

Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2010-2011 Year

February 2011

**Saturday,
February 12, 2011
Westminster Church**
9:30-10:00 Social Hour
10:00 -10:30 Business
10:30 Program

The Meeting Calendar
is now on the last page!

Local author of *Journey of the Italians* to speak



Dr. Vincenza
Scarpacci, our
February speaker,
resident of Eugene,
has written an

extensive history of the Italians
in America. She has her Ph.D
in history from Rutgers and has
taught U.S. and Immigration
History at various universities
around the country. Dr.
Scarpacci will bring copies of
her book for purchase and
signing.

Join us for another
fascinating presentation!

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Update on "Our" Basketball Schedule

--by Carol Hildebrand

The KIDSPOrts girls'
basketball team we are
sponsoring will be halfway
through their season by Feb. 5.
After the Valentine Classic
tournament on Feb. 12 and 13,
they will play the second half,
into March. We will have the
schedule for that segment on or
about Feb 15. Link to Branch
Projects on our **website**.

Our team, made up of girls
from middle schools in south
Eugene, got off to a good start.
The coach was pleased to see
those of us who could come to
their first games (in our shirts,
natch), saying that she thought
we brought them good luck.
We heard that sponsors usually
don't come to games, so that
makes us visible.

The next three games are:
Sunday, Jan. 30, 4:00 p.m. at
Cal Young Middle School (at
2555 Gilham Road in north
Eugene); Sunday, Jan. 30,

7:00 p.m. at Jefferson Middle
School (1650 W. 22nd, off
Chambers); and Saturday, Feb.
5, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson
Middle School. Be there or be
square!

(Editor's note: see related article
on Page 4)



From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch President



This has turned into a
busy month for me.
With the mountain
passes open and
some easing of the
weather situation, I
headed south to collect a few
more stories about Highway
99. Going over the passes
north of Grants Pass, the snow
was down to the edge of the
road and the trees were
beautiful. Blue sky was an
extra reward. Very nice,
particularly from a warm car.

That first day I was in
Medford by early afternoon and
I thought I'd freeze to death.
Even when I was in the
Historic Society building I
didn't find myself a whole lot
warmer. The volunteers who
work there were all dressed for

energy conservation. I understand the heat issue but I had forgotten how much colder it can be down there. I did gather a lot of good information and a few pictures.

The next day was warmer and I was even able to go for a pretty good walk. I combined that with a visit to Eagle Point for a little sight seeing—an old mill still in use and a covered bridge over Antelope Creek. Not bad.

While I was there I met with a woman who lived and worked at the post office in Canyonville during the time the highway ran right through the middle of town. She left last year so she'd been part of all the changes, the coming of the casino, the freeway passing up the town and she had stories to share. Even about the old Mexia's Pie shop that was located just off the highway.

On day three, I was in Talent at the Historic Society Building and went for a slow drive on the old highway. I did get a good story there, about one of the old motels. All in all, a pretty successful trip but I'm going to be working closer to home next month.

I had a day to get groceries, catch up on housework and begin assembling all the stories, but some television scheduling gap caused a gardening segment by a very knowledgeable man to show up when I didn't expect it. One of his talking points was the

little round weeds that suddenly throw up a blossom stem with tiny white flowers that quickly move to seeds that scatter. They aren't hard to find in this area. I went to look the next morning. Sure enough, I have them by the hundreds. I worked in an hour to remove some, even in the cold. I figured I could handle it, the lawn care people are out and working almost everywhere I go. My body screamed at that abuse. It took me a couple of days to recover.

Then there was a river walk and the AAUW girls basketball game to watch on the day before it was time to drive north to visit my mother in Vancouver. Our team lost but they played well and it was fun to root for them. By the time I'd been to my second game the next week, I was beginning to know the personalities of the girls. They won that game but I noticed that Carol and I both clapped for whatever girl made a point, regardless of their team. It is fun to be part of the program and the coach seemed pleased to have sponsors involved.

With a local author and professor of U.S. and Immigration History at the University of Oregon, Dr. Vicenza Scarpacci, as our upcoming speaker, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to hear her and have invited a guest or two. I'm counting on learning more but also on inspiration.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group
Third Monday, 2:00 p.m.,
Contact Betty Kjeldgaard,
541-683-4926. [Open](#)

Alpha Bridge

Every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.,
Willamalane Senior Adult
Activity Center, Springfield.
Contact Ardith Hinman,
541-747-4310. [Open](#)

Fourth Tuesday Bridge Group

1:00 p.m. Contact Donna
Pierce, 541-344-3365,
[Open](#)

Out & Abouters

Periodic trips around our
part of Oregon; newsletter/
ReaderBoard announcements.
Contact Linda
Wittorff, 541-822-1199.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Ruth Nelson,
541-689-4020.

Readers' Theatre

Contact Barbara Carter,
541-544-2944. 1-2 OPENINGS.

AAUW Public Policy Update February 2011

---Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

Women's Issues

The Women's Health and Wellness Alliance has determined its priorities for the 2011 legislative session in the categories of funding, economic, health, and safety. AAUW's Public Policy committee will be concerned with the following issues, keeping our members informed as to their status, and asking for advocacy letters, phone calls and/or emails to legislators as appropriate. I urge you to respond when requested and will be happy to provide information/material to assist.

1. Funding preservation (budget bills not yet numbered)

a. vital services for domestic violence assistance in the Department of Justice budget and for services to the needy families (TANF) programs in the Department of Human Services budget.

b. Oregon's Advocacy Commissions budgets – particularly the Women's Commission.

