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WHAT'S UP?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 2010, 9:30 A.M.
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WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH
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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.

Come learn the mysteries of the universe at our meeting on January 9, 2010. Phil Engstom, retired from Lewis and Clark College, and Roger May, local businessman and knowledgeable about all things celestial, will present a fascinating program titled "What's Up?" You will find yourself questioning your own knowledge about how big the sky is around us.

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

MaryJo Radosevich, Co-President

HOMELESS NOT HELPLESS

During the past school year, 18,059 K-12 students were homeless in Oregon and 3.2% of those were homeless students in Clackamas County. Although 3.2% may not sound like a very large statistic, imagine even a single 5 year old, or 15 year old child coming to school trying to learn when he or she has no safe place to call home. Imagine too, if you were their teacher, how difficult it might be to connect with a child, who, because she is homeless, may not have had breakfast, let alone a nutritional meal the night before. Perhaps too, the child might not have access to hygiene facilities or clean clothes. Each of us can only imagine how challenging it must be for a child to learn academically and socially under these circumstances. Sadly, the numbers of homeless students are increasing across our county from the most affluent corners to those not so. No part of our county seems immune.

Since the first reporting of homeless students in the 2003-04 school year the number in Oregon has risen 122%. For example, the West Linn school district experienced a 186% increase in the last two years from 14 to 40 homeless students. In Canby's district the number rose 80% from 184 to 332. Last year alone, Clackamas County had nearly 1100 homeless students. The increasing statistics reflect only part of the picture. Where does a homeless student go after school? Where do they find a place to do their homework or study? According to the Clackamas County School District liaison homeless students can be found living in shelters, motels, in doubled up situations, in a personal storage unit, as unaccompanied youth or simply in unsheltered spaces; a car on the street, or under a bridge. It is not difficult to understand how in these anemic economic times of high unemployment, financial instability, and rampant home foreclosures that children end up as homeless students. Several other factors also contribute to their homeless plight; domestic abuse and violence, job loss, or working poor single parent.

One tenet of AAUW's mission is about breaking down barriers for young girls and women. Clearly a homeless student, girl or boy, deserves our attention. How can teachers and our educational system be effective when facing such social and economic barriers? How can a child learn when his or her basic human needs are barely being met? As educated women and AAUW members we know the key to improving the life of both an individual and a community is education. We can be part of an educational solution for these homeless students. They may be homeless students but they are not helpless and they are still in school. Perhaps we can give them hope by participating in one of the many school and student programs; as a mentor, a reading volunteer, a caring adult whose presence makes them feel safe. Perhaps we can give them a home in our hearts.

MEMBER UPDATES

By Carol Cooper and Dorothy Martin

Directory Changes and Additions

Judith Kenny -
address correction - 13505 River Road, #184
Portland, OR 97222
phone correction - 503-652-3184

New Member

Stephanie E. Carter
530 22nd St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
Cell: 360-520-7711
Email: secarter1@gmail.com
JD (Law), Willamette University; Masters in
Librarianship & MPA

New Member

Carrie Schoen
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Lake Oswego, OR 97034
503-534-2954
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BS, Univ. of San Francisco; RN, St Mary of
Nazareth School of Nursing

Please check your directory for any errors in your listing and send any corrections to Dorothy Martin, pdmartin@teleport.com, or contact her by phone or mail.

AAUW HOLIDAY HAPPENING

Sunday, December 13, 2009

3:00-6:00 P.M. - Heritage House

Honey Baked Ham, Champagne
& Cider Too!!

Spouses & Friends Are Welcome
To join you

Reservations: \$15 per person

Call: MaryJo Radosevich 503-650-2428
Mail Check: P.O. Box 366
Marylhurst, OR 97036



December 2009

TUESDAY MORNING BOOKS 4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

No December meeting.
For more information about this group, contact Ann Pritchard at 503-670-7934 or annpritchard@comcast.net.

INTERPRETIVE BOOKS 3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

December 17: 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Diana Gough
Leader:
Book: *To Be Determined*
For more information, please contact Laura Eyer at 503-982-3522 or eyerfamily@wbcable.net

MOVIE GROUP 2nd Tuesday, times vary

Meets second Tuesdays of the month. Call Ann Pritchard at 503-670-7934 or JoAnn Frost at 503-624-0871 for more information.

PORTLAND CENTER STAGE

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

LAFFALOT BRIDGE 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

FOURTH WEDNESDAY BRIDGE 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Call Betty Hittle at 503-636-7034 for more information about this bridge group.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOKS 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

December 3: 7:30 p.m. (Combined Nov & Dec)
Hostess: Suzanne Kaveckis
Intro: Sandra Hoover
Book: *The Eleventh Man*, by Ivan Doig

For more information, contact co-chairs Sandra Hoover at 503-635-0952 or Suzanne Kaveckis at 503-678-1641.

FRIDAY BOOKS 4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

No December meeting

New members are most welcome to join this book group! It meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Call Martha Dean at 503-697-0561 if you would like more information.

EAT ETHNIC 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

December 15: 6:30 p.m. Jane Taft will be hosting. Please contact her at janetaft@aol.com.

Anyone is invited to join us with friends, spouse or solo. If you would like to be added to the email or telephone list for this group, please contact Susan Hornung, 503-635-4893. susanhornung@hotmail.com.

