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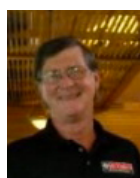
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2011-2012 Year

October 2011

**Saturday,
October 22, 2011
Westminster Church
9:30 - 12:00**

A Helping Hand



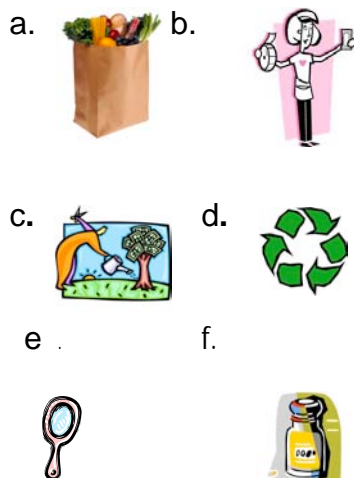
Terry McDonald,
Executive
Director of St.
Vincent de Paul
Society of Lane

County, will be our speaker. He will discuss how his organization offers "A Helping Hand" to members of our community, in terms of housing, support for veterans, job creation, help for families in crisis in Lane County, and more. The meeting will begin with a social time and refreshments at 9:30, with the program beginning at 10:30.

Join us to hear this dynamic speaker. JoAnn Ellis and Ardith Hinman are hostesses. And your new Directory will be available if you didn't pick it up at last month's meeting.

Memory Nudgers!!

This little game is to see how well you remember each of the following symbols! The answers are at the end.



- a. **e-Scrip**. The grocery-shopping way to earn money for our scholarship fund.
b. The **Raffle**. Be ready to buy your tickets in November. It's a big fundraiser for LAF and you!
c. Grow the AAUW **Kappy Eaton Scholarship**. We are breaking the barriers for an LCC student with each award.
d, **Book Sale**--we recycle as we read for LAF.
e. **Looking Glass** -- our way to donate small toiletries to LG clients.
f. The **Spice Jar** for STEM.

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.

From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch
President\



I have my desk and computer positioned so I have a good view out my

window to the side yard, planted with shrubs and perennials. The intent was to encourage me to work without depriving me of a pleasant view. This time of year it helps me preserve a severe case of denial. Summer can't be over when I still have a few flowers blooming.

Not that I'm entirely sorry to be moving into fall and different activities. For me,

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fall always seems like the beginning of the new year. Maybe from the years of teaching or maybe because it's harvest time. I did have time with all the children and grandchildren, even some of the greats, so I can get by with just attending concerts or ceremonies now. I've done the annual shopping trip to the mall with my youngest granddaughter, later than usual this year. I came back exhausted and made the decision. Next year I'll drive her in, find a seat in the coffee shop, hand her the money, wait and drive her home. I'm not at all sure why the stores that appeal to teenage girls need to play such loud and obnoxious noise. That's the most exhausting part. Age is showing in me I guess.

I am eager to get back to my own schedule. We already had the first board meeting of the year and the first Lunch Bunch outing and they were both as enjoyable as usual. Our wonderful volunteers have done their part to get us off and running and deserve special thanks:

Lida has the directory ready to go and Wendy used her talents and time to supply us with updated Brochures. Carol has most of the meetings planned and Linda has the Out and About plans underway. The meetings of the Reader's Theater Group will be starting soon and I'm looking forward to the development of a new theme.

The board voted to sponsor a KidSport girls basketball team again and put that in our budget as a Community Outreach program. The girls last year were pleased to be sponsored and particularly when some of us showed up to watch. We will have that opportunity again.

I wore my AAUW tee shirt when I was at the Author's table at the Lane County Fair this summer and was sorry I didn't think of wearing it sooner for the Art in the Vineyard Festival at Alton Baker. There is no rule that says we are limited to wearing them for basketball games so if you have an appropriate occasion, it can give an opening for us to be noticed-- golf, bridge, or even on a hike. Certainly when we're with the Out and About group would be an ideal occasion.

It's funny, I don't think I'm going to miss summer and the zucchini much after all.

Directory Corrections

In the interest of full disclosure, the following corrections are due to errors both in data input and in proofreading, and I (Marian Spath), take full responsibility for all. Please let me know of other corrections.

Page 3, Leadership Team

Mem. VP--**Janice Dresser**

Comm. VP -- **Elleen Levy**

Recording Sec.--**Marian Spath**

Page 4, April 14, 2012

Charlene Carter

Page 12:

Ross, **Cora**

Page 13:

Winsor, **Stephanie**

Wittorff, **Linda Ann**

Happy October Birthday to.....

