

# Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2012-2013

October 2012

**Saturday,  
October 13, 2012  
Westminster Church**  
9:30-10:00 Social Hour  
10:00 Business Meeting  
**10:30 Program**

## A Conversation about November Ballot Measures

Join Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair, and co-League-of-Women-Voters members Barb Carter and Carol Hildebrand as they focus on state and local issues on the ballot in the upcoming November election.

**The Spice  
Jar is back!  
See Page 5.**



❖ **The December Branch  
brunch has been rescheduled  
to December 1, 2012.**  
❖ **The former 4th Tuesday  
Bridge Group is now the 4th  
Monday Afternoon Bridge  
Group, meet at 1:00 pm.**

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**Here comes  
the Raffle Girl!  
See Page 5.**

The Board of Directors want to thank all the members who contributed in so many ways, with financial donation or by taking part, to make our birthday party an outstanding event.



**Any Game Day! A  
fun-filled afternoon  
to help Kidsports!  
See Page 5.**

## From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch President



For me, October is a month I enjoy, nature puts on great shows before winter takes over, even using some of my

favorite colors, red, orange, gold and yellow. Not wimpy or pale. I was having lunch with Kristina outside at Market of Choice this week and one of the little chickadees who live in their shrubs perched on a nearby branch to give us a sample of his song. I think the birds are here year round but don't often have time to entertain the lunch crowd.

## A Birthday Greeting!

*Kathie Dew, Bend AAUW  
President, sent congrats!*

Dear Eugene-Lane AAUW,

Congratulations on being an advocate for women and girls for 100 years! You and your predecessors have much to celebrate. How fun it will be to look over the past 100 years and relive your accomplishments. .... Know that at Bend AAUW on September 15 about 10:15 we will be singing Happy Birthday to YOU! .....

Have a great Celebration!  
Certainly Oregon AAUW and national are proud to have such a long standing branch in the West!

In this election year,  
remember:  
It's a man's world  
unless women vote!

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We have things to do before the rainy season starts, inside as well as out, but the schedule seems a little more relaxed. The garden cleanup doesn't need to be on a tight schedule, the main parts of the outside projects are already done, or nearly. It's mostly just put away activities now.

This year is the first in a long time when I won't be taking a grandchild through the corn maze on River Road. I didn't enjoy the maze itself much but I did enjoy the time with grandchildren. We've just sent another one off to college and the youngest is in high school. We won't have as many excuses to make the Corvallis drive but we've had our fair share of thrilling concerts, plays, games and recitals. I suppose I really don't want to wish for the next generation too soon.

It's also the time of year when we need to concentrate some attention on the issues we want to vote on. Not that I'm not tired and frustrated by the flood of election noise coming from all directions. I'm sure all of us are, except maybe the media who are making a little extra money. It's the black-and-white issues on the ballot, the future we want for our city, county, schools, state and country we need to turn our attention toward. We'll have a panel chat at our October meeting to tell us some about those state issues that don't get

a lot of attention. I hope you'll be there and that you'll be encouraging people to vote where ever you have influence.

I have the sticker from AAUW national on my car window, IT'S MY VOTE—I WILL BE HEARD. I hope some of you will be putting them or other reminders in sight soon. We have a better system than most with Vote by Mail, but reminding busy people to make the effort is part of our job. I see working mothers and couples stack their mail to deal with later and know that later may be too late to make a difference. .

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### **Kidsports and Eugene-Lane Branch**

#### *Past and Present Reports*

Here are excerpts from a letter dated 8/27/12 to Carol Hildebrand from Bev Smith:

*"I want to thank...AAUW for your continued and generous support of KS through the Team Sponsor Program.....*

*Thank you to all at AAUW--we appreciate you immensely!"*

We will continue our support, and, as you will read in the article on Page 5 about *Any Game Day*, we plan to fund next year, too!

Kidsports provided scholarships for 36% of all players in 2011-2012, and 590 of those were for Winter Basketball players.\* We are

part of that number--our team of middle-school girls played in that sport. We are helping to break the barriers of economic hardship these girls face in this unique partnership with Kidsports.

And, see Carol Hildebrand for a large-size polo shirt for sale!

