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## AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting

**Saturday, February 10**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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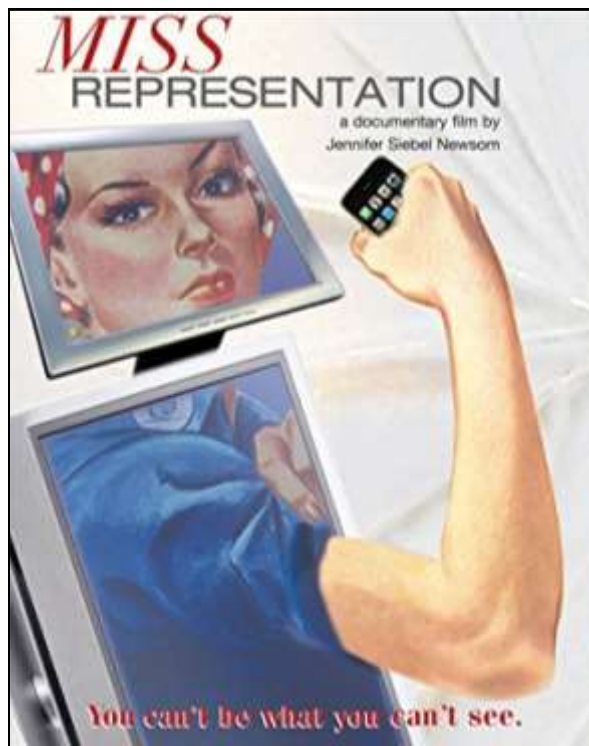
Social time: 9:30 am

Business Meeting: 10 am

Program: 10:30 am

Hostesses: Carene Davis-Stitt, Judy Greer, Claire Ragsdale

## Pay Discrimination/Equity



The program presentation will be a viewing of the video “*Miss Representation*” which exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, followed by a roundtable discussion on Pay Discrimination / Equity. Attendees are invited to bring stories of their own experience or observation of pay inequity.

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# The President's Corner

Happy New Year! We started off 2018 with a bang listening to our dynamic January speaker, Lois Youngen. You can read a summary of her talk elsewhere in this newsletter. Our February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be interactive. Please bring your Unequal Pay stories to share, and be ready to discuss the direction you would like the State to go regarding conventions and trainings. February is Black History Month and you can join AAUW as we talk with 1984-85 [AAUW American Fellow](#) and University of Georgia Professor Emerita [Patricia Bell-Scott](#), Ph.D., about her new book, *The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice*. Bell-Scott delivers a close-up portrait of “[the enormously important friendship between two activist crusaders](#).” Our Unequal Pay Day committee is meeting soon to plan activities for April 10; send me your ideas or better yet, let me know you wish to be on the committee.

The Nomination Committee, Ardith Hinman, Carol Hildebrand, and Jo Brew need suggestions and/or volunteers for the offices of President, Finance Vice President, and Program Vice President. These offices can be shared between 2 members, and there will be loads of advice and help from experienced folks. PLEASE consider stepping up.

The 2018 Oregon AAUW Convention April 20-22 at the Embassy Suites in Hillsboro features top quality speakers and topics, and we urge you to attend either as a delegate or just as a member. We always have a lot of fun. The keynote speaker is Dr. Melody Rose, President of CU partner campus Marylhurst University. She is a nationally recognized authority on elections, campaigns and women candidates. A sampling of programs includes topics on sexual assault in schools; mentoring the next generations to run for public office; a speaker on women in the armed services; two outstanding women who have received AAUW fellowships speaking on their related topics; equity and inclusion and millennials; and a legislator's panel. There will also be good opportunities for interaction with counterparts and other branches.

Webster's Dictionary defines *feminism* as “the belief in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes.” We are seeing progress in all three areas, the #MeToo movement battling sexual harassment, record breaking numbers of women running for political office, and favorable laws being passed for equal pay. But we continue to fight very hard just to maintain rights we have enjoyed for years. AAUW provides a framework for this battle. I am glad you are a member.

