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AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting



Saturday, October 8

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:
Ballot Measures**

Westminster Presbyterian Church
777 Coburg Road, Eugene

Social time: 9:30 am

Hostesses: Janice Strupp and Barbara Carter

Business meeting: 10 am

Speakers: 10:30 am

This event is free and open to the public.

WHEN WOMEN VOTE, WE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

The League of Women Voters will present information on the Ballot Measures we will be considering on November 8. A letter from our National leaders:

Dear Women Voters:

Politicians and policy makers routinely make decisions about issues that directly affect women and families, including our paychecks, access to reproductive health care, violence against women, and education funding. But more often than not, the conversation lacks women's voices.

As we enter this season of political punditry and campaign promises, it's more important than ever to identify those who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights.

Between now and Election Day, let's start conversations about the issues that affect our families and communities. We need to ask tough questions, jumpstart the dialogue, and determine where our candidates stand. We want the facts, and we need to speak truth to power.

It's as simple as this: When women vote, we change the conversation. Be sure to lend your voice in this election.

Yours in AAUW,
Linda D. Hallman
AAUW Chief Executive Officer

Patricia Fae Ho
Chair, AAUW Board of Directors

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Out to Lunch Bunch
Everybody Welcome!
Wednesday, October 12
11:30 am



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BOOK GROUP

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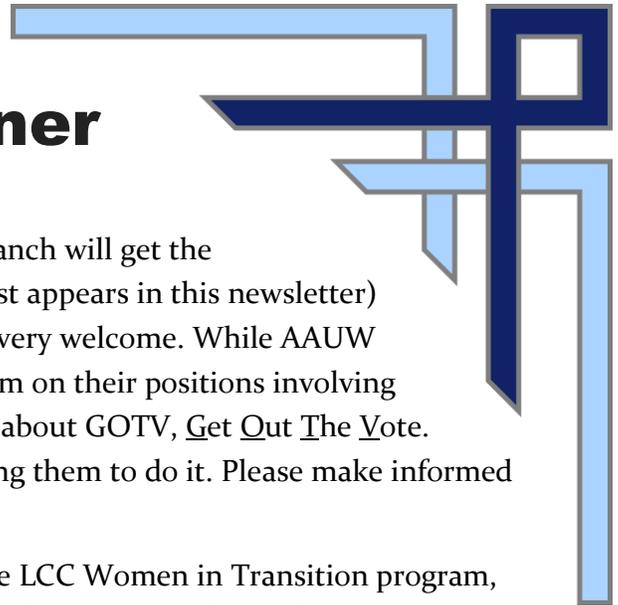
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Monday, October 17, 2 pm

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The President's Corner



When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation. Our Branch will get the opportunity to hear about the Oregon Ballot measures (a list appears in this newsletter) and to start our own conversations. Friends and family are very welcome. While AAUW does not endorse individual candidates, we do evaluate them on their positions involving issues critical to girls and women. You will be hearing a lot about GOTV, Get Out The Vote. AAUW is dedicated to registering people to vote, and getting them to do it. Please make informed decisions and return your ballots.

The Eugene-Lane Branch has been a strong supporter of the LCC Women in Transition program, empowering women to re-enter education and learn new skills to support themselves and their families. Many recipients of the Kappy Eaton scholarship have been women from this program. They are celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Wednesday, November 16, from 3:00-5:00 in Center Building Room 202 at LCC. There will be door prizes, refreshments, music, and testimonials.

As we discussed at the September Branch meeting, there will be a Central District meeting on October 15 at 10:00 at the Salem library. The Women's Foundation "Listen to Her" report will be presented. Many of us are going; please email me, theparkersfive@comcast.net or call (541-344-4572), if you would like to come along.

If you didn't get a chance to sign up for the 2016-17 interest groups, you can still join. We are in need of new Membership Vice President and an Advertising Manager. Please consider these leadership positions which will have a lot of support from the Board.

Cindy Parker





CHiPS Bits

Kudos to all!! The efforts our CHiPS committee made in reaching out to the education community has paid off at South Eugene High School, Willamette High School and the Eugene Education Association.

