

Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2012-2013

January 2013

**Saturday,
January 12, 2013
Westminster Church
9:30 - 10:00 Social Hour
10:00 Business Session
10:30 Program**



Has the way we
approach science
changed since we
were in school?

You bet it has--in

amazing ways! Come hear
from a couple of women
scientists about current
research and how it impacts
science education in schools
today. Maisha Kamunde-
Devonish and Anna Oliveri are
graduate students at the Darren
Johnson Lab at the University
of Oregon. Bone up on your
science Trivia...there will be
prizes!

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Any Game Day--what is it?



*A fun-filled
Saturday afternoon
in March to benefit
KidSports Middle*

School Girls Basketball Team!

Get your foursome ready!

It's dessert and coffee for your
table of four playing any board
or card game.

When: Saturday, March 16,
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Falcon Wood Village
Clubhouse, 1475 Green Acres
Road (Right-turn off end of
Delta Highway freeway)

Cost: \$8.00 per person and all
proceeds will fund our
KidSports team!

Important:

* Fliers and tickets will be
available at the January 12th
meeting, the February 16th
meeting, and, if any are left, at
the March 9th meeting. We are
limited to 20 tables. Be
prepared to pay for any tickets
that you take. If we sell all
tickets for 20 tables, we can
fund the team for two years!

* Members: please bring your
White Elephant Door Prize

WRAPPED to this month's
meeting or to the February or
March meeting..

* All Any Game Day
volunteers: be sure to attend the
January branch meeting for a
gathering after the meeting
adjourns.

Questions? Contact Carol Miller
(see Directory for contact info)

Look at the Masthead ↑ See any changes?

Yes, of course, the date--but
there's something else! See it?
You're right--it's a new URL
for our website! Thanks to
Wendy Cook, our site is
updated to a new address.

<http://eugenelane-or.aauw.net/>

Log on to it and see the
additions and changes Wendy
has made. And bookmark this
new address, because the old
one is going away soon!

Thanks, Wendy, for all
your hard work!!

Thank you, raffle ticket buyers!

Your generosity raised \$144 for
LAF!

From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Branch President



A New Beginning

At the end of the Holidays, I'm hoping everyone found the peace and pleasure they hoped for and have it treasured in their hearts ready to sustain their next steps. Ready or not, it is now time to look forward. For me one big project besides entering birthdays and important events on my calendar is formulating new goals for the upcoming year. Not resolutions--goals. both large and small. Those I'll attempt to accomplish during the year. I never complete the whole list but I do make progress on those most important to me and manage to keep myself motivated.

That brings me to thoughts of the American Association of University Women. Particularly of our branch. I'm asking you to think about the future also. With all the charitable and political organizations asking for an ongoing commitment of financial aid, I realize I need to do a similar plea, not for money but for time, effort and ideas to keep our branch vital.

There are all different sizes of projects to consider, from jobs that happen once a year to a commitment to be an officer and on the board of directors for two years. If you think that would be a drudgery job, visit us at a board meeting. The meetings don't go on for hours, they aren't bogged down or boring and the members are friendly and fun.

However, with the short-term branch jobs, some of our women have been affected by a change in circumstances or have been handling the same projects for four years and would like to be replaced. Lida, who has been doing our directory in addition to working full time, moved up to a new and more demanding job. We need a new volunteer to produce the directory from material supplied, an important one-time a year job during late summer.

Speaking of summer, our family potluck picnic during the summer has been ably handled

like to let someone else take a turn. It needs to be scheduled by April to get the space reserved so think about it and let a board member know if you are willing.

A commitment for a little farther down the line: we need to give Barbara Carter a big thank-you and a replacement for the fund-raising effort in December. She has split the job with Ardith Hinman, who does the board meeting half so there is some flexibility. Again, let one of us know.

