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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.

Pros and Cons of Ballot Initiatives

Presented by the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

Heritage House, 10th & A Streets, Lake Oswego

Confused about the upcoming ballot initiatives? According to Bill Bradbury, Oregon Secretary of State, there are eight citizen-initiated ballot measures that have qualified for the November 4, 2008 ballot. The initiatives fall under the following subjects: Education, Tax reform, Judicial reform, State Budget, Property rights, Payroll deductions, and Conduct of elections. In addition, there are four Legislative referral measures in the areas of Elections, Legislatures, HJR 15, and Law enforcement.



Two representatives from the League of Women Voters will share with us the pros and cons of the initiatives. The League does extensive study of the issues and as a result of their study may take a pro or con position on them or may remain neutral. This program will be an interesting and informative run-up to the November election. This is your chance to discuss and ask questions of a neutral party.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon maintains an excellent website to help you make informed decisions in the upcoming elections: <http://www.lwvor.org/>.

Note that this branch meeting is being held **Tuesday evening** instead of our usual Saturday morning.

The LWV takes political action on issues on which members have reached agreement. The LWV never supports or opposes any political party or candidate for elective office. However, as individuals, LWV members are encouraged to join fully in the political process. Because of scrupulous adherence to this nonpartisan political policy, the LWV takes action only in the public interest.

Jottings from Jane



All of us are aware of the presidential election coming in November, no doubt one of the most hotly contested elections in recent history. It is important, however, that we don't forget that there will be many more items on the electoral ballots than those at the top of the slates.

On the national level, Oregonians will be electing a senator and a state delegation to the House of Representatives. The makeup of Congress will impact the ability of the new president to implement his agenda. Locally, both Lake Oswego and West Linn are electing new mayors and city council representatives. These decisions will affect life in our localities over the next several years.

And on the state level, there is a long list of initiatives and constitutional amendments. If you were at the September Branch meeting, you heard Barbara McDonald's discussion of the Initiative process and the extent to which out-of-state interests have funded measures that may not prove beneficial except to special interest groups. This imposes a burden on the individual voter to scrutinize each measure to ascertain what it would actually accomplish, not just what proponents and opponents claim it would. It may be helpful to review the recommendations of those organizations whose philosophies you support, particularly those of the state AAUW. This year, there are only three measures on which AAUW has taken a position.

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The State AAUW supports

- Constitutional Amendment 54, making it possible for 18 year olds to participate in school board elections
- Constitutional Amendment 56, designating May elections as general elections, thus removing the “double majority” requirement for property tax proposals.

The State AAUW opposes

- Initiative 60, a statute that would base teacher raises on classroom performance rather than seniority.

In order to provide branch members, families and friends with more information on ballot items, the **League of Women Voters** will present an overview of the issues at our October 14 meeting, held at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage House. I urge you to attend this meeting, as it provides an opportunity for obtaining unbiased information in a convenient manner.

And don't forget to vote — submit your ballot in a timely manner.

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 groundbreaking 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. Research is published by AAUW unless otherwise indicated

The AAUW website (aauw.org) has press releases on the following recent topics:

- Sep. 15, 2008 - AAUW Releases Congressional Voting Record; Voter Guides Also Available
- Sep. 10, 2008 - AAUW Gains Special Consultative Status with U.N. Council
- Aug. 1, 2008 - AAUW Celebrates Passage of Higher Education Act Reauthorization
- July 31, 2008 - AAUW Celebrates House Passage of Paycheck Fairness Act
- July 17, 2008 - AAUW Rallies for Pay Equity, Urges Passage of Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and Paycheck Fairness Act
- July 8, 2008 - AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff Settles Suit with Columbia

Cutting Edge Research on Gender Equity

Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education (2008)

The report presents a comprehensive look at girls' educational achievement during the past 35 years, paying special attention to the relationship between girls' and boys' progress.

Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings (2008)

While educational gains for women are often credited with helping to shrink the gender gap in earnings, this interactive online report reveals that women with four-year degrees typically earn 76 cents for every \$1 that their male counterparts earn.

Behind the Pay Gap (2007)

New research released by AAUW shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus (2006)

Nearly two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment at some point during college, including nearly one-third of first year students, according to this report. This report contributes to our understanding of how college students perceive, experience and respond to sexual harassment and how to create a harassment-free campus.

Mom's Retirement Security (2006)

A telephone survey found that 40 percent of U.S. adults know very little or nothing about their mom's financial situation. While repaying mom for all she's done in years past may be an impossible task, asking her a few simple questions right now may make a difference when it comes to her financial future.