A few of our CHiPS members met with co-presidents of the South Eugene High School Feminist Union. According to the website, this club works for the betterment of girls in the school and “the world.” Maya Corral and Elena Freck were quite amazing. The club’s main project this year will be to get dispensers and tampons back in the bathrooms. We were quite surprised that this was a problem but apparently it is. The CHiPS committed decided we’d rather not raise funds for tampon equipment but, in an effort to encourage civic participation and learning, we encouraged the girls to look beyond their high school and explore ways to help other high schools who are having this problem. We offered to help them prepare a proposal to give to the school board. The girls also said they would love to come to a branch meeting to talk about the club and let us know the results of their efforts on the tampon project. Carol Hildebrand has volunteered to be the point-person this for our AAUW CHiPS-Feminist Union activities this winter.

Maya and Elena told the CHiPS committee another way AAUW can help is to provide information on types of paying jobs where girls who are interested in making a difference can establish careers. Peggy Shippen is to speak to the Feminist Union on October 6th. Carol Hildebrand will also attend.

Willamette High School has decided to form an all-girl debate team and participate in the Classroom Law Project’s Mock Trial Program. The school will give the team \$5,000. Zachary Lauritzen, who is coordinating the project, has asked if AAUW can help raise funds for transportation, lodging and meals. If our branch can’t raise all of the money, the CHiPS committee suggests partnering with other organizations like Soroptimist, Eugene City Club and the Eugene Women Lawyers. We hope to know of their financial needs by the end of September.

Last but not least, Tad Shannon, past history teacher and current president of the Eugene Education Association, put us in contact with Carissa Boyce, the teacher –coordinator for the 4J District Teacher Seminar Series held January thru March each winter. Carissa was thrilled with the CHiPS active-learning classroom program recommendations listed on our website (CHiPS Library). She agreed to invite trainers from the Classroom Law Project and the YMCA’s Youth and Government Program to make presentations (for CEC credits) at the Teacher Seminar Series. Schools from *all over the county* will be invited to attend! Carissa has invited AAUW Eugene-Lane to set up a CHiPS info table during a couple of sessions. We’ll show samples of materials from the CHiPS programs we recommend as well as our branch and CHiPS brochures.

We will need volunteers to help host the tables for an hour or so, once or twice on either a Tuesday or Thursday sometime between 4-6:00. Carol Miller has volunteered to be the point-person for those events. You don’t need to be on the CHiPS committee to help. – just let Carol know you’re interested in helping. She’ll give you all the information you’ll need to know.

CHiPS Bin!! At Carol Miller’s suggestion, a CHiPS Bin will be available at each branch meeting for websites, articles, or classroom projects and other bits of CHiPS (civics, history and political science) that branch members want to share with teachers. It’s an opportunity for branch members to get involved with CHiPS and hope you’ll join us in helping. We also welcome your ideas, comments and questions.

Welcome New Member

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NEW CHIEF LIBRARIAN

The nation now has a new chief librarian, one who earned praise for her time at the helm of Baltimore's library system.

Carla Hayden is the first woman and the first African American to lead the Library of Congress since its inception in 1800.

Hayden, the longtime CEO of Baltimore's public Enoch Pratt Free Library system and a former president of the American Library Association, is only the third professional librarian to get the job.

During her time in Baltimore, the Library of Congress says Hayden was celebrated for her outreach to help people from all walks of life get access to library materials and technology. That included homework help and college counseling for teens, healthy-eating information for residents of areas lacking access to high-quality food, Spanish-language programming and more, according to the Library of Congress' blog.



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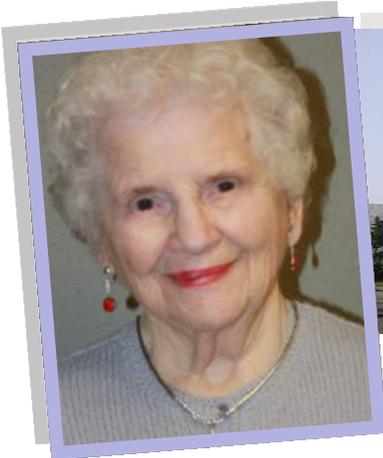
AAUW Senior Award

Asma Lofti, UO biology major, was this year's recipient of the AAUW Senior Woman Award. Janice Strupp, Eugene-Lane branch Senior Recognition Chair assisted in presenting Asma with a commemorative plaque at award ceremonies May 21 at Straub Hall on UO campus.