Then there is the advertising project Jo Ann Ellis does so beautifully--don't panic--she isn't quitting but she does need more from us. The business cards to open the door need to come from us. When you do business with someone new and you are satisfied, bring a card to Jo Ann. She makes magic.

There are other opportunities---many--actually unlimited. Carol Miller came up with a fund-raising idea to keep our KidSports project funded and it's coming together beautifully. We could also use a new idea to increase our efforts in doing more toward getting girls involved in math, science and engineering. Or an idea of how we can find a way to help another woman college student go to the Leadership Conference.

I am also aware of how many in our branch just step up and help without saying anything. If I ever doubted the commitment, watching the decoration, set up and clean up of the Holiday Brunch cured any doubts. When I look back, I see past President Peggy Shippen asked for a five-hour contribution. We seem to have five-hour contributions often but we also need the time, ability and talents of those who can do more. I hope, as we all move in to this time of planning ahead, you'll put our branch on your list, take on a little more or something different.

Happy January Birthday to....

Jill McCleary
Greta Fridlund
Ruth Nelson
Janice Strupp
Elleen Levy
Lynette Saul
June Smith



Public Policy Update

January 2013

--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

STATE OF THE STATE

What's the NIKE Deal?

Notified on December 10 for a Special Session on December 14, the Oregon Legislature was on full speed mode to prepare for a critical economic decision. The Governor had drafted LC 1 (Legislative Concept) for discussion by a Joint Special Committee on Economic Development on December 13. Some legislators were out of town and others were unavailable, but there were more than the majority required to pass the proposed emergency measure. On December 13, the Special Committee heard three and one-half hours of testimony, pro and con, adjourning at 12:30 p.m. and then finalizing the draft. LC 1 became HB 4200 with amendments based on the recommendations of the hearing witnesses. On December 14, the Legislature met in Special Session and passed HB 4200 with bipartisan support.

The saga began when NIKE proposed to the Governor the investment of \$150 million in Oregon, primarily in construction/expansion of current operations, and the creation of 500 new jobs not related to the monetary project. The requirement from the state was to guarantee the continuation of the current corporate income tax which is based on the single sales factor (in state sales) for at least five years, by contract, with extensions up to 40 years. This has been a favorable corporate tax formula for several years, with no expectation it would change. The primary reasons given for the immediacy of the proposal were that NIKE was poised to implement the investment right away, other states were making favorable offers, and the company wanted certainty regarding tax policies, as well as the desire to assist Oregon's need for economic development.

Issues raised by legislators and the public centered around the length of the contract, the

single corporation involved, the lack of opportunity for smaller corporate investments, stronger assurance of job creation, legislative oversight, and a public reporting process that promotes transparency. Protection for Oregon taxpayers and a powerful economic tool to encourage job creation are the end results of HB 4200. It is expected to secure good paying jobs and substantial economic investment in Oregon. It is also expected that the 2013 session will look at legislation to improve economic investment in more rural parts of Oregon. The following are major pieces of the legislation which has been signed by the Governor:

- *New Oregon Jobs. Requires that the jobs promised be new jobs, not jobs created through a merger or acquisition of another Oregon company

- *Transparency. Requires that the Oregon Business Development Department monitor the company's progress at expanding and creating jobs and regularly report to the Legislature.

- *Shortened Sunset. Provides an earlier expiration date of January 1, 2014, less than a year after the bill takes effect, allowing the Legislature to continue to evaluate and modify this economic development tool.

- *Tax Accountability. Ensures the state can fully recover taxes owed if the corporation does not hold up its end of the contract.

Women's Issues Take Shape

The Oregon Women's Health and Wellness Alliance (WH&W) has been meeting during each of the three Interim committee sessions to discuss topics of continuing concern for young girls, women and families. The intersection of women and senior issues was brought forward at the December meeting by retiring Rep. Jean Cowan, who identified the long-term role of female caregivers which can have a dramatic effect on their work life and compensation. She requested that WH&W revisit HB 34 (2011) and work with the Dept. of Human Services to continue Oregon Project Independence, long-term care issues, prevention and early intervention.

