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February 15, 2014, at  
Westminster Church,  
[777 Coburg Road, Eugene 97401](http://www.aauw.org)  
9:30 social, 10:00 business,  
10:30 program

## GLOBAL FEMINISM IN MEDIA DEVELOPMENT



Gabriela Martinez is an international award-winning documentary filmmaker who has produced, directed or edited more than ten ethnographic and social documentaries. She is an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Oregon, as well as associate director of the Center for the Study of Women in Society.

Join us for an interesting presentation. Carol Miller and Cindy Parker will provide refreshments.

**Register for AAUW of  
Oregon Legislative Advocacy  
Day:**

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event\\_KEY=565](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/46/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=565)

Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual December fund-raising letter!

\$2,000 is allocated to your designated accounts.

Gorgie and Ardith,  
Co-Chairs

### Sheldon Green (AAUW) Basketball Team Schedule (Sixth Grade Girls)

Sat., Feb 1, 1:00 p.m.  
Cal Young Middle School,  
west gym

Sat., Feb 8, 1:00 p.m.  
Cal Young Middle School,  
east gym

Sat., Feb 15, 2:20 p.m.  
Cal Young Middle School,  
west gym

Sat., Feb 22, 2:20 p.m.  
Cal Young Middle School,  
west gym

Sat., March 1, 2:20 p.m.  
Cal Young Middle School,  
west gym

Sat., March 8, 6:20 p.m.  
Monroe Middle School,  
large gym

### Out and Abouters Plus any interested member:

We will visit Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art on Tuesday, February 2. The address is 1430 Johnson Ln, Eugene, OR 97403.

We will park in the back. Please carpool, if possible.

Directions to the back: Turn off Franklin onto Agate St. Go right onto East 18th. Turn right on University St. and go to Johnson St. Turn left and drive to the back of the museum and park.

Parking is free if we are attending the museum. Please RSVP to Linda Wittorff: 541-844-1422 or cell 541-654-3765

[lindaatex@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaatex@yahoo.com)

### From Jo's Desk

--Jo Brew, Co-President



The Branch Report to the State is due by the end of the month so I've been looking at what we've done this year. We've had several excellent programs at our regular meetings, welcomed new members with a tea at Linda Wittorff's home, adjusted to collaborating with Carene, a fun new co-president,

welcomed the New Year with a classy buffet event and added to the Kappy Eaton Scholarship fund! But there is more still to come.

It's time for the 2014 KidSports Basketball Games to begin and we are paid sponsors for a team both this year and next. (Thanks to Carol Miller's *Game Day*, it was taken care of in August.) We've also tried to strengthen ties with both Lane Community College and the University of Oregon Women's Center through personal contacts and appearances. We voted to wear Pay Equity badges to acknowledge the April day that marks the day women will earn the same pay as a man does in December. Our interest groups are active and keeping outside activities ongoing. (Reader's Theater is practicing.) Not a bad report considering we lost December's meeting to a snow storm.

I made a drive up to Keizer, half way between Vancouver and here, to meet my sister for lunch this week. Her husband had a medical crisis in December and this is the first time we have been able to schedule a visit in a while. Since she is in the Vancouver AAUW branch and we're having a combined conference this year, she and I are looking at some options for time together at the conference. We did that at a Willamette Writers Conference last year and it was fun to share ideas and spend

time together although we're very different writers.

I got so tired of looking out my window at bare trees and fog, I put a suet feeder on one of the low bare branches. It has brightened my attitude a little with birds coming and going, many I've never seen before, but sadly, it hasn't stopped me from thoughts of spring. I may bring home something blooming for the weekend. I did drive through some sunny places on my way to Keizer—a little sun out my window would be even better than primroses inside.



Our first basketball game was with two very evenly matched teams which ended with two points difference back and forth--exciting to watch.

### Happy February Birthday--

Judy Greer  
Ardith Hinman  
Carol Hildebrand  
Cathy Lindsley  
Carene Davis-Stitt



### Kappy Eaton named Oregon Woman of Distinction by Oregon Women's

Commission!

Kappy will be honored at a brunch on Saturday, April 5 in Portland. Watch for more in *March News!*

Congratulations, Kappy!

