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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 Luncheon

Saturday, May 10, 11:00am–2:00pm
Lake Oswego Country Club

Speaker: Mary Hurst, Volunteer, Oregon Symphony Orchestra

Join us for the Annual Luncheon this May 10, featuring the installation of new officers and the presentation of our named gift honorees. Our speaker this year is Mrs. Mary Hurst, an experienced volunteer for the Oregon Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Hurst has worked with the Symphony four years. She moved to the Portland area from Los Angeles. She received her Bachelor's degree from UCLA in Women's Studies and her Masters degree in English from Loyola Marymount University. Among the topics she will include in her presentation are: a brief history of the Oregon Symphony, its economic impact, challenges, the educational component, and next year's program. Mrs. Hurst is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

We need a head count to send to the Country Club for reservations. Please send the form below and a check for \$20 (per person) by May 5 to Sandra Hoover. Many thanks for your prompt reservation!

Annual Luncheon Reservation & Payment Form \$20/person due by **MAY 5**

Please send this form and check payable to
AAUW, Lake Oswego Branch
to Sandra Hoover, 2715 Holy Names Court, Lake Oswego OR 97034

Last name _____ First name _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Jottings from Jane



“I love Tea and Books,” said one of our members, “To me it’s what AAUW is all about.”

Certainly, for many branch members (including me), this is one of the best events of the year. What is there not to like about it? There’s good food, nicely served at well-decorated tables, there are plenty of opportunities to visit with old friends and make new ones. If you have friends you’d like to introduce to AAUW, it’s a perfect setting in which to do so.

And then, too, there are the books. AAUW members tend to be readers. Book groups proliferate. Our branch alone has four. The Book Sale is an excellent opportunity to discover what your fellow-members have been reading. Many of us take advantage of the sale to dispose of books we’ve read, making room for new ones, some of which we buy at the sale. Often there are books we’ve missed by authors we’ve loved, to say nothing of a chance to consider unknowns – and almost always with an accompanying comment from someone who has already read it.

Best of all, the event raises money for good causes. The proceeds are split between the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and our local scholarship to a mature student at Marylhurst. This is our biggest fund-raising effort of the year; over the past few years we have averaged about \$1500 in total revenue.

Do you know what happens to the books that aren’t sold during the tea? Most of them are taken to Powell’s, and the money from those that they buy

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goes into the total returns. The ones that Powell’s doesn’t buy go to a good cause. At various times, Booktique, the Beaverton AAUW book sale, and the new library at Coffee Creek Women’s Prison have benefited. This year, the leftover books were delivered to Vernonia, where the library, to say nothing of much of the town, was flooded out.

I can remember a Tea by itself, Tea and a Bake-sale, and then Tea and Books. **Ann Keddie**, with the tea, and **Susan Hornung**, who has collected, sorted, sold and delivered the books, have been particularly dedicated. Many people have contributed to its success. As we move into the future, the “spring event” will no doubt evolve to meet the changing desires of our members and the coming and going of chairs and volunteers. It will, however, always reflect the spirit of AAUW.

Note from
Susan Hornung

Many thanks to all the people who donated books and all the people who purchased books. We made over \$900 from sales at the tea and sales to Powell’s. The remaining books were donated to Vernonia’s library, which was damaged by the flooding in December.

Tea had many helpers

So many women were helpful with last week's tea. First and foremost was **Carol Cooper**. She helped with planning, purchasing, preparation and clean-up. Food preparers were **Jane Taft, Kathy Kaiser, and Ricky Appleman**. **Sandra Hoover** attended the reception table. New members, **Jacqueline Gatewood** and **Joanne Nawrocki** served

the tables, did clean-up and volunteered for next year as they really enjoyed themselves! **Vicki Von Tagen** made the lovely table nosegay bouquets and **Carol Zinsli** arranged the table so beautifully. And last but not least, the tea could not be done without so many willing hands.

Ann Keddie

AAUW's Position on Social Security

For more than a century, AAUW has promoted equity at work, in school, and in all aspects of women's lives. AAUW is committed to a Social Security system that provides lifelong protections for women and families that include guaranteed benefits with cost-of-living adjustments.

As Congress considers proposals to reform Social Security, the economic well-being and security of women must be safeguarded. These critical factors must be considered:

Social Security Is More Than a Retirement Plan

- Social Security provides lifelong family protections
 - For a young family, Social Security provides the equivalent of a \$400,000 life insurance policy and a \$350,000 disability insurance policy.
- Just half of all Social Security beneficiaries receive benefits solely as retired workers.
- Remaining Social Security beneficiaries are children (8%), widows (11%), and people with disabilities (12%), spouses (6%), and dually eligible/worker and spousal benefits (13%).
- Social Security supports more children (5.4 million) than TANF (4 million).

Women Are More Dependent on Social Security Than Are Men

- Women earn less than men.
- Women are half as likely as men to receive a pension.

- Women have shorter work histories due to caregiving responsibilities.
- Women on average live longer than men.

