

# Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2010-2011 Year

May 2011

**Saturday,  
May 14, 2011  
Westminster Church  
9:30-10:00 Social Hour  
10:00 Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting  
with a Mystery Guest!**



- ☒ Vote on final slate of 2011-2012 nominees
- ☒ Vote on proposed 2011-2012 budget
- ☒ Wear your Kidsports T-shirt! See Page 5.



Who is the Mystery Guest? You can find out only at this meeting!

**Save August 20  
for our second  
annual picnic at  
Emerald Park!**



**2011-12 slate announced**  
The Nominating Committee announces the slate for 2011-2012:

Membership VP:  
Janice Dresser  
Communications VP:  
Elleen Levy  
Recording Secretary:  
Marian Spath

Nominations from the floor will be entertained if the proposed nominee has agreed to being so named. Voting will commence once the slate has been finalized.

## 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. See Page 5 to see how you will qualify for One Member One Vote by paying your dues at this time.

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## From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch President



I headed south ahead of the AAUW conference, not to attend the plays or explore

Ashland. I've been going there a lot since I began a writing project about Highway 99 but I took this opportunity to interview some contributors who moved me farther north, to Medford now. The interviews went well and I picked up the painting I want to use for the book cover. I am making progress on that part of my life, too.

Now that I'm back from my third AAUW State Conference, my thoughts about the event are a little more connected than during my first experiences. It's physically impossible to take part in everything offered and equally impossible to visit with all the members who have ideas to share, so it's pick and choose. With Ardith, Jo Ann and Kappy there, I think we came back with most of the best information.

The opening speaker, David Kirkwood, Director at Large and Leader on Loan,

updated the group on many of the changes happening at the national level, including the One Member, One Vote process that will be unveiled this year. He helped develop it. (Ed. Note: See Page 5 for more information.) Kirkwood's ending certainly made me unhappy that I haven't been as successful with technology as I'd like. He showed a flash mob of AAUW members among other people in front of the Lincoln Memorial on Equal Pay Day. First one member and then others, a good-sized group of women, began dancing to the song *Nine to Five*. I would have liked to have brought that home to show!

The by-law changes discussed and voted on during the business meeting all happened to concern state governance that will have little effect on our branch. For those who want more information, I'm sure they will show up in the *Oregon News*.

I was particularly interested in the counterpart lunch meeting with the other board presidents, and, often, co-presidents. I heard discussions similar to what we have at our board meetings: projects, fundraising, and planning ahead. I picked up a couple of new ideas there. It was interesting to note that Ashland does not have a president but a leadership team of seven members. It must be effective, the conference was well organized. Roseburg has a

circle of four presidents and Corvallis has none. Of course, we could just call our board a leadership team, they are the group that keeps our branch going strong.

There were frequent reminders of just where we were. I'm sure the wait staff were not long-time Ashland residents but I did enjoy having a waiter call me "luv." Real or not, his accent was listening fun. (The young family member in Vancouver B.C. now involved in theater keeps telling my granddaughter who wants to be an actress, "Learn to wait tables. It's a job you can leave if you get a good part.")

I chose a workshop on evaluating programs that I thought would be helpful in planning for next year. It wasn't about the monthly programs planned by Carol but on those that I would consider more as projects. After the presentation, I worked in a focus group discussing ways to evaluate the interests of the branch members. I'm playing with some of the ideas I picked up but I came away with the feeling we're basically doing pretty well meeting members' needs, although we have room for improvement.

A Saturday special after-dinner treat for me was a presentation by the Southern Oregon Impact. The description of the group is, "Impact Theatre blends humor, improvisation, and rhythm to

explore the contributions of women on the ever-changing world stage."

The group built on the theme "All the world's a stage,...And one woman in her time plays many parts." From *As You Like It*. They certainly drew us in, made us laugh and entertained us in new and different ways. They also reminded us of how many different ways women contribute.

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### Hostesses Schedule

**June:** Barbara Carter,  
Carol Miller

### AAUW Public Policy Update May 2011

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

It's rather like the calm before the storm in Salem these days. The policy committees were frantically hearing bills and having work sessions on those that were to be moved forward before the deadline of April 21. Any proposal that was not heard, except in the Rules and Revenue committees, was literally dead after that date. Now both the House and Senate are acting on the bills referred to them. In Oregon, there can be no amendments on the floor so if legislators want a bill changed, it must be referred back to committee. Except for issues of taxation (3/5 vote) or constitutional amendments (2/3

vote), simple majorities are the only requirement for a bill to pass.