In her application she wrote that her proudest achievement while attending UO was becoming a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society. She also wrote that she had trained and supervised biology research assistants in two campus laboratories and supervised volunteers at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic. In addition, she had been a teaching assistant/tutor in the biology department for the past two years.

Asma is a first generation college student. She and her parents emigrated to the U.S. from Iran when she was 14 as religious refugees who belonged to the Baha'i faith because Baha'is in Iran do not have the right to a higher education. She wrote in her application that, "Obtaining and sharing knowledge is the key to growth...I am not only thankful to be where I am today but also feel responsible towards empowering other women in reaching for their dreams."

Janice was assisted by Wendy Cook and Jill McCleary.



AAUW PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

October 2016 — Kappy Eaton

STATE OF THE STATE

September Economic Forecast

Oregon's current economy continues to be stable, but 2017 and beyond will bring significant down turns, according to the report of the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis presented September 14 to the House and Senate Interim Revenue Committees. The Legislative Revenue Office gave the September 2016 Revenue Forecast, updating from June. Personal income tax collections were up 4.7%, but personal income was down 0.3%. Corporate income tax was up 7.9%. Oregon employment also decreased by 4,199 jobs (0.2%) after several months of improvements.

Gross General Fund revenue for the quarter was up \$24.2 million from the close of the 2015 session. Net general fund and lottery resources have increased \$129.3 million (0.7%). However, the increases are well below enough to trigger the Kicker return at the close of the biennium June 30, 2017. The data project a 1.7% decrease in the Rainy Day Fund revenue and a net General Fund decrease of 2.2% at the end.

Fiscal Policy Issues

During the September Legislative Days, both the Interim Revenue Committees met to discuss fiscal programs/problems which will be addressed during the 2017 session.

1. At long last, a constitutional amendment dealing with local property taxes (Ballot Measure 50, 1997), will be discussed and probably referred to voters at the 2018 General Election. SJR 201 (2016) would repeal the ad valorem property tax assessment provisions which required the ad valorem property taxes to be assessed on real market value, except for owner-occupied homes and set the permanent tax rate for tax districts at the 1995 rate. This has caused much inequity in property taxes for cities and counties and home sales, and the 3% growth annually has been too low for local governments to keep up with rising costs of service.

The amendment would allow local governments to change their permanent tax rate through voter approval and to

provide for property taxes to be assessed at the real market value of the property as required by law. The new legislation also would allow local governments to propose local option taxes, now only allowed for school districts. The property tax limits of \$5 for schools and \$10 for all other local governments (Ballot Measure 3, 1990) would not change.

2. An informational report was presented on the Working Family Household and Dependent Care Tax Credit which combines the previous tax years' benefits of the Working Family Child Care Credit and the Child and Dependent Care credit into one comprehensive tax credit. It can be claimed starting in 2016.

The purpose of the credit is to help low to moderate income families pay for the care of their dependents while they are working, attending school, or if they are disabled. Gross income rates for 2016 range by income and number of dependents. For example, a \$48,060 in come for a household of two to an income of \$122,670 for a household of eight. Non-qualifying expenses include public or private school, summer school or tutoring, after-school activities, sports, overnight camps, child support payments, food, lodging or supplies or latte payment or other fees. The credit is specific to Oregon and claimed on the Oregon tax form. The Child and Dependent Care Credit is a federal credit and reported on the Federal form.

3. Oregon "gives away" over \$30 billion in tax credits, exemptions and deferrals every biennia. Two years ago, the Legislature starting reviewing tax credits that were due to expire during the next biennium, with the Budget Committee determining how much to cut each session. A special Joint Tax Committee hears testimony about each program to recommend keeping the credit, modifying it, or not continuing it.