Other areas for consideration are (1) victim confidentiality: video-taped testimony when

victims are testifying against their alleged traffickers, extension of protective orders for victims of sexual assault, funding maintenance/increase to the domestic and sexual assault services, including “attempted” in prostitution statutes; (2) economic and employment: TANF dollars (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), Earned income tax credit increase (in Governor’s budget), paid family leave, expanded safe leave eligibility; (3) public health: insurance coverage for dense breast screenings, increased number of slots available in the breast and cervical cancer program, toxic disclosure for healthy kids, expanding access primary and mental health care to underserved areas, teen age pregnancy prevention, women and retirement security – wage gap, aging, and Social Security; and (4) funding for the Oregon Women’s Commission.

The Alliance members will bring priority lists to the January meeting from which the final package for development and action will be formed. The annual WH&W breakfast for legislators will be held early in February.

Fiscal Policy and the Oregon Economy

With the state projected to have a positive ending General Fund balance on June 30, 2013, but a possible \$700 million shortfall to continue the current services, discussion continues concerning the state’s very slow recovery from the Great Recession. It officially began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. Currently the inflation rate is at 2% and the state economist, Mark McMullen, indicates a 10% revenue increase over the next two years. However tight-belts for schools and other state agencies are predicted. His reasoning is that there will not be enough money to cover the historic increases in the cost of providing government services. This has led to why the Governor pushed for changes in how health care is delivered to 600,000 low-income Oregonians, and why he is seeking changes to restrain state prison costs, even though his biennial budget does propose increases for both. He told the Oregon Leadership Summit December 3 that reductions to the costs

of health care and public safety must be made in order to invest in education and workforce development.

A recent report from the Conference on State Legislatures said that stable but slow growth is expected in the next year or two in most states, including Oregon. It noted that stable is not necessarily a bad position given the unpredictability in recent fiscal years. The same survey of state budget officials said that Oregon is among the 27 states reporting their recoveries from the economic downturn are below historical norms.

Electoral College up Close

Across the nation on December 17, 2012. the Electoral College delegates from every state met to cast their ballots for the President of the United States. Each state has the same number of votes as the total of their Congressional delegation – senators and representatives. In Oregon, the seven Democrat Electoral College delegates gathered with the Director of Oregon Elections and the Secretary of State in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol at noon to cast their official ballots and certify the election of Barack Obama. Each political party in Oregon was able to nominate seven potential delegates who only became eligible when their party’s candidate won the election. The oath by the delegates to uphold the U.S. Constitution was administered by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. The ceremony took only 20 minutes, but symbolizes our history. With the upcoming discussion about National Popular Vote during the 2013 legislative session, how the Electoral College works will be highlighted.

Legislative Process Workshop

Don’t forget to register for the Legislative process Workshop scheduled January 17 in the state Capitol. The program offers some excellent information with presentations by the Attorney General, the Director of the Early Learning Council, a mock legislative hearing on the National Popular Vote issue, and opportunities to network with folks from across the state. The event is co-sponsored by the state League, AAUW and the Oregon Women’s Commission. The registration form is on Page 5.

Legislative Process Day



Thursday, January 17, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Oregon State Capitol, Salem, Hearing Room 50

Sponsored by

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HIGHLIGHTS

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum • House Speaker Tina Kotek (invited)
Oregon's legislative process • Hearings (if available)
Preview of issues in the 2013 legislative session
How to have an impact

Legislative Process Day Registration Form

Advance registration needed—return form by Friday, January 11, 2013

Yes, I want to attend Legislative Process Day!

Name: _____

Organization affiliation (if member of sponsoring org): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop with lunch:

☐ \$21.00 member of sponsoring organization

☐ \$26.00 guest

Box lunch features sandwich, salad, chips, juice and
dessert. Choose: ☐ Turkey

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☐ Vegetarian

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Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE,
Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by January 11, 2013. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or
email lwvor@lwvor.org.