The revenue forecast on which the budget for 2011-13 will be based, will be presented to the Senate and House Revenue committees by the State Economist on May 12. Education, human services, and public safety are the three major programs funded by the General Fund, about 95 % of the total. The K-12 budget, at \$5.7 billion, has already passed the Assembly and been signed by the Governor. The other major funding is for human services, and large cuts are expected to services for the elderly, children and families, and the disabled. New health programs are being considered, but not totally funded. At-risk youth will have fewer services along with less dollars for corrections. With a \$60 million gap in the remaining two months of the 2009-11 biennium, and more than \$2 billion less than needed to continue current service levels, the Legislature faces some grim decisions.

There is significant discussion and disagreement about much should be taken from the two primary reserves – the Rainy Day Fund and the Educational Stability Fund. One group would keep at least \$450 million; another would keep only \$100 million. Already \$100 million was used to beef up the K-12 portion, and community colleges, and

the four-year universities also need money. A special Tax Credits committee is reviewing all of the tax credits that sunset in 2012. In fact, the revenue forecast is built on the assumption that these will be “sunsetting.” The Revenue Coalition, of which AAUW is a member, has been urging the Ways and Means committee and legislators in general to seriously consider the \$40 million to be saved in these tax credits. Also, we are requesting that a means test or cap be put on the Senior Medical deduction which would save about \$148 million; the deduction for the mortgage on a second home, and the ratio of manager staff to line staff, which could save \$71 million if cut from 5-to-1 to 4-to- 1. There are others, and the total savings could amount to about \$500 million. There are too many “sacred cows” among the 350 or so tax expenditures (credits, deductions, exemptions and deferrals) that cost the state about \$27 billion in revenue every two years.

Redistricting for the 30 Senate and 60 House boundaries is beginning in earnest by the Senate and House Redistricting committees. They held joint hearings in 12 areas across the state during April, taking new population maps of each area for citizens to view. The mapping is being done by a GIS specialist, showing where the changes have occurred

since 2001. Oregon has gone from 3.3 million to 3.8 people, a 12% growth. The growth is uneven, and the maps will show the census blocks (300-500 people) and census tracts (500-3000 people) and how they can be shifted. Important criteria include keeping the deviation between legislative districts as close to plus/minus 1 % as possible, ensuring fairness in diversity, avoiding division of natural barriers, keeping community of interest together, and avoiding consideration of incumbent legislators. AAUW will be monitoring the discussions, viewing the maps, and testifying as necessary. The committees have indicated there will be at least three public hearings on the proposed Plan. This may not be enough, and we, along with other groups, will press for additional public input. It must be passed and signed by the Governor by July 1. The Legislature is planning to adjourn by June 30. If the Assembly can't agree or the Governor vetoes the plan, the plan will be done by the Secretary of State (as in 1991 and 2001) by August 21 and then reviewed by the Supreme Court. It must be finished by December 31.

Some new election laws have been passed by the House and await discussion in Senate Rules. It is expected that the ban on BPA in sippy cups and baby bottles will pass, and that there will be changes in the

bottle bill. A summary of some of the changes will appear in the June *News*, along with further information about the budget and the efforts to change the kicker law and add to the Rainy Day Fund.

The contents of these bills change by the day, so by June much more will be settled.

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### **Board Meeting 4/6/11**

--Motion passed to contribute \$25 to Westminster Church in appreciation of extra set-up and use of silver and china.

--Motion passed to adopt Fund-raising Committee proposal.

--Motion passed to adopt proposed 2011-2012 budget for submission at annual meeting.

### **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 announce-  
ments. 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.

### **Financial Advice**

--Wendy Cook

As I was following up on the question about how to select a trustworthy financial advisor, I came across a recently published resource that provides a particularly well-written overview of the key principles behind advisor selection. The National Association of Personal Financial Planners (NAPFA) is well-respected in the financial industry, so it provides a good, objective source:

<http://www.napfa.org/>

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#### **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.