Check out the CHiPS report in this issue and save the date of March 3 to attend the Mock Trial competition. (More details will be available.) Many thanks to Peggy Shippen for continuing to direct our efforts from afar. Also in this issue is the calendar for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team we sponsor at Kidports. Come and cheer them on. Wear your AAUW swag so they will recognize us.

I'll see you there,  
*Cindy*

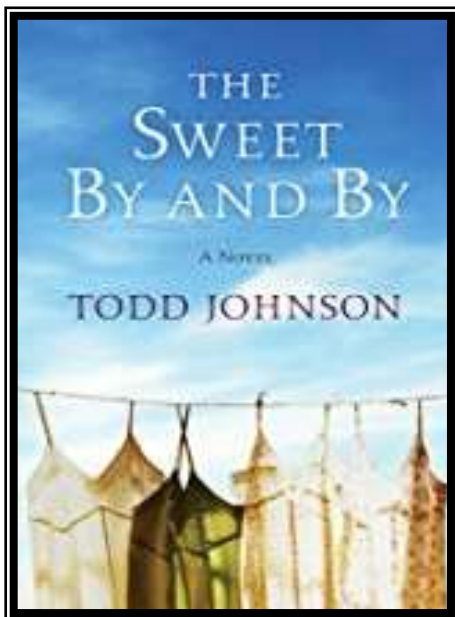
## Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 am

### Book Group

Monday, February 19, 2:00 pm

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*The Sweet By and By* is the story of five southern women of different ages and from very different backgrounds whose lives come together in a journey of courage, hope, and humor. First-time author Todd Johnson—who was a co-producer with Oprah Winfrey of Broadway's *The Color Purple*—makes an indelible literary mark with a debut novel that bestselling author Adriana Trigiani (*Very Valentine*) calls, "heartfelt and stunning." *People* magazine chose *The Sweet By and By* as one of its "Great Reads for Your Book Club," saying, "*Steel Magnolias* fans will love this one."



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# The State of AAUW

Dear AAUW Members,

In November AAUW turned 136 years old. My, how it has grown from the [original 17](#) brave and visionary women who started us on this path. AAUW has developed and transformed since then, adapting to new technology and expanding the range of activities, initiatives, and programs that have become our hallmark. I think, however, that Marion Talbot would still recognize the organization today. Why? Because our foundational theme and mission remain the advancement of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

As we grow so too must our efforts to ensure that we are relevant, effective, and efficient in [our impact](#). That means paying attention not only to issues that affect women and girls, but also strategically planning how we will best deploy our resources to accomplish our mission and making sure that we are inclusive as we chart our way forward. Toward that end the AAUW Board of Directors recently approved a recommendation to develop [a new strategic plan](#); in the first quarter of 2018 you will be hearing more about that undertaking. This effort will involve staff, board, and member and stakeholder input. Since this is an organization-wide effort, states and branches are encouraged to embrace the goals and strategies that will emerge from the plan, establish their own plans, and determine how they can contribute to our shared organizational success within the parameters of their own resources and communities.

Many of you attended the [AAUW National Convention](#) in June and had an opportunity to meet and greet our dynamic new chief executive officer, Kimberly Churches. More of you have had the opportunity to get to know her a bit better as she has been traveling across the country on her listening tour. This has allowed her to hear

your passionate commitment to our organization as well as your concerns and ideas about the future direction of AAUW. A great deal of what she has heard as chief executive officer and what I've heard from you as board chair is being weighed and considered by the national staff and board.

Looking back at just a few of [our accomplishments during 2017](#), we sent more than 270,000 messages to lawmakers. Through [AAUW Start Smart and Work Smart](#) workshops 17,000 people learned to negotiate their salaries; but we're not resting on those laurels. We plan to train 20,000 women by 2020 — and that's just in [San Francisco](#) with a new partnership launched in December 2017! Stay tuned for news about additional partnerships we're launching across the country.

We awarded \$3.7 million to women and community projects, and we held science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs in 35 states! We celebrated 100 years of awarding International Fellowships to more than 3,600 women representing more than 140 countries, and we travelled to Morocco, Tunisia, and Dubai to share our research and programs with women leaders and activists.

