

Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2011-2012 Year

September 2011

**Saturday,
September 24, 2011
Westminster Church
9:30 - 12:00**

Welcome Back!

Our first meeting of the new AAUW year features two guest speakers:

Marge Biggers, Oregon Central District Director, will bring news from State.

Kristina Schmunk, who has been our guest speaker before, will talk about her experience at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. Kristina won the Oregon State AAUW grant to attend the conference, held this past June in Washington, D.C. She also happens to be Jo Brew's granddaughter!

Everyone will have the opportunity to sign up for Interest Groups of choice, and we'll all hear about upcoming branch projects.

Come early for refreshments and visit with friends and guests as we embark on another year together!

Your 2011-2012 Directory will be available at this branch meeting! Thank you, Lida, from all of us!

2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

Branch

(Saturday mornings
Westminster Church)

2011

September 24

October 22

November 12

December 10 (brunch)

2012

January 14

February 18

March 10 (Women's Hist.)

April 14

May 12 (Annual Meeting)

June 9

Board

(Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.,
Quail Run Clubhouse)

2011

September 14

October 12

November 9

(No December meeting)

2012

January 11

February 8

February 29

April 11

May 9

June TBA

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Please bring your books to the Book Sale as we begin a new year! We are definitely **green** because we read, return, recycle, at 50¢ for paperbacks, and \$1 for hard covers. It's all for LAF!

And please continue to support our other projects:

- ★ **Looking Glass**
- ★ **Kappy Eaton Scholarship Fund**
- ★ **Our advertisers--JoAnn Ellis** has worked her magic again! Be sure to patronize both returning and new businesses thank them for supporting our mission.
- ★ **e-Scrip** We earned \$132.42 for our scholarship fund January through August, 2011!

Interested in
winning money
the easy way?
Read about
the Silent Raffle
on Page 2!



Let's spice things
up! See Page 3!

We are now History! Don't panic. See Page 4 for the true story.

From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch President



It's been a summer that's gone too fast for me. I have a lot I wanted to do that probably isn't going to get done. Still, I have accomplished some important projects and a few that weren't so much so. I did complete my cancer treatments so I'm planning to put that phase of life behind me. I worked on research for the writing project I have underway, even spent some time in the Knight Library, a new experience for me. I went the week after the students left so I was privy to all the stuff departing students leave behind and the big clean up when I walked by the apartments near campus. I don't think I even had that much stuff when I finished and I'm pretty sure I kept whatever I did have. The interviews I've been working on have been closer to home, Eugene and Junction City.

Neither my house nor yard got as much attention as usual but I think they will both wait for me while I build energy. Ken did his part well so we are eating from the garden even if I don't have as many flowers.

We also worked in a few things that were just for fun. We managed a camping trip in Florence with two sons and their families and a two-day tourist-type spree in Lincoln City with Ken's brother and wife. The youngest son, with the Corvallis based family, has come up with his own kind of

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Christmas gift. He gives gift cards to a good Corvallis restaurant but asks us to all meet him and his family there to share a meal. It worked out to be a summer meeting this year but a lot of fun and a good meal.

Although I didn't feel physically able to attend the whole AAUW summer retreat in Salem, my daughter-in-law wanted to be there to hear Kristina's presentation and agreed to take me with her. (Kristina will be speaking to our branch in September). She did so well, her mother and I became part of the background, just part of her entourage, while others posed for pictures with her. While we were there, I was able to hear some of the reports from the National Convention, pick up some of the important information and touch base with a few of the state officers. I've also had a lot of communications from the state about the parts I didn't hear.

The timing was perfect to start me thinking about this year with our branch, Carol has great programs coming up, the fundraising committee came up with some good ideas, we have interesting projects to consider and I'm certainly getting anxious to see everyone again.

Happy September Birthday to-----

**Charlotte Sabin
Betty Belknap**



The Silent Raffle Will Be Here Soon!

(The Silent Auction is on a leave of absence.)



You will have the opportunity to participate, beginning in November for the December prize!! What prize?

How about a sea of dollars?



The raffle winner will receive 30% of the proceeds, with 70% for LAF. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each, or 3 for \$2, or 6 for \$5! Such a bargain!! Start saving those dollar bills now!!

