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The News

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AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting

Saturday, April 8

Social time: 9:30 am
Business Meeting: 10 am
Program: 10:30 am
Westminster Presbyterian Church
777 Coburg Road, Eugene
Hostesses: Elena Rae, Cindy Parker

Not Your Parents' Library

Nancy Horner
Adult Services Manager Eugene Public Library

Nancy Horner has been the Adult Services Manager at Eugene Public Library for the last 10 years. Among other things, Nancy is responsible for oversight and development of Adult Programming. EPL programs include talks by major literary and non-fiction authors, workshops, reading incentive programs, film series, technology training, maker and digital media labs, and the community-wide reading programs Readin' in the Rain (2007-2008) Oregon Reads (2009), and The Big Read (2012, 2014, and 2017). Her previous position was director of 25 school libraries in Lawrence, Kansas. As a Kansas Humanities Scholar, she taught Creative Writing workshops. A certified teacher and adjunct professor, she taught Literature and Writing courses for 15 years. She has twice been named a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, studying Ralph Waldo Emerson and Virginia Woolf. In 2001, she delivered a paper at the International Virginia Woolf Conference in Wales, and was awarded an NEH grant to develop a website with teaching materials for the novels of Virginia Woolf. In addition, she has participated both in NEH and NEA grant evaluation processes.

Rob Everett
Director Springfield Public Library

Rob Everett has spent his entire 34-year career working in Oregon Public Libraries, from the Douglas County Library System to Eugene Public Library and "bookended" by stints at Springfield Public Library where he has served as the director for the past 9 years. His career began in the pre-dawn of the Internet era and is ending in a blaze of "virtual reality". Through it all he has used his community and its changing information needs as the compass for his career.

Creating an accessible, useful, and enlightening library experience has been both his inspiration and his challenge. He has a bachelors degree from the UO and a masters from the University of Washington. He has served as the secretary, public library division chair and president of the Oregon Library Association.

Rob and his wife Cathy have lived in rural Lane County west of Eugene for the past 42 years. They have two grown sons, their partners, and two grandchildren (with a third nearly here!) living in Eugene.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, April 12, 11:30 am

Antiques – Home Décor & Food

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Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Celebrating International Women's Day

at their lunch on Wednesday, March 8

Rear left to right: Claire Ragsdale, Ellen Otani, Carol Hildebrand, Carene Davis-Stitt. Front left to right: Barbara Gault and Carol Miller. We pledged to "Be Bold for Change" for women and girls.

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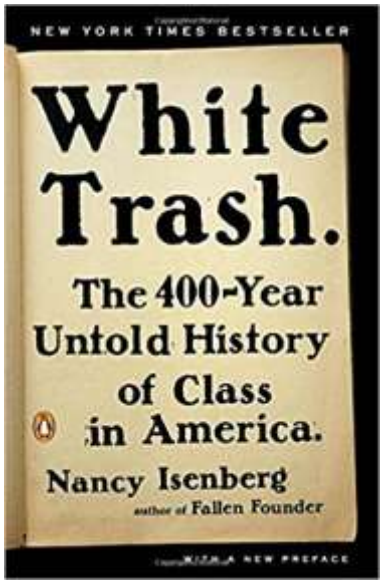
Book Group

Monday, April 17, 2:00 pm
Elena Rae's home



In her groundbreaking bestselling history of the class system in America, Nancy Isenberg, #4 on the 2016 Politico 50 list, takes on our comforting myths about equality, uncovering the crucial legacy of the ever-present, always embarrassing—if occasionally entertaining—poor white trash.

The wretched and landless poor have existed from the time of the earliest British colonial settlement to today's hillbillies.

We acknowledge racial injustice as an ugly stain on our nation's history. With Isenberg's landmark book, we will have to face the truth about the enduring, malevolent nature of class as well.

Everyone is welcome!

Unhappy Hour

In observance of
Equal Pay Day
Tuesday, April 4
4:30-6:00 pm
B Squared Wine Bar & Grill
2794 Shadowview Drive
Eugene, OR 97408

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.

Since Census statistics showing the latest wage figures will not be available until late August or September, NCPE leadership decided years ago to select a Tuesday in April as Equal Pay Day. (Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the next work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week.) The date also is selected to avoid religious holidays and other significant events.

Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color.

Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!

The President's Corner

President Cindy returned from Panama with a bad bug and is quite ill. I am filling in for her this month.

She wanted everyone to know about the new Oregon Chapter of the Association for Women in Science. Please see the flyer on the facing page for information about their first event.

I don't have a Public Policy update this month, so I am including information about April Awareness activities throughout this issue.

Hope you can join us on April 4 for our Unhappy Hour observation of Equal Pay Day. See page 3 for details.

Let's hold Cindy in our thoughts for a rapid recovery.

Carene

Editor

Advocates worldwide will wear jeans on Denim Day, April 26, 2017 to raise awareness about the misconceptions surrounding sexual assault.

DENIM DAY INFO.ORG

AWIS
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AWIS Oregon Opening Night!

Full STEAM Ahead! Pulling it Together

Guest Speaker: Kari G. Turner, AIA
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What: Come help us celebrate the opening of AWIS Oregon, the leading advocate of women in STEM!

