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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"DEW'S NEWS"

Your branches are off to a great start to a busy year and you are seeing some results of your leadership's planning already in the first few months! It is smart to recognize that every community has a unique atmosphere and your activities do reflect your community. It is so wise to involve yourself in programs and activities that are mission driven and address your needs and the interests of your community. I have enjoyed visits to Central and South District Meetings this fall and am gratified to see that we can be unique and still be unified by our common mission.

To help narrow your focus, I encourage you to seek involvement in the state's three top priorities and perhaps apply for a branch grant (see criteria in this newsletter).

- **Public policy** issues and interests vary from place to place but educating or engagement in localized issues and candidates is important along with advocating women to vote. After all, it is "our vote - it will be heard" only if we vote! To create real change women must be a part of the conversation and stay in that conversation; the most powerful way for us to chime in is by casting our ballots. The Women's Foundation of Oregon completed "Count Her In," a current research report identifying public policy targets for women and girls. Your president has a copy.
- **Leadership training**, like lifelong learning, is valuable in developing one's full potential. Make opportunities within your planning this year for members to learn new things or expand what is already known. We are never too old or too busy to learn, grow, and lead. Often reinforcing an old skill can cause someone to take that skill out of one's "toolkit" and put it to use! Invest ten minutes at a meeting to "train" others; learning can happen in small pieces. People many times like it better anyway!
- **Campus programs** provide an opportunity to reach another generation and make a connection with a nearby learning institution. It is nice to have a formal partnership with the college but it is not needed to make available a program available through AAUW. It may even be the reason the college decides to create a C/U partnership. AAUW campus programs benefit college students and sell themselves. In addition to programs, all AAUW research reports are available to student members. Education is one of the best ways to make a better future for Oregon women and girls.

I hope branch presidents are receiving my emails. Here is a synopsis for all of state and national activity:

- Welcome **Laurel Gregory** to the Board as Campus Programs Chair!
- Final appreciation to **Kay Kinder**, who served as the *Oregon News* editor for over a year, is moving out of state; welcome **Julie Skinner** as our new editor!
- Planning for convention 2017 at Salishan Lodge outside of Lincoln City and hosted by **Northwest District** was reviewed; see details in this issue.
- Convention 2018 will be hosted by **North Central District** somewhere in the Portland area.
- AAUW of Oregon **Convention Guidelines** document with updates and improvements was approved and is available after November 15 to any interested member upon request.
- Approved **printing rate** on home printers is \$.025 per copy, the Office Depot AAUW rate.
- **Trish Garner**, public policy chair, shared an update on Title IX activity at the state level.
- **Joanne Stern**, governance chair, noted branch bylaws update review by her was delayed due to changes from national. Deadline for your branch bylaws to be sent to Joanne is December 31, 2016.

With the holiday season fast approaching I share this quote from Helen Keller. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." For me, the best and most beautiful "gift" about serving as your state president is what I will feel in my heart when "we" work together more and more collaboratively to further our mission. Have a gratifying holiday season!

Kathi Dew

AAUW Participated in the 2016 Summit on Women and Girls

You will be proud to know that Penney Hoodenpyle, immediate past co-President of AAUW of OR, and Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair and co-President of the Portland Branch, joined with the Women's Foundation of Oregon and the YWCA in facilitating a day-long 2016 Summit on Women and Girls on Friday, November 4th. In her capacity as the Chair of the Oregon Women's Commission (and Portland Branch AAUW member!), Barbara Spencer had helped organize and coordinate the event. Mary Ellen Dello Stritto, Salem Branch and Kathryn Chaney from Pendleton joined us. It was a great success! Over 100 women who provide public services, run or work at non-profit groups, public officials and other interested parties considered how to tackle the *8 That Can't Wait challenges that the women and girls of Oregon face. At the end of the day a number of promising solutions were plastered around the room which had been written on poster-board sized paper and prepared by each 9-person group. Soon to be published, however! This will likely not be the last time that such an event will be held, and it may become an annual summit. Thanks to Penney and Trish!*

In case you don't know about the *8 That Can't Wait*, it refers to the report just released by the Women's Foundation of Oregon regarding the status of women and girls in Oregon. There is also good news in the report – the *8 To Celebrate*, which shows the importance of women's contributions to the state.