AAUW Public Policy Update September 2011

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

The 2011 Session

Expectations for the 76th session of the Oregon Assembly, when it began in February, 2011, ran from dismal to chaotic. The House of Representatives was split (30-30) between Democrats and Republicans; the Senate had the narrow margin of two Democrats (16-14). There was a \$3.5 billion deficit in projected revenue to provide for public services and programs. Unemployment in Oregon was still in double digits for many counties, and the housing market was continuing downward. Parts of the country were recovering

from the recession, but Oregon still seemed mired. Out of that scenario came the unexpected.

The House organized with joint party Speakers, joint co-chairs for evenly divided committees, no bills moved forward without joint chair approval and relative public civility. The Senate elected a seasoned Democrat President, and each committee had a Democrat chair and Republican vice-chair. The Governor and the legislative leadership agreed to a new budget structure which called for spending no more than the projected revenue for the biennium, 2011-13, based on the December 2010 forecast, and keeping funds in reserve for the second year. While the cuts to state and local services were significant and harmful, some protections were given to the most vulnerable populations and K-12 schools. About \$500 million was kept in reserves to be considered for the 2012 first Annual session.

In the end, the session ended on the time set for adjournment, June 30; the budget was balanced as required by the Constitution; no great harm was done. There were citizen access issues such as many last-minute amendments not available, required e-mail testimony submitted ahead of time, and obvious behind-the-scenes decision agreements. Of great help for the organization of the legislative session were the several interim committee planning and bill drafting

meetings held in May, September, and November 2010 and January 2011. Issues discussions and proposals formulated many of the measures. The number of bills prepared and hearings held didn't shrink much from prior sessions, but many fewer were passed. Among the critical areas not resolved were revision of the kicker law, stable funding for the reserve funds, increased funding for higher education, and additional changes to tax expenditures (credits, deductions, deferrals and exemptions) .

Economic State of the State

The presentation by the state's economic advisors at the March revenue forecast on August 26 was fascinating (if you can use that term for such events). The first quarter of 2011 showed a strong recovery across both the U.S and Oregon, followed by a steep plunge for the second quarter which ended in June.

Instead of a slow, but sure steady increase in revenue and employment since April, Oregon now has a projected \$200 million General Fund loss for 2011-13. The analysts tried not to paint a too pessimistic future by showing that Oregon has not been as hard hit as most of the rest of the country by the sudden downturn. Personal income tax receipts and export revenues were slightly up, but corporate income tax receipts were significantly lower causing the lowering of the projected income for the

remainder of the two-year budget cycle.

The good news come from the prudent budget passed by the Legislature in June which has reserves to cover the revenue decline. The bad news is that additional funds for both social services and public schools scheduled for discussion at the February 2012 session may not be available. Depending on the December forecast, more reserves might have to be used to fill a continued decrease in revenue.

The Interim committees will start meeting in September (Sept. 21-23) to discuss issues for the first Annual session scheduled from February 1 to March 6, 2012. Meetings will also be held in November and January to draft and finalize bills. The deadline for submitting bill proposals to the Legislative Counsel is December 5, 2011. Some leadership and committee member changes have been made by both the Republican and Democrat caucuses. The legislative session will end just two months before the 2012 May Primary. It will be interesting to see what items will be in the forefront politically as Assembly members assess the elections' climate. Stay tuned!

The Giant Spice Jar Is Coming to Branch Meetings!!

by Jo Brew



At our June meeting we heard from a pair of fascinating special women guests who are working to stimulate interest in science for middle school girls through Spice Camps. The camps are planned over several summers, and are partially funded by the University of Oregon and partially through the camp fees.

I asked for additional information about the possibility of sponsorships, and learned of several possibilities:

- To provide a scholarship for one camper--\$50 camp fee.
- To sponsor *wrap-around care* for one girl--an extra \$50.

(The camp runs 10 am to 3 pm, which is hard for parents who work, so care is provided from 7:30–10 am and 3-5:30 pm, for the extra \$50.)

We might consider one or more of these options:

- Camper Scholarship \$50.
- Wrap around Scholarship \$100.
- Camp Workshop \$300

Our Giant Spice Jar can be used for your spare change or whatever amount you choose to put in, with the idea we could probably sponsor a girl next summer. Come to the branch with your spare change and we'll effortlessly help out another worthy project! Thank you!

AAUW Contributions Now in Official Records

by Linda McCleary

The history of Eugene-Lane Branch of AAUW is now recorded and maintained with the Lane County Historical Society. For years prior, the group's contributions to this county were not in permanent record as part of the local history.

