



Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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2013-2014

May 2014

May 10, 2014, at
Westminster Church,
(777 Coburg Road, Eugene 97401
9:30 social,
10:00 *Not Your Usual
Annual Meeting!
The Future Is Here!*

Of course, there will be voting for the slate and the proposed budget for 2014-2015. And there's even a voluntary cookie-exchange, should you want to participate in that.

Drum roll, please: the **main event** will be to create a recipe for success for the branch this coming year and beyond!

And the ingredients will be your ideas—what projects should we continue, what should we drop, what other suggestions do you have! All are fair game!

It's our chance as members to determine the roadway for success for the branch! Do come and share your ideas!

Ardith Hinman and Jo Ann Ellis are hostesses.

VOTE!

Slate of Officers presented by Nominating Committee:

President:

Carene Davis-Stitt

Programs VP:

Cindy Parker

Finance VP:

Stephanie Winsor

Out and Abouters

Last trip for 2013-2014

Where: King Estate

When: Friday, May 9,
11:30 p.m.

Car pools suggested

RSP by Mon., May 7, to Linda Wittorff, @ 541-844-1422 or 541-654-3765

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch needs a new Chair; Mary Ellickson, current Chair, has the list of members for the new person.

The Chair signs up each month's hostess who, in turn, chooses the restaurant for that month, e-mails for attendees, makes the reservation. It's always the second Wednesday of the month.

It would be easy for a present Lunch Bunch member to do this—so let Marian know at angiedog.comcast.net, Mary at mary.ellickson@gmail.com.

Dues are Due by June 30!

Your immediate action will mean you will be listed in the **2014-2015 Directory**. The form and the member-generated Ten Top Reasons to Join will be found on Pages 4 and 5.

2014 AAUW Funds Honored Members at Conventiion

Judy Greer, JoAnn Ellis, Stephanie Winsor and Jo Brew were recognized at the Convention Funds Lunch and **Kappy Eaton** was awarded a State Named Gift Honoree.

The 2014 University of Oregon Senior Woman

Recognition has been awarded to Jessica Montgomery, the winner among 14 applicants!

Janice Strupp, and her evaluating crew of Cindy Parker and Kappy Eaton, read through the very complex papers from each senior, and decided on Jessica. Janice will present it to her at the Awards Ceremony in May.

We are delighted to once again honor a senior woman, after an unexplained year-long hiatus.

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From Jo's Desk

—Jo Brew, Co-President



I've watched my neighbors working on yard and house clean-up for a couple of weeks now, while I tried to ignore my own clutter. The rapidly-approaching end of my term of office caused a realization that I was going to be handing over all of the branch business very soon and I had better do some of the organization I've been putting off. The knowledge has turned out to be a good thing.

When I started weeding out the pages, I've been reminded of some of the fun things we've done in branch while I've been involved. We had the 100th birthday party for the branch at Beacon House, now a charter school. We had several fun picnics, Christmas parties, and girls' basketball teams to watch, besides very special programs.

Besides the programs and events we've had for our own education and pleasure, we have also kept up with the long standing projects for the good of other women who have the desire to achieve, the ties with Lane Community College, with the University of Oregon, and with political action for the benefit of all, particularly women and children.

I've joined interest groups at the art museum, and at several interesting restaurants, and taken part in the University of Oregon Women's Center 40th Anniversary Celebration, as well as a Women in Transition Graduation at Lane Community College. The opportunities to grow have been outstanding.

There have been many very special people make this branch run. The relationship with the members of the board and membership has helped expand my knowledge, and led me in new directions as well as create special bonds with knowledgeable people I enjoy.

The time I've spent going through all the paperwork has been a good reminder of how much our branch does but also of the goals and successes of AAUW at the state and national

level. At a recent event I was sitting near State President Cynthia Rauscher, who is also finishing her term of office, when she mentioned the end is bittersweet. I know just what she meant.

I'm not moving away or dropping my membership so I'll still be able to participate in the interest group activities., have a branch job and join in the social times. I don't think I'll miss all the e-mails I routinely get from state, and sometimes national, so there are also good points in my changing role. My husband is already eyeing the buried filing cabinet I've been using for AAUW materials so I don't imagine I'll have more office room for other paperwork—also probably a good thing.

Happy May Birthday to.....

Martha Pavlat
Karen Turner-Jambura



AAUW Public Policy Update, May 2014

—Kappy Eaton, Public Policy Chair

Planning for 2015

The Interim committees of the Oregon Assembly will begin their discussions on issues for the 2015 session from May 28-30, with the Oregon Economic Forecast for June scheduled on May 28. The remaining two series of hearings are set for September 15-17 and December 8-10. Bills for drafting are due September 22, and completed drafts from Legislative Counsel on December 5. Proposals of interest during the 2014 session, expected to receive attention, include gun registration regulations, the Columbia River Crossing (Portland to Vancouver), legalization of marijuana (depending on results of the probable November initiative ballot), redistricting by an independent commission, and state tax reform, among others.

