



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Linda Ericksen

*It was wonderful to see so many of you last fall at the annual conference in Portland. We are so fortunate to get to share such a meaningful experience together and learn from each other. The board met in February and read all the evaluations of the conference to continue to do what you enjoy, to improve what we do by taking your suggestions, and to make changes based on your feedback. In fact, we came across the theme of next fall's conference as a suggestion on an evaluation. So mark your calendars now for November 20-21 for the 1997 conference to be held at the Hilton in Portland. One excellent way to get involved with this organization is to volunteer to be on a committee which puts on the conference. Another way is to present or to facilitate a break-out session.*

*As spring approaches, it is also time to make plans for some other events. This year the Oregon AAWCC is holding two retreats. These one-day retreats are intended to enrich the lives of women who perform like jobs, who would like to get together to share ideas, solve problems, and network. Both retreats will be held at Yachats in July. You can read the article which describes these in detail and use the form on Page 3 to register.*

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## Retreats Linda Ericksen

**This summer Oregon AAWCC will hold one-day retreats for women in two types of community college jobs. Both retreats will be held in Yachats, Oregon at the Yachats Community Center from 10-4. The cost is \$15 for members or \$25 for non-members. (Non-members will have \$10 applied to their 1997 dues, so they will automatically become members.) Lunch will be provided.**

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## ELEVENTH ANNUAL AAWCC CONFERENCE EXPLORES "LIMITED RESOURCES AND LIMITED SPIRIT!"

The 1997 AAWCC State Conference will be held November 19-21, 1997 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland. The theme for this year's conference will be "Limited Resources, Unlimited Spirit!" Mark your calendars and earmark the funds now! This is one conference you won't want to miss! Conference registration will again be only \$99; hotel room rates will be at a special price for either single or double occupancy.

The conference committees are forming now. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Angela Ritchie, Vice President for Professional Development at aritchie@pcc.edu or (503) 977-4950 as soon as possible.

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Last summer we got this effort off the ground with a one-day faculty retreat, and the day was very special with participants hoping for a repeat event.

We also will be holding our annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development from June 16 to 19 at Silver Falls. If you are interested in attending, check with your campus contact to find out how your college selects its participant.

The Oregon AAWCC also has its own Web site for you to use to check for new information and to fill in the pre-addressed e-mail form to have any of your questions answered. This Web site is very special to me because I taught a Web development course winter term at Lane Community College. My students developed real presentations for our LCC campus departments and for non-profit organizations. My daughter took this course from me and developed the AAWCC home page as her project, so you can see all the connections this brings to my life.

For me, connections is what this organization is about. Having served on the board for over five years, presented at several conferences and leaders institutes, co-

facilitating the new retreats, and facilitating our presence on the Web have greatly enriched my life. Getting to work with women from around Oregon and representing this organization as president are true honors.

**Retreat for Women Who Teach in Oregon Community Colleges  
July 17, 1997  
Yachats Community Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

This retreat is intended for women whose job is to teach. There will be a presentation and discussion in the morning, lunch and time for a walk, then open discussion in the afternoon. Topics will be determined by feedback on the registration form; ideas include leadership, problem students, keeping up with technology, and the changing student population.

**Retreat for Women Who are Support Staff at Oregon Community Colleges  
July 18, 1997  
Yachats Community Center, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

This retreat is intended for women whose job is in the support category. There will be a presentation and discussion in the morning, lunch and time for a walk, then open discussion in the

afternoon. Topics will be determined by feedback on the registration form; ideas include leadership, keeping up with technology, and stress.

If you want to stay overnight in Yachats, there are numerous possibilities. An inexpensive accommodation is the Dublin House; a high-end accommodation is the Shamrock Inn. You will need to make your own arrangements.

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Also, if you are interested in presenting, please complete the "Call for Presenters" Form included in this newsletter or Email the information to [aritchie@pcc.edu](mailto:aritchie@pcc.edu). Please help us deliver a dynamic program by submitting your ideas for session presenters with our theme in mind.

Please, share this information with a friend and colleague. Registration forms will be mailed in September. Hope to see you all in November!

- Angela Ritchie, Vice President for Professional Development AAWCC.



