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Eugene-Lane Branch The News

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AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting

Saturday, June 9

Westminster Presbyterian Church

777 Coburg Road, Eugene

Social time: 9:30 am

Business Meeting: 10 am

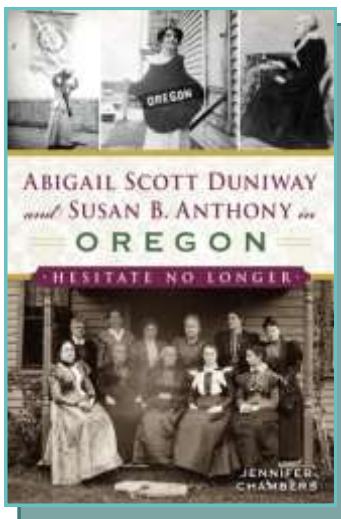
Program: 10:30 am

Hostesses: Elleen Levy and Elena Rae



Speaker: Jennifer Byers Chambers

Local author of *Abigail Scott Duniway and Susan B. Anthony in Oregon: Hesitate No Longer*



It was the spring of 1871. Pioneer entrepreneur Abigail Scott Duniway, on a business trip to purchase stock for her millinery store back in Oregon, waited breathlessly outside the suffrage convention in San Francisco. She hoped to meet Susan B. Anthony, whose career she so admired. And so they met, sparking a

relationship that dramatically altered Duniway's life. The duo traveled for months on horseback, carriage, train and boat in their crucial, successful effort to ensure the right to vote for women nationwide.

Author Jennifer Byers Chambers revives the inspirational fight for women's rights by examining the dynamic between these two powerful women and how they changed not just the Beaver State but the country as a whole.

Jennifer Byers Chambers is a nationally known public speaker on topics like self-advocacy, body love and how the legacies of strong women in history contribute to activism today. Chambers attended the University of Iowa Summer Writing Festival. Co-owner and contributing editor of Groundwaters Publishing, Jennifer is a survivor of traumatic brain injury that forced her to relearn everything from walking and talking to tying her shoes.

Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase.

The President's Corner

AAUW Sisters,

Thank you for your thoughtful input at our Annual Business meeting and your sincere support. It was overwhelmingly clear that Eugene-Lane AAUW wants to continue, and with everyone's help we can fulfill our mission. Wendy Cook stepped up to take on the Presidency, but we need to remember that it takes a village to lead our Branch. She will have special help from the Board, and Marian Spath and Stephanie Winsor. Claire Ragsdale will be our Membership Vice President. In an organization such as ours everyone is a membership advocate, so bring your friends and acquaintances, greet and welcome all our guests, and encourage folks to come back and join. Elleen Levy will continue to do an excellent job as Communications Vice President, and Jill McCleary will be our Program Vice President providing wonderful speakers for our meetings. I will be Finance Vice President, a pretentious title for treasurer.

The final Board meeting of the year will be held June 5 at 11:30 at Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse, the park where Carene, Claire, Ellen Sundberg, and Judy live. We will evaluate our progress from the past year and set goals for the future. The Board used to have both a regular meeting and a "Retreat" in June but we have combined the two. We would really like to have as many members as possible come and give their input. It will be a potluck so bring a snack. I imagine it will last until 1:00.

I reminded you to drum up some business cards for advertising for our 2018-19 newsletters and on the website. It costs \$50 for the entire year and is a great bargain. If everybody just got one advertiser we could greatly increase our revenue. Bring them to the Board meeting or the Branch meeting.

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If you haven't voted in the National Bylaws election, please do so by June 9. Results should be available June 10. If you are having problems with the electronic voting, please contact me at cindyparkeraauw@gmail.com, and hopefully I can walk you through it. From our discussions I know you all feel strongly about these proposed changes so make sure your voice is heard.

Our speaker on June 9 is Jennifer Byers Chambers, author of Abigail Scott Duniway and Susan B. Anthony in Oregon; Hesitate No Longer. Congress approved the 19th Amendment awarding women the vote in 1919, and it was ratified in 1920. Jennifer should fire up our inner Suffragettes and we can plan 100th Anniversary celebrations for the next 2 years.

I'm looking forward to the collaborative process of leading our Branch, and I feel much better about the future of Eugene-Lane AAUW.

See you all soon, *Cindy*

Book Group Monday, June 18

Lunch and possible movie plans (Book Club).
Be thinking of good books for next year.



Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, June 13, 11:30 am



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June Board Meeting

11:30am, Tuesday, June 5
Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse
1475 Green Acres Road, Eugene

All are encouraged to attend
and set goals for the future.