Linda McCleary

Jo Brew

Barbara Carter

Margaret Squaires



Financial Report

--Pat Zeller, Chair Financial Records

The records for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, were reviewed on August 11, 2011, and were found to be in excellent condition. Our thanks to Chair Pat Zeller and Financial Vice President Wendy Cook.

Are you ever at a loss on exactly how to "sell" AAUW? The following marketing suggestion is by State President Cynthia Rauscher, as published on Page 2 in the Fall issue of Oregon News:

REAP = Research + Education + Advocacy + Philanthropy

REAP is replacing **PEARL** for our new "elevator speech" to quickly introduce AAUW to a prospective member. The image of the new business cards, available from

national, follows this article—
or you can make your own.

Here's the idea:

First: Say —I am a member of
AAUW, and hand out the
REAP business card.

Second: Find out their “Hot
Button”—Pay Equity, Sexual
Harassment, Education, Public
Policy, Safe Campuses, or
Women in Political Office.
**(This step is the MOST
crucial for them to “buy into”
a great reason for joining.)**

Third: Talk about the issue
that they are interested in and
how AAUW can help.

Fourth: Ask them to a future
event.

Fifth: Ask them to Join! Close
the sale. If you don't ask them
to join—they may not!



There is a place on the
reverse side for your name and
address.

**The raffle is coming in
November!
Have those
dollars ready**



**to enter your
name for the
big prize in
December:
50% of the sea
of dollars!!**



AAUW Public Policy Update October 2011

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

A, The House and Senate
Interim Revenue Committees
met September 21 for the first
time since the September
General Fund revenue forecast
on August 26 which projected a
\$200 million shortfall for
2011-13. The purpose of
this meeting was to lay out a
work plan for the first annual
session, February 1- March 6
2012.

Since the February meeting
is short, the committee
members were warned that the
number of bills to be
considered by the whole
Legislature must be limited.
Included for discussion in the
Work Plans are as follows:

House Issues - Corporate
taxes (cost of performance,
kicker calculation); 911 tax
base; property taxes and tribal
property; Oregon's tax system
and interstate competitiveness;
local government finances
(falling property values, timber
payments); Reserve Fund
policies/options.

Senate Issues - medical
expenses and tax policy
(impact of federal deduction
threshold, senior deduction;
all of the same House work-
plan discussion.

Potential 2012 Legislation:

House: (1) modifications to
senior and disabled tax deferral
programs (HB 2543); (2)
clarifications to Business
Energy Tax Credits reform (HB
3672); (3) inclusion of prepaid
telecommunications services in

911 tax base; (4) clarification
of tribal property for tax
purposes; (5) update
connection to federal income
tax code; (6) apply transient
lodging taxes to residential care
facilities (HB 1212); and (7)
performance language for Dept.
of Revenue system project.

Senate: working on the
same legislation potentials as
the House except for the
transient lodging, tribal
property and
telecommunications.

These are significant
issues, and the ability to
address them completely and
rationally over four weeks is
certainly problematic. Among
others with follow-up
implications are estate tax
reform, analysis of tax
collections from Measures #66
and 67 (2010) and the impact
of the Dept. of Revenue's tax
compliance and tax collection
policies.

B. Viewed by some as
probably a rather dull hearing
about a new elections law,
instead there was a lively,
impassioned discourse about
PCPs in the House Interim
Rules committee on September
21. The subject was a bill
which died at the last minute of
the 2011 session, HB 2492. Its
purpose was to discontinue
using the Primary Election
ballot every two years to elect
political party precinct
committee persons (PCPs). For
many years, the 36 county
ballots have included space for
the name or the opportunity to
write in the name of a PCP for

all 17,244 Oregon precincts. The cost to county election departments across the state is approximately \$250,000 each election.

HB 2492 was scuttled in June with late objections by one political party, with the understanding that it would be discussed in the interim. Changing how precinct chairs are selected has been strongly supported by the Oregon Association of County Clerks (they run the elections) and the Task Force on Efficient and Effective Government. Invited to testify at the hearing were the clerks and representatives from the Republican and Democrat Central Committees. In its amended form, HB 2492 would eliminate write-in nominations, but would allow for a person's name to be on the ballot if there were more than one candidate for the position. Additionally, any one who filed as a PCP candidate with no opposition, would automatically be elected, but their name would not appear on the ballot.