## Oregon AAWCC has Home Page on the World Wide Web

Linda Ericksen

You would have to have your head buried in sand not to notice how many businesses, individuals, and organizations now have a Web presence. Since I teach Web development courses, I took the opportunity to use our chapter of AAWCC for a student project.

What benefit is a Web home page to our organization? Well, members, can get up-to-date information on any aspect of Oregon AAWCC and use the on-line form to get questions answered; non-members and women new to Oregon can see our activities in Oregon and become involved. Women in other states or countries can see what we are about and contact us, enriching all our lives.

As a woman who teaches and writes about computer technology, I feel committed to our owning the technology. Studies show that although white, affluent, males are the predominant users of the Internet, the number of women users is increasing. We can help make ourselves and others more technologically advanced by becoming users and developers not just observers of this communications phenomena.

Check us out at [www.efn.org/~aawcc](http://www.efn.org/~aawcc)

### ***"Congratulations to New Board Members!"***

The new Vice President for Professional Development is Angela Ritchie of Portland, Oregon. She is currently the Operations Manager for the Sylvania Campus of Portland Community College. She has been with PCC for the last eleven years and is experienced in program planning, budget, and facilities management.

As a community leader, Angela is a board member for her local neighborhood association and is an active representative to the City of Portland's Citizen Advisory Committee for the West Portland Park Town Center. She is the mother of an 11 year old daughter and a 9 year old son.

Angela has completed her course work for a Master's in Public Administration from Lewis and Clark

College this last year. She holds a B.S. in Management/ Communication from Concordia University and an A.S. in General Studies from PCC.

In her "spare time" she enjoys family time, camping, hiking, fishing, quilting, traveling and photography. This last year she spent time in Oaxaca learning the culture and language of the Oaxacan people. She hopes to return to this country with Northwest Medical Teams in the near future.

This past year, Angela served as the Program chair for the 10th annual AAWCC state conference held last November.

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The new Member-At-Large is Vickie Totten of Salem, Oregon. Her current position is Executive Director of the Oregon Community College Association. Previously, she was a Legislative Advocate for the Oregon School Boards Association for five years. Her current associations are the Marion County Bar Association,

the Oregon Bar Association, the Arizona Bar Association, and the American Society of Association Executives. Her credentials include a Doctorate of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from Willamette University College of Law, a Master of Education (Ed.M) from Oregon State University, and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) from Oregon College of Education (now WOSC).

Vickie has been in the private practice specializing in juvenile defense, domestic relations and insurance subrogation. In 1991, she was hired as Committee Administrator of the House Labor Committee for the 1991 Legislative Session.

Vickie has taught in the Slayton Public Schools (P.E. and Health) from 1980-85, and coached Varsity Volleyball at Slayton from 1977 through 1985. Vickie was born in Arizona and has lived in Oregon since 1964. She is the mother of an 18 year old daughter.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### **Blue Mountain Community College**

*Reported by Cynthia Hilden, Campus Contact for Blue Mountain*

**Dr. Arlene Isaacson**, was recently hired as Learning Disabilities Diagnostician on campus. She was most recently from Chemawa Indian School where she was a special educator and WOSC, and did LD diagnostic work.

**Cynthia Hilden**, Special Services Provider, successfully wrote a federal grant, which was funded to buy a van to be adapted for students in wheelchairs. The newly adapted van arrived on campus on February 10 and is already being put to use.

**Theresa Pihl** was recently hired as the new instructor in History on the BMCC campus. She is teaching Western Civilization, World History, Art History, and US History.

**Tina Martinez**, sociology instructor, and **Doug Radke**, speech instructor, have formed a campus chapter of the academic honorary organization, Phi Theta Kappa. One of the group's first projects is to sell buttons saying "Picture Compassion" as a fundraiser for the Ryan White AIDS Foundation. In addition, special programs will be available to this group of

exemplary students which is under Martinez's direction.

**Cindy Lenhart**, a permanent part-time instructor in the Basic Skills Department, became a full-time instructor at the beginning of winter term. Lenhart teaches Critical Reading and Thinking, College Survival and Success, and Pre Algebra. In addition, she has been elected chair-elect of the College Council and is serving on several campus-wide committees.

**Patricia Amsberry**, a supervisor for over thirty years, is retiring this spring. She leaves a legacy of a most positive management style which involved all the staff working under her. She will be missed.

