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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.

September Meeting

Arts Council of Lake Oswego

Kristi Lechner, Board member of Arts Council of Lake Oswego to speak at chapter meeting, September 13.

Kristi Lechner is a retired high school English teacher who is a member of the Arts Council of Lake Oswego and a volunteer for the council. She has lived in Lake Oswego since 1960.

Her presentation will include large photos of some of the new sculptures in *Gallery Without Walls* that have been installed this summer on the streets of Lake Oswego. She will explain how the Arts Council works and describe their most prominent projects.

As usual, the meeting is held at the Heritage House located at the intersection of 10th and “A” Streets in Lake Oswego. Our meeting time is 9:30 a.m. for socializing with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see many of you there.



Yellow Sail by Jay Moody

Jottings from Jane



“When many others
might have given up,
AAUW continued to
fight for the Paycheck
Fairness Act”

Do you ever find yourself wondering if, despite all it has accomplished in the past, AAUW is really relevant to the 21st Century world? If so, I call your attention to the Paycheck Fairness Act, passed by Congress on July 31.

According to Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW’s Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, “AAUW has long supported the Act, but in the past few years AAUW members and the government relations staff with them were on a mission to put the issue of pay equity back on the congressional radar screen. And thanks to a couple of circumstances — a positive one of our own making {The 2007 publication of *Beyond the Pay Gap*}, and a negative one beyond our control [The Supreme Court decision in favor of Goodyear in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*]— we succeeded in spades.”

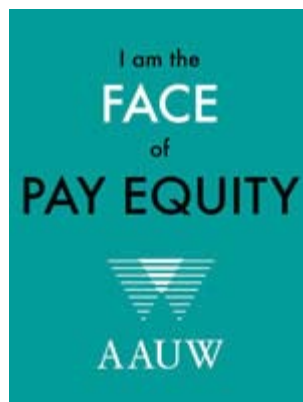
The Ledbetter decision, that one could not sue for any pay inequities that occurred more than 180 days in the past, even if the inequity was not discovered until later, stirred public outrage and led to increasing pressure on congress to tackle the whole problem. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, made the Pay Fairness Act a priority.

AAUW sparked a grassroots effort to lobby Congress. In the current lagging economy, women were more sensitive than ever to the issues of equal pay; their constituent power led 228 representatives — more than enough needed to pass the bill — to becoming co-sponsors. AAUW lobbyists and our partners at the National Women’s Law Center participated in the negotiations on final language and strategies. Our Paycheck Fairness Act Endorsement letter was signed by more than two hundred groups, including all AAUW State Boards. Almost 20,000 e-mails were sent to congress through the AAUW Action Network.

Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), original sponsor of the bill, stated that “AAUW has been a tireless champion of equal pay in general and this legislation specifically. When many others might

have given up, AAUW continued to fight for the Paycheck Fairness Act — keeping their members apprised of the bill’s status, talking with Members of Congress, and generally maintaining the critical pressure that helped bring the bill to the House floor for a vote.

We are relevant today. Without AAUW, this bill might never have passed.



Education and the 2008 Election

by Lecia Imbery

We all know there are many important issues facing voters this November, but no single issue affects so many others quite the way education does. Just look at the issues highlighted on this site. From health care to foreign policy to women in the workplace and women's economic security, everything is based on knowledge-of the world around us, of our society, of our chosen profession-and key to implementing this knowledge is the ability to first attain it. Because it is the cornerstone to so many other things, education is also a critical election issue.

Education expands horizons and opens doors. It has been one of the primary tools people have used to improve their circumstances, to ensure that the next generation has a better life than their parents did. As the key to individual and family economic security, education influences both wages now and retirement savings down the road. In fact, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that on average a worker's annual earnings will double with a college degree compared to a high school degree. College degrees have economic and social benefits for the community as well: increased tax revenues, decreased reliance on public assistance programs, lower unemployment rates, and increased voting, volunteering, and other civic activities.