The following data was presented by the clerks as testimony to both the difficulty and cost of including the PCP elections on the Primary ballot for all 17,244 possible PCPs:

- * 3453 candidates filed for one of the positions
- * 13,791 positions received at least one write in vote
- * 1238 persons received enough (3) write-in votes to be elected

* 681 of those receiving enough votes accepted the position

* 37,352 the number of write-in votes logged and tracked down by county clerks

The two Republican party representatives acknowledged the "relatively puny cost savings of changing the PCP election process, but strongly advocated for continuing the process because of its importance in encouraging new people enter into the political arena. They opposed any cut back. The Democrat representative recognized both the need to cut county election costs and to provide entry opportunities to party politics. He pointed out that HB 2492 provides both for some PCP elections and for appointments to the position. The Ds were not opposed to the bill.

The interesting part came when the committee co-chair allowed one of the Rs to give one last negative argument. This caused two Republican members of the Rules committee to question him sharply in disagreement that the discontinuance would lower opportunities for party participation and with the idea that saving local governments' dollars wasn't important. I would predict that the bill could make it to the floor this time

Budgets, education and health care, along with some environmental issues are among other interim committee

discussions. They will all meet again in November to finalize the bills for 2012. The December Revenue forecast will be presented on November 19, and final requests for bill drafts have a December 5 deadline.

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.



**Let's promote our
name and support
STEM at the same
time. Fill our Spice**

**Jar to sponsor a camper at
UO SPICE camp!!**

September 14, 2011, Board Meeting

- Total membership as of this date: 50.
- **Motion:** Recommend to membership that branch sponsor Kidsports middle-school girls' basketball; funds are budgeted.
- Jo Brew will contact Eugene Public Library to explore possible collaboration on AAUW \$tart \$mart Workshops, designed to help college girls negotiate for higher salaries. .
- Wendy Cook will host the Newcomers Tea at her home on Sunday, 1:30 pm, October 16, with Janice Dresser co-hosting.

Up the Capitol Steps: An Historic Afternoon with Governor Roberts

Book Launch Reading and Signing by Governor Roberts of her autobiography

Event Details:

October 16, 2011
2:00 - 4:00 pm
PSU Campus, Hoffman Hall
1833 SW 11th Avenue.
Dinner and refreshments served
Free and open to the public
On-street parking and parking in PSU lots

RSVP to:

[http://
upthecapitolsteps.eventbrite.com](http://upthecapitolsteps.eventbrite.com)

This statement in the foregoing e-mail announcement is of special interest after our branch Readers' Theatre presentation last June:

*"ASD Speaker Series
Named for Oregon Suffragist,
Abigail Scott Dunway."*



From September 2011 Report

AAUW Signs Two New Amicus Briefs

In March 2009, Quinnipiac University announced plans to cut three sports teams and to compensate for the lost opportunities by counting competitive cheerleading as a varsity sport. Members of the volleyball team and their coach filed a lawsuit, [Biediger v. Quinnipiac University](#), and in 2010, [the district court ruled](#) that competitive cheerleading is not a sport under Title IX and that the university failed to provide equal athletic opportunities to its female students under the law. Quinnipiac appealed the decision, and the case is before the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. AAUW signed a brief written by the [National Women's Law Center](#) to support the athletes in the case.

ROSTERS

Elected:

President: Jo Brew
Program VP: Carol Hildebrand
Finance VP: Wendy Cook
Membership VP: Janice Dresser
Comm. VP: Eileen 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:

Dr. Paul Shang

C/U Liaison, LCC:

Cathy Lindsley

Directory: Lida Herburger

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:

Wendy Cook, Janice Dresser

STEM Projects: Janice Dresser,

Marian Spath

Senior Woman Award:

Janice Dresser

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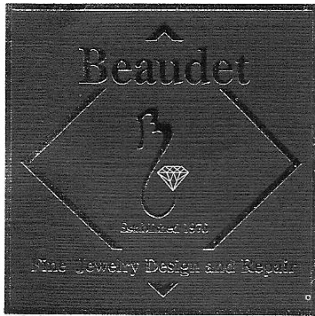
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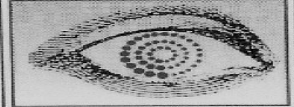
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Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., October 12, 2011, Board Meeting.

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

Sunday, 1:30 p.m. October 16, 2011, Newcomers Tea,

3294 Glen Mar Avenue, Eugene

Saturday, 9:30 a.m., October 22, 2011, Branch Meeting

Westminster Church

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April 19-22, 2012, State Convention

Pendleton

June 9-12, 2013, National Convention

New Orleans