

Eugene-Lane Branch

The News

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2010-2011 Year

June 2011

Saturday, June 11, 2011 Westminster Church 9:30 - 12:00

Readers Theatre

Did you know that women in many of the states couldn't vote until 1920? Would you be surprised to learn that Oregon was 'way ahead of the curve on this issue?

Our annual Readers Theatre presentation mixes a serious theme with humor and a lighter look at life as we honor our courageous suffragist foremothers. These women not only fought for the right to vote, they took personal and leadership risks to move other women's causes forward.



(Pat Lanier, Maxine Hudgins, Marian Spath, Barbara Carter, Jo Brev, Carol Miller, Kappy Eaton, Ginger Newman)

Come learn about this vital part of history that affected all of us! You'll be amazed and amused, enlightened and entertained!

Hostesses for this last meeting until September are Barbara Carter and Carol Miller. Save August 20
for our second
annual picnic at
Emerald Park!



Speaking of 2010-2011-it's dues time!!

For your convenience, the membership form is on page 7. Remember, \$46 of the \$49 Association dues are tax-deductible. The form is also available on our website. Your dues entitle you to vote--see below! And you'll be listed in the branch Directory!

Vote Today and Make Your Voice Heard!

AAUW's historic every-member election is under way! The easy (editor's opinion!) online voting ends June 17 at 9 p.m. EDT. Visit the One Member, One Vote website and read the election FAQs for details. Haven't received your ballot? Call 800/326-2289 or

e-rmail connect@aauw.org.

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From Jo's Desk

-- Jo Brew, Branch President



My desk has been a neglected corner this past week. Since I'll be tied up in town all summer, we made a

picture-taking run down to the southern part of the state. We had a couple of grey days but also a pair that were wonderful. With the Valley of the Rogue State Park as our home base, we worked in two good hikes, several spells sitting in the sunshine and a little bird watching. Between those activities we did get several important pictures for the book I'm working on.

I came back to a lot of unfinished house and yard work. This summer might not be long enough for me to catch up. I'm not quite sure why the weeds grow faster than the flowers or the house looks like it needs attention as soon as we walk back in the front door. Those can't be cobwebs!

An opportunity for me to add a couple of wonderful Highway 99 stories came my way, creating a need to do more research and increase my writing time in order to finish that project.

I notified the Creswell Chronicle I'd be ending my column after May in order to work on the book. I'll miss writing the column, but making the deadline, not so much.

Wouldn't you know, the three generation story I'm working on next week is all from Creswell although it's coming to me from a man I taught in Central Point a long time ago. I'll be visiting Creswell often again, taking pictures and trying to locate an old grass strip airfield next to Highway 99. There was also an old gas station and auto court.

With this the last newsletter issue of our meeting year, I do want to thank all the officers and members who have made this learning year such a positive experience for me and a successful one for the branch. We've done some fun things, learned a lot and are planning for an even better future. If there is a change you would like to see happen or an idea you would like to share, this is a good time to bring up it up. I do hope I'll see most of you at the summer picnic on August 20.

Our Readers Theater program is coming up this month. I hope you'll bring guests and come ready to be inspired as well as entertained. We will be sharing the lives of the women who were willing to give up all in the goal of equal treatment. This is a program when we have all learned and grown and hope you will also.

And here's an anecdote that is as pertinent today as it was in suffrage days. Cosmetics maven, Helene Rubenstein,, thought that a touch of lipstick made a woman really feel good, and, even more importantly, feel liberated. Thus it was that participants in the big women's suffrage marches that were held in New York in 1912 and 1913 wore white shirt-waists--and red lipstick, the badge of independence!

(Paraphrased from the book *Ugly Beauty*, by Ruth Brandon)

Welcome to AAUW Senior Woman Award 2011 Winner, Megan Humphrey

Janice Dresser, chair of Senior Woman Award ommittee, shares Megan's letter:

I would like to thank both you and the Eugene-Lane branch for my award. I truly feel very honored, and I so appreciate being recognized by your organization. Unfortunately I will not be able to make the June 8th meeting as I will be taking advantage of what little free time I have between my finals ending and my master's program starting at home with my family in Portland.

