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January 2014

January 11, 2014, at
Westminster Church
Celebrating the New Year!
9:30 a.m., social; 10:00 a.m.
catered brunch; program:
What Is Feminism?



Member **Carol Stable** will provide a brief history of the term

feminism as both a description of social movements aimed at the emancipation of women and as a form of social critique. She will highlight controversies about feminism, its treatment in the media and the increasing cultural and political interest in it. Carol is Director of the Center for the Study of Women in Society and a professor in the School of Journalism and Communications at the University of Oregon.

Come hear this fascinating presentation about a still-controversial topic, and enjoy a Market-of-Choice catered brunch, as we welcome 2014 with a special January meeting!

If you made your reservation in December, you do not need to send a new one!
New reservations: send \$20 check to Stephanie Winsor, 2560 Agate St., Eugene 97403, by Monday, January 6!



Raffle Redux!

Thanks to the December storm, you have another opportunity to win

one of these three baskets:

Seaside, Christmas, or Pampering.

And tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5--what a deal!

◆ You can buy one ticket for one of the choices, or you can buy tickets for each or all of them!

★ Be sure to bring any tickets you bought at the November meeting!

★ The winning tickets will be drawn at meeting's end..

The LCC Women in Transition Graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Meaning and Learning, 102/103.

Happy January Birthday--

Jill McCleary
Greta Fridlund
Ruth Nelson
Janice Strupp
Elleen Levy
Lynette Saul
June Smith



Out and Abouters plus any interested members:

We will visit Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art on Thursday, **January 2, 2014.**

Lunch at 11:30 am in the Museum Cafe. The museum tour will be about 12:30 or so. Museum admission is \$5 and Seniors are \$3.

The **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art** is located in Eugene, Oregon, on the western side of the University of Oregon campus next to the Knight Library. There are eight public parking spaces located behind the museum. Check in with security staff (back double doors by loading dock) to get a parking pass. (We may have to pay for the pass.)

Directions: Turn off Franklin onto Agate St. Go right onto East 18th. Turn right on University St. and go to Johnson St. Turn left and drive to the back of the museum and park

The Museum phone number is 541-346-3027.

From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Co-President



It goes without saying how glad I am that I don't live where winter snow is part of my expected life. I've also decided I'm not going to choose Christmas cards with snow scenes any more. It might be tempting fate.

Canceling the brunch was a hard decision for the board but better than tempting fate during bad weather. We are now rescheduled for January 11. It's been twice as long since we've seen each other so it should be doubly as much fun. Look for the announcement in this newsletter and make sure you make a reservation if you did not do so before. I'm certainly ready to see smiles from friendly faces. Haven't seen many among the shoppers in the stores. Of course, I might be going to the wrong stores or at the wrong time of day. I will say, I slipped into Valley River early one morning and discovered a good-sized group of young mothers and children gathered around the play equipment. They did seem to be enjoying themselves. (Not shopping, however.)

The day I counted the book I've been working on as finished, I had some vague thoughts about having extra free time and what I would choose to do with it. The thoughts didn't last long, I only had to glance around my house with its extra layer of dust and stacks of un-filed papers to realize I wasn't going to have the riches of time after all. And that's before I even think about getting all the paperwork ready for either taxes or just to prepare for a new year.

Mentally I am ready to begin a new year but the facts are that mentally is as far as it goes. My calendar is not set up, nor are my goals decided. I'd much rather go fill the bird feeders or maybe even read one of the books I've been saving. I have managed to clear some of the stacks of folders with the completion of *Highway 99 Stories* and thrown away all sorts of scraps of paper with notes scribbled on them. I have promised myself a break before diving into the work on the next book but I'll also need to spend

some time marketing the book I just finished. Funny how that extra time just sifted away. Still, there are rewards to be had from putting your house back in order, I have already located a few things I thought were gone for good. Now if I can just find a good place to put them.

I am planning to attend the Women in Transition Graduation at Lane Community College on January 9th. I'm hoping some of the other branch members will join me. It is one of the more pleasurable events we are invited to attend. Encouraging these women to take their education another step makes me feel I might be benefitting those women and their families regardless of their status.

I'm wishing all of us a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Member News

Ruth Nelson received a 50-year member certificate and letter from National. Congratulations, Ruth. What a wonderful achievement--Eugene-Lane Branch has certainly benefitted from her participation--keeping our Bylaws current for many years and arranging for locations for the Out to Lunch Bunch Interest Group, also for many years. .