THE AAUW COMMUNITY: THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

Following are excerpts from a mailing Carol and Dorothy received recently from the National Office which reflects on values expressed in the following statement.

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

“While each of us brings our own understanding of what AAUW membership means to us person-

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ally, there is another aspect to our membership that reflects our shared understanding of the AAAUW community and why we are involved. It is this shared vision of ourselves that attracts others to join our community and reinforces our own allegiance.”

We invite you to reflect on how you benefit as a member of this

AAUW community and what is the shared value of your membership.

“Each of us gets a chance to break down

particular barriers in a way that no individual alone is able to, through community.” . . . This “is a wonderful way for us to think about ourselves as a nationwide community with a common commitment to breaking through educational and economic barriers in order to advance our shared value — a fair chance for all women.”

Tea & Talk II

North Central District Meeting to be held in Lake Oswego

What could be more fun than meeting other AAUW members in the area, sharing tea and a light lunch, and talking about the challenges and changes of the future AAUW? You will also hear about current legislation in Oregon. You are invited to **Tea and Talk II**, our North Central District gathering on Saturday, October 18 at the Lake Oswego Heritage House from 10 am to 2 pm.

The cost of this event is your time and your reservation. Please contact Susan Hornung no later than a week prior (Sat 10/11) via email at susanhornung@hotmail.com or telephone at 503-635-4893.

Directory Changes

New Members

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Directory Change

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Your new directories are ready! If you did not pick up your copy at the September meeting, they will be available at interest groups, or at the October meeting.

**OCTOBER
BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 28**

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

Interest Groups

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

October 16, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Carol Cooper

Leader: Sue Kingzett

Book: *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton

Tuesday Morning Books

4th Tuesday

October 28, 9:45 a.m.

Hostess: Dixie Kroupa

Leader: Carol Ficht

Book: *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

October 23, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Suzanne Kaveckis

Intro: Sandra Hoover

Book: *A Loyal Character Dancer* by Qiu Xiaolong

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

October 24, 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Betty Barber,
503-675-0594

Presenter: Irene Romero will lead in reading the monologues

Book: *The Vagina Monologues* (play) by Eve Ensler

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.

Laffalot Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays, 1–4 p.m.

We play contract bridge twice a month. This is an easy, interesting 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.

Movie Group

JoAnn & Larry Frost, Planners.

Monday, October 13

With the exception of October, we plan to meet the 2nd Tuesday 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@spiritone.com. Ladies and couples are welcome. We have a van to furnish a ride from our house. If a coffee shop is open afterward, we like to discuss the movie over a beverage.

Portland Center Stage

November 13 at noon.

R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery of the Universe) — A one-man performance explores Bucky's life and work through a blend of testimony, lecture, autobiography, poetry, comic antics, and video imagery.

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

Please note that plays are scheduled for NOON (not 7:30pm as stated in the previous newsletter)

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.

Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

This month, sample a variety of dishes at the **Royal Panda**. This restaurant near Bridgeport specializes in Szechuan and Hunan Chinese cuisine. Couples and singles are welcome. To join us, please contact Susan Hornung at susanhornung@hotmail.com or call 503-635-4893.

Great Eats!

New!

Saturday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

This month we are launching a new interest group related to food. Now who isn't interested in food? The group will be called Great Eats! We will meet every 2-3 months. It is not a potluck group. It is not a gourmet group. It will be a themed dinner where the hosts send out recipes and then the cost of the food is divided evenly among the participants. Diners will also bring the beverage of their choice.

The first dinner will be a Caribbean Holiday hosted by Susan and Ken Hornung on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome to join us. Please reserve a spot by contacting Susan Hornung two weeks in advance (by Sat 10/11) at susanhornung@hotmail.com or call 503-635-4893

If you have questions or would like to be put on the email list for Great Eats! in the future, call Barbara Buckley at 503-635-4649 or email her at barobuck68@msn.com.

Note: This group replaces the previous Gourmet Group.

Lake Oswego Branch • OCTOBER 2008 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Laff A Lot Bridge	7	8	9 Theater Group	10	11
12	13 Movie Group	14 Branch Meeting: League of Women Voters	15	16 Interpretive Books	17	18 Tea & Talk II: Oregon North Central District Meeting
19	20 Laff A Lot Bridge	21 Eat Ethnic	22 Wednesday Bridge	23 Thursday Evening Books	24 Friday Books	25 Great Eats!
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