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2016 Voter Guide

Candidates for U.S. President & Vice-President

Hillary Clinton (D)	Tim Kaine (D)	Where the candidates stand on	Mike Pence (R)	Donald Trump (R)
Support	Support	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap	Oppose	Mixed
Support	Support	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs	Oppose	Mixed
Support	Support	Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools	Unknown	Unknown
Oppose	Oppose	Changing or privatizing Social Security to lower recipient benefits or limit participation in the program	Support	Oppose
Support	Support	Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage	Oppose	Mixed
Support	Support	Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school	Oppose	Oppose
Support	Support	Passing federal legislation requiring companies to allow employees to earn paid sick days	Oppose	Mixed
Mixed	Oppose	Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools	Support	Support
Support	Support	Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women	Unknown	Unknown
Support	Support	Passing a federal law to address bullying and harassment against all students, including LGBT and gender non-conforming students	Oppose	Mixed
Support	Support	Reducing barriers to voting, like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification	Oppose	Oppose
Support	Support	Confirming federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established legal precedents	Oppose	Oppose

This guide is a public service and is not intended to be an endorsement of any candidate or political party. Candidates' positions were determined using their voting records, public statements, and campaign position papers, as well as information posted on the internet from trusted sources.

Support: Candidate co-sponsored or voted for this legislation or explicitly stated a policy position on the record with no ambiguity.

Oppose: Candidate voted against legislation or explicitly stated a policy position on the record with no ambiguity.

Unknown: Candidate took no explicit or compelling public position.

Mixed: Candidate made conflicting statements and/or voted on the issues or took a nuanced position.

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VISION

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

MISSION

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

VALUE PROMISE

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

DIVERSITY

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation national origin, disability or class.

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE, continued from page 6

Sixteen credits will be reviewed in 2017, with a budget cut of \$25.4 billion required. Among them are the Rural Medical Practice, Energy Conservation Projects, Fire Insurance, Livestock Killed by Wolves, Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction, and Transportation Fuel Stations.

This is a very difficult assignment, and hearings are full of credit recipients requesting that their credit must be continued. The committee has met its goal each session and the credits for 2017-19 are already being discussed.

Here are some things you should know about the upcoming November 8th general election.

- ◆ If you have moved even if it's just to another apartment you need to re-register.
- ◆ Oregon elections are by mail and you can mail it back in the ballot envelope or use one of the drop boxes around town or take it to the elections office at 10th and Lincoln.
- ◆ The deadline for registration is October 18th.

Interest and Project Groups

Branch members are invited to join any group. Please call the contact person for details. If you're interested in forming a new group, please contact the branch president.

Afternoon Book Group—3rd Monday at 2 pm

Meets in homes of members. Contact Cindy Parker, 541-344-4572

Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Willamalane Senior Activity Center, Springfield
Contact Ardith Hinman, 541-747-4310

Monday Bridge Group at 1 pm

Contact Barbara Gault, 541-746-0916

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Carol Hildebrand, carodane@aol.com, 541-344-4267

Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are held on Tuesdays at 11:30 am at the Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse, 1475 Green Acres Road, Eugene.

All members are welcome.

October 4, 2016	February 7, 2017
November 8	March 7
No meeting in December	April 4
January 10, 2017	May 9
	June 6

Monthly Branch Meeting Schedule

Monthly program information is available in the branch newsletter and on the website <http://eugenelane-or.aauw.net/Newsletter>.

October 8, 2016 — League of Women Voters:
Ballot Measures

November 12, 2016 — McCornack Mason
Bee Project

December 10, 2016 — Holiday Brunch

January 14, 2017 — Bev Smith: Progress on
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February 11, 2017 — TBA

March 11, 2017 — TBA

April 8, 2017 — TBA

May 13, 2017 — Annual Meeting

June 10, 2017 — TBA



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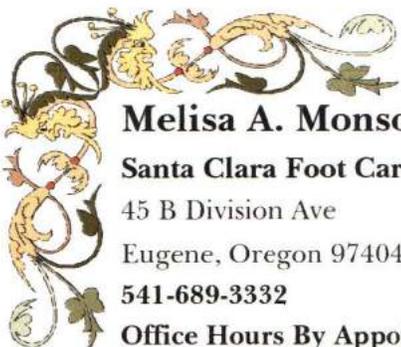
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