Thank you again for your time, and you recognition. It means the world to me, and to say that I feel honored is truly an understatement.

Many thanks, Megan Humphrey

AAUW Public Policy Update June 2011

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

As the 2011 session of the Oregon Legislature moves into its final month, there are still many questions about how the final budget may affect the state's quality of life.

The K-12 public education budget, at \$5.7 billion, has been signed by the Governor. Since it is the largest single amount in the General Fund budget, it was important to get it settled early. Now the Joint Ways and Means committee is considering all of the state agency budgets, the next largest being the Department of Human Services, followed by Public Safety which includes Corrections and the Youth Authority. Under the newly adopted funding structure of this Assembly, it was determined that the required balanced budget only would reflect what the projected revenue for the biennium would be without any new taxes. The state's economic condition thus will result in severe cuts to basic services and programs.

The May revenue forecast from the Legislative Revenue Office, the state Economist and the Office of Economic Analysis, given May 12, indicated that personal income and the Lottery proceeds were up along with employment growth, but personal income tax receipts, the housing market

and withholding and other payments to the state were down. While 15,000 more persons are working, their actual wages are down. The final budget figure is arrived at using the May forecast, so while there was an increase of \$128 million in revenue for the General Fund, it doesn't solve the looming problems of protecting services for children and families, the disabled, the elderly, children at risk, and assisting local school districts with additional funding, as well as community colleges and four-year higher ed institutions. Financing the new Oregon Health Authority is also critical.

Throughout the session, AAUW's Public Policy team has been participating in the Revenue Coalition which is comprised of advocates for state services - education, health care, children and families, good government groups. etc. We have been encouraging the new Joint Tax Credits committee to carefully consider ending many of the tax credits which will expire in 2012. The Ways and Means Committee indicated it would like to have at least \$40 million in savings from those credits. There are other proposals to provide savings and increase the amount of money for the General Fund such as repealing the mortgage deductions for second homes, ending the political contribution credit, raising from 4.5 to 5 the ratio Eugene-Lane Branch--The News,

of state employees to one manager where appropriate, cutting outside vendor contracts, and enacting an income-means test for the senior medical deduction – about \$350 million in savings. In this climate of raising fees and charges (nickel and dimes), several hundred million in savings would help save essential programs.

Although there seems to be a "no new taxes" concern, the Tobacco Free Coalition is making a strong pitch for a \$1 dollar per pack increase in the Oregon cigarette tax, one of the lowest in the country. Washington and five other states have raised their cigarette taxes this year. The results could bring in almost \$200 million the first two years, and would be expected to lower tobacco use by 10% over the next decade. The results are revenue increases plus better health for both young people and lowering costs of tobacco related diseases for adults.

Revising the kicker law and funding the Rainy Day and Educational Stability Funds are in limbo – at least for the public. The Senate Finance and Revenue Committee discussed, amended and voted unanimously to send three bills to the full Senate. The main measure was a constitutional amendment that would direct any personal income taxes surplus, above 2% of the projection, to a 50/50 split between the Rainy Day Fund

and a taxpayer credit. It would be voted on at the General Election in November 2012. The other two statutes would be enacted if the amendment passed. They would establish a Universities Stability Fund supported by any surplus above 2% of the projection in corporate income taxes, and cut the capital gains taxes. Instead of going to the Senate however, the Senate President sent the bills to the Senate Rules committee. We are waiting to see what happens.

This is the time in the session that bills that have not moved out of committee suddenly appear again with an entirely new proposal, except for the clause relating to Oregon laws. This process is called "gut and stuff," and an interesting bill proposing more government transparency in campaign finance appeared May 19. It had been a proposal to limit campaign contributions. Now it would require that campaign ads for or against a candidate, not proposed by a candidate's committee, must have clear identification as to who is authorizing the leaflet, post card, TV or radio ad, and if a committee, the top three contributors to the committee. The bill had a very positive hearing and addresses an important issue of disclosure in campaigns.