### 2014 Hostesses Schedule

**March 8** Kappy Eaton and Elleen Levy

**April 12** Banti Winslow and Stephanie Winsor

**May 10** Ardith Hinman and JoAnn Ellis

**June 14** Gorgie Hofma and Barbara Gault



### Convention Is Coming!

Mark your 2014 calendars for the first ever Oregon/

Washington Joint Convention April 25-27 at the Embassy Suites, Portland Airport.

Great speakers, workshops and connections abound! Be sure to look for all the details and registration information in the convention issue of your state newsletter.

### Membership Notes

--Linda Wittorff, VP Membership

I just finished writing a short Membership article for the Convention program in April.

This is the first year that we have combined with the state of Washington. When we go, we will be meeting new people. Personally, I do not know anyone from Washington, so I'm looking forward to meeting new AAUW friends.

Please invite friends or acquaintances to visit one of our meetings and consider joining Eugene-Lane Branch.

Thank you,  
Linda @ 541-844-1422  
[lindaatex@yahoo.com](mailto:lindaatex@yahoo.com)

## **AAUW Public Policy Update February 2014**

*--Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair*

### **State of the State**

#### **Legislative Days, 2013-2014**

After the 2010 Special Session that tested the idea of having annual sessions of the Oregon Assembly, a series of meetings for Interim legislative committees to plan for the next session was started. Voters in November 2010 amended the Oregon Constitution to provide for such annual sessions, and the interim process has continued. The most recent meetings were held January 15-17 to finalize proposals for discussion and possible action during the 2014 Annual session scheduled from February 3 to March 9. The two legislative days following adjournment of the 2013 Regular session and to start consideration of concerns for 2014, were held in September and November 2013.

During the January Interim meetings, issues that had been proposed in legislative concepts (LCs) were approved to become statutes, information about both those issues and possible future legislation was presented, and inquiries and updates on implementation concerns about the 2013 Regular and 2013 Special Sessions were heard. Because this session can only last 35 days, no major action is anticipated. However, on the agenda will be several important areas such as the Columbia River bridge, background gun check requirements on private sales, marijuana legalization, small business tax changes, CoverOregon health plan, public contracting regulations and oversight, and higher education access and governance.

Below are some of the matters that are on the 2014 agenda. Committees may introduce three bills; legislators, two.

#### **\*Fiscal Policy**

The House and Senate Revenue Committees will be considering committee sponsored measures on (1) establishing an income tax credit for a manufacturing facility if the taxpayer makes

a capital investment with oversight by the Oregon Business Development and a limit on the amount of credits; (2) correcting provisions related to the income tax subtraction for senior medical expenses, tax treatment of domestic international sales of corporations and proceeds distribution of the cigarette tax (from the 2013 Special Session revenue package); and (3) updates connection date of Oregon to Federal Internal Revenue Code. The committees heard an update on the Senior Property Tax Deferral Program, encompassing 2011 to 2014, which is now in the black after modifications over the past three years and now serves more than 7500 low income homeowners. In addition, the Senate committee had an update on Greenhouse Gas Emission Project Policies related to other states and the continuing discussion about possible revenue.

Several legislators presented their personal revenue-related bills. The proposals include changing the interest rate for the property tax deferral program from 6% compound annually to 6% per annum, creating an excise tax on wild bird seed for a Sage Grouse Conservation Fund, an option to reduce personal income tax rates for some small businesses, and creating a subtraction from federal tax income for up to \$500 in cash dividends paid by an employer to an employee for participation in a workplace wellness program. The Department of Revenue reported positively on its program to find fraud in filed tax returns and presented an update on the five year, \$89 million program to modernize the "Core System" that now includes an integrated tax system and a data warehouse.

#### **\*Election Laws**

The Senate Rules committee welcomed the new Oregon Elections Director, Jim Williams. He is from Oklahoma and has had extensive administrative election experience there as well as in Colorado, and at both state and local levels. Only one bill was moved forward by the committee, but it essentially deals with clarifying several existing statutes and is the usual "housekeeping" measure to ensure Oregon election laws are updated regularly. Included are

such issues as permitting a candidate's name to be on the ballot more than once if that person is nominated for more than one office, an elector may be continued on the active list if a ballot is returned unsigned, resolves discrepancies in dates, and limits prohibition of electioneering on an election site to business hours.