Jo Brew's latest book, *Oregon's Main Street: U.S. Highway 99, "The Stories,"* is available! The red Richfield gas pump cover leads to anecdotes and pictures that Jo has collected and compiled into a fascinating glimpse of people's lives along the "Pacific Coast Highway,"

Marlika O'Connell has created a charming book of *Selected Paintings and Drawings*. She also features two special drawings on <http://marlikastudio.blogspot.com>. Marlika, a former branch member, is a daughter of Past President Gwen O'Connell,

2014 Hostesses Schedule

February 15 Carol Miller and Cindy Parker
March 8 Kappy Eaton and Elleen Levy
April 12 Banti Winslow and Stephanie Winsor
May 10 Ardith Hinman and JoAnn Ellis
June 4 Gorgie Hofma and Barbara Gault

AAUW Public Policy Update January 2014

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

STATE OF THE STATE

Oregon Assembly 2014

The Legislature will hold the last of its three Interim Committees planning meetings January 15-17 to finalize the proposals that the committees have agreed to put forward in 2014. Each committee is allowed two bills and each legislator can introduce one. The even year sessions can run 35 days, and will convene February 3, 2014, and adjourn by March 9. In 2012, the close came at the end of February rather than March 6. No major legislation is anticipated. However, there will be some revisions to the tax cut business package passed in the Special Session, other budget adjustments and the March Revenue Forecast. This is also a time for task forces and special committees to present progress reports.

In anticipation of the longer (165 days) 2015 session, the 2014 Interim Committees will meet in May, September and November. During the 2014 shorter gathering, many organizations and advocates will start the conversations with decision-makers about the critical issues that need to be addressed in the future.

Leadership Summit

The 11th Annual Oregon Leadership Summit was held December 9th in Portland. It was co-sponsored by Senators Wyden and Merkley, Governor Kitzhaber, Oregon legislative leadership (majority and minority), and the Oregon business community through the Oregon Business Plan. The purpose is to look at what has occurred in Oregon during the last 12 months, particularly in business and education, as well as legislative decisions, and discuss next steps. The Oregon Business Plan outlines a framework and a vision for Oregon's future, and establishes a strategy for success. The following conditions are deemed critical:

*People: A talented workforce which calls for wise education investment and job s creation

*Productivity: Quality infrastructure, resource utilization, competitive regulations and business costs

*Place: A high quality of life that attracts and retains talented people

*Pioneering Innovation: A culture of research, commercialization, and innovation in product and process design

During the morning session there was a series of panels which covered the federal agenda, progress in jobs, income and poverty initiatives, high tech, manufacturing and bioscience. There was an update of legislative actions including PERS reform and education funding by legislators, and remarks by the Governor related to the importance of building the new bridge across the Columbia River.

The afternoon breakout groups featured two tracks. One included discussions on what it will take to achieve Oregon's ambitious education and workforce preparation goals. These included the new higher education reforms, the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, workforce development, and reducing poverty to below 10% by 2020. The second area was on pioneering innovation, productivity and place, focusing on what's next for Oregon. These groups included supporting new business formation and growth, growing profitable small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses, reforming Oregon's tax code for stable state funding for services and job growth, financing infrastructure and creating development ready communities, what's next for health and health care in Oregon, and unlocking Oregon's natural wealth to restore rural prosperity.

The Summit is comprehensive and overwhelming in the amount of information available. There is enough for a week's conference which leads to some frustration because you can only take in one breakout group. If you are interested in learning more about the Oregon Business Plan just Google the name.

2014 Legislative Day

Scheduled for Friday, February 14. Watch for registration information



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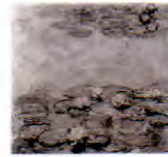
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Meeting Calendar

Thursday, January 2, 2014, Art Museum Tour, 11:30 a.m.

Out-and-Abouters

Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

Thursday, January 9, 2014, WIT Graduation, LCC, 5:30-7:30 p.m

Saturday, January 11, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Branch Meeting

Westminster Church

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

Friday, February 14, 2014: AAUW Oregon Legislative Day

Salem, Or

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Branch Meeting

Westminster Church

April 25-27, 2014, Oregon/Washington Joint Convention

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