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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Summer will soon bring us the chance to break away for moments of play and reflection. Your Oregon AAWCJC board brings you best wishes for a great summer. And, we bring you an important challenge!

Our challenge is to seek your support of our fourth annual AAWCJC Oregon conference, "Redefining Leadership: Creating the Future," on December 6 & 7 at the Red Lion/ Jantzen Beach in Portland. We ask you to share information about this conference with someone else you would like to see attend. For many participants, this represents their only professional development opportunity. Help us strengthen AAWCJC by reaching more community college women!

For others, we challenge you to contribute as session presenters. Our conference success lies solely in the willingness of women to share by making presentations. It is through this sharing, in a risk free environment, that we also have the chance to develop our own leadership skills. Our reward is in strengthening opportunities for ALL women by encouraging others to risk change and growth.

We know Oregon has the best to offer when it comes to women who can share. Help us meet the challenge of offering a comprehensive array of presentations. The call for workshop proposals is included in this newsletter. Fill it out today, or before August 1, and create an opportunity for yourself to grow!

In just four short years, our conference has developed into a significant venture, with the ability to recruit presenters from across the country. Dr. Leila Gonzales Sullivan, President of Middlesex Community College, Middleton, CT-and Vice President for AAWCJC Communications will serve as our keynote speaker. Another chance to expand our perspective about women and diversity in leadership!

Community colleges provide unparalleled opportunities for women and minorities. Our visibility is readily reflected in our numbers. For members of AAWCJC and all women employed by community colleges, this brings a tremendous responsibility. It requires us to become role models for equity and excellence. Look around your own campus. I am certain you will see a need for more women leaders in community colleges, at all levels, to respond to and serve as role models for a student population that has become predominantly female. Whether you are in the classroom, serving in a support capacity, or responding as an administrator, our students today look to us for direction and inspiration.

Warmest regards for a great summer!

Jacky Hagan, President

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ELECTION RESULTS

State AAWCJC Chapter Elects

New Officers

Jacky Hagan, Umpqua CC-
President

Diane Mulligan, Portland CC-
President-Elect

Mary Spilde, Linn-Benton CC-
Past President

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CC-VP Special Projects

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CC-VP Finance

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munications

Jackie Schamp, Linn-Benton
CC-VP Professional Develop-
ment

Patricia Bruneau-Gaber, South-
western Oregon CC-Member-at-
Large

Hilda Thompson, Oregon State
Department of Education-
Member-at-Large

CONGRATS TO ALL!!

NEW BOARD PROFILES

Diane Mulligan, President-Elect

I am Director of the Portland Community College/Tektronix On Site Program and have also held positions in community education and community development in my 10+ years at PCC. I am the first President of the PCC chapter of AAWCJC formed last year.

I am currently enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Oregon and have been attending the Wednesday program for the 1989/90 school year.

In my spare time I co-chair the Partners of the Americas Oregon/Costa Rican Community Education Committee and love to travel and birdwatch with my husband Scott.

Stephanie Sussman,

Member-at-large

I started teaching elementary school students in New York City in 1965. Each year I dropped to a lower grade in an attempt to reach children before they set limitations on their futures. Ten years later I was teaching three and four year olds in Portland, Oregon, when it became clear to me that if I wanted to have an impact on children, families, and communities, I needed to work with adults. So began my work with community colleges.

I work at Mt Hood Community College as the Director of Maywood Park and Centennial Centers. A primary focus of this job is to assess the needs of our community and provide educational opportunities to meet those needs.

I have a Bachelor of Science from Adelphi University and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Lewis and Clark College. I've studied at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, the University of Utrecht, Holland, and have been a participant in a Fullbright-Hayes Scholarship to visit and study in Costa Rica. I have a strong interest in increasing cultural diversity in our community colleges.

I look forward to working on the Oregon State AAWCJC Board and helping to encourage and support women.

Joanne Walker, Vice-President of Finance

Currently, I work in community education as interim Assistant to the Director at Benton Center with Linn-Benton Community College. My husband and I moved back to Oregon three years ago from Arizona. We were originally from the Northwest. I've worked as an Assistant State Supervisor of Business Education, a secretary and an office education teacher/coordinator. My college background consists of a Master of Business Education years ago and when we moved to Oregon I returned to school and completed a Master's degree in Adult/Community College Education.

In 1983, my husband and I decided to budget wisely, retire early and travel as "snowbirds" up and down the west coast and across the lower southwestern states for one year. Besides meeting some wonderful people and enjoying ourselves, we used the opportunity to relocate and change career directions.

For job support and variety, I volunteer with the Albany Visitors Association and the Corvallis Chamber. For relaxation, my husband and I enjoy camping, music, auto touring, word games and exploring museums and historical sites together.

I thoroughly enjoy working in Community Education and believe AAWCJC offers an opportunity to work within a very supportive, professional group of community college women.

News of our colleagues:

Jackie Belcher, Vice-President for Student Services at Lane C.C. has accepted the presidency of Minneapolis Community College. Congratulations, Jackie, and best wishes for an exciting new challenge.

