



November 2018

Eugene-Lane Branch
The News

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**AAUW Eugene-Lane
 Branch Meeting**

Saturday, November 10

Westminster Presbyterian Church

777 Coburg Road, Eugene

Social time: 9:30 am

Business Meeting: 10 am

Program: 10:30 am

Hostesses: Maggie Maly & Janice Strupp



**EUGENE POLICE
 DEPARTMENT**

Volunteers in Policing Program

Reminder: Let's Get Sustainable!

To reduce throw-away waste, please bring your favorite travel mug with you for enjoying your beverage of choice at our branch meetings. The planet thanks you.

November's guest presenter will be **Lindy Smith**, manager for the Eugene Police Department (EPD) Volunteers in Policing Program. Lindy oversees more than 70 community volunteers who devote their time and energy to EPD in a number of positions: keeping department vehicles clean and stocked, serving subpoenas to crime victims and witnesses, performing home vacation checks for residents, placing EPD decoy cars around town, registering residents' bicycles, investigating cold cases, performing graffiti abatement, serving as actors during mock emergency drills, and much more.

With a volunteer base comprising retirees, working people, and students from diverse backgrounds, the EPD Volunteers in Policing Program strives to model outstanding community policing. In 2017, EPD volunteers contributed over 12,980 hours of service.

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The President's Corner

I read in [a blog post](#) recently that, aside from a few specialized cell groups, our bodies tend to regenerate themselves with all-new cells about every decade. And yet, somehow, I always feel like I'm the same person I've always been. My cells may come and go, but something in there has staying power; it makes me, "me."

Similarly, even though our AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch plans, programs and people have come and gone many times over during our century-plus existence (and we dearly miss the ones who have gone), there's something enduring about the unique organization that we are and have always been.

This is a long-winded way of reminding you how very important you are to our branch.

For sure, our membership has evolved over the years. It's hard to even imagine what our group must have been like decades ago – how we operated, where we met, what we did, exactly.

Still, I have a feeling if we could travel back in time and meet our earlier selves, we'd be mighty familiar. We'd share many of the same dreams and values and ideals. We'd be bold and brave, thoughtful and thorough, caring and compassionate, feisty and (at times) downright ferocious.

Together, we're part of something so much bigger than any of us can be by ourselves.

Regardless of how the mid-term elections play out, take heart in that, and think about how you might want to take part in our current branch activities.

What will you do as a branch member? Will it be participating in an interest group; cleaning up after a branch meeting; cheering on our KIDSPORTS' girls basketball team or our CHiPS-sponsored student mock trial team; dropping a dollar in the SPICE scholarship jar; attending our upcoming holiday brunch; being a buddy to one of our new members; serving in a leadership position ... the heartbeat goes on and on.

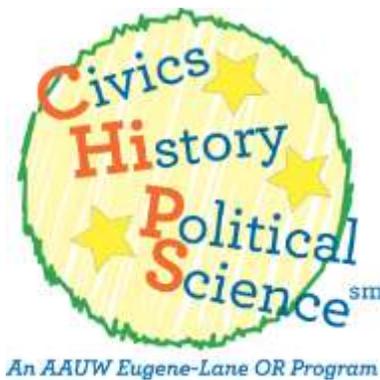
At the time, these small acts may not seem like much. But history shows us. In fact, it shouts at us if we're paying attention:

Over time, our small acts create enormous events. We become a body that will never die and will always be heard.

That, in my opinion, makes us an incredible organization, with a membership value that is an incredible deal.

See you at our November 10 meeting!

Wendy



From Peggy Shippen:

I am pleased to report that our fundraising efforts at the October branch meeting were totally successful!! I'll let Willamette High School teachers Lena and Dain know we're financially set to support one Mock Trial Team and two Intro to Law field trips.

Thank you Wendy for the wonderful flyer and your leadership in bringing in new members who have moved here from "there" and were "lost" to our branch on the national membership list. All indications talking to these women is that, if inspired, they will revitalize our branch. I'm thrilled that many of the CHiPS donors yesterday are new or newer members. That they are excited about CHiPS gives us hope that our community effort will be sustainable year-by-year.

SAVE THE DATE!
Mock Trial Team Competition.
March 2, 2019 - Saturday
Albany 8-5:00

I'm hoping some of you will want to attend like last year.

To make a donation to CHiPS: Make your check out to AAUW Oregon Special Projects Fund with CHiPS on the memo line and send to:

Cindy Parker
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RSVP Now!

