

November 2016

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AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting

Saturday, November 12

McCORNACK MASON BEE PROJECT

Westminster Presbyterian Church
777 Coburg Road, Eugene

Social time: 9:30 am
Hostesses: Ardith Hinman and JoAnn Ellis

Business meeting: 10 am
Speaker: 10:30 am

This event is free and open to the public.



Our November program will be presented by the students of the McCornack Mason Bee Project. The 3rd and 4th graders paint bee houses, and gather and clean the bees for distribution each spring. Their project provides an opportunity for the students to learn biology and environmental science, art, math, and entrepreneurship. Come and learn how these gentle bees can be a big asset to your garden.

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**Out to Lunch Bunch
Everybody Welcome!**

**Wednesday, November 9
11:30 am**

**LZ Chinese Restaurant
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FESTIVE HOLIDAY BRUNCH DECEMBER 10

It's not too early to make plans for our Holiday Brunch on December 10. Our brunch will again be catered by Elizabeth Stuart, who promises scrambled eggs with cheese, bacon, sausage, apple French toast strata, yogurt with a topping bar, fruit, assorted desserts and juices. Our entertainment will be the Eugene Gleemen Ensemble, who will sing holiday songs for us. The price is \$25 per person. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends for a festive gathering. To reserve seats, send \$25 for each to our Finance Vice-President, Stephanie Winsor, by December 2 (or bring a check to our November meeting).

If you would like to help with decorations, let Carol Hildebrand know.



BOOK GROUP

Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson

Monday, November 14, 2 pm

Carene Davis-Stitt
Clubhouse at Falcon Wood Village
1475 Green Acres Road, Eugene
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AAUW PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE November 2016 — Kappy Eaton

VOTING CHALLENGES AND POSITIVE TRENDS FOR 2016

Voters in 15 states will have voting restrictions in place for the first time in a presidential election. The new laws range from strict photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to voter registration restrictions. The states are Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. The intent seems to be curtailment of ballot access for students, older citizens and minority groups.

There had been 17 states until the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a series of voter restrictions in North Carolina in July, and a federal court enjoined North Dakota's photo ID law in August. Despite a recent court victory mitigating the impact of Texas's restrictive voter ID law, the state still is included because its requirement is more restrictive than what was in place for the 2012 presidential election. Lawsuits challenging the restrictions have been introduced in several states.

Following are specific trends and results:

1. Automatic voter registration has taken off across the country, with Oregon leading the way by passing its "motor voter" law in 2015. It went into effect January 1, 2016, and is expected to register 250,000 new voters by the November 8, general election. California, Vermont and West Virginia have now passed automatic registration laws, and Illinois is considering it. There are 28 states overall, and the District of Columbia reviewing the concept. Bi-partisan support is positive.

2. States are passing fewer voting restrictions, but restrictions in 15 states will be in play for the first time. Voter IDs are the most common type of restric-

tion, and most were passed since the 2012 presidential election. Nineteen states proposed 37 voter ID laws. Missouri passed a restrictive ID law but it will require voter approval in November. While Virginia passed a less restrictive ID law it also included automatic voter registration. Florida made its law less restrictive along with adding veterans' health, concealed carry licenses, and government employee ID requirements.

3. Two states passed laws that may limit voter mobilization. Arizona made it a felony for anyone other than a family/household member or caregiver of the voter to collect and submit the voter's absentee ballot. In prior years, several states prescribed rules to limit third-party collection and delivery of absentee ballots. Arizona's would be among the strictest and may create significant barriers for minority or elderly votes. In Wisconsin, the state eliminated "special registration deputies" – volunteers who were previously permitted to verify voters' residency when they collected or submitted voter registration applications. The law threatens the ability to civic groups to conduct voter registration drives in the state.

4. Rights restoration remains a popular reform. Restoration of voting rights to those with past criminal convictions was the second most popular type of reform this session after efforts to modernize registration with 27 bills introduced in 15 states. Maryland's legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto to restore the rights of 40,000 Marylanders. And in Kentucky, a dispute continues over Gov. Matt Bevin's suspension of and executive order restoring

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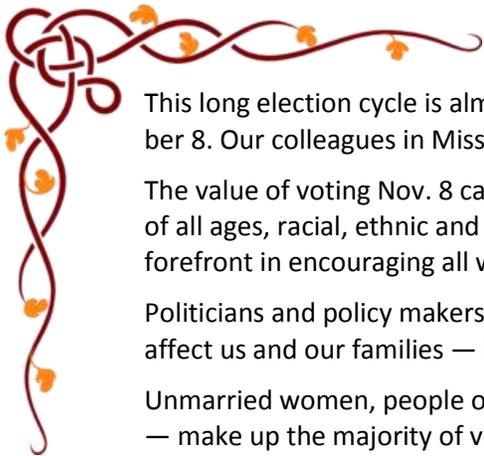
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voting rights to the convicted of certain crimes. Legislation that would amend Kentucky's constitution to automatically restore voting rights passed the state house by a wide margin and received substantial bipartisan support, but has stalled in the state senate.

