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WOMEN'S SPORTS AND GENDER EQUITY

Saturday September 6

9:30 Social Time ~ 10:00 Business Meeting ~ 10:30 Program

Our speaker will be Dr. Becky Sisley, Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon, Physical Education.

Dr. Sisley will talk about Women's Sports and Gender Equity.

Bring a friend to hear this spirited speaker!



Dr. Becky Sisley in a moment of triumph

University of Oregon Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee 1998

Her spirit: indomitable. Without it, women's athletics at Oregon would not have achieved so much so quickly. She coached basketball in 1966, with practices once weekly. She coached softball from 1965-79, the first few years shagging flies in Pioneer Cemetery. Becky

added field hockey to her list of coaching duties from '67- '75. When she became UO's first women's athletic director in 1973, the total budget was miniscule. By her last year as A.D. in 1979, the women's budget had grown 11-fold. She hired the first full-time women's coaches.

Becky begged, pleaded, cajoled and demanded in those early Title IX days. What she did best, though, was coach, inspire and lead. A true icon of women's sports, she earned a doctorate in physical education and was the envy of peers worldwide as an athlete, coach

and administrator. Dr. Sisley set, and holds, numerous age-group world and U.S. records in track and field. She was a great softball and field hockey performer for decades. But best, the UO physical education professor led women's sports into modern times.



Carene's Contemplations

As I sit to write to you I have just finished reading President Obama's Proclamation of August 26, 2014 Women's Equality Day. Below is the opening paragraph:

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was certified, securing for women the fundamental right to vote. The product of decades spent organizing, protesting, and agitating, it was a turning point on the long march toward equality for all, and it inspired generations of courageous women who took up this unfinished struggle in their own time. On the anniversary of this civil rights milestone, we honor the character and perseverance of America's women and all those who work to make the same rights and opportunities possible for our daughters and sons.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. We have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

We can be proud to be members of an organization that has been a leader in securing women's rights for more than 130 years.

As we continue to come together in our branch meetings for fun and fellowship, let's remember the women who came before us and paved the way. A great way to honor our predecessors is to ensure that our branch continues to grow and remains strong and vibrant. To do that we need to invite eligible women to join us. Bring an acquaintance, friend or colleague to our September 6 meeting to hear Dr. Becky Sisley's lively and spirited talk on Women's Sports and Gender Equity.

We have 44 members. Let's set a goal to have 50 members by June 30. Remember men can join and participate too!

See you there!



Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are held on Tuesdays at 11:30 am at the Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse, 1475 Green Acres Rd., Eugene. All members are welcome.

September 30	March 10
October 28	April 7
January 6	May 5
February 10	June 9

Monthly Branch Meeting Schedule

Monthly program information is available in the branch newsletter and on the website <http://eugenelane-or.aauw.net/Newsletter>.

September 6, 2014

Dr. Becky Sisley, Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon, Physical Education will speak about Women's Sports and Gender Equity.

October 11, 2014

November 8, 2014

December 13, 2014

Holiday Brunch

January 10, 2015

February 14, 2015

March 14, 2015

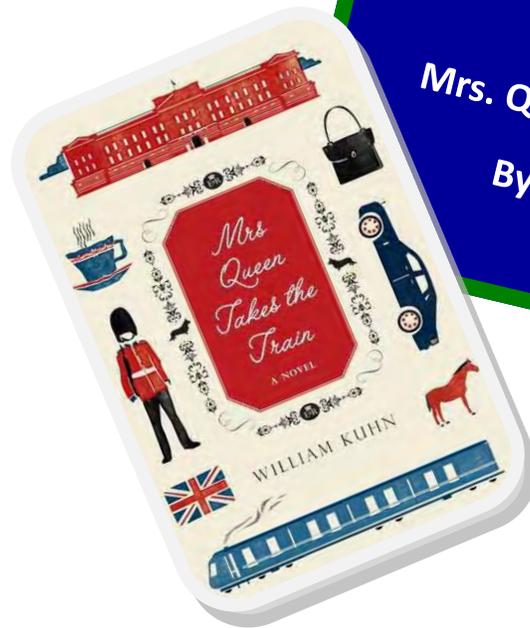
April 11, 2015

May 9, 2015

Annual Meeting

June 13, 2015

Readers' Theatre



BOOK CLUB
September 15th
 236 Greenvale Dr, Springfield
 541-747-4310
Mrs. Queen Takes the Train
 By William Kuhn



Out and Abouters:

Lunch: After the Branch meeting
Saturday, September 6
Place: CHOW, Gastropub~American Restaurant
Address: 471 South A St., Springfield

Call me, Linda Wittorff
541-844-1422 with any questions.

