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American Association of Women in Community Colleges – Oregon Chapter

Spring 2004 Newsletter



Abby Lee, public information and foundation officer at Treasure Valley Community College, was among eight community college employees who received AAWCC Excellence Awards for their accomplishments that made a difference for women at their own colleges.

Eight honored for excellence at conference

AAWCC Oregon Chapter Community College Excellence Awards recipients were named at the annual fall conference in November 2003.

Certificates were awarded to eight persons whose accomplishments made a difference for women at their own community colleges.

The 2003 winners were:

- Elizabeth Fuller, Rogue Community College
- Alice Jacobson, Portland Community College
- Doris Johnson, Umpqua Community College
- Miriam Jordan, Lane Community College
- Abby Lee, Treasure Valley Community College
- Veronica Martinez, Chemeketa Community College
- Linda Palmer, Portland Community College
- Tammi Paul, Linn Benton Community College

The AAWCC Board of Directors annually celebrates individuals chosen by local AAWCC membership for the Excellence Awards.

The board awards a certificate to honor that person at the state AAWCC conference in November. The recipients need not be members of AAWCC.

Nominations for the 2004 AAWCC Excellence Award may be made by sending the name of an honoree to Jan Woodcock at jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu by October 18, 2004.

Summer session set for seashore

The annual AAWCC summer retreat is set for July 22 in Florence.

Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center, the program will feature a workshop on "How to Deal with People You Can't Divorce: Using Conscious Communication at Work."

Presenters are Dr. Linda Reisser, dean of Student Development at Portland Community College; Jan Woodcock, Social Science faculty at Umpqua Community College; and Mary Jo Workman, administrative coordinator at Lane Community College.

The presentation focuses on skills for coping and communicating in stressful relationships with co-workers or students.

Case studies will be used to demonstrate and practice a variety of communication techniques, including direct and indirect approaches.

Cost of the retreat is \$65 and includes morning refreshments, lunch and AAWCC dues for 2004. Registration deadline is July 9.

Rooms at the Driftwood Shores Resort are being held at \$90 single, \$140 double plus 8% tax until July 9. For reservations call (800) 422-5091.

Other hotels nearby include the Best Western Pier Point Inn, (541) 997-7191, \$99-\$129; and the Holiday Inn Express, 800-holiday, \$89-\$109.

For more information or to register online, visit aawccoregon.org/2004_summer_retreat.htm or contact Kristen Jones at (541) 917-4572 or email jonesk@linnbenton.edu

President's Message

By Julie Huckestein
Oregon AAWCC President

Spring is a time when we can appreciate the beauty that surrounds those of us living in Oregon.

For me, spring is a time of renewal, freshness, and hope. It is a time when I get excited because of the longer days and the possibility of enjoying the outdoors, hearing the birds sing and breathing the fresh air.

As I write this column, my first as your new president, it is with trepidation and excitement. Trepidation because this is the first column that I have ever had the honor of writing (and I don't consider myself a writer), and excitement because I know I have been given the opportunity to provide leadership in an organization that makes a difference in the lives of community college women and students.

I have personally benefited from the AAWCC mission: "To inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us," over the 17 years I have been working in community colleges. And I'm sure many of you have too.

I hope you find time to inspire, champion and celebrate your colleagues and yourself. As we get caught up

managing the multiple priorities that we have as women, it is especially important to take time to recognize what we have accomplished.

AAWCC provides wonderful professional development opportunities for women and students in community colleges, including an annual conference, a summer retreat and the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD).

A fabulous summer retreat has been planned for July 22: titled: "How to Deal with People You Can't Divorce: Using Conscious Communication at Work."

Please join us in Florence for a spectacular day at the beach with your colleagues and friends while improving your communication skills.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the national organization of AAWCC, and we plan to celebrate this important day at our annual conference, November



Julie Huckestein

18-19 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel.

As a part of the conference, we are interested in documenting the history of the state organization. If you have information to share, please contact one of the board members.

Another program sponsored by AAWCC is OILD, a weeklong leadership development opportunity held at Silver Falls Conference Center. Individual colleges (and sponsor agencies) nominate a woman from their college to attend this event to be held June 14-17.

I urge you to consider attending the summer retreat and fall conference. Both are opportunities for professional and personal development.

Finally, if you are not already involved in your local chapter, please join or establish a chapter today. One of the best ways to get to know other women "leaders" at your institution is to network with your peers and colleagues.

Local chapters offer leadership opportunities, professional development, and a sense of community. They also help you get to know women from across your college.

Have an enjoyable spring term, and I hope to see you at the beach in July.

Annual OILDset for June 14-17

The Oregon Institute for Leadership Development is a unique opportunity for women from Oregon community colleges to learn about developing and enhancing their leadership skills.

The 13th annual OILD will be held at the Silver Falls Conference Center, June 14-17, 2004.

A select group of women, each nominated by her college, will come together to gain insight on work styles, to consider community college issues, and to reflect on professional ethics, personal value systems, gender dynamics and leadership.

Participants also will hear women in community college leadership roles — college presidents, deans, faculty, support staff — share their stories of personal and professional growth.