Check it out at their website, oregonfoundationforwomen.org. Here are the highlights of the *8 That Can't Wait*:

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - An estimated 1 million Oregon women and girls—over half of the state's female population—have experienced some form of sexual or domestic violence. This is one of the highest rates in the country.

SYSTEMIC RACISM - Women and girls of color in Oregon experience disproportionate barriers to success, including poverty rates that are nearly twice as high as those of white women and girls.

COST OF CAREGIVING - Child care costs in Oregon are among the least affordable in the nation. A year of daycare is now more expensive than annual tuition at a state university in Oregon.

BARRIERS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH - Hundreds of thousands of women lack access to the information and services they need to decide if, when, and how they become pregnant. Almost half of Oregon pregnancies are unintended, a rate that has barely dropped in 20 years.

WAGE AND WEALTH GAP - Oregon women earn between 53 and 83 cents (depending on race or ethnicity) for every dollar men in Oregon earn. The gender wealth gap, based on the sum of a person's assets, is even larger: approximately 35 cents on the dollar. Oregon's gender wealth gap is among the largest in the nation.

ECONOMIC FRAGILITY - Nearly a third of Oregon's women and girls are struggling to make ends meet. As a result, most cannot cover an unexpected expense of even \$100 without having to sell something or borrow money.

MENTAL HEALTH - Oregon women report the highest incidence of reported depression in the country, as well as the highest rate of alcohol use. Women are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide than men, and Oregon women have higher rates of childhood trauma than the national average.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE GLASS CEILING - In 2016, only one of Oregon's 39 publicly traded companies is led by a woman CEO. Several Oregon counties do not have a single woman serving in county-wide office.

AAUW of Oregon *Breaking Barriers Achievement Award*

At the 2017 AAUW of Oregon Convention at Salishan we will again present the very special **AAUW of Oregon Breaking Barriers Achievement Award**. *This award will be given to a woman or a group who are NOT AAUW members but exemplify the AAUW mission. This annual award is meant to honor those community members we know and work with who make the world better for women and girls.*

The criteria and application form are on our state website: aauw-or.aauw.net. The application can be submitted online via Word or PDF or downloaded and mailed. **January 15, 2017** is the due date for applications.

If you are interested in serving on the Breaking Barriers Achievement Award Selection Committee, please contact Penney Hoodenpyle, AAUW of Oregon,

Branch Grant Program

Sarah Elmer, Finance VP

AAUW of Oregon has set aside \$1000 for the Branch Grant Program for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Grant projects must support one or more of the new AAUW of Oregon priorities.

1. Public Policy
2. Member Leadership
3. Campus Programs

The maximum amount for a single grant is \$500 and there is no minimum. Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis, until the \$1000 is exhausted, so you will want to plan early. This is a great way to bring AAUW funds back to your local community to support the AAUW mission.

The application and additional information can be found in the Member Center of the AAUW of Oregon website. If you have questions, contact Sarah Elmer at selmer@bendcable.com.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2016-17

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:

Kathi Dew
Bend Branch

Co-Program Vice Presidents:

Judy Hale
Lake Oswego Branch
Lydia Lybecker
Hillsboro/Forest Grove Branch

Communications Vice President:

Ann Evensen
Bend Branch

Membership Co- Vice Presidents:

Linda Gardner
Bend Branch
Pat Lehman
Seaside Branch

Finance Vice President:

Sarah Elmer
Bend Branch

Secretary:

Julie Skinner
Portland Branch

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

Central District - Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Salem, Eugene-Lane, Redmond

Theresa Johnson

North Central District - Gresham Area, Hillsboro/Forest Grove, Lake Oswego, Portland, Tigard Area

Arlene Lemieux

Northeast District - Baker City, Ontario, Pendleton, Wallowa Co.

Lucy Hutchens

Northwest District - Astoria, Lincoln City, Seaside, Tillamook

Ane McIntyre

South District - Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg

Phyllis Fernlund
Barbara Paulson
Gayle Clason

HELP AAUW OF OREGON PLAN!