With respect to our organization's [fiscal health](#), AAUW's finances and investments are solid and on track. We are appropriately scrutinizing budget development and implementation, being mindful of our fiduciary responsibilities, and employing best practices to maximize our human and material resources. Management and the board are examining existing and potential initiatives and programs designed to make the organization more visible and distinct from other equity organizations, increase engagement with stakeholders, and grow our organizational productivity.



Whether we're talking about public policy, legal case support, member leadership training, global connections, or educational funding, the state of AAUW is sound. We're planning for our move forward to the next level. Thanks to each of you for your support and hard work in helping to make sure that we remain the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Onward and upward in 2018!

Sincerely,



Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Board Chair



## 7 Feminist Resolutions for 2018

1. Know your rights at work.
2. Vote.
3. Negotiate your salary.
4. Support the next generation of innovators.
5. Help young women find their voices.
6. Be an ally.
7. Get involved.

## CHiPS Update



The CHiPS Committee approved giving the 10-member Willamette High School Mock Trial Team \$150 for school-color dress shirts that will make up their "professional" ensemble. Teacher, Dain Nelson, says the shirts cost \$25 each so our donation will lower the cost per student to \$10, making it more affordable for all. The students will keep their shirts and maybe have them for future use. We now have \$200 left in our CHiPS Fund, which will perfectly cover \$80 for transportation (gas) and food expenses.

The Mock Trial competition will be on March 3rd, and likely at the Linn County Courthouse in Albany. Dain says the team would love to have a support section from the AAUW. More details to come.

The WHS Mock Trial Team will "scrimmage" with South Eugene H.S. in February. I have asked Dain if our members may attend that and will let you know either way.

Dain also reported he had District Attorney Patty Perlow speak to the Intro to Law classes, which meant almost all Mock Trial team members heard from her. Wonderful it was a woman speaker!

We'll be asking the branch this spring whether or not to keep funding the WHS Mock Trial Program. The CHiPS Committee is excited we've come so far with our pilot program. We'll try to find other sources of funding but hope you'll consider helping us raise another \$750 for the 2019 WHS Mock Trial Team. Let me know your thoughts: shippen63@gmail.com

Peggy Shippen, CHiPS Chair



**Lois Youngen** regaled us with stories from the Women's Professional Baseball League of the 1940's and early 1950's (AAGPBL).

After assuring us that there was, indeed, “crying in baseball,” as opposed to the exclamatory statement made by the Tom Hanks character in “A League of Their Own,” Lois stated, “I’m also quite old, I can get off topic without trying.” We’ll all just have to stretch our imaginations to try to guess what that might be like. The league ran from 1943-1954, and was segregated. Some African American women tried out, but weren’t allowed to join. A few were able, however, to later join the men’s Negro League.

The Wrigleys, of chewing gum fame, were responsible for the creation of the league, as well as for the handicapping and PR spin. The women - married, single, mothers – were “girls.” Their hair was to be at least jawline length, no slacks, onesies to play in that pulled up when they went to catch a high ball, and, at first, two yards of fabric to engulf the grounders so they couldn’t find the ball for all the fluff. At the beginning of the league, the women went to charm school, but that requirement was dropped by the time Lois joined, right out of high school. PR videos showed the players applying makeup on the field, and stressed that they were still good wives, mothers, and housekeepers.

The rules of their game changed along the way, along with their uniform. The latter became more like a tennis outfit, with less skirt to contend with; though the turf’n’dirt was still absorbed directly