### **Chemeketa Community College**

*Reported by Carol Fox, Campus Contact for Chemeketa*

**Judy Sawser** is Chemeketa's nominee for YMCA Outstanding Woman of the Year.

**Meg McGill** has been selected as Chemeketa's representative to the National Institute of Leadership Development.

**Maureen Felton** was appointed member of the Oregon United Nations Association state board. She also published a research article, "Mothers and Daughters: From Evolution to Revolution" in the *Oregon PeaceWorker*.

**Terry Horn**, director of business and management, and healthservices management, was named the "1996 Administrator of the Year" at the Oregon Business Management Educators fall conference.

Congratulations to **Vikki Wetle** and **Eileen Casey White** who both have earned Doctorate degrees.

**Janine Moothart**, Cooperative Work Experience coordinator, completed two successful years as Chemeketa's loaned executive to the United Way campaign. **Anita Beyer**, Executive Assistant of the College Foundation, was spotlighted as an outstanding employee campaign coordinator for the United Way annual campaign.

### **Clackamas Community College**

*Reported by Lynda Myers, Campus Contact for Clackamas*

The Clackamas chapter of AAWCC, called the Focus on Women program, is planning the 8th annual Women's Getaway Weekend on April 25-27, at YMCA Camp Collins, on the Sandy River. The theme is "In Her Nature." Workshops include writing, birding, naturopathic healing, massage, art and music. Special musical guests are the women of Motherlode. Cost of the weekend is \$140. For more information, call Linda Vogt at Clackamas 657-6958, ext. 2310.

## AAWCC Retreat Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to attend

- July 17 Retreat for Women Who Teach in Community Colleges
- July 18 Retreat for Women Who are Support Staff in Oregon Community Colleges

I would like to see the following topics discussed:

I would be willing to lead a discussion on the following topic:

Please enclose this form and send your check: **\$15 for members** (if you attended the conference in Portland last fall you are automatically a member) or **\$25 for non-members** to:

**Linda Ericksen  
2354 Emerald St.  
Eugene, Or 97403**

Registration deadline is July 1, 1997

*(Make a copy, complete form, and submit)*

**"INVITATION TO PRESENT AT THE NEXT STATE CONFERENCE"**

You are invited to present at the Eleventh Annual Conference of The Oregon Chapter of The American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC).

**LIMITED RESOURCES, UNLIMITED SPIRIT!**  
November 20 & 21, 1997  
The Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon

The program committee is seeking workshop topics that will benefit women working in a wide variety of positions within community colleges. The theme for this year's conference will focus on ways to collaborate our resources, to maintain skills, and further develop in the areas of education, politics, professional and personal growth.

Please consider sharing your time, knowledge, talents, and expertise with other women who work in Oregon's community colleges at the Eleventh Annual AAWCC Conference this fall in Portland.

We are looking for presenters who can bring a fresh perspective on women's concerns such as health, diversity, equity, personal growth, classroom innovation, bringing balance back into our lives, and other issues which help us create a program that is exciting and uplifting to us all!

What expertise do you have to offer? Do you know someone you would recommend to make a presentation?

To attend the conference, watch for the conference mailing this fall. Please budget now for the conference registration price of \$99 and a discounted room rate at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

To submit a session proposal, complete the following form. **Please send us the following information by May 16, 1997.**



**1997 AAWCC Oregon Conference Request for Proposal Form**

Presenter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(day): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Session Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a description of the content of your proposal session and the names of potential co-presenters.**  
Sessions are scheduled to be 75 minutes in length.

Have you presented this topic before? If yes, when?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send or fax your proposal by **May 16, 1997** to: Angela Ritchie, Portland Community College, P.O. Box 19000 (SY-CC-247), Portland, OR 97280; Phone: (503) 977-4950; Fax: (503) 977-4144;  
E-mail: aritchie@pcc.edu

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Clackamas AAWCC/Focus is also planning a Women's Trip to Europe for June 1998. The destination is Greece which will include a cruise through the Greek Islands and Italy. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$2,900, which includes airfare, hotels and two meals each day. This is Clackamas' third European Tour for Women. Call Linda Vogt, 657-6958, ext.2310, for information.