We will set the day for future Out and Abouters meetings at lunch. Ideas welcome.

See you at the meeting!



AAUW PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE KAPPY EATON

September 2014

BALLOT MEASURES 2014

Oregon voters will make decisions on seven state ballot measures at the November 4, 2014 General Election. Four proposals are from citizen petitions, two are Constitutional amendments from the 2013 Oregon Legislature, and one reached the ballot via a citizen Referendum petition, with 58,201 valid signatures. Several of the issues for voters are complex and need careful review. Eugene Lane AAUW members will have an opportunity to discuss both the state and local ballots at the October Branch meeting. Following are brief explanations of the state measures.

Measure #86: This proposal amends the Oregon Constitution by adding an Article directing the Legislature to create an Oregon Student Opportunity Fund and allowing the state to issue general obligation bonds to provide the necessary dollars. Currently, the Constitution prevents the state from incurring general obligation debt. Only the earnings from the proceeds can be used to provide financial assistance to Oregon students pursuing postsecondary education,

including technical, professional and career training. The bonding for the fund is limited to a maximum of one percent of the real market value of the state – approximately \$4.3 billion. The Legislature can control, through budgeting, the actual amount that will be available for any biennium.

Measure #87: This proposal amends the Oregon Constitution to allow state court judges to be employed for the purpose of teaching at public universities and to be compensated for performing military service in the Oregon National Guard. Currently, the Constitution prohibits persons from serving in more than one branch of government at the same time.

Measure #88: This proposal, a statute, amends the Oregon Vehicle Code to allow the state in certain circumstances to issue limited purpose driver cards to Oregon residents as proof of driving privileges. The card would be issued to persons who comply with all current requirements for driving and provide proof of Oregon residency for more than one year without the person providing proof of

legal presence in the United States. The card is valid for four years. It must be distinguished from the regular driver's license and cannot be used for identification purposes or commercial driving. Fees are estimated to cover the additional costs to the Department of Transportation with any excess going into the State Highway Fund. Currently, the Department of Transportation cannot grant a driver's license or permit to anyone not legally having presence in the country.

Measure # 89: This proposal amends the Oregon Constitution by adding a new section to the Bill of Rights to prohibit the state and political subdivision from denying or abridging equality of rights on account of gender. Currently, the Oregon Constitution provides that "No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens". The new section adds language expressly prohibiting inequality based on sex.

Measure #90: This proposal, a statute,(1) would replace Oregon's elections system for major party primaries and the nomination processes for minor parties and nonaffiliated voters, for U.S. Senate, Congress, partisan state offices (Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, state Senator, state Representative), and partisan local offices except those subject to city and county Home Rule; and (2) change the general election process for those offices; and (3) change how replacements are chosen for vacancies in those offices and elections. There would be a single primary among all candidates regardless of party or nonaffiliated status, in which all voters may vote, with the top two vote-getting candidates advancing to the November general elec-

tion. The ballot must state the party affiliation or "not a member" or nothing. The ballot also must state any party endorsements a candidate has accepted.

Measure #91: This proposal legalizes the personal possession of marijuana with certain limits, and provides for a commercial regulatory system of marijuana production, distribution and sale to begin January 1, 2016. A person over 21 years of age may possess 8 ounces of marijuana at home, 4 household plants, and various forms of marijuana products. Outside of home, not in public view, a person may have up to 1 ounce. Using marijuana in a public place, while driving on a public road or providing it to a minor or to an intoxicated person is prohibited. The measure imposes a tax, by weight, on marijuana produced by licensees. The state tax and license fees will fund the costs of licensing and regulation. Any additional revenue will be distributed 40% to school funding, 25% to substance abuse/prevention programs, 15% to state police, and 20% to cities and counties or enforcement of the measure. Local taxation is prohibited. A city or county may adopt time, place and manner regulations of the nuisance aspects of licensed retail activities. Local governments may opt out of having marijuana businesses by having an election in the issue. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is the regulatory body responsible for establishing the commercial rules regarding licensing, production, processing, wholesale, and retail sale of marijuana products. There is no effect on state laws relating to medical marijuana, penalties for driving under the influence, use by minors, or employment matters.