*\*Kidsports Scholarship Report  
August 2011 through June 2012*

### **9/5/12 Board Meeting**

- Motion passed that board recommend consideration to the membership to have "Any Game Day" to support our Girls' Kidsport Basketball team .
- Motion passed to support June 2013 SPICE program this year and that we have the SPICE Jar available again at branch meetings and events to collect money..
- Roster change: Peggy Shippen will continue as historian until after the 100th celebration on September 23; Linda McCleary will be the new historian after that date.
- Branch policies will be revised to be in accord with state bylaws; these and the new bylaws will be distributed to membership at November meeting, as required by state.

## **AAUW PUBLIC POLICY OCTOBER 2012**

*--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair*

The AAUW Oregon Public Policy committee met September 13 to discuss the issues being reviewed by the Legislature's Interim policy committees in preparation for the 2013 session. Members reported about the hearings on revenue, education, women, health, social policy and natural resources. Plans for covering the work of the Legislature that relates to AAUW policy decisions were discussed, and committee members were assigned areas to follow. Communications to the branches for Action Alerts and regular legislative updates are being planned in order to keep all members informed.

AAUW has taken positions on three ballot measures and joined a coalition working on two of them. We are part of Our Oregon's effort SUPPORTING Measure #85 and OPPOSING Measure #84. Measure #85 amends the Oregon Constitution (required) to put the surplus corporate income tax revenue into the General Fund for K-12 public education. Measure #84 would lower and phase out the inheritance tax on large estates, reducing the General Fund revenue by many millions of dollars. We also recommend OPPOSING Measure #79, a constitutional amendment that bans real estate transfer taxes. Such a ban already is in state statute and should not clutter the constitution.

**SAVE THE DATE.** On January 17, 2013, AAUW Oregon will partner with the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the Oregon Women's Commission to conduct a Legislative Process Workshop in Room 50 of the Capitol in Salem. The Oregon Attorney General and the new Director for the Early Learning Council have been invited to speak, and there will be a mock hearing on the National Popular Vote legislation. It is a great opportunity to learn how the Oregon Legislature operates and to network with other people interested in how government works. It is open to all members, and a Registration form will be in the December AAUW News.

Following is a brief review of the September Interim Committee hearings:

### **Revenue and Fiscal Policy:**

- For the first time in more than three years, the Legislature is not facing a hole in the General Fund budget. The September revenue forecast, projected for the rest of the 2011-13 biennia, shows \$80.6 million in combined resources. This is in spite of a loss of \$17.1 million in revenue from the Lottery. Both personal and corporate income taxes were up a total of \$64.8 million. The new projected reserves for the end of the biennia show the Rainy Day Fund at \$61.8 million and the Education Stability Fund at \$6.9 million. There is some improvement in construction and housing, but unemployment remains at about 8 percent generally, but higher in some counties. The Governor's Proposed Budget for 2013-15 must be presented to the public and the Legislature on December 1. It will be based on the December forecast due on November 20. With the adoption of a new budget strategy by the Joint Ways and Means legislative committee in 2011, the proposed budget must be balanced using only the projected amount of revenue, not on any proposed new revenue sources. Where the Governor may utilize additional funds over the current budget will be interesting to see, given the significant cuts to education, human services and public safety over the past few years.
- Some of the fiscal issues which the legislative Interim Committees are considering for the 2013 session include (1) more adjustments to the senior property tax deferral program (such as a socioeconomic survey of program users); (2) consideration of the use by counties of the three assistance programs authorized by the 2012 session; (3) continued discussions of shared services by state-county entities and savings; (4) how to provide additional resources to the Department of Revenue for the necessary new data and technology equipment needed for their core services; (5) how to deal with the increasing problems between real market and assessed value of property caused by Measure 50 (1997); (6) the increasing inability to fund local schools caused by Measure 5 (1990); and (7) the continued review of tax credits for those expiring in 2014. And there are others!

### **University Governance:**

- \* LC 759 (Legislative Counsel draft) was discussed by the Special Committee on University Governance at

a public hearing and informational session September 13. The newly appointed Oregon Chief Education Officer, Rudy Crew, spoke extensively about his background and support for the higher education system. He indicated support for both a state oversight of the public institutions and individual internal boards, with experience with both. He recommended to the Committee that additional language be added to the bill draft to ensure safeguards against too aggressive institutional boards. There was a joint informational meeting of the Senate Interim Committee on Work Force and Higher Education and the House Interim Committee on Higher Education September 14 on LC 759. The three co-chairs of the Special Committee reviewed the bill, indicating a final draft would be prepared for a meeting October 4 to reflect changes brought up at the September 13th hearing. The formal recommendations will go to the Governor and the Legislature on November 1. It will be interesting to follow what the Legislature does. Both the University of Oregon and Portland State University are granted authority to form institutional boards under the bill, with the other five universities allowed to form them if desired..