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Now is the time to get your reservation in for our festive, delicious Holiday Brunch! It will be Saturday, December 8, but ***the deadline to sign up is December 1.***

Your check for \$25 is your RSVP.

Mail to:

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NW WOMEN'S COMEDY FESTIVAL
A Comedy Workout Production
2018 November 9th 7pm

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The Revolution meets at:
The Richard E. Wildish
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630 Main St
Springfield, OR 97447

TICKETS:
\$25 at
wildishtheater.com

In November we will be sending a mailing soliciting donations to our AAUW Funds Program. Your gift helps support the many important AAUW Programs, including the following:



Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support

AAUW Advocacy: Guided by our member-endorsed Public Policy Program, AAUW's local, state, national, and global lobbying and grassroots efforts help empower women and girls.

AAUW National Convention: Our biennial meeting empowers women leaders to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders.

Campus Outreach Grants: These grants provide funding for AAUW members to host events educating students about unfair pay, sexual harassment and assault, pregnancy discrimination, and Title IX violations.

College/University (C/U) Partners: C/U membership opens doors to AAUW grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development, and advocacy tools.

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund: The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports research on gender equity in education and the workplace.

Elect Her—Campus Women Win: Elect Her is the only national program encouraging and training college women to run for student government and future political office.

Fellows Alumnae Initiative: This initiative connects former AAUW fellows and grantees with one another and with AAUW.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): LAF challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

LAF Case Support Travel Grants: These grants pay the travel expenses of AAUW-supported plaintiffs and their lawyers who are speaking at state conventions or regional meetings.

Legal Case Support: These awards support cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to protect all women.

Member Leader Programs: The programs include formal leadership training, resources, and opportunities for members at the branch, state, and national levels.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL): America's premier annual conference for college women prepares attendees to be campus and community leaders.

National Student Advisory Council: These AAUW ambassadors advise staff about college students' needs, lead on-campus gender equality projects, and help plan NCCWSL.

New Program Development: Elect Her, Start Smart, Tech Trek, and others new programs empower women and girls at the branch, state, and national levels.

Outlook: Our AAUW magazine covers the issues that women face today, from the gender pay gap to human trafficking.

Regional Field Representatives: This pilot program assists four states with membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, and advocacy.

Start Smart: These workshops prepare college women to enter the job market with the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to negotiate salaries and benefits.

Tech Savvy: These daylong conferences seek to interest girls in grades 6–9 in STEM fields and inform their families about STEM education and careers.

Tech Trek: Our weeklong camps are designed to encourage girls in STEM in high school, college, and beyond.

Work Smart: These workshops teach working women how to evaluate, negotiate, and convey their worth confidently in the job market.

Younger Women's Task Force: This AAUW-affiliated entity is geared toward younger women fighting for social justice.

AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Update

REMINDER: VOTE BY NOVEMBER 6

We shared the details in an earlier Reader Board as well as in last month's newsletter, but as a reminder, here is AAUW of Oregon's agenda in summary:

1. **VOTE NO to Ballot Measures 106, 103, 104 and 105**
2. **Increased Clarity in Defining Unlawful Age Discrimination
An AAUW of OR Legislative Priority**
3. **Conclusion - VOTE !!**

In particular, a NO to Ballot Measure 106 came first in AAUW of Oregon's lineup "because of AAUW's full-throated and flat-out support of women's reproductive choices. This Measure would bar public funding for abortions, which not only restricts reproductive freedom and access to the full spectrum of reproductive services for those who receive coverage through the Oregon Health Plan, but public employees as well."

Also, if you're seeking a deeper dive on the candidates and initiatives, you can reference the excellent and non-partisan **League of Women Voters of Oregon Voters' Guide** at this address: <http://lwvor.org/standard-voters-guide-general-2018/>



A Message of Gratitude from Your 2018-19 Scholarship Recipient

Alejandra Collazo Gonzalez
AAUW Kappy Eaton/Hites Foundation Scholarship

Dear Stephanie,

Every year, we ask students to write a few words of thanks to their donors when they receive their scholarship. Here is what your scholarship recipient wrote upon learning of their scholarship in early summer:

No words can describe how thankful I am for this scholarship but I still wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for this wonderful gift! I am a non-traditional student and also a single mother of a wonderful eight year old girl. My determination to get my BA in Accounting started with wanting to give my daughter a better life and set an example for her to also follow her dreams. After I obtain my BA in Accounting I hope to enter the field as an Auditor where I will gain more experience to hopefully then become an Investigative Accountant. I hope to some day be able to invest in someone else's future as you have in mine. Thank you again for this wonderful gift!

