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American Association for Women in Community Colleges – Oregon Chapter

Fall 2007 Newsletter

'She flies with her own wings' is conference theme

"She Flies with Her Own Wings," the Oregon state motto, also is the theme for this year's AAWCC-Oregon Fall Conference.

Scheduled Nov. 15-16 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, the conference will feature writer Jane Kirkpatrick, Oregon Sen. Avel Gordly, and Native American activist Dr. Brooke Gondara.

Also on the agenda is the Misty River Band, an all female acoustic quartet.

Registration and payment received by Oct. 26, 2007, is \$165 or \$100 for one-day (Friday) only. Late registration is \$190 or \$120 for one day only. Retirees may receive a \$50 discount on full-conference registration.

Scholarships are available; the deadline to apply is Oct. 21. To register for the



Misty River, a Pacific Northwest group, arranges its own material, which includes award-winning original songs, traditionals and favorites.

In addition to the guest speakers, there's plenty in store during the breakout sessions and after hours.

Workshops planned include Transforming Performance at Work, Crisis Communication Skills 101, Successful Strategies for Women of Color and Immigrant Women Entering Healthcare Professions, Flying through the Storm: Coping with Challenges and Transitions, Healthy Self-Soothing: New Ideas About Calming Our Nerves, Zumba: Latin Aerobics, and a legislative update.

A "Redneck Roundup" social and games, including Texas Hold 'Em, are planned Thursday night. Bring your boots and hats so you can "cowgirl up." A complete agenda is available at www.aawccoregon.org.

conference or to apply for a scholarship, visit www.aawccoregon.org.

Room rates are just \$104 for AAWCC-Oregon members until Oct. 21. For more information call (503) 281-2500 or visit www.sheratonportland.com.

About the keynote speakers

Jane Kirkpatrick is a writer, speaker, teacher and mental health professional. Her award-winning essays, articles, and humor have appeared in over 50 publications such as *Decision*, *Country* and *Daily Guideposts*.

A lively and humorous speaker, Kirkpatrick is a frequent keynote presenter for conferences, women's retreats, and workshops. In addition to her historical fiction, which dramatizes pioneer life, she relates, with love and laughter, her own family's modern-day struggle to catch a dream in the Oregon Territory.

Senator Avel Gordly (I-District 23) was the first African-American woman elected to the Oregon Senate. She was born in Portland and is the daughter of a Union Pacific Pullman porter and a working mother active in women's organizations.



Jane Kirkpatrick



Dr. Brooke Gondara

Her professional career includes service as an adult parole and probation officer for the Oregon Corrections Division and as director of youth services for the Urban League of Portland.

Currently, she is community liaison for the Multnomah County Health Department, where she works on the county's emergency preparedness and health disparity issues.

Dr. Brooke Gondara, division dean at Portland Community College, is a tireless advocate for women and minorities, especially in higher education, as well as a mother, wife, activist, leader, role model and proud Cheyenne.

Her academic and professional success has blossomed from rocky soil. A high school dropout at age 17 and a single mom at 19, education was her way to a better life. After earning her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she became the first Northern Cheyenne woman to earn a doctorate.

President's Message: She flies with her own wings

She flies with her own wings. Well, actually, she's flying with yours. I think you should know.

So here I am nearing the end of my two-year term as president of Oregon AAWCC, where one of our recurring themes is "Leading from where you are."

I really couldn't see myself in this position before others asked me to throw my hat in the ring. What qualities does a leader really need? I lack so many.

1. I resist definitive answers and decisions.
2. I have no tolerance for B.S. or dealing with puffed up people.
3. I hate it when people don't like me.
4. I am easily paralyzed by criticism even if I know the person criticizing is a nut roll.

I used to be more confident. I used to be more hopeful than I am now.

When I was in first grade, I was elected president of my class. As my mother tells the story, I ran all the way home, burst through the door with all the enthusiasm that someone under three feet tall can muster, and announced with great joy, "I'm the president!" Then paused and asked, "What's the president?"

I had every confidence that I was up to the task of leadership in first grade. As I got older, doubts took over.

I have some confessions to make. Not everyone who knows me knows my dark side. Some people actually see me as a

bright, positive, upbeat, cheery person.