On-going groups at Clackamas include *Chrysalis*, a women writers' group, that meets each Wednesday at noon on campus, and a women's book group that will meet April 8, May 6, and June 3. For more information, call Kate Gray, 657-6958, ext.2371.

Kate Gray will teach a credit class this spring quarter called *Women Writers*. This course, offered as ENG 260-01, will look at the role of women writers in literature and society, and students will read plays, poems, short stories and novels by women.

### Lane Community College

Reported by **Miriam Thompson**, LCC Chapter President and Campus Contact

The LCC Chapter of AAWCC is busy putting together an educational and social

calendar for its members for 1997. So far, events include more video and lecture opportunities, hiking and other outdoor events, and a fund raising campaign to provide a AAWCC Leadership Award fund. This \$1,500 award would be given once a year to a female Lane Community College student beginning her second year at Lane, based on a set criteria. The launching of this campaign is expected to begin by mid April.

Linda Ericksen, business instructor, just had her 10th and 11th computer text books published: *Wordperfect 7 for Windows 95*, published by Course Technology, and *Projects for HTML*, published by Addison-Wesley. Her 12th book also for Addison-Wesley called *Internet Guideposts* will be published this summer. Linda was also one of three guest presenters at Boston '97, a workshop held for all Boston area college instructors. Her presentation, "HTML & Web Page Design," not only looked at tools available to teach Web development, but also presented student projects created by her students on Lane's campus who are taking BA110ST, Home Pages for Business, in which they are developing Web pages for use by LCC departments and for local non-profit agencies.

Shirlee Ford of Counseling, recently attended the seven-day National Institute for Leadership Development, a

professional development program for women in higher education. NILD is sponsored by Phoenix College, Maricopa Community Colleges, the League for Innovation, and AAWCC. Participants must develop a project that will benefit their college. Shirlee's proposed project for Lane is the "development of training programs that will enable all employee groups to be more flexible and more efficient in the way we offer services to students."

Sue Thornton represented Lane Community College at the 1996 Oregon Institute for Leadership Development for Community College Women. Sue writes of her experience, "The scenery was spectacular and could not be outdone. With a break each day, there was time for hiking and exploring. Every speaker brought a wealth of experience and knowledge. I particularly enjoyed the hands-on activities that challenged me to think beyond my personal expectations I had previously set. We keep learning and growing and it's important to continue to move forward, even if it's just a few steps at a time. The whole experience was very encouraging. Whoever has the privilege of going next year or years to come, can anticipate being flooded with an incredible amount of valuable information. There is time for growth, fellowship with other women, and build friendships."

## **Mt. Hood Community College**

Reported by **Sharon Lannigan**, Campus Contact for Mt. Hood.

The Mt. Hood Community College Chapter of the AAWCC completed the Nicaraguan Preschool Project on February 14. Chapter members collected books, educational toys, and vitamins for a group of communal preschools in Corinto, Nicaragua. The preschool was organized by women in Nicaragua and are taught by volunteers. They do not receive government subsidies. Approximately 150 children attend the preschools. Because unemployment in Nicaragua is between 60% and 80%, many children suffer from malnutrition and disease. The Corinto Preschools are a cornerstone of the grassroots education and health initiatives spearheaded by the women of Nicaragua.

The Mt. Hood Community College Chapter of AAWCC has kicked off a fund raiser called "Cooking Around the Campus" with **Stephanie Sussman**, who presented a complete dinner and cooking lesson in her home last March. The chapter sponsored a "Turn of the Century" fashion exhibit as part of the Women's History celebration from the end of February to the end of March.

Continuing to support a Child Care Center similar to Head Start in Nicaragua, chapter members are preparing to ship items collected during the holidays. In addition, they will continue to collect and ship much needed children's vitamins.

**Lynne Walters**, Coordinator of Oregon Advanced Technology Consortium, is serving a one year term as Board Secretary for Chapter 63 Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Portland, Oregon.

**Kate Dins**, Dislocated Workers Project Director, attended the National Institute for Leadership Development in Scottsdale this past January with 52 college and university women leaders from all over the United States. Kate's project will be the completion of MHCC's Affirmative Action plan with the able assistance of her mentor, **Stephanie Sussman**.

## **Portland Community College**

Reported by **Sonya McDowell**, Campus Contact for PCC.