By the year 2014, it is estimated that there will be four million new jobs where postsecondary education will most likely be necessary. In order to build a well-educated and highly skilled workforce to meet the demands

of a high-tech 21st century economy, we must hold our government accountable to its commitment to fund quality education programs at all levels. Increasing the opportunities for all Americans to attend and finish college is critical to our country's global competitiveness, as well as to research and innovation that not only drive economic development but also improve the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. As the skill requirements of jobs continue to increase, so too should access to postsecondary education for all students.

Despite the benefits of education, less than 30 percent of adults in this country have college degrees. We have a lot of work to do to make college accessible and affordable for everyone-and to make sure our elementary and secondary schools prepare students to succeed in college when they get there. The No Child Left Behind Act and the Higher Education Act, the cornerstones of our government's commitment to K-12 and postsecondary education, are both up for congressional reauthorization this year. In addition to setting national priorities for educational achievement and providing critical funding and student aid, these bills could potentially strengthen our enforcement of Title IX, provide additional on-campus childcare, and encourage more women and girls to pursue careers in science and math. With so much of our future riding on education, I can't think of a single more important election issue facing our nation.

Lecia Imbery is the Public Policy Grassroots Coordinator for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Washington, D.C. She promotes advocacy efforts among AAUW members and supporters, and she provides technical assistance to public policy member leaders. She also works with AAUW's national coalition partners to coordinate effective grassroots campaigns nationwide on issues related to education, economic security, and civil rights. Lecia works with AAUW's Voter Education Campaign and is a frequent contributor to AAUW's blog, AAUW Dialog.

Directory changes

Please remember to send changes to Dorothy Martin.

Armyn Brooke's new address:
12520 SW Hart #212
Beaverton, OR 97008

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Lake Oswego, OR 97034
503-344-4679

Pat Filip's new email:
pat.filip@yahoo.com

Kathleen Cushing's new email:
kcushing64@hotmail.com

**SEPTEMBER
BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23**

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

Meet Virginia Gallagher

One evening early this summer, Mary's Woods residents Virginia and Brady Gallagher had dinner with Philip and Dorothy Martin. During the "getting acquainted" time, Dorothy mentioned being involved in AAUW. Virginia's eyes lit up and she wanted to know more about joining. She had been a member many years ago and had often thought about rejoining, but didn't know who to contact.

Virginia's earliest membership in AAUW goes back many years to the time she and Brady moved to Tillamook after he graduated from

University of Oregon. Virginia had previously graduated from Willamette University. In Tillamook, which Virginia describes as very isolated, she met some other young women who had moved there, too, and were also college graduates. They were concerned about the local girls graduating from high school with little, or no interest, in going to college, nor did their parents encourage them to do so. These young women formed an AAUW branch with a mission to encourage the high school girls in going to college. They invited the girls to teas, to meetings to hear guest speakers, and

to other activities to spur the girls' interests. Virginia was a member of that branch for several years until she and Brady moved to Portland in 1966 where she immediately joined the Portland Branch and years later transferred to the new Lake Oswego Branch. As time passed she became interested in joining a different organization and dropped out of AAUW, but soon found that the other organization wasn't a good fit for her. As she told me, she then "drifted away."

Virginia's dedication to the mission of AAUW to reach out to girls and to encourage their ongoing education is truly inspiring. She also talked about her appreciation for the stimulating qualities of the women who are members of AAUW.

THANK YOU MEMBERS

by Dorothy Martin

Carol Cooper and I thank all of you for having promptly paid your '08-'09 dues. I'm happy to say that the annual dues collection wrapped up much earlier this year than in recent years.

It is well to remember that each person's membership is important. Through our dues to National we help make it possible for AAUW to continue to address issues of equity and discrimination and to continue research in matters affecting women and girls. We help AAUW to encourage women and girls to expand their interests into new fields of science and technology formerly dominated by men. With other members we are part of a strong, influential voice in addressing political matters affecting women and girls. Our dol-

lars do count.