Last week, I found myself fighting my dark side once again while heading off into a situation that should have been fun. Part of me really wanted to go and hope that I could overcome this cynicism. Another part of me knew that if I went, I could get myself into trouble again.

There were faces there that I really didn't want to see. Actually, just one big face. But that was enough. Enough to make me lose my confidence, enough to make me lose my perspective, enough to make me lose any ability to be a healthy person, let alone a capable leader.

As I struggled valiantly to gain control over my thoughts and emotions, oddly enough, a miracle occurred.

My thoughts turned to you and to AAWCC because of this last newsletter article that I needed to write. Changing my focus from scary people to you made all the difference in the world.

Suddenly, the broomstick that I was



Jan Woodcock, first grade

trying so hard not to fly off with dropped out from under me, a halo landed on my head, I felt your wings pick me up, and off I went. It was the Bipolar Express taking me from cynicism to pure joy in a mere matter of seconds.

How weird is that? One minute I'm totally bummed, the next minute I'm thinking of all of you and totally happy. I've dealt with this before, though. When I'm around good people, I'm a good person. When I'm around stinky people, I stink too. (Boundary issues? Hmm. Maybe someone ought to get some therapy here.)

I've discovered a cheaper solution than therapy, though. I'm going to the Web site and signing up for the AAWCC Fall Conference on November 15th and 16th. It's only \$165. You get to fly on the wings of really fun, smart, fabulous people who make you feel like you're as fun, smart, and fabulous as they are.

I've finally figured out that when I'm flying with and around people like you, I actually think I'm kind of a good person and a decent leader.

The good news for you here is that if you think I'm good and funny and bright when I'm around you, it's probably because I'm reflecting you, so you can pretty much take total credit for it.

If, however, you see me off in the distance somewhere and I'm starting to sprout horns and a spiky tail while reaching for the nearest pitchfork, I'd like to ask you for a favor. Please come drag me away from that situation and head me toward the fall conference or the next AAWCC event or some lovely AAWCC person whose presence, goodness, and competence will remind me that my hopeful, happy, capable little first grade self is still actually in there somewhere.

In closing I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank you for these last two years and for reminding me that when I'm surrounded by fine people, my own wings are good enough and strong enough to carry me and others around me to the places we all want to go.

I'm looking forward to flying high with you in November. Until then, may gentle breezes and fine companions bless all your flight patterns.

Thanks for the loan of your wings,
— Jan

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OILD was a powerful experience for participants

By Amy Widger
OILD 2007 Participant

An impressive display of talent substituted for actual fireworks when 23 women from Oregon's community colleges attended the 16th Annual Oregon Institute of Leadership Development (OILD) over the July 4th week.

Held at Silver Falls Conference Center near Salem, the four-day retreat was facilitated by OILD directors Jan Woodcock, president of AAWCC-Oregon, and Mary Spilde, president, Lane Community College.

They organized an action-packed schedule full of interesting presentations and impressive women leaders and role models.

They also filled the days with laughter and advice about the importance of health, happiness, and balance to achieving our personal and professional goals.

Special thanks also goes to Denise Swafford, administrative coordinator, Rogue Community College President's Office, who was in charge of logistics and who coordinated each detail necessary to make the event run smoothly.

We also were privileged to have national AAWCC founding mothers Mildred Bulpitt and Jane Merritt participating. We were inspired by their stories of determination and eagerly listened to how they met challenges along the way.

As they shared their experience, it was a joy to see the faces of the OILD 2007 participants full of appreciation and respect for these amazingly strong women. We are so grateful for the doors that their hard work yesterday has opened for us today.

First day's speakers included Cheryl Roberts, president of Chemeketa Community College; Joanne Truesdell, president of Clackamas Community College; Judith Hansen, president of Southwestern Oregon Community College; and Dr.

Spilde, each sharing her unique path to leadership positions.

Excited about starting her position as president in July, Roberts shared her view that "leaders create conditions where people can do good work" and pointed out the importance of looking for "possibilities" as opposed to "limitations."

Truesdell spoke of her hard work throughout her life, starting as a field worker at age 5, and her investment in "contributing to social justice." She said

the STP model as a way of being "conscious and intentional about conflicts" by being clear about the situation, your target, and your plan.