5. States are passing fewer laws that restrict voting rights overall, but voter ID bills are still the most commonly introduced. The pace of states' adoption of restrictive voting legislation continues to slow, perhaps because many states already have them on

the books. Although voter ID bills are the most common form of restrictive legislation introduced, other types have gained traction. Nineteen states saw 37 voter ID bills introduced or carried over into the 2016 session. Legislators in Missouri introduced a photo ID requirement, thought it will require voter approval through a state constitutional amendment. The bill passed the state house and awaits a vote in the senate. West Virginia passed a less restrictive voter ID requirement but as part of legislation that included automatic registration described above.

(Sources: Brennan Center for Justice, Oregon Secretary of State, ACLU, The Register-Guard)



The President's Corner

This long election cycle is almost over. Have you returned your ballot? Remember, the deadline is November 8. Our colleagues in Missouri put it eloquently:

The value of voting Nov. 8 cannot be overemphasized because so many vital issues are at stake for women of all ages, racial, ethnic and educational backgrounds. American Association of University Women is at the forefront in encouraging all women to recognize the importance of their votes.

Politicians and policy makers at all levels of government routinely make decisions about issues that directly affect us and our families — but more often than not, the conversation lacks women's voices.

Unmarried women, people of color and millennials — collectively known as the "rising American electorate" — make up the majority of voting-eligible citizens in the U.S. This same group was underregistered and underrepresented in 2014.

Candidates can't win without the votes of women, so let's hold them accountable and ask them the tough questions about pay equity, work-life balance policies, campus sexual assault, and higher education.

As members of the Missouri branch of the American Association of University Women, we have worked tirelessly to advocate on issues affecting women and girls. We, along with every member of AAUW of Missouri, plan to make our voices heard on Nov. 8 and beyond.

*Karen Francis and A. Patricia Shores
Public policy co-chairs, AAUW Missouri*

On Wednesday, November 16, the Women in Transition program at LCC will celebrate their 30th Anniversary. Music, refreshments, and door prizes in Center Building Room 202 from 3-5. Come help us honor 30 years of helping women to transition to success.

And we are still looking for an Advertising Manager and a Historian. Contact me for more information about these positions.

Please share the first page of this newsletter as a poster to advertise our meeting. Distribute them anywhere potential members may be.

You may have noticed some changes in phone numbers and email addresses. This is for added cyber-security.

Happy Autumn, Cindy

Seven Facts You Didn't Know about Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW

October 31, 2014

We're bragging here, but sometimes our history is just too good not to share. AAUW is proud to have called Eleanor Roosevelt a member, supporter, and friend. It is of course impossible to list all of the ways the famous first lady connected with us over the years, so here are some of the highlights.

1. She joined AAUW in 1929.



Eleanor Roosevelt attended the AAUW National Convention in June 1959. (From left) Mrs. W. Louis Moore, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Mrs. Ray Townsend.

As a young girl, Eleanor Roosevelt was educated privately, and her only formal education ended in 1902 when she left London's Allenswood Academy as a teenager. She did not attend college. However, AAUW membership was still open to her: The criteria had a special ruling that stated that membership was open to women who had received honorary degrees from a list of approved colleges.

In her lifetime, Eleanor Roosevelt received 45 honorary degrees, the first of which came from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, in 1929, when she

was New York's first lady. This was the college's first honorary degree. At a speech granting her the degree, the college president called her "one of the ablest, most energetic, and most versatile women in public life today."

2. Her first speech to an AAUW audience was in 1929.



Eleanor Roosevelt attended the International Assembly of Women meeting in Kartwright, New York, in 1946.

At an event marking Armistice Day in 1929, Roosevelt addressed an AAUW audience for the first time. She spoke to the AAUW New York City (NY) Branch. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, as she was introduced, was also the guest of honor at the branch dinner, and according to the *New York Times*, "ha[d] just been elected to the membership in the AAUW." In her address, Roosevelt urged the members to do everything possible to make "another war impossible." She continued, "The only real safeguard is what education can do to change the hearts of men, and I think that has to be done by women. I think that you are the women to do it."

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3. She attended AAUW branch meetings throughout the Country.



Eleanor Roosevelt holding Declaration of Human Rights in Spanish at Lake Success, New York, in November 1949. Photo courtesy of FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Flickr

From her home in the Big Apple to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Eleanor Roosevelt attended and spoke at a variety of branch events across the country. Many of these are chronicled in her syndicated My Day column, which is available online courtesy of the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project at George Washington University.