Sara Varnum, Chemeketa C.C. recently coordinated the first statewide conference for part-time faculty and their supervisors. 150 people attended the conference

Doris Johnson, Director of Adult Basic Education at Umpqua C.C., has completed the 1989-90 Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Leaders' Program.

Dana Anderson, Portland C.C. board member, was recently honored as Trustee of the Year by the American Community College Trustees.

Renee Lopilato, Mt. Hood C.C. is the new assistant director of the Mt. Hood branch college in Japan.

Kay Gerard, Chemeketa C.C. coordinated a multicultural conference sponsored by U.S. West, the YWCA, Willamette University and Chemeketa on the Willamette and Chemeketa campuses.

Sherry Robinson and Margaret Carter, Portland C.C. were presenters at the Adult Learner's Workshop held on the Western Oregon State College Campus.

Rita Collins and Judy Heumann, Portland C.C. Southeast Center, have recently developed a program to enhance self-esteem in undereducated adults. They have written a student workbook and teacher's guide and the program is currently being piloted at ten sites including a special ed. class in a public school, a literacy class and a prison site.

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Nikki Sullivan, Portland C.C. was elected to a three year term as president of the Oregon Developmental Studies Organization.

Penny Wills, Portland CC Cascade Campus, was elected to the post of vice-president-elect for NASPA-Region V.

Julie Baker, LCC, will graduate this June with an M.S. in Educational Policy and Management with specialization in Bilingual Administration from the University of Oregon

Margie Holland- Received the 1990 Soroptimist International "Women Helping Women" award. This award recognizes women who have used their positions of influence to open broader avenues of opportunity for women and to improve their quality of life. Margie is a counselor and instructor at Lane Community College, and received an award for her work designing Transitions to Success, a program for displaced homemakers and single parents.

Vicki Ellison, Personnel Services, LCC, was named one of the top employees of 1989 by the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System.

Susan Sutton, LCC Publications, illustrated a textbook with her photographs. The book, "The Child As Scientist. A Constructivist Approach." will soon be published.

Joslyn Schier and Penny Englert, Training and Development, LCC, will make a presentation "Think Big: Celebrate Small and Often" at a conference, "The Route to Self Sufficiency for Single Parents," June 10-12 in Lexington, KY.

Joan Ryan, Business Department instructor at LCC, has been appointed to the AT&T Advisory Board that oversees grant funding for AT&T's Consumer Credit Education Fund.

Jill McKenney, LCC math instructor, has been named to an Oregon Department of Education's group of teachers, administrators, board members, and representatives from labor, industry, and media charged with helping "lead mathematics into the 21st century."

An article by LCC's Vice-President for Instruction **Jacquelyn Belcher** appears in the Fall 1989 issue of Catalyst, the journal of the National Council on Community Services and Community Education. Her article, "Educational Opportunities and Life Experiences: Red Lights or Green Lights?," deals with rapid changes in society and education and ways for faculty and students to keep pace.

ESL Instructors **Annick Todd** and **Julie Varga**, LCC, have been elected to the Executive board of the Oregon Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. One of their responsibilities is to organize conferences for ESL programs in outreach areas.

We congratulate the following women who were chosen for the AAWCJC Leaders Program for 1990:

Patricia Bruneau-Gaber
Southwest Oregon Community College

Margaret Dutson
Linn-Benton Community College

Velma Jesser
Lane Community College

Linda Myers
Lane Community College

Elizabeth Ruff
Portland Community College

Stephanie Sussman
Mt. Hood Community College

Sara Varnum
Chemeketa Community College

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SWOCC PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED

Doreen Dailey was recently named President of Southwestern Oregon Community College. Patricia Bruneau-Gaber interviewed her for the newsletter. "It's a matter of choice. I've been a fisherman, an accountant (I,II,aand III), an Adult Education Teacher, a Coordinator, a Faculty member. At every turn in the road, I've made a choice. Sometimes they were very hard choices. Like when I left Juneau with a 7-year old, as a single parent, to go to graduate school. It wasn't an easy choice. I just felt there was something more and I was willing to pay the price for it."

To me that clarity in thinking is one of the most exciting things about Doreen. Working with her this year, I have seen her struggle with difficult decisions, looking for answers that are best for all concerned. Her ability to analyze critically, incorporate many viewpoints, and create alternatives that are holistic and balanced has served her well in her professional as well as her personal life.

Doreen's ability to highlight the accomplishments of friends and staff exemplify the philosophy behind the AAWCJC Leaders Project. She is always ready to give others a chance to grow, support them in that process, and then formally recognize their accomplishments. Through her leadership, several women from Southwestern Oregon Community College attended the Oregon AAWCJC Conference in December of 1989. From that initial gathering, a group has formed and meets bi-weekly to interact professionally and personally, to learn through sharing and presentations to make the tough choices.

Doreen is modest. It's difficult to get her to admit that she's great. One day she finally gave in, with exasperation, "All right. It is a great accomplishment to be named the first woman community college president in Oregon. But it's not any more than any other woman could do if she set her mind to it. It's all a matter of the choices she makes."

Many thanks to Julie Baker, outgoing vice-president for finance, for her years of enthusiastic and competent management of the financial affairs of the Oregon AAWCJC.