In her presentation, "Reframing Situations: Seeing Possibilities vs. Barriers," Carol Schaafsma, vice president of Academic Affairs at Linn-Benton Community College, addressed the importance of being intentional, releasing judgments, and being open to different views and perspectives.

Tana Hasart, president of Pierce College, Wash., shared her story of professional recovery after an "unsuccessful presidency." OILD liaisons Dawn DeWolf, LCC ABSE division chair, and Julie Huckestein, discussed the benefits of joining a professional organization and encouraged us to become involved in AAWCC all levels.

Susan Wolf, dean of Instruction at Columbia Gorge Community College, helped us wrap up OILD 2007 with a discussion of "Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We're Going."

The 2007 cohort members included Fran Hopkins, Chemeketa; Wendy Booth and Shera Hunn-Felde, Clackamas; Maggie Johnson, Columbia Gorge; Lynn Marie Chowdhury and Jennifer Hayward, Lane; Valerie Zeigler, Linn-Benton; Melissa Pirie and Amy Widger, Mt. Hood; Wendy Thorp, Oregon Coast; Linda Degman, Teri Hunt, Dorothy Badri, Marlo Urbina, Ruth McKenna, Noelle Studer, Kai Myers and Nerva Pfund, Portland.

More were Gray Conway, Rogue; Shana Brazil and Makayla Pedey, Southwestern; Dot Bennett-Brown, Tillamook; and Michelle Bergmann, Umpqua.

These participants brought a wide range of knowledge and experience within the community college system.

As a result of the opportunity to participate in OILD 2007, we are now working hard to "lead from wherever we are" in the organization, as advised by Dr. Spilde.



The OILD class of 2007 celebrates on the deck at Silver Falls.

some leaders "engage in a quiet way," and effective leaders know what people want when they are communicating with them.

Spilde reminded us to "be intentional" about what we say and stressed the need for leaders "to provide vision and hope." Hansen emphasized the importance in both our personal and professional lives, to "nurture the caretaker," a role common to many women, and for each of us to "find time for yourself."

Cam Preus-Braly, commissioner for Oregon Community Colleges and Workforce Development, and Julie Huckestein, assistant chief financial officer for Chemeketa, shared their knowledge about budget and finances.

A lot of our work focused on how to maintain good communication during conflicts and how to face conflict as a means of challenging the status quo.

Linda Reisser, dean of Student Services at Portland Community College, shared

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Marie Simonds

Southwestern Oregon Community College

The SOCC Chapter of AAWCC received a great response from our campus for school supplies and personal hygiene donations.

These items were donated to the Coos Bay School District, which hosted a community information fair and barbecue at noon Sept. 8 at the school district office. Superintendent Bob De La Vergne greeted parents and students, and there was free food, games, school supplies, music and information about the coming school year.

Between campus staff and AAWCC members, the following supplies were donated: 23 backpacks, 51 boxes of crayons, 15 packages of pens, 13 sets of markers, 17 packages of pencils, 22 bottles of glue, 10 glue sticks, 6 hole-punchers, 23 scissors, 76 spiral books of paper, 21 packages of binder paper, 16 three-ring binders, 10 pencil boxes, 15 pencil sharpeners, 110 pocket folders, various other school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers), box of hygiene items – toothbrushes, toothpastes, deodorants, shampoos, soaps.

Linn-Benton Community College By Karin Magnuson

We had a busy and interesting year at LBCC. Our lunch-hour presentations were varied and well received.

The year got off to a fun and lively start with a joint session of the Corvallis area AAUW and LB-AAWCC where the topic was thinking creatively. Other talks included handling stress, a special travel movie and lecture series offered at the college, tips for taking good digital photos and the sharing of amazing crafts by talented AAWCC members.

We celebrated International Women's Day in March by hosting a tea to honor the occasion. The LBCC chamber choir provided entertainment. We also enjoyed a presentation of life in Iraq featuring pictures of Wendy Major, an LBCC staff member, who served there.

We ended the year's series with a special talk about leadership by our own college president and gifted leader, Rita Cavin, followed in May by an end-of-year celebration.

LB-AAWCC women also raised funds for scholarships through a silent auction that netted more than \$1,000 in three-hours during our campus Spring Fling, and we co-sponsored the annual Thanksgiving food drive with the LBCC Classified Employee Association, collecting enough food to serve 90 families.