4. Her close friend was an AAUW leader in New York.



Eleanor Roosevelt speaking at the dedication of the Roosevelt estate, Hyde Park, New York, as a national historic site. President Harry S. Truman seated behind Mrs. Roosevelt. Image via fdrlibrary, Flickr Creative Commons

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt built Val-Kill cottage in Hyde Park, New York, near the Roosevelt family home. Eleanor lived there along with her friends Marion Dickerman and Nancy Cook. The three women also operated a business called Val-Kill Industries that employed local residents in furniture-making and handicrafts.

Marion Dickerman was president of the AAUW New York City (NY) Branch. She was active in state politics with the Democratic Party, serving as executive secretary of the women's division of the State Democratic Committee. In addition to being a political activist, Dickerman was also an educator; she served as vice president and principal of the Todhunter School, a private school where Roosevelt also taught.

5. She believed that women were written out of history.



Eleanor Roosevelt (left) and Esther Peterson laid the groundwork for the 1963 American Women report. Image courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration

As first lady, Roosevelt held White House press conferences exclusively for women reporters because they were usually barred from the president's press conferences. In 1936, she invited Mary Ritter Beard, a historian and AAUW member, to speak about her efforts to write women back into history. This was on the same day that Beard saw her dream take

shape — the [World Center for Women’s Archives](#), a grand idea to collect and centralize the archival records of women’s contributions to our world, held its first planning meeting.

Later that evening, Roosevelt and Beard visited AAUW’s headquarters at 1634 Eye St. in Washington, D.C., and along with AAUW leaders they discussed the plan to gather historical materials relating to women. Roosevelt expressed surprise that women had not “tackled the writing of history in larger numbers than seemingly they have done” but applauded Beard’s efforts to gather the documents necessary to do so. Both women expressed dismay that major U.S. history books at that time failed to mention a single woman.

6. She spoke at the AAUW National Convention in 1959 on the United States as a Democratic Leader.



Eleanor Roosevelt at the 1959 AAUW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri

In her remarks to the convention audience in Kansas City, Roosevelt addressed the subject of the United States’ position in the world during the Cold War era. She answered the question of why Americans should help developing areas of the world. According to Roosevelt, as leaders of the noncommunist world, Americans must understand the regions that have yet to be swayed to either democracy or communism. Americans needed a complete understanding of the native people, customs, and religions in order to better understand what democracy could offer to those nations.

7. Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW were a natural fit from the start!



December 14, 1961: President Kennedy establishes the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women to investigate the social and economic conditions of women in America. He appoints Eleanor Roosevelt as chair of the commission. Visible in the photograph are AAUW members Rep. Edith Green (D-OR) and Marguerite Rawalt.

Eleanor Roosevelt had so much in common with AAUW. We both sought to find safe haven for refugee scholars during World War II, we both urged political leaders to appoint women to public office (and rejoiced over the appointment of AAUW member Frances Perkins as Franklin Roosevelt’s Secretary of Labor). We were both also involved with the establishment of the United Nations and with John F. Kennedy’s President’s Commission on the Status of Women. And this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Thanks for the fond memories, Eleanor; you continue to inspire us!

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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.

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Opportunity to Provide Your Input

The AAUW policy shop needs your input! AAUW just opened the comment period for the 2017-19 AAUW **Public Policy Program (PPP)**. Your AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Public Policy Committee have proposed some changes and revisions, and we need your feedback to develop the final proposed program that will be voted on by the membership in 2017. This member-approved program guides AAUW's advocacy efforts at the national, state, and local levels. The comment period opened this week and will close on December 5, so share your comments by **logging in with your member ID here:**

[https://www.aauw.org/login/?redirect to=/aauw redirect/wp redirect index PublicPolicyProgram.php](https://www.aauw.org/login/?redirect%20to=/aauw%20redirect/wp%20redirect%20index%20PublicPolicyProgram.php)

Your member ID can be found on your copy of Outlook or contact Cindy, theparkersfive(at)comcast.net.

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 pm

Meets in homes of members. Contact Cindy Parker, Five41-344-4572

Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Willamalane Senior Activity Center, Springfield
Contact Ardith Hinman, Five41-747-4310

Monday Bridge Group at 1 pm

Contact Barbara Gault, Five41-746-0916

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Contact Carol Hildebrand, carodane(at)aol.com,
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Our May 2017 Branch meeting will be May 6, our annual business meeting. Please update your calendars.

Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

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

All members are welcome.

November 8, 2016	February 7
No meeting in December	March 7, 2017
January 10, 2017	April 4
	May 2
	June 6

Monthly Branch Meeting Schedule

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

November 12, 2016 — McCornack Mason Bee Project

December 10, 2016 — Holiday Brunch

January 14, 2017 — Bev Smith: Progress on Civic Replacement Project

February 11, 2017 — TBA

March 11, 2017 — TBA

April 8, 2017 — TBA

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