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Albany, Oregon, Branch AAUW

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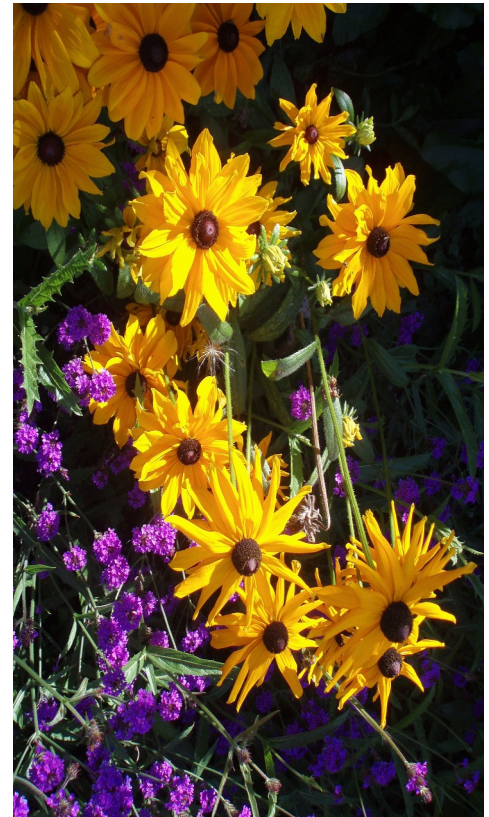
We are starting a new year of AAUW with unprecedented circumstances and changes.

This July newsletter is an opportunity for us to show you that we are thinking about you and trying to create the new year as normal as possible.

Here are a couple of short articles, to let you know what is coming.

Your Co-Presidents:
Vickie and Theresa

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



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OUR FIRST MEETING—WOO HOO!

KARLENE MCDOWELL, SECRETARY

Of course, this first one will be a Zoom meeting. It's much too optimistic to think that Oregon will be free enough and safe enough from COVID-19 by mid-September. So, mark the date: **Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.**, in front of your laptop, computer monitor, iphone, or other device. Our speaker will be **Eric Ikenouye, the new Director of Albany Libraries**, who will share his vision and plans for the future of our libraries. Eric was supposed to be our speaker for our May Membership Luncheon, but we know how that went 😊

You will receive an email from Heather Morijah closer to the meeting date with the link to join the meeting. It will be so good to see everyone together again!

C/U UPDATE

HEATHER MORIJAH, C/U REPRESENTATIVE

LBCC has renewed its partnership with AAUW, and Tania Mendez (Heather's co-worker within Institutional Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) has agreed to join our branch and function as our second C/U Rep.

Tania is a 2017 graduate of Oregon State University (sorry, all y'all Ducks!) and works as LBCC's Latino Outreach & Retention Specialist.



STATE SUMMER SKILLS CAMP

ILGA ROSS, STATE COMMUN. VP

In the near future, you will be receiving detailed information about the Summer Skills Camp. A taste of this exciting program was in the Summer Oregon News and Pat Squire, program VP, is hard at work to finalize the events. You may receive that information twice, once by simple email to leaders for branch distribution and second, by a Mail Chimp message that is sent to every member on the current list.

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THE PAST FIVE MONTHS?

KARLENE MCDOWELL, SECRETARY

At our June Board meeting we were talking about how we missed seeing our AAUW sisters and knowing how we all are spending our time during this health crisis. But we suspect that our members have had some interesting happenings during this time that we all would love to know about. So, if you want to share an event, write a paragraph about it, send it to Vickie, and she will send out a newsletter with those paragraphs from our members!

Think about something that was fun, creative, challenging, curious, silly, sad, inspiring, thought provoking, dangerous, delightful . . . just a paragraph (not a novel). Once you have hit on an idea of what you'd like to share, it will probably take you ten minutes to write it.

Send it to Vickie (staffelv@comcast.net) from now to mid-August. She will send out short newsletters with five or so paragraphs as she gets them. We are looking forward to this!!



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.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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AAUW of Albany's Program Committee, at the direction of the Board, has modified the program/business meeting schedule for the coming year due to COVID-19. The Committee has tentatively scheduled four program/business meetings for 2020-2021. Meetings will be via Zoom until such time as it is safe to hold in-person meetings.

The September program is described within this newsletter. Other programs tentatively scheduled are as follows:

November - Tuesday, November 17 around the noon hour, LBCC students leaders from Institutional Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion present a timely topic. This would be a Zoom meeting.

March - date TBD, President of NAACP Corvallis/Albany Branch will be the speaker, may be a Zoom meeting; and

May - Saturday, May 15, Membership Brunch with scholarship recipients and it will hopefully be in-person.

More information about the November, March, and May meetings will be in future newsletters.

Access Policy:

It is the policy of AAUW to provide reasonable accommodations for members with disabilities. For assistance, contact:

Vickie 541-520-6029. A forty-eight hours notice is requested.

Everyone needs some sunshine from time to time! Please remember that Sue Stein has volunteered to coordinate our sending of sunshine cards to those members in need of some kind words because they are ill, hurt, or grieving. Please contact Sue at 541.791.7144 if you are aware of a need. Also, if you have extra cards, please consider giving them to Sue!



Some of our Board Members at the June 9, 2020 Board Meeting done via ZOOM.

The State AAUW newsletter, *Oregon News*, is sent via email to all members. Vickie Staffebach receives the newsletter and forwards the *Oregon News* to all branch members via email. If you do not use email, you will receive a copy of the newsletter by US mail.