In the midst of our education/enrichment activities and fund-raising efforts, we were proud to honor Tammi Drury with the AAWCC Oregon Excellence Award at the 2006 Fall Conference.

We recently completed our fourth annual fall retreat at Oregon House near Yachats. The theme was "Soul to Role: Who We Are and What We Do." Our special guest was AAWCC's own Jan Woodcock from Umpqua Community College. We enjoyed beautiful weather, remarkable interaction, peaceful walks on the beach, breathtaking sunsets and more chocolate than the law allows.

The women of LBCC are looking forward to the fall conference and to a wonderful year to come.

Victoria Flagg

Mount Hood Community College

We're excited as usual about what's going on at Mt. Hood Community College. We have a full calendar this year with retreats, general membership breakfast meetings, brown bag lunch sessions, and professional development workshops. In



The Linn-Benton Community College silent auction raised more than \$1,000 in three hours for scholarships

addition, we are more committed than ever to get more attendees to the state conferences and more applicants for OILD.

We brought back another one of our old events this year – a garden potato feed. Okay, the tradition actually was St. Patricia's Potato Feed in March, but we decided a garden potato feed in July works just as well. We asked everyone to bring a favorite potato topping to share, and we provided the potatoes. We had a blast, and several new people attended.

Speaking of new faces, we are proud to announce our membership is growing. Tracy Marshall, financial aid coordinator, and JoAnn Zahn, director of Budget Office and Auxiliary Services, are our newest members. JoAnn recently was promoted to her current position; way to go JoAnn!

Please join me in welcoming both our new members to AAWCC. Perhaps you'll see them at the fall conference this year.

Maureen McGlynn

Chemeketa Community College

After a national search, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Cheryl Roberts as our college's new president. Dr. Roberts brings over 20 years of educational experience to the position and is the second woman president in Chemeketa's history.

Dr. Roberts was most recently vice president for Instruction at South Seattle Community College. Prior to that she was vice

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president for Instruction and Student Services at Lane Community College. She was also dean for Health and Human Services at Seattle Central Community College.

Her educational background includes a doctorate in educational leadership and organizational development from Seattle University and a master's degree in student personnel in higher education with an emphasis in counseling psychology from Ohio State University. Please join us in welcoming Cheryl Roberts.



Dr. Cheryl Roberts

A "Last Booty Haul" run occurred this summer when Stacey Allen, Tiffany Borden, Suzanne McLaughlin, Jeannie Odle, Jill Ward, and honorary team captain Gretchen Schuette completed a 21-mile run with other team members from Salem to the Dallas Center – ingeniously replacing the Hood to Coast event when they didn't receive a

spot.

Chemeketa women were pleased to nominate Gretchen Schuette, immediate past president of Chemeketa, for the prestigious Oregon Commission for Women, 2007 Woman of Achievement Award. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Schuette will receive this honor in October for her lifetime advocacy for women.

Other women in the news at the college include Kay Carnegie, associate dean of Health Services, who was named as the first National League for Nursing ambassador at the college.

Linda Ringo-Reyna, coordinator of the Cultural Forum, organized an International Women's Day celebration that included a group from New Zealand performing traditional dancing and singing.

Louanne Whitton, development education faculty, co-presented a session on mentoring for the annual conference of the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development.

Maureen McGlynn, director of Curriculum and Instruction, contributed a chapter to a book that was recently published, "Teaching for Change: The Difference, Power and Discrimination Model."

Marilyn Hart Reed, coordinator of apprenticeship and continuing technical education, hosted the first meeting of the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council for 75 attendees.

Fran Hopkins, training and employment specialist, was selected to participate in the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development Conference at Silver Falls

Conference Center. Julie Huckestein, assistant CFO, presented at OILD.

Joanne Beilke, board member, was grand marshal of the 2007 Iris Festival Parade in Keizer.

Janine Moothart, director of the Santiam and Dallas Centers, was awarded the C.S. Mott Award for Community Educator of the Year by the Oregon Education Association.

Regalada Lombardi, safety specialist, was elected vice chair of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Jill Rupert, English faculty, was reappointed for another two-year term on the Joint Board of Articulation Commission as the community college faculty representative.

Carol Bibler, art instructor, was selected to display her work in the first Oregon Artist Series Mayor's Invitational.