When: Wednesday April 5th 5:30-7:00

Where: FertiLab Thinkubator
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Who: Anyone who supports women in STEM.

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from AAUW.org website

Sexual assault on college campuses has been a hot topic in the media lately. From former Vice President Joe Biden's advocacy for the It's On Us campaign to compelling documentaries such as *The Hunting Ground* and *It Happened Here* to Lady Gaga's powerful performance at the Oscars in 2016, it's clear that a national conversation around sexual assault has taken center stage. Although campus sexual assault is a year-round issue, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which gives us time to reflect on the seriousness of the issue. While it's important to understand the broad effects rape and sexual assault have on victims and survivors, it's also vital to expand the conversation and talk about how marginalized communities are affected.

At Towson University in Maryland, I have developed programming on rape and sexual assault with campus student leaders. We know that 1 in 5 college women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are students. As a woman of color who is passionate about women's issues, I wanted to develop a program that highlights how this issue affects communities that are often overlooked.

My program initiated conversations about rape and sexual assault, specifically in the black and LGBT communities. I conducted targeted outreach to students in these communities and invited them to participate in my program. I helped empower student leaders to facilitate and shape the conversation to make their voices heard. Here's what I learned.

Lingering trauma disproportionality affects marginalized communities.

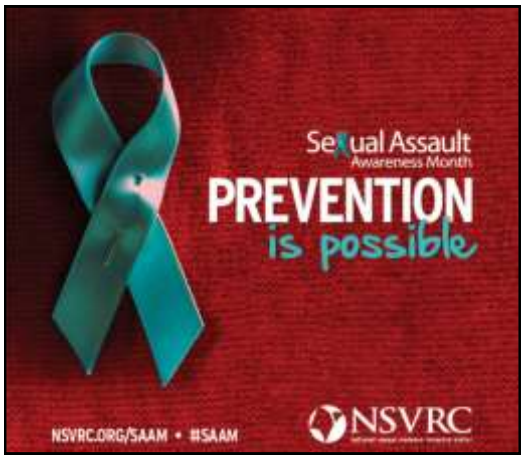
The rates of sexual violence are usually worse for communities of color. Research shows that 19 percent of white women have been raped in their lifetime, compared with 15 percent of Hispanic women, 22 percent of black women, 27 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women, and 34 percent of women who identify as multiracial. High rates of assault also exist in the LGBT community. These statistical differences are important because negative side effects of rape and sexual assault like frustration, depression, anger, and post-traumatic stress disorder disproportionately affect communities of color.

Within these communities, nuances exist.

Most victims know their attackers. The tight bonds formed within communities of color, due to institutionalized racism, often become an extra barrier that discourages survivors from reporting assaults. For every black woman who reports her rape, at least 15 black women do not report theirs. Part of the hesitation may stem from fear of retaliation from their partners or gender bias and misconduct on the part of law enforcement.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an important time to take action and stand with victims and survivors of rape and sexual assault. In my work at Towson and as an intern at AAUW, I am mindful of how these experiences differ for individuals with intersecting identities. Whichever method you choose to take action against sexual assault, make sure that it's diverse and inclusive of all marginalized communities.

This post was written by AAUW Campus Leadership Programs Intern Aji Bakare.



Join the Movement to #StandUptoSexism

You play like a girl. You should smile more. Women are so emotional.

We've heard it all before. Sexist microaggressions, which are often wrapped up in racialized biases, make us doubt ourselves, whether we're second-guessing a great idea, feeling self-conscious about our bodies, or receiving less pay or less respect. Seemingly small acts of sexism (like implicit bias, workplace inflexibility, and prejudiced hiring practices) contribute to the gender leadership gap, and that gap creates a culture where women's work is devalued. It's only a small step from there to de-valuing ourselves.

AAUW was founded more than 135 years ago to help empower women and girls across a wide range of issues. But we can't do it alone! Just as small acts of sexism can harm us, small acts of protest can empower us — and help build the change society needs. **That's where you come in.**

Will you #StandUptoSexism?

We're over sexism. We want to squash it for good. And one way to do so is to call out the problem. That's why we're starting an online movement in which women, girls, boys, men, and allies of all identities can take action to show that they don't accept sexism.

Go to **AAUW.org** and download our printable flyer, fill it out with how or why you fight sexism in your life, and share it with the hashtag #StandUptoSexism.

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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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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, 541-344-4572

Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm
Willamalane Senior Activity Center, Springfield
Contact Ardith Hinman 541-747-4310

Monday Bridge Group at 1 pm
Contact Barbara Gault, 541-746-0916

Out–to-Lunch Bunch
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Monthly Branch Meeting Schedule

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

April 8, 2017 — Rob Everett, Director of the Springfield Public Library and Nancy Horner, Adult Services Manager at Eugene Public Library will talk about, "Not Your Parents' Library."

May 6, 2017 — Annual Meeting

June 10, 2017 —TBA

Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

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

April 4
May 2
June 6

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April: Elena Rae, Cindy Parker
May: Charlotte Brill, Banti Winslow
June: Pat Zeller, Gail Goshert

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