Women Need Guaranteed Benefits They Can Count On

- Without Social Security, more than half of all women 65 and older would be below the poverty level.
- Social Security benefits are the only source of income for many elderly women and persons with disabilities.
- Older women of color are poorest in retirement.
- Unlike finite private accounts or 401k plans, Social Security benefits are guaranteed throughout a person's lifespan. This is particularly important to women, who live longer on average than men do.

Additional Resources for AAUW Members

- Meet with your member of Congress - How to set up an in-district meeting
- Media Guide - Online resource for finding and contacting national and local media
- Community Coalitions Manual - Guide to help local groups establish and sustain effective coalition-based programs

From: http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm

Interest Groups

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday at 9:45 a.m.

May 27, 2008, 9:45 a.m.

Hostess: Colleen Gekler

Leader: Linda Smith

Book: *The Sea* by John Banville

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

May 15, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Peggy Lineweaver

Leader: Donna Saffir

Book: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg
Morgenson & David Oliver Relin

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

May 22, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Barbara McDonald

Intro: Pat Lewis

Book: *The True Story of Hansel and
Gretel* by Louise Murphy

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.

May 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Barbara McDonald

Presenter: Joan Morgan

Book: *Plenty: One Man, One
Woman and a Raucous Year of Eat-
ing Locally* by Alisa Smith and J.B.
MacKinnon

Movie Group

2nd Tuesday of each month. Call

Jo Ann Frost for more information:

503-624-0871 or ldfrost@spiritone.com

Portland Center Stage

May 29, 2008 at 12 noon

The Little Dog Laughed

At the Gerding Theater (Studio
Theater) at the Armory in the Pearl
District (128 NW 11th Avenue, Port-
land, 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 tele-
phone 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)

In April we enjoyed the new Korean
restaurant in Beaverton. We'll be
eating around Portland all summer.
To join us just contact Susan Hor-
nung 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.

News of Former Members

by Dorothy Martin

I recently learned of two former
branch members who passed
away. **Roe Templeton's** daugh-
ter, Linna, wrote that her mother
passed on peacefully March 24th
after being hospitalized in recent
weeks. A couple of years ago Roe
moved to Los Osos, California, to
be near her children. Linna added
a note to the letter that went out
to friends saying that, "Mom was
always so proud to be a member of
AAUW, even though her health pre-
vented her from participating much
these past years." I got to know Roe
when she was on my Phone Tree
list for some of those years. There's
another good reason for those phone
calls; they can help members keep
connected when they can't partici-
pate. We are invited to a memorial
service at Lake Grove Presbyterian
Church, Friday, May 9th at 2:00pm.

You may have seen the notice
in the April 17th edition of The
Lake Oswego Review that **Jenneve
Briggs Bess** passed away in Laguna
Woods, California, on April 6th.
Jenneva had been a member of the
branch, though she had not been
active in recent years. She moved to
California in 2006. Remembrances
may be sent either to the Lake Grove
Presbyterian Church or to the Adult
Center.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27 • 7:15 P.M.
MARYLHURST LIBRARY**

DUES ARE DUE

by Dorothy Martin

The time has come once again for us to support AAUW in its important work to promote equity for women and girls and in its contribution to our own enrichment. Thank you to those who responded to my article in the April Newsletter by sending your checks to me and special thanks to those who included the completed Dues Statement with your check. That saves me the time it would take to fill one out for you. I have to send them on to Sue Waldman our state Dues Treasurer and Database officer.

Now I have another request to those who still need to pay your dues. Sue requests that the statement

form be on 8½ x 5½ sheets of paper, so please cut the newsletter sheet in half (on the dashed line) or, if your newsletter is emailed, print an extra page with the form and send the whole page to me. I'll do the cutting. **Remember your dues are due by June 30.**

AAUW Research Reports

In 1885, a group of AAUW members conducted a survey that debunked the popular theory that higher education was bad for women's health. That first study established AAUW's commitment to cutting-edge research relevant to the struggle for gender equity in school and in society.

Today, AAUW conducts ground-

breaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace; influences policy-makers as well as educators, parents, and students; and, most importantly, serves as a catalyst for action. Recent reports address topics such as the pay gap between men and women, economic security of older women, sexual harassment on college campuses, and gender equity in science and engineering education.

As part of AAUW's philanthropic mission, reports are made available at the lowest cost possible. Most reports are available in PDF form for free download. You can also purchase the published versions of research reports at ShopAAUW. AAUW members receive an additional 10 percent discount.

2008-2009 AAUW Dues Statement Lake Oswego Branch

Dues for 2008-2009 are **\$72.00**. 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 \$ _____

Life ___ Honorary Life ___ Dual ___ Student ___ New ___ Renewing ___

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.

\$49.00 Assoc Dues
\$11.00 State Dues
\$12.00 Branch Dues
\$72.00 Total Dues

\$23.00 Student Dues
Full-time Undergraduates
only

Contributions or gifts to AAUW and dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses. Donations to the Educational Foundation and to the Legal Advocacy Fund are tax deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

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

Lake Oswego Branch • MAY 2008 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers
11	12 Laffalot Bridge	13 Movie Group	14	15 Interpretive Books	16	17
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