Possible November 2014 Ballot Measures

Originally, there have been 59 initiative petitions submitted to the Secretary of State for

the November 2014 General Election. As of April 18, 2014, only seven have submitted signed petitions towards the statutory or constitutional numbers required for certification to the ballot, and 32 have been withdrawn. Eighteen others are still considered active although no petitions have been turned in. The deadline is July 3.

AAUW will monitor all of the initiatives and make a decision at the Summer Retreat as to which, if any, to take a position on those certified for the election.

Following is a list, by number, of possible Public Policy issues:

#8. Right to Marry and Religious Protection

This proposal would allow same sex marriage and protect discrimination by individuals or businesses on the basis of religious belief.

#20. The Right to Petition

This proposal deals with the Oregon laws governing signature verification, ballot titles, voter qualifications, and the permission of law suits.

#34. Equal Rights Amendment for Women to be Equal to Men.

This proposal would amend the Oregon Constitution section relating to the rights of all individuals by making it more gender specific.

#44. Labeling of Genetically Engineered Raw and Package Food

This proposal would mandate the specific labeling of most available food products as to their modifications through genetic alteration. It would be comparable to the Washington law.

#54. Unified Primary Elections

This proposal calls for one ballot at a Primary election on which all candidates would be listed and the two top vote receivers would move to the General Election.

#55. Open Primary

This proposal is very similar to the Unified Primary approach. There would be one common ballot with all of the candidates. An elector could vote for more than one candidate with the top two going forward.

Both of these proposals are awaiting Supreme Court decisions on ballot titles.

Other initiatives still out there include the Oregon Liquor Control Modernization Act, Banning Union Dues for Public Employees, Protecting Government Workers Rights, and Protecting Religious Freedom by certain exemptions to discrimination.

There will be a meeting of Branch and the State Public Policy committee members at the joint Oregon-Washington Convention April 25-27 in Portland. Some of the issues being brought forward in the Oregon election are already under fire in Washington.

REMEMBER: THINK BEFORE YOU INK when asked to sign a petition.

Monday Afternoon Book Group Meeting will be 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9,, at Linda Wittorff's home 1224 North Park.
Phone: 541-844-1422 or cp 541-654-3765.

Driving Directions:

Get on **Beltine West.**

Turn **left** at **River Road exit.**

Continue to **Maxwell**, turn **right.**

Travel about 2 miles on Maxwell until

North Park, turn **left.**

Travel about 4 blocks to Cornwall intersection staying on North Park, turn **right** past first house into cul-de-sac.

1224 North Park is the first modular on the **right** in the cul-de-sac.

Top Ten Reasons to Belong to Eugene-Lane Branch

- * We are socially-congenial and socially-conscientious.

- * We enjoy the company of other educated women.

- * We are dedicated to empowering women and girls to deal with barriers in their lives, and we celebrate with them when they succeed.

- * We meet competent and creative people who aren't afraid to think outside the box (e.g., our own members, our guest speakers).

- * We are up to speed on issues important to women thanks to the many communications available to us as AAUW members.

- * We fight for legislation that supports women (e.g., Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 and the 2013 Violence Against Women Act).

- * We are part of the Legal Advocacy Fund that fights for all women's rights (e.g. our case supporting programs for Wal-Mart women workers denied promotions, military veterans of sexual assault, college/university staff enduring unfair pay).

- * We fund fellowships that empower graduate women to advance in their chosen fields.

- * We participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineers and Mathematics) programs (e.g., University of Oregon Spice Camps).

- * We are a diverse--and fascinating--group.



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AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch
Membership Form
July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015

Please complete the following:

Member Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip _____

Occupation: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail _____ Cell: _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____

University/College: _____ State: _____ Year: _____

Highest Degree Earned: _____ Major: _____

(Includes associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate, or higher from a regionally accredited institution.)

New Renewing Lapsed (within 2 years)
 Transfer Dual Name of Branch _____ MBR# _____

Type of Membership (please check): Regular Student Life Honorary Life

<u>Annual Dues</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Note:</u> \$46.00 of AAUW Association dues are tax-deductible.
Association	\$49.00	\$17.00	\$-0-	
Oregon State	16.00	3.00	16.00	
Eugene-Lane Branch	<u>15.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	
Totals	80.00	22.00	31.00	

To join or renew, complete the form and send it with your check to Stephanie Winsor, Treasurer, 2560 Agate Street, Eugene, OR 97403
Make check payable to AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch.

Any questions? Call or e-mail Membership VP, Linda Wittorff, 541-844-1422, lindaatex@yahoo.com

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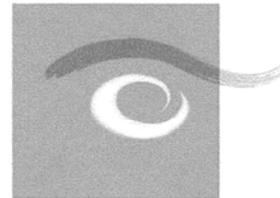
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Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting

Quail Run Clubhouse. *All members welcome.*

Friday, May 9, 2014, 11:30 a.m., Out & Abouters

King Estate Lunch

Saturday, May 10, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Branch Meeting

Westminster Church.

Monday, May 19, 2014, 1:00 p.m., Afternoon Book Group

1224 North Park, Eugene 97404

Saturday, June 14, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Branch Meeting

Westminster Church

June Board Meeting: TBA