All of the District Directors compose a committee that chooses the state convention sites, usually 2 years in advance. Watch for news of a survey which will ask each member for input on who, what, why, when and where members would prefer to have state conventions and other issues. This will be an on-line survey that is easy to answer. Expect details in January of 2017.

Gayle Clason, Chair

Nominations Committee Report

Joyce Zook, Chair

The nominations committee members for 2017 were elected at the 2016 Convention in Medford and they are charged with finding the best leaders in Oregon for the open state officer positions. The next election will be held at the AAUW of Oregon State Convention in April at Salishan in Lincoln City, Oregon. All AAUW members in Oregon are eligible to be candidates for open positions; District Directors must live within the district they represent. Job descriptions for all of these positions are available on the website – <http://www.aauw-or.aauw.net>

Open state positions available for two-year terms starting July 1, 2017 are:

- President-Elect
- Membership Vice President
- Secretary
- North Central District Director
- South District Director

Nominations Committee positions available for one-year terms starting 7/1/2017:

Five (5) members of the state:

- One must be a continuing member from the previous year's committee;
- One must be a past state president

A goal is to have a representative from each district on the nominations committee.

Please begin thinking now about taking a state leadership role. If you are interested in any of the positions or know someone who you believe would be an excellent candidate, contact any member of the nominating committee by email. Make sure you received a response from the committee member in order to assure your information was received. If you would rather share your information by phone, contact the committee chair.

2017 Nomination Committee members are:

Chair: Joyce Zook (Salem/Online) joycezook43@gmail.com 503-385-1607

Carol Brenneman (Seaside) carolbrenneman350@gmail.com 503 717-2353

Susan Hartman (Hillsboro/Forest Grove) namtrahs@yahoo.com 971-221-3283

Jill Heffner (Pendleton) jillh1060@gmail.com 541-278-4791

Suzanne Harmony (Grants Pass) syharmony@gmail.com 541-226-2194

Historian

I am looking for 1982 and earlier Convention books to include in our archives. These can be brought to me at the State Convention or Summer Retreat.

Judith Scott, Historian jipcscott@msn.com



PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

IMPORTANT FAIR PAY REQUEST FROM AAUW OF OR PUBLIC POLICY WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR STORY ABOUT WHETHER YOU WERE PAID AT THE SAME RATE AS YOUR MALE COUNTERPARTS, AND IF NOT, WHAT WAS THE IMPACT OF THIS INEQUITY?

Usually I am reporting about all the things that AAUW of OR Public Policy folks have been up to, but today I'm going to make this report short and (hopefully) sweet. As you know, AAUW of OR Public Policy advocates will be doing all we can to get a Fair Pay bill passed during the next Legislative Session. The Session begins in February, but various interest groups are already in full gear trying to push their issue to the front of the legislative line. We need to do all we can to make sure that a Fair Pay bill is one of those winners. As a result, I am asking that each of you think about whether you or other women you know have been paid less than your male counterparts for the same work, and what impact that has had. If so, write about your story, and then send it to me, members of the State Public Policy Committee or your Branch Public Policy Chair. We will collect this information and prepare a Story Bank. When it comes time for Fair Pay to be heard in a Committee or we are trying to convince a Legislator wavering on supporting Fair Pay legislation, we may call on you to communicate in person or by email / letter to your Legislator about your experience. Knowing your story in advance will make this effort possible. It is clear to me that while data is important, there is nothing so effective as a personal story in persuading a Legislator about the importance of doing something about a problem. As I have said before,

“WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!”

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, February 15th – That's the date for the AAUW of OR Lobby Day. Claire Berger (Hillsboro / Forest Grove, and State Public Policy Committee member) has agreed to Chair Lobby Day. She did a great job last year and I know she'll do a great job in 2017 as well. The event will be held at the Capitol in Salem. More details to follow!!

NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM - This is your friendly reminder that [AAUW's Bylaws and Public Policy Program](#) are open for comment through December 5. Your comments are encouraged!

Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair (garner37@mac.com)



On September 12, 2016 Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Vice-President for Governmental Relations, visited Portland and reported to AAUW members on upcoming political events.