2 Economic

a. Work and Family Task Force/Commission – seeking a work place/family balance bill and long-term policies. (no bill # yet)

b. Conforming Oregon's expression of (breast) milk in

the work place legislation to federal law protections such as covered employers, rest periods, and undue hardship exemptions. (no bill # yet)

3. Health

a. SB 433 – expand the eligibility for women for treatment of breast and cervical cancer if diagnosed through a health care provider outside of the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program as allowed by the new federal law.

b. HB 2235 – Strengthening the Maternal Mental Health bill to create an educational/ outreach requirement for the Department of Human Services.

c. Prohibit the use of BPA in sippy cups, baby bottles and plastic water bottles. (no bill # yet)

d. Designate May each year Lupus Awareness Month and set May 10, 2011, as Oregon Lupus Day.

4. Safety

a. Human trafficking bills to get services to youth victims, increasing penalties for buyers who engage the sexual services of minors, and prosecuting pimps/traffickers who are controlling these youth. (several bills no #s)

b. HB 2940 – Creates Sexual Assault Response Teams in every county to provide coordinated response to victims of sexual assault,

integrating law enforcement, medical and social services.

c. HB 2940 - Makes strangulation a felony crime in certain circumstances; now a misdemeanor charge. Often used in sexual assault.

d. HB 2943 – Creates a sexual assault protection order for persons who have been subjected to conduct constituting a sex crime, regardless of whether the conduct is reported to law enforcement.

The Alliance is also monitoring bills dealing with birth anomaly registry, Oregon Birth mothers, teen dating violence education, and domestic violence fatality review.

2011 Legislative Session

February 1st will mark the formal start of the 76th Oregon Assembly when all committees will start meeting and floor session on bills will commence after committee actions. The new Governor, John Kitzhaber, and newly elected legislators and state officials were sworn in on January 10 as required (second Monday in January of odd numbered years) in the Oregon Constitution. During the three sets of 2009 Interim committees in May, September and December, drafts of more than 1000 bills were submitted to the Legislative Counsel committee for drafting. Added to the

drafts submitted by individual legislators, there were almost 2000 bills pre-session filed. The time between the swearing in and the actual meeting of the Legislature has allowed the committees to organize, for leadership positions to be named, and for schedules for committees to be established so that hearings can actually begin on February 1. Now that Annual sessions have been adopted, the 2011 term will be 160 days in length. Deadlines for hearing and moving bills from one chamber to the other as well as *sine die* have been decided.

The Public Policy committee is expecting to meet weekly to discuss the various bills on which AAUW could take a position and make arrangements for testimony and a regular legislative report to branches. As of now, this report will be emailed to Branch presidents and public policy chairs with the admonition (stronger than a mere request!) that they be shared with members. In Eugene-Lane Branch, there will be the usual column in *The News*, a report at the branch meeting, and emails for Action Alerts with information as to a bill's substance.

Because of the still weak Oregon economy, we expect to be closely monitoring efforts to raise revenue such as sun-setting tax credits (Oregon does not collect \$27 billion found in biennial tax credits, known as

tax expenditures), further cuts to critical services and agency budgets, and what the Governor calls restructuring the Oregon house through use of only the revenue we have, reinvesting, and making sure the outcomes merit the expenditures. The March economic forecast will be made sometime towards the end of February, and the Ways and Means committee will zero in on a balanced budget.

One of other major jobs of this Legislature is the redistricting of Oregon's five congressional and 90 legislative districts, with a plan due by July 1. The final population report from the 2010 census is expected by the end of March. Although the Legislature is designated in the Constitution as the body to provide the new plan, it hasn't agreed for the last three decades. I will discuss in detail about the process in the March *News*. Both the Senate and House have named Redistricting committees. And it will be a very political process. Let the games begin!

Happy February Birthday to.....

Carene Davis-Stitt
Ardith Hinman
Carol Hildebrand
Cathy Lindsley



Thank-you from Bev Smith

"To Eugene-Lane AAUW,
Thank you for supporting Kidsports with your Team Sponsorship during our 2010-2011 Basketball Season! We have included the first-half season schedule for your sponsored team, should you wish to watch their games. We are extremely thankful that you have helped us provide such a fun, positive, and productive activity for the youth of our community.

.....We are working hard to deliver our mission in the community by providing kids the benefit of team sports. Our "All Kids Play" slogan is way more than just words. It is a testament to our dedication that kids have the chance to play regardless of financial status or physical ability. Your donation helps us make that a reality.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Bev Smith
Executive Director"

Did you know that....

Jill McCleary hosts *Mist Covered Mountain* on *KLCC* every Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon? Tune in to hear Celtic music from around the world!

!

Greeter Schedule

February 12:

Pat Lanier

Jill McCleary

March 12:

Saundra Murray

Janice Dresser

April 9:

Marian Spath

Ardith Hinman

May 14:

Lida Herburger

Pat Lanier

June 11:

Jill McCleary

Saundra Murray



1/21/11

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund announced today that it is awarding monetary support to the case *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* Lead plaintiff Betty Dukes, a Wal-Mart employee, has alleged gender discrimination in pay and promotion policies and practices in Wal-Mart retail stores. Plaintiffs for the case comprise a class of approximately 1.6 million female Wal-Mart and Sam's Club employees

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

Our Vision

A viable, visible and diverse community organization.

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McCleary

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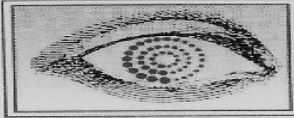
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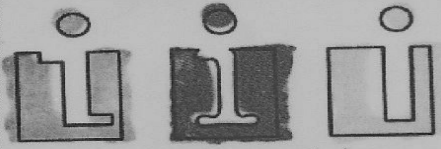
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Westminster Church, Women's History Month

April 15-17, 2011, State Convention,
Ashland Springs Hotel

June 16-19, 2011, National Convention,
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