Sincerely,
Alejandra Collazo Gonzalez



To donate to the Kappy Eaton Scholarship Fund:

Make your check out to LCC Foundation with AAUW Kappy Eaton on the memo line and send it to:

LCC Foundation
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Eugene 97405

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 14, 11:30 am



Lebanese & Northwest Cuisine

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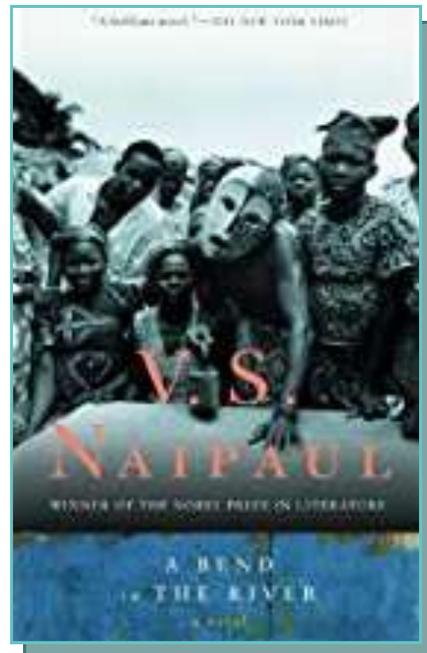
RSVP to Cindy Parker
541-344-4572 OR
cindyparkeraauw@gmail.com

Book Group

Monday, November 19, 2 pm

Hosted by Mary Grant
at her home in Springfield

Carpool if you can!



In the "brilliant novel" (*The New York Times*) V.S. Naipaul takes us deeply into the life of one man—an Indian who, uprooted by the bloody tides of Third World history, has come to live in an isolated town at the bend of a great river in a newly independent African nation. Naipaul gives us the most convincing and disturbing vision yet of what happens in a place caught between the dangerously alluring modern world and its own tenacious past and traditions.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Great Decisions – Like a book club in that we all read the same article (takes about two hours to read it), and then discuss, opionate, and bring in ideas on the subject. Each monthly session is hosted by a member, and presented by a member. You don't have to do either one, if you are disinclined. Before each discussion, there is a short video presentation. There is a cost to participate, as the video disc and the Briefing book of articles by the Foreign Policy Association have to be purchased each year. Cost guestimate: \$34. Our first discussion will be in February, as the materials will be delivered by mail in January.

Subject titles will not be covered in order, and they are:

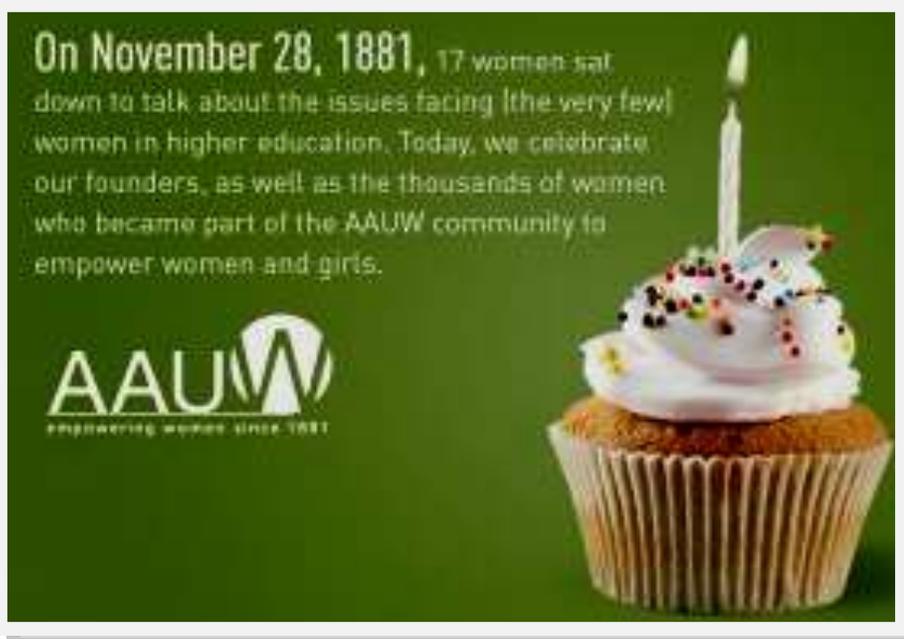
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Happy 137th
Birthday
AAUW!

Celebrating 137 Years of AAUW

November 28, 2018

During this season of giving thanks and remembering the people and events that are important to us, let's not forget about the small group of visionary women who paved the way for the creation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae — the predecessor to AAUW — 137 years ago today.