Register online and get map, parking info, and agenda at www.lwvor.org.

Some 2012 AAUW accomplishments:

Received top ratings once again from [Charity Navigator](#), [GreatNonprofits](#), [GuideStar](#), and America's Charities for our excellent financial management, transparency, and accountability..

Grew to a nationwide community of more than 150,000 members and supporters who work on AAUW priority issues such as fair pay, access to contraception, sexual harassment at work and school, student debt, and the lack of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and in public office.

Launched the nationwide voter education and turnout campaign, [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#), through the AAUW Action Fund. This campaign, targeted at millennial women, engaged members and branches in nearly every state and used cutting-edge social media tactics, including memes and micro-targeted advertising. The campaign registered tens of thousands of voters, received hundreds of media hits, hosted hundreds of candidate and issue forums, and provided hundreds of thousands of voters with the information they needed to vote.

Released [Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation](#), which uses the latest nationally representative data to explore the salary difference between women and men college graduates working full time one year after graduation and examines the effect of the pay gap on the burden of student loan debt.

Awarded \$4.3 million in [fellowships and grants](#) for the 2012–13 program year, the largest amount in four years, to support 278 women at various stages in their professional and academic careers, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls.

Awarded more than \$100,000 in case support through the Legal Advocacy Fund to help women like Betty Dukes and Kori Cioca improve

working conditions for all women employees at Wal-Mart and women in the military.

Reached more than 600 women and girls in India, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, and China through in-country projects implemented by AAUW [fellowships and grants](#) alumnae.

Celebrated the [40th anniversary](#) of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the landmark legislation barring sex discrimination in all education programs that receive federal funding.

Helped guarantee that insurance companies cover women's preventive care services, including contraception, Pap smears, and mammograms, without co-pay or cost sharing. This new Affordable Care Act requirement went into effect for all new health insurance plan contracts beginning on or after August 1, 2012, and will go into effect for all existing health plans after January 1, 2013.

Updated [The Simple Truth on the Gender Pay Gap](#) with numbers and graphics from the 2011 U.S. Census, including [new state-by-state rankings](#).

[Prevented](#) student loan interest rates from doubling this summer, helping those with student loans meet their commitment despite the tough economy. This victory was particularly important for women, who, according to AAUW's research, make less than their male counterparts and devote a higher proportion of their annual incomes to loan repayments.

Continued to expand our global commitment to women and girls through participating in the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and the U.S. National Committee for U.N. Women, sending an international delegation to China, and hosting women visitors from abroad seeking to learn more about AAUW's mission and programs.

Awarded 15 Legal Advocacy Fund [Campus Outreach Grants](#) to AAUW branches across the country, which held programs on local campuses focused on issues such as pay equity, dating violence, Title IX and athletics, and gender discrimination in the workplace.

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 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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Elected:

President: Jo Brew
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Recording Secretary:
Carene Davis-Stitt

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Barbara Carter, Ardith Hinman
Public Policy: Kappy Eaton

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Branch Brochure: Wendy Cook
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TBA
STEM Projects: Janice Strupp,
Marian Spath
Senior Woman Award:
Janice Strupp

because
equity
is
still
an
issue

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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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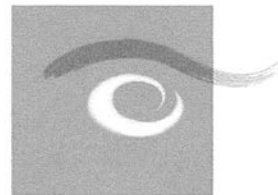


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Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., January 9, 2013, Board Meeting,

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

Saturday, 9:30 a.m., January 12, 2013. Branch Meeting,

Westminster Church

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Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

Saturday, 9:30 a.m., February 16, 2013. Branch Meeting,

Westminster Church

Saturday, March 16, 2013, Any Game Day

April 19-21, 2013, State Convention, Garibaldi, OR

June 9-12, 2013, National Convention, New Orleans