Title IX enforcement needs our attention!

Currently, data collection regarding sexual harassment and bullying in Oregon is not being implemented. Without data it is impossible to quantify the scope of these issues. If we do not have a clear understanding of the problem, it makes it very difficult to combat it. Additionally, there is only one, one-quarter time OR Department of Education employee doing ALL Title IX work. This employee is responsible for training, rendering advice, ensuring compliance, communications with Title IX Coordinators, handling appeals, etc.

The only training for Title IX Coordinators takes place at multi-topic conferences, there are no state-defined suggestions relating to reporting, nor brochures or posters about the contact/complaint process or policies regarding how to conduct climate surveys within each school. There are no state guidelines regarding such issues as consent, bystander interventions, privacy concerns, nor are there curricula for healthy relationships. Similarly lacking are strategies for handling investigations, how to work with police departments and protect the rights of victims as well as those against whom an allegation of sexual harassment / bullying has been made. There is no community of Title IX coordinators nor a website for use around the state that would assist in sharing information and obtaining up-to-date information.

The OR Legislature's Joint Committee for Student Success, which was first appointed at the end of the 2018 Legislative Session, has launched a statewide listening tour "to explore the best practices employed in Oregon's most successful schools and address the gaps that are limiting student success in other schools". AAUW of OR's task is to make sure that this Committee becomes fully aware of OR Department of Education's less than lackluster efforts in enforcing Title IX at the K - 12 level.

AAUW of OR is doing just that by having our members testify about this problem at each of the scheduled listening tour stops (listed below). If you are unable to testify, please voice concerns to your representative regarding these serious issues, in hopes of instating policy procedures to address them.

June 5, 7 p.m.
Central High School
815 S Oakdale Ave, Medford

July 11, 7 p.m.
Arts & Communication Magnet Academy
11375 SW Center St, Beaverton, OR

September 13, 7 p.m.
Ridgeview High School
4555 SW Elkhorn Ave, Redmond

September 27, 7 p.m.
President James Madison High School
2735 NE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97220

October 10, 7 p.m.
Marshfield High School
972 Ingersoll Ave, Coos Bay

Legislative Issues AAUW of Oregon - Although the Agenda for the 2019 Legislation Session is still in the early stages of development, a number of issues are being considered. Currently Oregon branches are working toward positioning an increase in funding for Title IX enforcement, banning certain types of contractual non-disclosure provisions in sexual harassment / assault cases, paid family and medical leave, and increasing resources for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

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REMINDER! Voting on Three Very Important National AAUW Bylaws Amendments Continues until June 5th - VOTE ! When voting or if you have questions, visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>.

All the best...Trish

Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair, AAUW of OR
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2018 AAUW Senior Woman Recognition Awarded

The 2018 AAUW Senior Woman Recognition Award went to Ruth Nouboussi. Janice Strupp, Eugene-Lane Branch Senior Woman Recognition Award Chair, attended the May 11 ceremonies at the Autzen Club at Autzen Stadium to present Ruth with her plaque. She was very pleased to be honored.

Ruth majored in human physiology with a minor in mathematics and chemistry and maintained a 3.74 GPA. She attended high school in Cameroon, West Africa. She was awarded the Diversity Excellence Scholarship and was a Dean of Students Advisory Board member and finance director for the African Student Association. She also tutored students in mathematics, chemistry and biology.

She credits her academic success to her mother who encouraged her to work harder and accomplish greater things than what she did. Ruth wants to be a thoracic surgeon and be an inspiration to other young women from underrepresented backgrounds to persevere against all odds.



Our 2018 Mock Trial Team

Women Demand Global Economic Parity, Not Status Quo—March 30, 2017



UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka opened the 61st UN Commission on the Status of Women.

“This Commission on the Status of Women must not be the commission on the status quo.” These words rang out at the opening of the [61st UN Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) from Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women executive director.

With more than 8,700 participants from civil society organizations preregistered to attend the events, this year’s [CSW](#) was one of the largest ever. As I wrote this piece at the start of the second week, it became clear that the need is stronger than ever for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to gather, organize, network, challenge, contribute ideas, share their expertise, and raise their voices for gender equality and economic empowerment. Events tied together the CSW theme of Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and [Planet 50-50 by 2030](#) campaign objectives, covering many issues women face in the global struggle for equal representation in the workplace and in society.