Other bills of interest include the bottle bill, with a 10 cents deposit increase, many more

types of bottles, and planning for regional redemption centers, that has passed out of the House and has a Senate hearing scheduled; the plastic bag ban at grocery check-out stands is stalled in Senate Rules and doesn't look promising; the toxic plastic sippy and baby bottles ban bill has passed the House; the Oregon Health Authority to develop programs to recruit medical school students, primary care residents, and primary care physicians has passed the House; the maternal mental health patient and provider education program within the Oregon Health Authority has passed the House; and full day kindergartens also has passed the House. All bills passed by one chamber need to have action within the next week or so to survive.



May 20, 2011

AAUW to Celebrate Women Trailblazers at NCCWSL

AAUW and the NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education will honor five women with the 2011 Women of Distinction Awards next month at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Awardees include Connie Chung, Swanee Hunt, Lisa Jackson, Natalie Randolph, and Shelby Knox. NCCWSL is an annual conference that draws young women from across the nation to address Eugene-Lane Branch--The News, June 2011

important and contemporary leadership issues and become empowered to make a difference.

Chamber of Commerce Seeks Full Renewal of ESEA

At odds with the Chamber of Commerce's traditional efforts, Margaret Spellings, senior advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, led the charge this week to renew and also <u>strengthen</u> the standards of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The White House and numerous legislators want to reauthorize ESEA but scale back on punishment for underperforming schools and give states more control.

AAUW believes it is possible—and necessary—to maintain a commitment to high standards and greater accountability in our nation's public schools. However, that commitment must be accompanied by federal support and financial assistance—such as by funding the Women's Educational Equity Act—to make it a reality.

Nine of Seventy-Two NAS Inductees Are Women

The National Academy of Sciences recently announced the election of 72 new inductees, only nine of whom are women. Among those criticizing NAS for not having enough women in its membership, the Association for Women in Science has produced charts demonstrating the disparity in percentages between women in science and women in NAS.

AAUW is committed to expanding and recognizing the role of women in STEM fields. AAUW's recent report, Why So Few? Women in Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, presents indepth yet accessible profiles of eight key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers that continue to block women's participation and progress in science, technology, engineering, and math. Click here to join the ongoing discussion on the AAUW Dialog of why we need more women in STEM fields.

The foregoing excerpts from the May 20th report are included in our newsletter to publicize national public policy work and national events of interest.

Our branch is most fortunate that our member, Kappy Eaton, keeps us so thoroughly informed on state issues.

Aspire, a program of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, helps high school students and their families navigate through the shoals of resources available for postsecondary education. Volunteer advisors receive training and resources from the program to work with students in planning, career choices, financial aid, admissions, and scholarship applications. If you are interested or want more information, contact Gayle Yamasaki at Yamasaki_g@osac.state.or.us

Board Meeting 5/11/11

*Set annual retreat date as regular June board meeting, 6/8/11

*Motion passed to accept proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Happy June Birthday to.....

Doris McCan Carol Marusich Betty Kjeldgaard Linda Ann Wittorff Gorgie Hofma



Happy July Birthday to....

Kitty Meredith



Happy August Birthday to...

Patricia Lanier Carol Miller JoAnn Ellis Peg Emery Wendy Cook



Member News

Lida Herburger has completed the Master's Degree program in Adult Education, and is now Title III Management Coordinator, administering a grant for engaging students. Congratulations, Lida!

2011 EF Honorees:

Wendy Cook, Pat Lanier, and Ellen Otani. Congratulations to each of you!

AlexAnn Westlake has been accepted to nurse-midwifery school at OHSU in Portland, and will be moving there in June. Thank you, AlexAnn, for being part of our branch. We will miss you, and we wish you the best of luck in your post-graduate studies!