Eileen Miller, purchasing management analyst, submitted the winning ethics essay to the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing that was in a national publication.

By Denise Swafford Rogue Community College

The RCC-AAWCC Chapter under the leadership of board members Pam Green, Denise Caldwell, Cindy Harboldt, and Barb McAuley are working hard to maintain the spirit of the association.

At Spring Inservice 2007, they hosted a recognition activity to celebrate and honor various faculty and staff for their great attitude and helping hearts. At Fall Inservice 2007, they hosted an open house to talk to folks about membership, and Gray Conway, RCC's 2007 OILD participant, shared a video clip

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Portland Community College employees (from left), Cherie Maas, Shannan McGaha, and Jane Zunkel, along with Nancy Olson of Mt. Hood Community College, carried the AAWCC-Oregon Chapter banner in the 2007 Race for the Cure, helping to raise funds for breast cancer research. See related story and photo on last page.

Hood River hosts AAWCC summer retreat



From left, Sue Caldera (CCC), Julie Kremers (SOCC) and Siv Serene Barnum (Lane), enjoy the deck at the AAWCC summer retreat at the Best Western Hood River Inn.

More than 95 enthusiastic women came together on a picture perfect day in Hood River to participate in the 2007 AAWCC-Oregon Summer Retreat.

The session, which was titled “This is NOT Survivor: Recognizing Our Strengths and Building Our Assets,” was presented by Dr. Christine Cullinan, University of Oregon training and staff development administrator. She worked with participants to focus on their strengths.

The event was organized by Dr. Susan Wolff, AAWCC Vice President, Summer Retreat.

“It could be my imagination, but one of the highlights was lunch on the deck overlooking the Columbia River,” Wolff said.

“Conference feedback strongly indicated a desire to return to Hood River, so mark your calendars for July 17, 2008, for the next AAWCC Summer Conference,” she added.



Dr. Christine Cullinan

Nominate someone for Excellence Award

Each year at the fall conference, AAWCC-Oregon celebrates individuals, chosen by local membership, whose accomplishments have made a difference for women at his or her own community college.

“This is a great opportunity to honor someone from your college and give her or him statewide recognition,” said Carol Schaafsma, AAWCC-Oregon president elect.

“The recipient need not be a member

of AAWCC to receive the award,” she added.

To nominate someone, send the name of the nominee to Carol Schaafsma at carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu by Oct. 26.

The board will create a certificate for a person from your college to present to the honoree during the Thursday luncheon at the conference.

Join us in celebrating people who make a difference in the lives of women.

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about her experience at Silver Falls.

Conway also shared news of her experience with a local community organization.

“I came away from the institute filled with renewed hope for our world,” Conway said of her experience.

“I learned that the passion shared by all the women who attended the institute is to help people be the best they can be,” she added.

“With more women than ever in positions of leadership at all levels, leading businesses, committees, colleges, and government constituencies, I tingle with anticipation about the uplifting effects we are having.”

The RCC-AAWCC team is gearing up for its third annual Treasures of Our Community fund raiser/auction in February, spearheaded by Cindy Harboldt, to raise funds for student scholarships.

Harboldt also coordinated another successful clothing drive to raise funds for the association and student scholarships.

Some brown bag luncheon meetings for the association members are being planned for 2007-08, and RCC hopes to organize a team of members to travel to Portland in November for the fall conference.

Mark your calendar

June 23-26, 2008

Oregon Institute for Leadership Development

www.aawccoregon.org/oild/

July 17, 2008

AAWCC-Oregon Summer Retreat

Mid-September 2008

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

jhuckest@chemeketa.edu

November 13-14, 2008 (tentative)

AAWCC-Oregon Fall Conference

www.aawccoregon.org

Consider getting involved in AAWCC

The Oregon Chapter of AAWCC has four board positions open for election this year at the fall conference.

The open seats are all two-year positions:

- President-Elect
- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Membership
- Member-at-Large, Archivist

The board generally meets four to six times a year and conducts business by telephone, mail, or e-mail in between meetings.

Those elected to the board are expected to support the travel expenses associated with board activities.

If you are interested in joining a fun, committed group of women, then consider running for a position, or consider nominating someone else.

Please contact Carol Schaafsma at (541) 917-4201. For more information about the specific job descriptions for these positions, visit www.aawccoregon.org and click on Governance. Each board position is described in the by-laws.