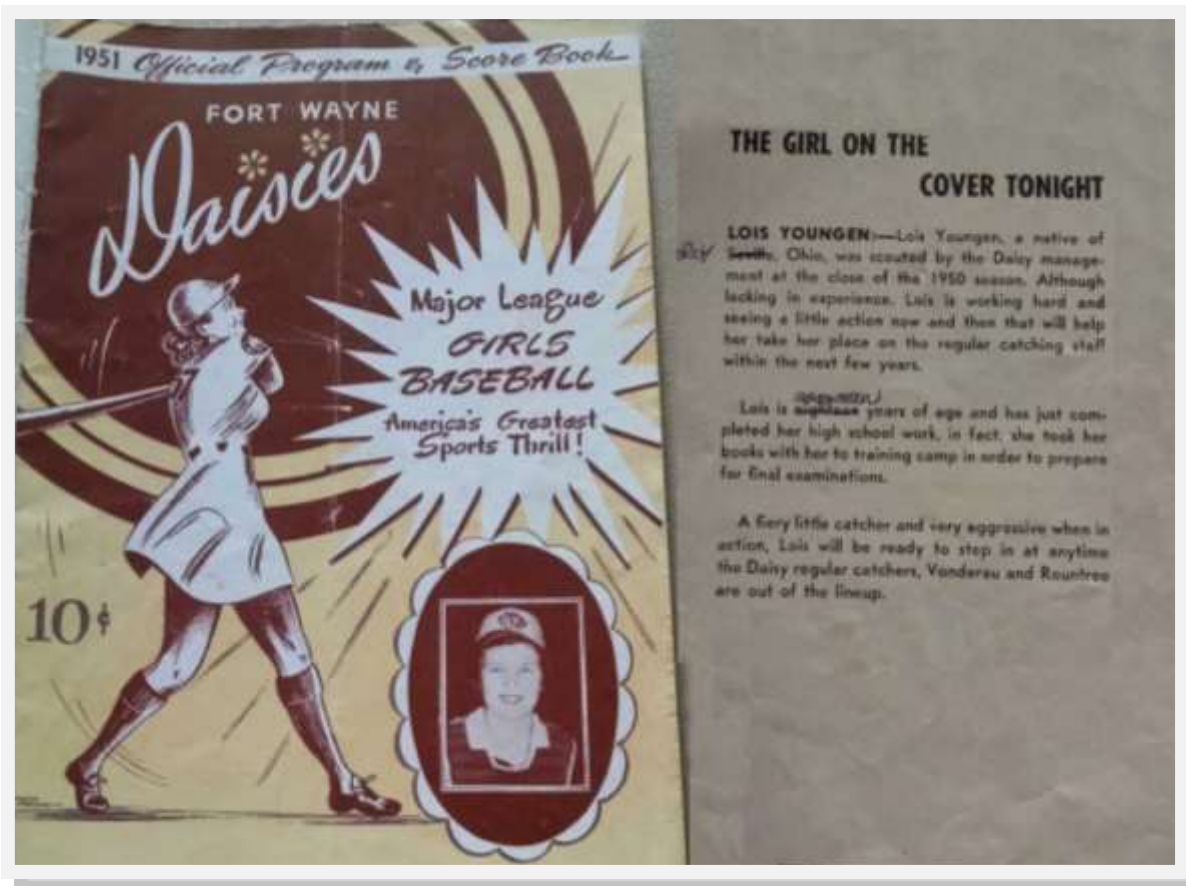
through the skin while sliding, not so much by osmosis as by Cuisinart. The “strawberry” abrasions could last the whole season as the scrapes were damaged and re-damaged by unprotected play. Prophylactics were illegal, in more ways than one. The ball went from a big twelve inches to a men’s-sized nine inch baseball, so the inverse correlation of hand size to ball diameter no longer held sway. It remained difficult, if not impossible, however, to secure smaller-sized gloves and bats.

The players were thrilled to be a part of Penny Marshall’s film background in 1991, but maybe less thrilled with the stipend, \$100,000, allotted to the player’s association from the \$150,000,000 profit of the film in its first five years. Lois also very much wanted to state that the chaperones and coaches, particularly Jimmy Foxx, were great. She said that Jimmy had been maligned as “a fall down drunk,” and that that was definitely not the case. According to her, he was a good, though alcoholic, manager who did a good job.

The documentary “Baseball Girls” is on the web at [https://www.nfb.ca/film/baseball\\_girls/](https://www.nfb.ca/film/baseball_girls/), and Lois appears in it. There is some great archival video, and during the credits a variety of women athletes are shown, including wing-walkers.