The Portland Community College chapter of AAWCC ended fall term with a fun evening meeting at the west hills home of **Erika Heider**. The city lights view and a presentation by Jerry Fenter, a well-known local artist who light-heartedly paints subject

matter all women can identify with, made it a very special evening.

The PCC Chapter also celebrated with **Lorna Kern**, who completed her doctorate at Portland State University in January. Her dissertation should be useful to many colleges as she studied race relations in higher education. Her study concludes that while colleges may successfully increase the numbers of people of color in specific programs, race relations can be complicated and problematic. She makes three recommendations to improve racial climate: a) faculty development activities must equip faculty to help students develop positive racial identities; faculty development activities must also equip faculty with the knowledge and skills to effectively facilitate intergroup dynamics; b) curricular reform must occur; and c) community building activities must be initiated.

## **Umpqua Community College**

Reported by **Jan Woodstock**, Campus Contact for Umpqua

The Douglas County Regional Gender Equity Team is planning the annual "Expanding Your Horizons" Conference for young women in grades 10, 11, and 12. It will be held on April 29 at Umpqua Community College.

The goals of the conference are to 1) provide young women with information about a variety of careers; 2) increase the interest of young women in taking mathematics and science classes; 3) provide young women with an opportunity to meet and interact with positive women role models; and 4) involve high school counselors and teachers in encouraging young women to consider challenging careers. For more information, contact conference co-chairs, **Nancy Nowak** at 440-4600, ext.714 and **Trisha McMahan** at 440-4600, ext. 681.

Umpqua recently hosted Senator Wyden for an informal session to listen to students talk about how federal educational programs had impacted their lives. The meeting was facilitated by **Jacky Hagan**, Vice President for Student Services. About ten students shared their opinions related to Title IV financial aid, JOBS, Job Corps, Perkins, Adult Basic Education, JTPA, Upward Bound, and Small Business Administration funding. The session also included other students, agency partners, Umpqua staff, and college board members. Issues conveyed by students included child care, financial aid, high technology instructional equipment, counseling support, and the importance of community colleges in their education.

The Senator seemed to be impressed, highlighting the session in a very positive light during a town hall meeting that evening.

**The Umpqua Nursing Department** is actively involved on the Rural Health Outreach Task Force. The task force is working on a needs assessment of Douglas County and is currently preparing an application for a Federal Rural Health Grant. The task force is comprised of representatives from most of the local health care agencies.

**Sue Windsor, Sandy Smick**, and the Community Ed are planning a workshop on April 26, entitled, "Making College Connections - Breaking Down Barriers." The workshop is designed to help single mothers and low income families. It features six vocational programs and covers career testing, financial planning, housing, child care, health care resources, and transportation. **Kay Tano, Judy Lasswell, Kathy Sharman, Ramona Taylor** and **Barbara Slotter**, previous AAWCC annual conference attendees, all look forward to moving their JOBS program into a newer and better facility by this summer. This move will end three years of looking for a new home and the staff will plan a grand opening.

**Sarah Miller**, Admissions and Records Manager, was selected to attend the

Summer 1997 AAWCC Oregon Leadership Institute this summer.

**Jacky Hagan** is current Vice President and President elect of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, slated to begin January 1998. Jacky also serves as chair of the local Phoenix School board.

**Doris Johnson**, Director of Developmental Education, completed several grant program requests including the extension of the Wolf Creek Job Corps instructional contract.

**Sonia Wright**, Director of Community Relations, tackled a faculty journalism load and assisted on two public information campaigns for the college bond levy requests. In addition, she is still on schedule for completing her master's degree.

**Sue Shaffer**, long-standing Umpqua Community College Board Member and Tribal Chairman for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, will soon celebrate the grand opening of their Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville. The convention center is part of a larger tribal vision Sue and others have worked to fulfill. In addition to her generous support of Umpqua as a board member, Sue has been instrumental in initiating scholarship support for students.

**Gunay Ozkan**, Chemistry Teacher, wrote a grant and obtained funding through the American Chemical Society to bring a national program called "Operation Chemistry" to Roseburg. In this program, she and those she has trained, are giving workshops on effective ways for elementary and junior high school teachers to teach basic chemistry to their students. Umpqua is inspired by Gunay's passion for chemistry and for her commitment to high standards for education in the community.

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