Measure #92: This proposal, a statute, creates a labeling law effective January 1, 2016 for raw and packaged foods for human use, wholly or partially made through genetic engineering, as defined.

Food is subject to labeling if made from or produced with organisms in which genetic material has been changed through certain defined techniques or methods. Manufacturers of packaged raw foods must include “genetically engineered” clearly and conspicuously on the package, and the shelf or bin containing the food must also be labeled. Packaged food must be labeled “Produced with Genetic Engineering” or “Partially Produced with Genetic Engineering”. No label is necessary for bakeries or restaurants, for unintentional use, or farmers unless they are a manufacturer or retailer. Rules as to who and when complaints can be filed are included as well as the intent to establish consistent and enforceable standards for labeling genetically engineered foods and educating citizens.

AAUW is supporting Measures #86 and #89.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Eugene residents will also have a ballot on continuing a local option property tax levy for Eugene School District 4J. At this date, there are no other local measures. If you have moved or changed your voter registration information in any way, the deadline for registering for the November 4 election is October 15. Ballots will be arriving in your mailbox about October 20. You can expect your Oregon 2014 Voters Pamphlet around the first week in October.

STATE OF THE STATE

The September Revenue Forecast will be presented by the State Economist on August 27. This look at the status of the General Fund and where the 2013-15 Budget projection is, after the first year of the biennium, will give guidance to the Legislature on where the revenue problems or possibilities lie. The Interim Committees of the Legislature will meet September 15-17 to continue discussing is-

sues for the 2015 session and begin the drafting of legislative concepts. Already on the radar are a carbon emissions tax, voter registration modernization, the bridge over the Columbia, water rights, public education goals, and health care.

OREGON VOTER REGISTRATION STATS August 15, 2014

2,134,403 Oregonians registered to vote	
Republicans	650,407
30.5%	
Democrats	821,859
38.5%	
Non-Affiliated	499,335
23.4%	
Independent	101,224
4.7%	

The remaining minor parties, including “others”, are 2.3% of voters

A MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Do you know an NCO or maybe a PIC, DA, or MAL?

Actually, your membership team--a.k.a. Linda and Sharon--are looking for "M"embers "A"t "L"arge, AAUW members without a branch affiliation. Do you know one you would like to personally invite to one of our meetings or, maybe, one you would like us to personally contact?

Let's get personal!
Let's reach out!

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What's better than attending the 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego, June 18–21, 2015? The possibility of not paying a dime for your registration! Pledge to register online now, and AAUW will send you a reminder e-mail when registration opens October 1. Best of all, if you complete your registration before January 15, you could win a free registration. So pledge to reg today, and tell your friends and fellow members to join the wave, too!



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Historian maintains the Archives:

1. Maintain two-year notebook, beginning with July 2014 material through July 2016.
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Minutes (board and branch)
 - c. Annual Meeting Actions Report

2. At conclusion in June of two-year period, place minutes in envelope, mark as

Eugene-Lane Branch AAUW Minutes 2014 to 2016 and deliver to Archives Collection, Second Floor, Knight Library, University of Oregon.

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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 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



Interest and Project Groups

Branch members are invited to join any group. Please call the contact person for details. If you're interested in forming a new group, please contact the branch president.

Afternoon Book Group—3rd Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Meets in homes of members. Contact Betty Kjeldgaard, 541-683-4926

Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Willamalane Senior Activity Center, Springfield. Contact Ardith Hinman, 541-747-4310

Fourth Tuesday Bridge Group at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Donna Pierce, 541-344-3365

Out and Abouters

Contact Linda Wittorff, lindaatex@yahoo.com, 541-844-1422

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Carol Hildebrand, carodane@aol.com, 541-344-4267

Readers' Theatre

Contact Barbara Carter, 541-554-2944

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