Janice Dresser is now a full-time instructor at Pioneer Pacific College. Congratulations, Janice!

Our 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 educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

Diversity Statement

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.

What would you like?

Here's your opportunity to suggest program ideas. Just complete the form below, and send your suggestions to Carol!

Eugene-Lane Branch Program Suggestions

- 1. Is there a topic you'd like to hear about next year? If so, please describe your idea and your interest.
- 2. Is there a speaker or performer (or video) you'd like to see or hear next year? If so, please give us names and any contact information you have.
- 3. Any comments or other suggestions about programs next year? Please mail this form to me at 2123 Jeppesen Acres Road, Eugene 97401, or e-mail to carodane@aol.com

Many thanks! Carol Hildebrand, Program VP

ROSTERS

Elected:

President: Jo Brew

Program VP: Carol Hildebrand Finance VP: Wendy Cook Membership VP: Janice Dresser

Comm. VP:Elleen Levy

Recording Secretary: Marian Spath

Appointed:

AAUW Funds Co-Chairs: Barbara Carter, Ardith Hinman Public Policy: Kappy Eaton

Member Chairs:

Advertising: JoAnn Ellis Book Exchange: Ellen Otani Branch Brochure: Wendy Cook Branch Fundraiser: JoAnn Ellis Bylaws: Peggy Shippen Calling Committee: Pat Lanier C/U Liaison, UofO:

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Nominating Committee Co-Chairs: Janice Dresser, Marian Spath Website Manager: Marian Spath

Special Projects Committees:

New Member Orientation Tea:

Jill McCleary

STEM Projects: Janice Dresser, Marian Spath

Senior Woman Award: Janice Dresser

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you very much, JoAnn!

Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group Third Monday, 2:00 p.m., Contact Betty Kjeldgaard, 541-683-4926. <u>Open</u>

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, 541-844-1422.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch Contact Ruth Nelson, 541-689-4020.

Readers' Theatre

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



AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Membership Form July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012

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Oregon State**	•	3.00	•		
Eugene-Lane Branch Totals	<u>15.00</u> 75.00	<u>2.00</u> 22.00	<u>15.00</u> 26.00		

To join or renew, <u>complete the form</u> and send it with your check to Wendy Cook, Treasurer, 3294 Glen Mar Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.

<u>Make check payable to AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch.</u>



Any questions? Call or e-mail Membership VP, Jill McCleary, 541-556-8149, planetki@yahoo.com

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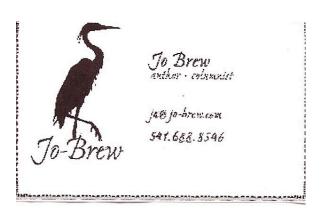
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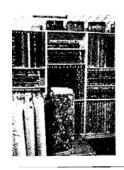
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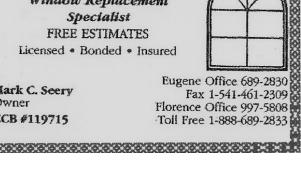












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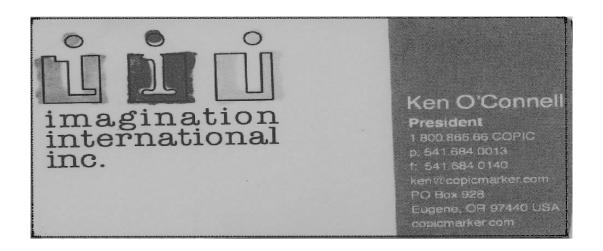
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Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., June 8, 2011, Board Meeting.

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome*.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m., June 11, 2011, Branch Meeting Westminster Church

June 2-4, 2011, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, University of Maryland, College Park

June 16-19, 2011, National Convention, Washington, D.C.

July 29-31, 2011, Summer Leadership Conference Willamette University, Salem

Saturday, August 20, 2011, Annual Picnic Emerald Park