Donate auction items to fund scholarships

Once again AAWCC-Oregon will hold a silent auction during the fall conference to help raise money for scholarships.

Scholarships help women who otherwise could not afford to attend AAWCC conferences and workshops. Donating to the silent auction is a wonderful way to promote your college and community while helping women attend these events.

Do you have a special talent or skill that you'd like to share? Do you like to buy great books and share them with friends? Do you enjoy designing wine and cheese gift baskets?

If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please bring it to the conference registration desk, and we will do the rest.

On behalf of the women who will benefit from your contribution, thank you in advance. If you have any questions, contact Julie Huckestein at Chemeketa Community College, (503) 399-6575 or jhuckest@chemeketa.edu.

Meet the newest board member

Victoria Flagg, member-at-large, Registration, is thrilled to be one of the newest members of the AAWCC-Oregon Board.

When she's not busy with registration, she works at Mt. Hood Community College as a telecommunications technician. She programs the phone system and installs voice and data wiring.

Flagg also is president of her local AAWCC chapter, co-advisor for the Queers and Allies Student Organization, and coordinates the yearly Women's Her-story Celebration at MHCC.

She can also be found bird watching, gardening, taking photographs, making greeting cards from scrapbook materials and rubber stamps, and knitting – her newest passion.



Victoria Flagg models her first handmade sweater.

Nominations sought for leadership award

The mission of the Oregon Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges is to inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us. To recognize and celebrate this mission, the AAWCC-Oregon Board of Directors is accepting nominations for 2007 for the prestigious Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award.

This award will be given to someone who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges.

The recipient does not have to be an AAWCC member. Criteria for receiving the award will include demonstrated ability to inspire, champion, or celebrate women as leaders.

“Dr. Carolyn DesJardins’ career included 26 years in the Maricopa Community College District. She received numerous awards and honors. Her greatest award, however, was knowing that more than 3000 women and many men saw their lives enriched, enabled, and changed forever through the programs, scholarships, articles, and presentations she sponsored or made, as well as through her powerful hugs, deep caring, and strong advocacy for all of us to be the very best we could be.” (Dr. Constance M. Carroll, NILD newsletter, fall 1997.)

At the 2006 AAWCC-Oregon fall conference, Angela McMahon received the award. Other past recipients are Carol Schaafsma, Nan Poppe, Gretchen Schuette, Shirley Anderson, Terri Johanson, Brenda Brecke, Carolyn DesJardins, Nikki Harrington, Alice Jacobson, Marcia Keith, Rebecca Kenney, Dan Moriarty, Mary Spilde, and Stephanie Sussman.

Nominations are now being accepted. Visit www.aawccoregon.org and click on Awards to nominate someone. Nominations should be made by Nov. 1. For more information, contact Carol Schaafsma at carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu.



Angela McMahon, 2006 winner

AAWCC-Oregon members Race for the Cure in Portland

By Julie Huckestein

More than 25 AAWCC members and friends raced for the cure Sept. 23 to help raise funds for breast cancer research.

It was a rewarding and emotional experience – a memorable time for participants, and after the race, 18 walkers enjoyed brunch at the Marriott Waterfront.

AAWCC began walking as a team in 1999 when then AAWCC president, Marcia Keith (Clackamas Community College) urged AAWCC-Oregon members to join her in the race to fight breast cancer.

Marcia's article, "The Benefits of Breast Cancer," which ran in the spring 1999 AAWCC-Oregon newsletter (www.aawccOregon.org/newsletter/spring1999) is a good reminder of why we walk in her honor.

Marcia passed away in August 2005, and AAWCC members and several friends walked in her honor at the 2005 race. We also participated in her honor in 2006 and 2007.

The 2007 Portland Race for the Cure attracted more than 47,500 runners and walkers this year. It's the second largest of



Among the 47,500 walkers and runners in the Portland area Race for the Cure were 25 members of AAWCC-Oregon and some of their family members. The annual race, one of several held nationwide, is sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and helps raise funds to battle breast cancer. Portland participants raised more than \$3 million.

the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation-sponsored events and raised more than \$3 million.

Please plan to join your AAWCC sisters next year in Portland in mid-September.

Information about the race will be on the AAWCC Web site prior to the race.

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