### **Social Policy:**

\* The Early Learning Council is preparing a survey for all family support agencies, a huge group, to help determine what staffing patterns are needed to adequately follow the new initiative for total involvement of social services to children as they prepare for school – health, family, physical and social activities.

\* New concerns about foster care have arisen due to the large increase in teenagers in the system. Placements are being reviewed, and a training program to teach transition skills is being developed for the 18-year-olds.

\* The Oregon Health Authority is overseeing the newly created 18 Community Coordinating Organizations( CCOs) which are to provide comprehensive health services to Medicaid clients. One of the biggest challenges is the data base for sharing medical records and research for individuals in the system, as well as establishing individual treatment plans.

\* The Women's Health and Wellness Alliance, of which AAUW is a participating member, is considering bills in several important areas. Some of these include insurance coverage for follow-up screening after cancer chemo treatment or surgery, strengthening domestic abuse and assault regulations, banning BPA products, and continuing efforts for extending family leave legislation.

### **Natural Resources**

\* Water is a major issue, and we are monitoring LC 659 (Legislative Concept). It would establish an annual fee of \$100 for each primary or supplemental water right held for waters in this state, including those held under a water right permit or certificate. The total amount of water right fees may not exceed \$1000 regardless of the number of water rights held. The limitation does not apply to a water-right holder that is a municipality or provider for a municipal purpose. The Water Resources Council will adopt rules providing for the Water Resources Department to collect the fees which shall be deposited in to the Water Resources Department Water Rights Operating Fund. The Fund will be established in the State Treasury. The moneys are for the payment of the program and administrative expenses of the Water Resources Commission and the department, except those from the water rights management fees must go for those expenses only.

### **Action Committee:**

**Next Meeting October 3, 9:30 am.,  
175 S. Garden Way**

Letters of appreciation from the latest LCC awardees of the Kappy Eaton Scholarship will be at the October 13th Branch Meeting.

### **Happy October Birthday to .....**

Linda McCleary  
Jo Brew  
Barbara Carter  
Margaret Squaires  
Bev Schemler



## Here Comes the Raffle Girl Again!



Tickets will be sold only in November and December--with the drawing at the December 1 Holiday Brunch.

\$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets, and \$10 for 6!

But the odds have changed--in your favor! There will be **two** winners who will split 40% of the proceeds! The remaining 60% will fund LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund), another "breaking the barriers" project!

P.S. We did this so successfully last year, using the drawing in lieu of a silent auction--much easier for all!!

## An opportunity for a college student

*Annual AAUW conference a great experience*

NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) is a fast-paced, two-and-a-half day conference that addresses the needs of current and aspiring women student leaders. It is held at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 30-June 1, 2013.

Do you know a college woman student who would be interested in participating? Contact Jo Brew with details. We have sponsored students in the past--and they have found it to be a most rewarding experience!

## Any Game Day

*A fun-filled afternoon to painlessly support Kidsports*



At the last board meeting, members recommended and on September 8 the membership approved having a fund-raiser--**Any Game Day**--which will fund our Kidsports middle-school basketball sponsorship for two years!

This fund raiser will be a dessert-coffee gathering at Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse on Green Acres Road, . Each table of four can play bridge or any game they choose. The limit is 20 tables, Tickets will be \$8.00 each and will be sold in groups of 4.

This event will be in either January or March, to be determined at the next board meeting. Please come with all you need to play, and support our team. Stay tuned and see any board member for tickets when they are ready

Our thanks to Carene Davis-Stitt for arranging the site. One note: parking is limited so car-pooling is recommended.

## What happened to the SPICE Jar money?

*Great things, thanks to you!*

Last fall, Jo Brew brought the SPICE Jar to fill with donations to the University of Oregon SPICE (Science Program to Inspire Creativity and Excellence) program. We chose to support as many girls as possible with the funds we collected: \$302! We supported four girls so they could participate in one of the three programs offered last June. They never could have attended without our help! We are breaking economic barriers with this project.



Here are sixth-graders to-be in a giant chair. The

girls we supported are in this group--the Discovery Camp.

Another series of camps is scheduled for June of 2013, so the SPICE Jar will be "open" for your generous help again!