EXPLORING OUR NORTHWEST Wednesday, December 2 2009

Join us for our annual lunch, and tour of the Pittock Mansion. We will carpool from Shirley Ward's home at 14110 Uplands Dr. Lunch is at Papa Haydn's, 701 NW 23rd at 11:30, then on to the mansion. Please R.S.V.P. to Shirley Ward at 503-636-4437, or Sue Kingzett at 503-656-5

JANUARY 2010

TUESDAY MORNING BOOKS 4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

January 26: 11:00 a.m.
Szechaun Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry, LO
Leader: Colleen Gekler
Book: *Many Lives & Secret Sorrows of Josephine B* by Sandra Gulland
For more information about this group, contact Ann Pritchard at 503-670-7934 or annpritchard@comcast.net.

INTERPRETIVE BOOKS 3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

January 21: 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Ann Keddie
Leader: Viki vonTagen
Book: *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan
For more information, please contact Laura Eyer at 503-982-3522 or eyerfamily@wbcable.net

THURSDAY EVENING BOOKS 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

January 28: 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Suzanne Kaveckis
Intro: Robi Ingram-Rich
Book: *The World in Six Songs*, by Daniel Levitin

For more information, contact co-chairs Sandra Hoover at 503-635-0952 or Suzanne Kaveckis at 503-678-1641.

FRIDAY BOOKS 4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

January 22: 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Betty Hittle
Book: *The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, by Lawrence White
Intro: Martha Dean
In the Graveyard of Empires: America's War in Afghanistan, by Seth Jones
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February Newsletter Deadline
January 15
mdivine@aol.com

AAUW FUNDS

BY SUSAN HORNING

Many thanks for your donations to the AAUW Funds drive in November. More than a dozen women contributed almost \$1,500 towards the fellowships and grants, research, and legal advocacy, which the combines AAUW Funds now support.

Any other members, who may wish to make a donation before the end of the year, please send a check by December 20 to AAUW Funds, Susan Horning, 27 Tanglewood Dr, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-1417.



Get Involved!!

The grassroots liaisons in AAUW's new Leadership Corps program will be reaching out to AAUW branch leaders to provide mentoring and assistance. Whether you are a member of an AAUW branch (an officer or not) or a member-at-large interested in becoming involved with other AAUW members, please fill out the [online form here](#) to indicate areas of branch programming or administration for which you would like assistance.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010, 7:15 P.M.
Marylhurst Library

Have You Heard?

Part of the satisfaction of participating in the AAUW Lake Oswego branch is getting to learn a bit more about our members. We have a dynamic membership, with many of members actively involved in one or more interest groups. Of course, many are also active in a wide range of activities, avocations, and community involvements. This seems like a great opportunity to share a few tidbits of personal information about a few of our members. Please feel free to drop me a note if you happen to know of items of interest. Many thanks. Molly Divine, mdivine@aol.com.

- Kathy Kaiser has had two new grandsons this year. The cousins are less than a month apart in age, and they will be joining the Kaiser's for Christmas.
- Sue Kingzett has been accepted in the Watercolor Society of Oregon, based on a juried competition.
- Molly Divine won three medals in dragon boat races this year in Oregon, Washington, and California, as a member of the Golden Dragons of Portland, OR.

TEA AND TALENT DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010, 12:00 – 2:00

Are you a quilter? Painter? Gardener? Do you do needlework? Swedish Embroidery? Knitted dishrags? Retro Aprons? Table Runners? Bookmarks? Placemats? Pottery? Note cards? Beadwork? Cookies? Willing to provide a lunch or dinner?

Since our branch has accepted as a goal to continue our support for a local scholarship at Marylhurst, we are planning for a tea and talent show as a major fund raising event. In order for the day to be successful, we need your help. We would like to see your talents in items on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, from 12 – 2pm at our **Tea and Talent Event** at the Heritage House. Plan ahead for all of the following: bring a friend to tea, share your talent, discover our members' talents, and create an enthusiasm about our local scholarship fund. Look for more information in the future.

Save the date - April 10, 2010

If you plan on sharing your talents, please complete the participation form below. We need items for sale, items that you would like to show, and help with the tea/talent event.

PARTICIPATION FORM

Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact E-Mail:

I would like to help with: Tea Portion___ (yes) Please check if you can help.

Talent Portion___(yes) Please check if you can help.

I would like to donate the following item(s):

Please describe the item to be donated:

Which one of the following categories best fits your item?

____ Piece of art for show only ____ Piece of art for sale

____ Food Item with recipe ____ Other

____ Themed Basket

Place a value on the item_____

RETURN THIS FORM - JANUARY 31, 2010 to: Kathy Kaiser, 3528 Chelan Dr., West Linn, Oregon 97068

LAKE OSWEGO DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Exploring Our Northwest	3	4	5
6	7	8 Movie group	9	10	11	12
13 Holiday Happening	14 Laffalot bridge	15 Eat Ethnic	16	17 Interpretive books	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Laffalot bridge	29	30	31		

LAKE OSWEGO JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Branch Program
10	11 Laffalot bridge	12 Movie group	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Eat Ethnic	20	21 Interpretive books	22 Friday books	23
24	25 Laffalot bridge	26 Tuesday morning books Board Meeting	27 Wednesday Bridge	28 Thursday Evening Books	29	30/31



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