L—R: Sarah Elmer, Julie Skinner, Trish Garner, Kathi Dew, Ilga Ross

Seated: Lisa Maatz

Membership

AAUW National has so many resources to support membership recruitment and retention! *Membership Matters* is a monthly e-newsletter full of information and ideas useful to branches; *Membership Tips and Tools* provides a wealth of ideas; and the 16-minute video, *One AAUW* explains the value and importance of AAUW throughout its history, as well as the challenges we currently face. Anyone can go to the national website and become inspired and energized.

Our state currently has 1075 members, somewhat down from last year, but even with the dissolution of Beaverton Branch it seems we are holding fairly steady. However, we do need to focus on recruiting younger members; a lot of our losses are from members “aging out” through general fatigue, health issues, snowbirding or death.

One great recruitment opportunity is the *Shape the Future* campaign, but only four state branches have employed it in the past year. New members and students can join at a public event and receive 50% off national dues, plus--for every two new members, the branch receives one free national membership! Students are another demographic that we have not explored as much as we could. Free membership is a terrific incentive. Thanks to Hillsboro/Forest Grove and Pendleton for Student Affiliate recruitment, and to Astoria and Seaside for bringing in four e-students.

Linda and Pat are working with groups that are struggling. The big issue in these branches, and the late Beaverton, is not primarily lack of members, but exhausted leadership. When the same leaders serve year after year with no replacements in the wings, they are bound to become tired and discouraged. That’s why recruitment is so important, but even more, why newer members need to be put to work in roles where they can learn about the organization and develop their leadership skills. And no—that does not mean electing a brand-new member to an officer position, which is not fair to the member or the group!

Pat recently attended South District’s meeting, where she was impressed with the energy and enthusiasm in the district that has 38% of the state’s membership (North Central has 27%; Central, 20%; Northwest, 8%; and Northeast, 7%). South District’s success appears to involve mission-based efforts, strong recruitment and outreach, as well as creative projects.

AAUW offers members and our communities a compelling opportunity to advance equity and education. Let’s share this opportunity with everyone we can! And let us not forget that every member is a member of the membership committee!

Pat Lehman
Linda Gardner
Co-Membership VPs



The password to get into the site’s member center is:

oregonaauw

North Central District

The North Central District has agreed to host the 2018 state convention. Our first task is to identify the steering committee, which will be made up of at least one member from each of the North Central Oregon branches. Our district meetings include two Washington branches, Vancouver and Hudson's Bay Branches. The **Vancouver Branch** will be hosting the IBC (Interbranch Council) meetings this year.

The **Vancouver Branch** will celebrate their 85th anniversary in November with a celebration that includes members in costume for each decade that the branch has been in existence. They are also getting ready for their Holiday Fundraiser in December.

Hudsons Bay Branch sets programs just a few months ahead of the meetings. They had a table at the Peace and Justice Fair. They have 3 Honorary Life (50 years) members!

Lake Oswego – Lake Oswego branch continues to increase their membership. Their October program featured the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court who talked about work with the many people in the state who live in poverty. The November speaker is Clackamas County Commissioner and branch member Martha Schrader who will be talking about affordable housing in the county. Their flower bulb sale raised \$800 for their scholarship fund. They also participated in a voter registration/get out the vote drive at the branch CU partner Marylhurst University.

Tigard – The Tigard branch had programs on future energy source in Oregon and Barbara Roberts' book *Death Without Denial, Grief Without Apology: A guide for Facing Grief and Loss*. They will also hear about "Leadership Oregon", the Tigard Chamber of Commerce's educational program designed to engage and inform future community leaders and interested citizens.

Gresham Area– Gresham Area Board of Directors got together to plan programs for the rest of the year when their Program VP stopped responding to communications. They heard from the president of Mt. Hood Community College and from Human Solutions Social Services and their two new homeless shelters for families and women. Their silent auction was held on November 19.

Portland – The Portland Branch participated with Portland League of Women Voters and the YWCA at a legislative brunch. They will hear a discussion on women veterans in Oregon from the Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator and the Director of the Veteran's Resource Center at PSU. Their STEM project consists of members helping Girls Scouts learn about program processing.

Hillsboro/Forest Grove – The branch celebrated their 85th anniversary in September. Their president recites one of the AAUW/Oregon AAUW mission statements before each meeting to remind members the purpose of our organizations. Their STEM project is "Girls Today". They take middle school girls to tour Pacific University.