You can learn about the entire program at

[Science Program to Inspire Creativity and Excellence \(SPICE\)](#)

And, again, thank you!!



## New Information: September 2012

### Third Military Sexual Assault Case to Be Filed

On September 28, the firm that represents the plaintiffs in the military sexual assault cases [Cioca v. Rumsfeld](#) and [Klay v. Panetta](#), will file a third lawsuit on behalf of service members who were sexually assaulted or raped by other service members while serving their country. AAUW is providing financial support to this case in addition to the two existing cases. The third case will be filed against the Air Force and the Army in the U.S. District Court for Northern California. The plaintiffs and their lawyers will hold a press conference that morning in the San Francisco area and local AAUW members are invited to attend. Contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) for the location and time (as of this writing, that information is not yet known).

### AAUW Signs On to Affirmative Action Supreme Court Case

In August, AAUW signed on to an [amicus](#) brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold racial preferences in college admissions. The court will hear the case, [Fisher v. University of Texas, Austin](#), in October. In 2008, Abigail Fisher filed a lawsuit against UT after she was denied undergraduate admission. She argued that since the university already had a race-neutral policy to increase minority admissions, it should not have an additional race-conscious policy. Many legal experts [believe](#) that, given the Supreme Court's current composition, it will strike down the policy. AAUW supports affirmative action programs that establish equal opportunity for women and minorities and improve gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in educational institutions, which is why we signed the amicus brief in support of UT's current admissions policy.

September 21, 2012

### U.S. Behind on Job Training and Education

The United States is [falling](#) behind other industrialized countries in the production of associate degrees and certificates, according to a new study from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce and Civic Enterprises. The study finds that there is often confusing and ineffective training and education for those earning less than a bachelor's degree. Such career and technical education programs are essential in helping job-seekers without bachelor's degrees gain employment since today's economy has fewer job opportunities for those who earn only a high school diploma.

AAUW [believes](#) that career and technical education (CTE) is increasingly important for women and girls seeking to earn their way in a competitive marketplace. AAUW strongly believes that access to high-wage, high-skill jobs should be a right for women and girls from diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, and disability backgrounds, including training for nontraditional jobs.

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AAUW was recently recognized as a top charity by the [Huffington Post](#), [Charity Navigator](#), and even [NerdWallet](#)!

In addition, [GreatNonprofits](#) has again recognized AAUW as a top-rated women's empowerment organization! GreatNonprofits catalogs and shares reviews of nonprofit organizations around the world. The website allows the public to post stories about and rate their experiences with nonprofits and to find out more about the organizations they are interested in supporting.

## Interest Groups

**Note: Change of Time  
for 4th Monday Bridge**

### 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 Monday 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.

**The Handy Reminder on how  
to Introduce AAUW to  
Prospective Members:**

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## ROSTERS

### Elected:

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Program VP: Jill McCleary  
Financial VP: Stephanie Winsor  
Membership VP: Janice Strupp  
Comm. VP: Elleen Levy  
Recording Secretary:  
Carene Davis-Stitt

### Appointed:

AAUW Funds Co-Chairs:  
Barbara Carter, Ardith Hinman  
Public Policy: Kappy Eaton  
**Member Chairs:**  
Adver. Mgr.: JoAnn Ellis  
Book Exchange: Ellen Otani  
Branch Brochure: Wendy Cook  
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: Carol Hildebrand  
Historian: Linda McCleary  
Hospitality: Jill McCleary  
Newsletter: Marian Spath  
Nominating Committee  
Co-Chairs: Janice Strupp,  
Marian Spath

Website Manager: Wendy Cook  
UO Student Representative:  
Kristina Schmunk

### Special Projects Committees:

New Member Orientation Tea:  
TBA  
STEM Projects: Janice Strupp,  
Marian Spath  
Senior Woman Award:  
Janice Strupp

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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 educational and  
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  
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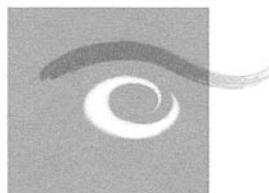


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**Meeting Calendar**

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., October 10, 2012, Board Meeting,**  
Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

**Saturday, 9:30 a.m., October 13, 2012, Branch Meeting**  
Westminster Church

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., November 7, 2012, Board Meeting,**  
Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

**Saturday, 9:30 a.m., November 10, 2012, Branch Meeting**  
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