The Register-Guard article on our meeting, with pics, is at <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/36336701-75/former-pro-baseball-player-lois-youngen-of-eugene-still-in-a-league-of-her-own.html.csp>.

By Elena Rae



### TAKE US OUT TO THE (BASKETBALL) GAME

We've heard from KIDSPORTS that the middle-school girls' basketball season is about to begin. Here's the schedule for the team we are sponsoring, which for whatever reason is named "Willamette Gayle." It's great fun to attend the games, especially wearing our turquoise polo shirts, if you have one. For carpooling, call Carol Hildebrand (541) 344-4267.

Saturday, January 20, 10:20 a.m. Madison Middle School, 875 Wilkes Drive (North of Beltline, off River Road)

Saturday, January 27, 5:40 p.m. Madison Middle School

Sunday, January 28, 12:20 p.m. Roosevelt Middle School, 680 E. 24th

Saturday, February 10, 1:00 p.m. Cal Young Middle School, 2955 Gilham Road

Sunday, February 11, 5:00 p.m. Madison Middle School

Saturday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. Madison Middle School

Sunday, February 25, 3:40 p.m. Madison Middle School

Saturday, March 10, 2:20 p.m. Monroe Middle School, 2800 Bailey Lane



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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.**

## The News

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## Board Meeting Schedule

No Board Meeting in December

## Monthly Branch Meeting Schedule

Meetings are on Saturday mornings at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 777 Coburg Road, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Programs are subject to change.

Monthly program information is available in the branch newsletter and on the website at:

<http://eugenelane-or.aauw.net/Newsletter>

### December 9, 2017

Holiday Brunch with holiday music by a girls' choir

### January 13, 2018

"My Career as a Professional Baseball Player" by Lois Youngen

### February 10, 2018

TBA

### March 10, 2018

"Celebrating the Rosies" by Yvonne Fasold

### April 14, 2018

TBA

### May 12, 2018

Annual Meeting

### June 9, 2018

TBA

## 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, 541-344-4572

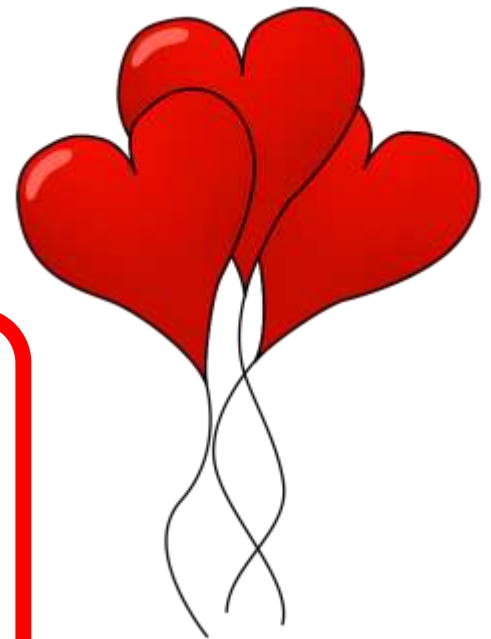
### Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm

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### Out-to-Lunch Bunch

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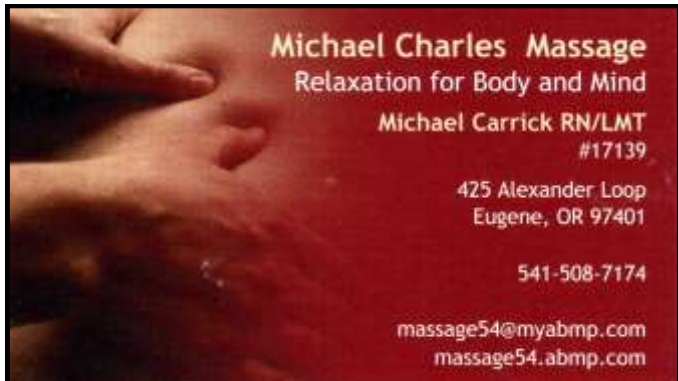
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