Online – The branch now has 16 members, four of them new this year. The members have suggested program ideas. They are very interested in technology. They are willing to help with the 2018 convention.

Arlene Lemieux, North Central District Director

Northeast District

The primary district wide activity was the presentation of training by Mardy Stevens on October 15. The interactive workshops, [Growing Your Membership](#) and [Spice Up Your Programming](#), were hosted by the Baker Branch and were well received by 17 AAUW members and guests.

Mardy is the Co-Chair of AAUW's Branch Program Resources Committee and is a member trainer for Start Smart and Work Smart programs.

In addition to hosting the District training, Baker branch sponsored a Fall Candidates Forum on Oct 4, with 60 community members in attendance. The branch supported a local ballot measure to make County Commissioner positions non-partisan. Plans for a spring Women's Celebration are being laid with an emphasis on the recognition of women of achievement against all odds.

The Ontario branch satellite of Baker has some funds which can be used for mission based projects in the district, i.e. STEM. Encouraging the reestablishment of a LaGrande branch is also one of the possible goals for the district.

The Pendleton Branch has budgeted \$500 per year for their branch STEM project. For the past two years, this has been used to enhance opportunities for girls at Pendleton High School. The first year the funds allowed an all girls robotics team to be added to the high school robotics program.

Currently the funds are being spent on the welding program, providing equipment and protective devices which are sized for the physical needs of girls, therefore insuring their participation in those classes.

Pendleton Branch has also participated with Blue Mountain Community College in efforts to establish an AAUW Student Affiliate group. Efforts are also being made to bring a Start Smart workshop to BMCC.

Lucy Hutchens, District Director

Central District

Despite the stormy weather, the Central District held its meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The morning, co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters, was dedicated to hearing a report titled, "Count Her In", which is a summation of the Oregon Women's Foundation tour around Oregon. The tour was titled "Listen to Her". A panel discussion followed. Forty-two brave souls attended this portion of the event. After lunch, AAUW attendees participated in a State branch training, titled, "Building Inclusive Branches" led by Penney Hoodenpyle.

In other District news:

At **Albany Branch's** September meeting the participants got a report on the Manufacturing Camp for middle-schoolers that was held in June at LBCC. Our Branch offered three scholarships for girls to attend the camp. Future opportunities to support STEM careers for girls in area schools were discussed. It was also the kick-off for our annual Pie Fundraiser, selling desserts from Willamette Valley Pie Company. AAUW of Albany and Linn County League of Women Voters sponsored two public Ballot Measure Forums in October. At November's meeting the film, "Miss Representation" was shown. This film explores how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in influential positions. Our branch has grown to 38 members.

The Bend Branch began its season with the Past President of the Central Oregon Community College (COCC) AAUW student organization, Beverly Vazquez. She told the group how amazing it was to be at NCCWSL and how Claudia Gray was instrumental in connecting the Oregon students. We gained five new members over the summer. Our roster of guest speakers is complete for the year. The most exciting news is that we hope to have a TechTrek camp in Bend next summer.

The **Corvallis Branch** helped with a tabling event on the first day of classes at OSU. There was an incredible response with many students indicating an interest in a student club. The first "meeting" of the group was attended by 12 people. They still have a couple of hoops to jump through to be "officially" recognized by ASOSU, however, they are well on their way and we are very excited about it. A joint student club and Corvallis Branch meeting is going to be scheduled later on this year.

The **Eugene-Lane Branch** is continuing its sponsorship of an 8th grade girls' basketball team. Many of our members attend their games and the players appreciate when the "Grandmas" come cheer them on. We are investigating helping to form a student organization at the UO and LCC. The CHiPS (Civics History Political Science) program is going well. We are providing curriculum and program suggestions to teachers, and will have a table at the February professional development seminar. We are also in contact with the Feminist Union at South Eugene High School. They are planning an Empowering Women workshop and we've given them some suggestions. Our September speaker was Bree Nicollo, a 2016 graduate of the UO who was appointed to the City Planning Commission as an undergrad. Our October meeting included a panel from the League of Women Voters to discuss the ballot measures.