At the State Convention in April I participated in a workshop with other Membership VPs. We talked about our participation in the usual matters related to the AAUW mission, then turned our thoughts to personal benefits of belonging to this organization. Our list was long and far from complete. There were the obvious benefits we all can relate to — friendships, stimulating discussions, interest groups and personal growth. There were also benefits mentioned that may not often come to mind — opportunities for cross-generational relationships; the provision of a platform to discuss controversial issues; interaction with people having different perspectives and interests from our own; and

the benefits of strength in numbers working toward common goals. AAUW provides each of us opportunities to expand our horizons and to be personally involved in working for positive changes in our society.

I mention just a few of the items on our list to stimulate your own thinking about the importance of your contribution to AAUW and the ways you personally benefit from membership in AAUW.

Membership Directory

Your new 2008-2009 Membership Directory is ready and will be available for you at our first meeting on September 13.

Interest Groups

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

September 18, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Laura Eyer
 Leader: Joanne Nowrocki
 Book: *A Rose for Emily* by
 William Faulkner

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday

September 23, 11:00 a.m.

Location: Szechuan Kitchen
 (private room), 15450 Boones
 Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego.
 Leader: Nancy White
 Book: *A Fine Balance* by
 Rohinton Mistry

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

September 25, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Susan Hornung
 Intro: Sandra Hoover
 Book: *Household Saints* by
 Francine Prose

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.

September 26, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Janice Biggerstaff,
 503-624-0919
 Presenter: Joan Carlson
 Book: *Household Saints* by
 Francine Prose

Movie Group

2nd Tuesday

JoAnn & Larry Frost, Planners.

We plan to meet the 2nd Tues-
 day 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@](mailto:ldfrost@spiritone.com)
spiritone.com. Ladies and couples
 are welcome. We have a van to fur-
 nish a ride from our house. If a cof-
 feeshop is open afterward, we like to
 discuss the movie over a beverage.

Portland Center Stage

Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

October 9, 7:30 p.m.

Guys and Dolls — The Musical.
 Based on the popular stories by
 Damon Runyon, Guys and Dolls is
 highly regarded as a quintessential-
 ly American musical. Its basic plot
 revolves around the romantic clash
 between Sky Masterson, a high-
 rolling gambler willing to bet on
 virtually anything, and Miss Sarah
 Brown, a straight-walking sergeant
 at the Save-a-Soul Mission.

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

Laffalot Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays, 1–4 p.m.

We play contract bridge twice a
 month. This is an easy, interest-
 ing 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.

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.

Couples, singles, and friends
 have enjoyed Korean, Greek,
 Chinese, Balkan, Japanese, and
 Spanish food during the last six
 months. Would you like to join
 us? Just contact Susan Hornung
 at susanhornung@hotmail.com
 or 503-635-4893 to be added to
 our email list.

Gourmet Group

Calling all Gourmets! There will
 be a planning meeting Saturday,
 Sept. 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sum-
 merlinn Clubhouse in West Linn
 for those looking to get this fun
 group going again. Bring a snack
 to share, a beverage to drink,
 and some good ideas for our fun
 dinners. Call Barbara Buckley,
 503-635-4649, if interested.

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.

Fall District Meeting

The Fall District Meeting will be
 held on Saturday, October 18 from
 10:00 to 2:00 at the Oswego Heritage
 House. We'll talk about changes in
 AAUW and meet other members in
 the district. A light lunch is includ-
 ed. There is no cost, but reservations
 are needed. To reserve a spot, email
 Susan Hornung at [susanhornung@](mailto:susanhornung@hotmail.com)
hotmail.com or call 503-635-4893.

Lake Oswego Branch • SEPTEMBER 2008 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 Gourmet Group Planning Mtg.
7	8 Laff A Lot Bridge	9 Movie Group	10	11 Theater Group	12	13 Branch Meeting
14	15	16 Eat Ethnic	17	18 Interpretive Books	19	20
21	22 Laff A Lot Bridge	23 Tuesday Morning Books Board Meeting	24 Wednesday Bridge	25 Thursday Evening Books	26 Friday Books	27
28	29	30				



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