Kappy Eaton, long-time Branch member, cooperated with the Museum by granting an interview focused on the Branch history and its efforts toward better living in this area. Museum oral history interviewer, Dr. Bill McCleary, conducted the recorded interview. In addition, a print transcript has been made of the interview and substantiated with a written history.

The Branch maintains archival records in the U of Oregon archives as well.

Member News

Busy author **Jo Brew** was at the Authors' Table July 4 at the Art and the Vineyard event and at the Lane County Fair Oregon Authors' Table on August 21.

Doris McCan was guest of honor June 1 when the Doris McCan Birthday Potluck and Bridge Tournament honored her 100th birthday! Congratulations, Doris! She and Kappy Eaton are our two honorary members by virtue of

50-year memberships!

Linda and Bill McCleary celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with children and grand-children on a June cruise to Alaska. Congratulations, Linda and Bill!

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, 541-844-1422.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Ruth Nelson,
541-689-4020.

Readers' Theatre

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

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:

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 Hospitality: Jill McCleary
 Newsletter: Marian Spath
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 Janice Dresser, Marian Spath
 Website Manager: Marian Spath

Special Projects Committees:

New Member Orientation Tea:
 TBA

STEM Projects: Janice Dresser,
 Marian Spath

Senior Woman Award:
 Janice Dresser

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June 2011 Report

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Accepts Two New Cases

In May, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to accept two new, important, and exciting cases, *Cioca v. Rumsfeld and Gates* and *Parker v. Franklin County Community School Corporation*. AAUW is awarding them \$3,000 and \$4,200, respectively.

Board Votes to Disburse \$30,800 to Ongoing Cases

In May, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to five ongoing LAF cases. The board gave the Mansourian Title IX case the largest amount to help cover the plaintiffs' current trial costs.

Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4000

Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California, \$14,800

Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, \$4,000

Thein v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4,000

Wurtluff v. Feather River Community College, California, \$4000

AAUW Members Show Support at Mansourian Trial

Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California, a case LAF has supported for six years, just wrapped up a three-week trial in federal court in Sacramento, California. More than a dozen AAUW members from the area attended. AAUW

board member Alicia Hetman attended daily and hosted a potluck dinner for the plaintiffs and lawyers. Hetman said she arrived during Mansourian's testimony. "At lunch [Mansourian] told me that she was so happy when she saw me come in as it helped calm her down. ... I wish all AAUW members could feel the pride of hearing those kinds of comments from a litigant. It warms my heart and makes me dig deeper into my purse," said Hetman.

Our Branch Support for LAF

The Silent Raffle, our new endeavor to support LAF, replaces the annual silent auction for now. We hope you will enjoy this project, and support it like the Book Sales! Thank you, as always, for your contributions!



Our Mission

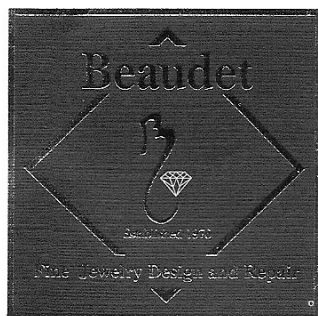
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

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

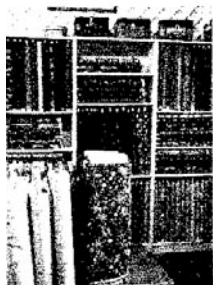


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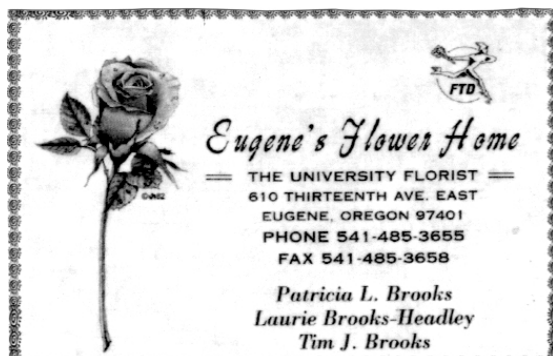
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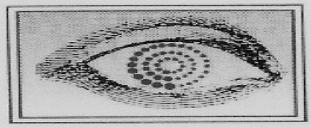


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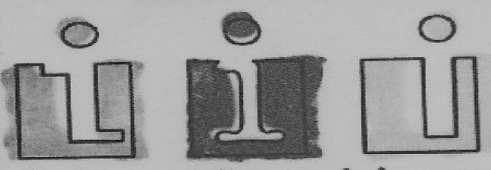
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April 19-22, 2012, State Convention

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June 9-12, 2013, National Convention

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