“In a male-dominated world, the empowerment of women must be a key priority. Women already have what it takes to succeed. Empowerment is about breaking structural barriers,” said newly installed UN Secretary-General António Guterres at the opening event. Guterres renewed the call for more men to speak out on gender discrimination and join the [#HeForShe](#) campaign. “It is true, I am a man, but we need all men to stand up for women’s empowerment. Our world needs more women leaders. And our world needs more men standing up for gender equality,” he said.

The two weeks of activities kicked off with the 45th annual gathering of NGOs and civil society organizations at the [NGO Commission on the Status of Women Forum \(NGOCSW\)](#) on March 12, where speakers noted that there is a backlash today against many of the gains women have made over recent decades and that the gaps between women and men on economic participation remain wide. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women executive director, remarked that “there aren’t enough leaders in the world who have zero tolerance for gender inequality.”



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Though it was an inspiring and encouraging event, many noted and were troubled by the absence of participants hindered by travel bans. The hashtag [#NoBordersonGenderJustice](#) was established to remember the feminist activists who are unable to be at CSW61 due to travel bans of all kinds, and event organizers were asked to mark an empty chair for them with a sign asking, “Why is this chair empty?”

To remember the feminist activists who were unable to be at the 2017 CSW due to travel bans of all kinds, event organizers marked an empty chair with a sign.



Those who were fortunate to attend delved into the business at hand, even contending with a snowstorm (which canceled [AAUW's own event](#)). Snowstorm aside, there were many opportunities to share [AAUW's work](#) on improving women's economic well-being and discuss the issue with other likeminded leaders throughout the week. As Lopa Banerjee, Civil Society Section Chief at UN Women, said, “Discrimination, stereotypes, and norms constrict the way we regard women as workers.”

On multiple occasions, we heard the chilling fact revealed in the 2016 [Global](#)

[Gender Gap Report](#) that the economic gender gap has reverted to where it stood in 2008. At the current rate of change the global gender gap will not close for another 170 years. It was declared during the commission (and often shouted) that women cannot wait any longer to gain full, tangible equal rights.

I was struck by the broad array of issues that experts at the events framed around economic security, including the need for women legislators who can affect economic policies, the impact of gender inequality on health, unpaid care as critical to the global economy, violence against women and girls, the importance of gender-responsive budgeting, and the need for sex-disaggregated data for policy making.

In terms of closing the pay gap, an issue [close to AAUW's heart](#), UN Women and the [International Labour Organization](#) launched the [Global Equal Pay Platform of Champions](#) on March 13 featuring [Abby Wambach](#) and [Patricia Arquette](#). The event also kicked off an online campaign called [#StopTheRobbery](#) to show how women across the world are effectively “robbed” of part of their deserved salaries thanks to the [pay gap](#). “Women regard the global pay gap as daylight robbery,” said Mlambo-Ngcuka. The campaign asked people to symbolically recognize the gender pay gap on March 15 by pausing work at 4:10 p.m., when there is 23 percent of the workday left (23 percent is the global pay gap between men and women).

When women are economically empowered they have the potential to change their own economic status as well as that of [the communities](#) and [countries in which they live](#). At the CSW, women made it known that we are using our expertise and raising our voices to take action to achieve gender equality. The world can't wait another 170 years.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The new Advertising Manager will need business cards that you gather from business establishments you frequent. Please keep collecting them!

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.

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Board Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, June 5, 11:30 am
Falcon Wood Village Clubhouse
1475 Green Acres Road, Eugene

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 infor-
mation is available in the
branch newsletter and on
the website at:

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Jennifer Byers Chambers,
local author of "Abigail Scott
Duniway and Susan B. An-
thony in Oregon; Hesitate No
Longer," will be the speaker.

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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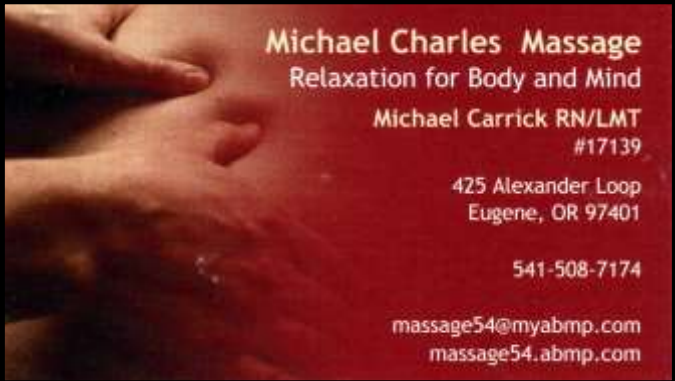
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