The **Redmond Branch** is dissolving at the beginning of the year. We are sad, but it seems the best solution. We have given three local scholarships to three graduating senior girls from Redmond area high schools. We will send the money to their universities at the start of the second term.

The **Salem Branch** had forty-six members and guests attend their Membership Social at Mahonia Hall, the governor's official residence, in September. Besides being the hosts and main organizers of the "Count Her In" presentation and branch training, "Building Inclusive Branches" for the Central District meeting, the Branch also co-sponsored the Salem Peace Lecture held on October 19. The annual holiday brunch will be held December 10.

Theresa Johnson, Director

South District

There are six branches in the South District - Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford and Roseburg

Our fall South District Meeting held at Southern Oregon University in Ashland attracted thirty participants. The day focused on women in leadership, ranging from two young SOU student leaders who attended NCCWSL in Washington, D.C. to AAUW of Oregon President, Kathi Dew. Joyce Zook (Salem) led us in the *Developing New Leaders interactive leadership training*. We were pleased to have two presidents from higher education with us, SOU President, Dr. Linda Schott and Rogue Community College President, Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle. Both campuses are college/university partners with our branches.

The Medford Branch enrolled 10 e-student members at the "Back to School Bash for RCC/SOU". The branch visited Kids Unlimited for an update from the director, Tom Cole, on the charter school started there to meet the needs of low income families. Another Charter School, Logos, will also be a program for the branch.

The Grants Pass Branch September Welcome Brunch hosted a record number of returning and potential new members to meet the new branch president, Dina Press, and to hear the heart-warming stories of the branch 2016-17 RCC scholarship recipients. Funds for our AAUW scholarships, grants, and STEM projects were generated by the 12th annual AAUW Kitchen Tour which was held October 15 netting \$9,000 for the branch's 2017-18 charitable giving. The October branch meeting was fortunate to host Trish Garner, the AAUW Public Policy Chair of Oregon who educated the packed room about the issues on the November ballot for the state of Oregon. The South District Meeting held in Ashland continued to fill the fall agendas of several members as they participated in member leadership training.

The Ashland Branch has several programs planned for this year: Sex Trafficking with Rebecca Bender, Children's Advocacy, State Retirement Plan, Diversity and Inclusion, and a Public Policy meeting. Ashland has had a long history of an active Public Policy team. The new Public Policy chair, Kathy Brandon, has been part of the team for many years and is excited about taking the leadership role for the coming year including leading a group to participate in Lobby Day in February. The \$\$\$ for Scholars upscale garage sale in October generated \$10,000 for scholarships.

Roseburg held their Branch Meeting Tuesday, October 4th. Last year they had more than \$1,500 in contributions for three named fellowships. Heather Gilbert, the Millie Daggett, Umpqua Community College scholarship recipient for 2016, spoke at the October meeting. The program also included UCC Scholar, Honey McNamara. President Marian Livers conducted a brief business meeting after the program.

Barbara Paulson, Gayle Clason, Phyllis Fernlund - District Directors

Northwest District

The Northwest District has kicked off its 2016-2017 Program year reaching out to the community with AAUW introduction meetings for new members, with candidates forums to review policy positions for local lawmakers and with tabling events to Get Out The Vote and to help new voters register.



Northwest District, continued

The **Lincoln City Branch** is busy planning its program year and welcoming new members. Five new members joined on October 5th at the Get Out The Vote tabling event held at Oregon Coast Community College back-to-school barbeque. Lincoln City will present Half The Sky: Turning oppression into opportunity for women worldwide on November 21st at the Lincoln City library and invite the wider Newport/Lincoln City community to join in for the after conversation.

The **Tillamook Branch** began the AAUW year with the Fall Kickoff Membership Luncheon Tea on September 20. This year's event was informative regarding AAUW and branch activities as well as recognizing new female teachers in Tillamook County. We hear local testimonials often from the female high school seniors we spot-light for their achievements in science, technology, and math at AAUW's annual STEM Recognition event. The Tillamook branch political candidates forum was held October 5th at Tillamook Bay Community College.