A critical voter registration issue was introduced in the House Rules committee by a legislator. The proposed legislation deals with the residence requirement for new voters, but it also would apply to anyone reregistering and requires the Secretary of State to conduct a study on how to ensure that currently registered voters have provided acceptable evidence of residency. A number of state legislatures around the country have been passing voter suppression laws, particularly targeting students, the elderly and low income citizens. Many are being challenged in the courts and declared unconstitutional. We will be monitoring the progress of this proposal.

#### **\*Higher Education**

Significant changes to Oregon's public post-secondary system have been enacted the past three legislative sessions and are in various stages of implementation. Both the House Higher Education and Work Force Development and the Senate Education and Work Force committees are involved, as well as the Interim Special Committee on University Governance. Four LCs were approved for consideration by the House committee and include (1) establishing a work group to examine and recommend strategies to improve the operation of the Oregon University System; (2) requiring all public institutions of higher education to provide students with fact sheets regarding program requirements, costs of education, loans, average salary or wages and related data prior to enrollment, with an annual report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC); (3) directing the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the HECC to jointly establish a grant program for distributing moneys to community colleges to increase the number of

underserved, low income and first generation college-bound students who enroll and make progress towards a degree; and (4) directing Eastern, Western and Southern Universities and the Oregon Institute of Technology to develop pilot programs for fixed cost bachelor degrees.

The Special Committee on University Governance heard comprehensive reports from the Public University Presidents' Workgroup on Shared Services and from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. The pros and cons of multi-campus governing options and models are included in the latter and look at reaching the 40-40-20 educational attainment goal. The Workgroup information includes recommendations for specific shared services as well as those services that should not be shared due to governance implications. The Special Committee also is considering governance options for the regional institutions now that the three major universities have internal boards.

#### **\*Women's Issues**

The Women's Health and Wellness Alliance met to discuss the proposals being introduced by several women legislators in the interests of women and families. Because of the short session, the probability of action is limited, but they can be used as placeholders for the 2015 Assembly.

Included are the following issues:

- \*toxic disclosure for buildings with radon
- \*domestic violence safe housing
- \*home care for seniors
- \*insurance coverage for colonoscopies
- \*pay equity
- \*children's nutrition – school involvement
- \*day care

Co-chairs of the Alliance are Rep. Sara Gelser and Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

Remember to register for AAUW of Oregon Legislative Advocacy Day at the link on Page 1.

## 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 Mary Ellickson,  
[maryellickson@gmail.com](mailto:maryellickson@gmail.com)

### Readers' Theatre

Contact Barbara Carter,  
541-554-2944. 1-2 OPENINGS.

## 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  
organization on the basis of  
gender, race, creed, age, sexual  
orientation, national origin,  
disability or class.

## ROSTERS

### Elected:

Co-Presidents: Jo Brew/  
Carene Davis-Stitt  
Program VP: Jill McCleary  
Financial VP: Stephanie Winsor  
Membership VP: Linda Wittorff  
Communications. VP:  
Elleen Levy  
Recording Secretary:  
Cindy Parker

### Appointed:

AAUW Funds Co-Chairs:  
Ardith Hinman, Gorgie Hofma  
Public Policy: Kappy Eaton  
**Member Chairs:**  
Advertising Manager: (Open)  
Book Exchange: Ellen Otani  
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C/U Liaison, UofO: (Open)  
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Cathy Lindsley  
Directory: Judy Greer  
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Historian: Linda McCleary  
Hospitality: Jill McCleary  
Newsletter: Marian Spath  
Nominating Committee :  
Carene-Davis Stitt,  
Ardith Hinman  
(third position open)  
Website Manager: Wendy Cook

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

### REAP

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Education +  
Advocacy +  
Philanthropy**



**See Page 2 for details!**

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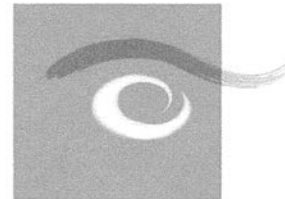
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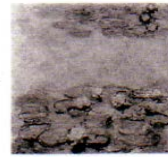
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**Meeting Calendar**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting**

Quail Run Clubhouse *All members welcome.*

**Friday, February 14, February 2014:**

**AAUW Oregon Legislative Advocacy Day**

Salem, Or

**Saturday, February 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Branch Meeting**

Westminster Church

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Westminster Church

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