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated.

Although Marion is usually credited with initiating this first meeting, it really was her mother, Emily Talbot, who urged Marion to do so. A longtime advocate of girls' education, Emily was perpetually frustrated by the lack of educational opportunities for young women, including her own daughters. In 1877, Emily founded the Girls' Latin School in Boston after unsuccessfully trying to get girls admitted into the Boston Latin School. Marion's sister, Edith Talbot, was in the first graduating class from the Girls' Latin School.

Emily recognized that there was little that college-educated women could do with their newly earned degrees. Many in this first generation of alumnae struggled with a lack of opportunity that would be unfathomable to women today. Thankfully, Emily suggested the meeting and hoped that it would unite women of similar backgrounds and situations.

At the November 28 meeting, one graduate from each of the eight represented colleges was chosen for a committee to move toward the next step. So a few weeks later, on January 14, 1882, 65 women college graduates met and officially formed the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to "unite in practical educational work."

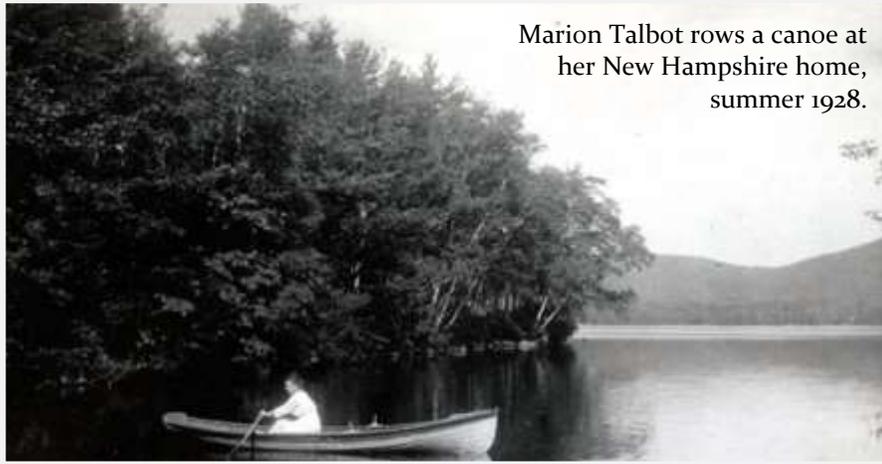
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Marion Talbot 1881

An Untold Slice of History, 137 Years Later

On November 28, AAUW celebrates our birthday. Can you believe we are 137 years old? How many organizations can say they have lasted for as long as we have? The answer is, not many. We have written about our founding several times before. So, you are probably wondering, what could possibly be new?



Marion Talbot rows a canoe at her New Hampshire home, summer 1928.

Well, we uncovered some “new” history in 2013. For years, we thought we knew all we could know about our founder, Marion Talbot. We recognized her young face in our photos (she always seemed to be in her cap and gown!) We knew her mother, Emily Talbot, was disappointed at the lack of professional and social opportunities available to women like her daughter. We knew she went on to become dean of women at the University of Chicago and worked to improve educational opportunities for women throughout her life.

If archives are a window to the past, then our room just got a whole light brighter. In May 2013, the AAUW archives received a donation. The gift was a 1928 photo album that once belonged to Miriam Clarke Andrus and was donated by her daughter, Maren Larsen. Andrus was a student at the University of Chicago, and Talbot was her mentor. The photographs were taken at Talbot’s lake house, Pine Tree Cove, in New Hampshire, where she invited students to spend their summer break. The photos show us another side of Marion, as an older mentor and adviser to the younger generation of women college students. We also realize she was a woman working toward the mission of the association that she created many years prior: ensuring that younger women did not face obstacles because of their gender, as she had in her youth. The photos offer a rare glimpse into Talbot’s life, and how she lived out the AAUW mission. And who knew — we even discovered our beloved founder was a baker, as tucked into the book was a recipe for “Miss Talbot’s Brown Bread”!



Marion Talbot at her New Hampshire home with a University of Chicago student, summer 1928.

Talbot once said, “My hope is that I may live through my influence. I have no desire for any other kind of immortality.”

Well, Marion, on AAUW’s 137th birthday, your wish remains true. At AAUW, your influence lives on every day.

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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.

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Board Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 6, 3 pm

Wendy Cook's home

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.

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Contact Cindy Parker, 541-344-4572

Alpha Bridge—Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm

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Out-to-Lunch Bunch—3rd Wednesday

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