc.

Historian

Maintains records about the branch. May get photos of meetings, speakers, etc. Basically keeps a scrapbook of activities.

Sue Kingzett led a group of us on a super tour of Coffee Creek Women's Correctional Center. The state of Oregon provides educational opportunities and job placement for these women. They participate in beauty school, kennel and dog training, food service, business and other career opportunities. The center has a need for volunteers on their board, teachers for quilter classes, and used books (no true crime). Our contact person is Laurene Brenner at 503-570-6412.



LOOKING AHEAD

AAUW Holiday Party

Saturday, December 11

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Dave & Penny Hansen

\$15 per person

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

**Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m.
Marylhurst Schoen Library**

Interest Groups October, 2011

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

October 25: 11:30 a.m.
Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry, LO
Leader: Nancy White
Book: *Major Pedigrew's Last Stand*, by Helen Simonson
For more information about this group, contact
Dixie Kroupa, 503-697-8028

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

October 20: 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: TBD
Leader: Diana Gough
Book: *Lottery*, Patricia Wood
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.

October 27: 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Suzanne Kaveckis
Introduction: Stephanie Carter
Book: Mysteries: choose one by Patricia
Wentworth (Miss Silver) and one by Agatha
Christie (Miss Marple)
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.

October 28: 10:00 a.m.
Hostess: Irene Romero
Presenter: Marie Ryan
Book: *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*,
David McCullough. RSVP Irene Romero at
503-657-6159 or ireneromero@mac.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, 971-285-5882, 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,
October 18 at 6:30 at Porcelli's (Italian), 6500
SW Virginia St, Portland. Please contact Susan
Hornung at susanhornung@hotmail.com to
confirm, if you would like to join us for dinner.
Friends & spouses are welcome.

Delightful Dining Dates & times vary

Join the Delightful Dining group for their next
gourmet adventure to be held in November.
Details to be announced in November
newsletter. Contact Jane Taft, janetaft@aol.com
or 503-742-1653.

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			Board Meeting			Branch Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Laffalot Bridge	Movie Group				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Eat Ethnic		Interpretive Books		
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
	Laffalot Bridge	Tuesday Morning Books	Wednesday Bridge	Thursday Evening Books	Friday Books	



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