## Rosters

### Elected:

President: Jo Brew  
Program VP: Carol Hildebrand  
Finance VP: Wendy Cook  
Membership VP: Jill McCleary  
Comm. VP: Elleen Levy  
Recording Secretary: Linda Wittorff

### 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:

Dr. Paul Shang

C/U Liaison, LCC:

Cathy Lindsley

Directory: Lida Herburger

Entertainment Books: Peg Emery

Financial Records: Pat Zeller

Greeters: Marian Spath

Historian: Peggy Shippen

Hospitality: Jill McCleary

Newsletter: Marian Spath

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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## One Member One Vote

*Have you voted yet! You'll receive your ballot when you join us this year; with membership comes empowerment!*

The ballot, which can be completed online or via mail, fulfills the promise enacted with bylaw changes that each member has the right to vote on policies and candidates. The 2011 ballot includes Public Policy proposals, bylaws amendments, and candidates for national officers and directors-at-large. The latter group includes Betsey McDowell from Oregon, and David Kirkwood, cited by Jo in her column. All of us can now directly affect our national organization.



You must be a current member in good standing in the

AAUW national database in order to vote. Ballots will be mailed to every eligible voting member. In addition, the current issue of *Outlook* includes the ballot and supporting information.

## Greeter Schedule

May 14:

Lida Herberge  
Pat Lanier



## Our Basketball Team\*

Our 2010 "Breaking Barriers" grant project was sponsoring a KIDSPO RTS middle school girls' basketball team for their 10-game schedule. The team we were assigned was made up of girls from three Eugene middle schools.

At our annual meeting we will ask our members if we would like to do this again next year. Now that we have our shirts, we might be able to raise enough funds to do the sponsorship on our own. If you have a shirt, be sure to wear it to the annual meeting!

One other learning: before each game, both teams, coaches and referees line up before the crowd, silently listening to one of the players read a code of sports conduct. It was a pleasure to watch the girls live up to it.

*\*This is part of the final evaluation Carol Hildebrand submitted to the state.*



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### **Help “grow” the Kappy Eaton Fund Scholarship Fund at LCC.**

Remember to indicate our fund in the memo of your check. **We sent a check for \$500.00 in March 2011, the result of e-scrip purchases dedicated to our scholarship fund! Way to go!!**

The endowed fund is listed on Page 8 of the 2010 LCC *Annual Report to Donors*.



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## **Giving Circles**

### *Lily Ledbetter Giving Circle*

Giving Circles are groups of individuals who pool their charitable giving to fund AAUW projects they select.

This Giving Circle is being started to honor Lily Ledbetter, and the money will be used to expand AAUW Public Policy Impact Grant Program. The goal is to build the ability with states to organize activity for lobbying, voter education programs and voter turnout activities.

If Oregon pledges \$500 or more toward the Lily Ledbetter Giving Circle (LLGC#4344), our state will be recognized on a special award to be given Lily Ledbetter at the 2011 AAUW National Convention. All donations are tax deductible and all funds go to AAUW grassroots public policy efforts. The formation of this Giving Circle will show our appreciation for Lily Ledbetter’s efforts on behalf of women’s pay equity.

Almost \$1,400 was raised at the State Convention this year in Grants Pass, so the state of Oregon will receive special recognition at the National Convention!

*Report from State Convention by Ardith Hinman.*

## **Happy May Birthday to.....**

Virginia Barkelew  
Martha Pavlat



washingtonupdate

APRIL 29, 2011

### **EEOC Forum Examines Gender Pay Gap**

On Thursday, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission held a [public forum](#) at which [two panels](#) of experts discussed the longstanding problem of gender-based wage discrimination. AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz served as a panelist alongside other prominent policymakers and specialists including the chair of the EEOC, the Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and the Director of the Women’s Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Yesterday’s forum was one of [24 events](#) the EEOC is holding throughout April and May to raise awareness and educate the public on the problem of the pay gap.



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

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\* \$46.00 are tax-deductible

\*\*Includes \$1.00 for *Oregon News*

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Any questions? Call or e-mail Membership VP, Jill McCleary, 556-8149,  
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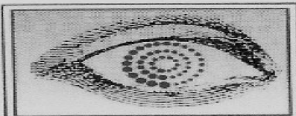
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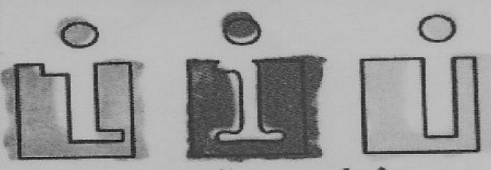
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### **Meeting Calendar**

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Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

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Annual Meeting, Westminster Church

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Westminster Church

**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