The **Astoria Branch** held its annual dessert theatre performance in September with two back-to-back weekends presenting Love/Sick, a play by John Cariani. This is a benefit production for Clatsop Community College students and to support continued use of the Performing Arts Center, a collaborative effort of Astoria AAUW and Partners for the PAC. Dessert theatre has been wowing audiences and providing scholarships since 1987! Astoria held its fall kickoff meeting at the Blue Scorcher Restaurant with an interesting twist. Invitations were sent to friends and friends of friends, urging local women to come meet the women of AAUW. We then had a speed-dating session for everyone to get to know each other and invite them to join our ranks. Clatsop Community College held its annual Welcome Back barbeque on September 28th and AAUW was there with a tabling event to register people to vote. Sara Meyer, co-president of the Astoria branch, signed up 12 brand new millennial voters. Astoria held its Candidates Forum for North Coast voters on October 26th at Clatsop Community College.

The **Seaside Branch** held its opening Fall kickoff meeting at Camp Kiwanilong on September 28th. The potluck dinner welcomed several brand new members and prospective members to this vibrant and committed group. Branch officers then gave talks on the various interest groups highlights and meeting times.

WINGS has kicked off its 2017 monthly planning sessions and the date for WINGS 2017 is now set for February 11th.

The Seaside Candidates Forum was presented at City Hall October 3rd. It was standing room only and received next day front page coverage by the Daily Astorian. An AAUW campaign to support 'Vote YES for our local schools' began with a coffee klatch neighborhood round robin to inform voters of the upcoming bond issue on the November ballot, \$99.7 million to move Gearhart Elementary School, Broadway Middle School and Seaside High School out of the tsunami inundation zone. Weyerhaeuser has donated the land for the new schools and the state of Oregon has promised \$4 million in matching funds if the bond passes. Seaside AAUW members have begun a vigorous letter to the editor campaign to support the bond.

Finally, the Northwest District has now put in place all the local leaders who have stepped up to help plan a great Oregon AAUW Convention, April 21st-23rd, Salishan Resort, Lincoln City. Mark your calendars! Reach the resort at 800-452-2300 or reservations@saishan.com

Ane McIntyre, Director

Board of Directors Meeting October 17, 2016 Summary of Action Taken

The fall Board meeting was held via “Zoom” and phone. President Kathi Dew announced that Laurel Gregory will be the new STEM and Start Smart chair.

Co-Program VP Linda Lybecker reported on Convention 2017 planning.

The Board approved the State Priorities for 2016-2018 that were developed during the Summer Retreat and further defined by committees. Priority #1 is Public Policy, #2 is Membership/Leadership, and #3 is Campus Programs.

Finance VP Sarah Elmer reviewed changes made to the State Grant Guidelines and the Board approved them with minor editing.

The Board also approved the new Convention Guidelines as developed by committee members Margene Ridout, Kathi Dew, Gayle Clason, and Marge Biggers. There will be some minor modifications prior to the final document being released.

Arlene Lemieux announced that the 2018 Convention will be hosted by the North Central District.

The Board authorized the creation of a survey about future conventions by District Directors to be distributed to members via Survey Monkey.

Julie Skinner, Secretary

AAUW Funds

As you move into the season where we focus on AAUW Funds, here are a few operational reminders:

- Contribution Report Form (CRF): Go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/developmentfundraising-resources/> at the National website; from there you can download the CRF.
- Donations must be postmarked on or before December 31 to count for 2016. Funds operates on a calendar year, not a fiscal year like membership.
- Send donations and CRF directly to National. Make two copies, one for your records and one for me. Send to Ilga Ross at ilgaross@yahoo.com and/or 8275 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, OR 97062.
- Review Fundraising Policy #501 at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/frcpolicies/>. National AAUW is a 501(c)(3) corporation and therefore gifts are tax deductible; most branches are 501(c)(4) non-profits, hence gifts to the branch are not tax deductible. Branches may act as a “pass-through”, however.

While you are at this web site, I urge you to read Fundraising Policy #503, pertaining to local scholarships. This policy explains what AAUW and the IRS expect of AAUW members when fundraising for and administering affiliate scholarships. Clear guidelines and expectations for such programs are important and may have tax status implications for the branch and/or donors. The Fundraising Policy #503 is also available in the AAUW of Oregon Directory. Contact me if you have questions; I’ll do my best to help.

Ilga Ross, Chair

American Association of University Women

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 educational and 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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