The investment in this development opportunity benefits colleges as well as the individual. Many who have attended OILD have subsequently assumed leadership roles at their institutions.

Last year, 22 women participated in OILD. They and all other AAWCC members are invited to join their OILD and National Institute for Leadership Development sisters at the 2004 Leader's Reception, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Silver Falls.

Additional meals and lodging are available at a minimal charge for those interested in staying overnight. To RSVP and for more information contact, Dawn DeWolf at dewolfd@lanecc.edu, or call (541) 463-5515.

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The AAWCC Oregon Chapter newsletter is published twice annually, in the spring and fall. For more information, contact Margaret Bradford, vice president of Communications, mbradford@rogucecc.edu



Campus Connections

Chemeketa Community College By Maureen McGlynn

Snow and ice didn't stop Chemeketa's AAWCC women from meeting in February. Over 20 early risers joined Ivonne Saed, our Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, in a conversation about the joys and differences between living in Mexico City and Salem.

Ivonne is the first SIR Fulbright recipient to be at a community college in Oregon. She is not only teaching Latin American and World Literature but is a published author, award-winning photographer and graphic artist, and a marathon runner.

Other women in the news include the following:

- Gretchen Schuette, president, received the Carolyn Desjardins Leadership Award at the AAWCC fall conference for her outstanding contributions to leadership.

- Joanne Beilke, board member, was appointed to the Member Communications Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

- Julie Huckestein, director of business services, was elected as the new president of AAWCC for next year.

- Veronica Martinez, administrative secretary, received an AAWCC Excellence Award at the fall conference.

- Miriam Rozin, grant accounting coordinator in Business Services, was chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development (NILD).

- Simone Hughes, instructional assistant in Electronics, assisted in planning the American Association of University Women (AAUW) 17th Annual "Expanding Your Horizons" event for over 100 middle school girls. Simone was also elected as vice president for membership for AAWCC.

- Linda Crosby, library circulation supervisor, was named volunteer of the month by the Human Society of the Willamette Valley.

- Maria Dooley, administrative assistant; Lynn Melow, executive secretary;

and Vicki Willis, assistant to the president, made presentations at the AAWCC Fall Conference.

- Maureen McGlynn, director of curriculum and instruction, and Louanne Whitton, coordinator of the Opportunity Center, presented at the 2004 Innovations Conference in San Francisco, California,



The Mount Hood Community College AAWCC Chapter enjoyed a two-day get away at Riverside Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., relaxing and connecting as women.

sponsored by the League for Innovation.

- Jimmie Wilkins, coordinator of the Small Business Development Center, has been asked to serve on the Oregon Department of Transportation's Emerging Small Business Advisory Committee.

Lane Community College By Donna Zmolek

The LCC Chapter of AAWCC presented its Leadership Scholarship fall term to Ilene Olson, one of 26 applicants.

The \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually after a careful selection process. The committee chose Olson, an Education student, based on her community work, her goals, and the challenges she has overcome.

In November of 2003, the Lane Chapter said goodbye to long-time AAWCC member Miriam Jordan, who left Lane to work at the University of Oregon Art Museum.

Miriam was instrumental in running AAWCC at Lane as chapter president for seven years. Her positive energy and enthusiasm has been a wonderful asset to the group, and it will have lasting effects.

She truly will be missed.

On December 3, 2003, the LCC Chapter held its annual Holiday Silent Auction in the new Lane conference center. Many of the items auctioned were crafted by women working at LCC. The chapter earned nearly \$600.

On March 3, The LCC Chapter of AAWCC sponsored "108 days in the Saudi Sun," a slide show and lecture on the negotiating, planning and execution of 12,000-square-foot of murals inside and outside a private aquarium on the Red Sea Coast of Saudi Arabia.

Tom Madison, an LCC art instructor, made the presentation. He also spoke to the group last year on Arabic culture, women's rights and Islam.

Linn-Benton Community College By Kristen Jones

Dawn McNanny attended NILD January 11-15 in Phoenix, Ariz. It was a memorable week meeting

and discussing leadership issues with an inspirational group of women from many community colleges.

Highlights of the institute included a presentation by Dr. Mary Spilde on leadership models and a frank and humorous panel discussion with current women college presidents.

Dawn is very appreciative of LBCC for this professional development experience.

The LBCC Chapter will hold a silent auction May 26 during the college's annual Spring Days. All proceeds from the auction will go to the scholarship fund.

A total of \$500 in scholarships were recently awarded to Heather Baird, Graphic Design major, and to Michelle Bertalot, Horse Management/Animal Tech major. The scholarship recipients will be invited to our annual meeting in May.

A retreat for LBCC women has been scheduled for Sept. 17-19 at the Oregon House in Yachats.

On March 11, Dr. Gretchen Schuette shared some reflections on her journey to

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becoming president at Chemeketa Community College.

On April 8, we will be have a session on pressing flowers, and May 13 is our annual meeting and end-of-the year potluck. We will install new board members at this meeting as well.

Mount Hood Community College By Sally Wright

The Mt. Hood Community College Chapter of AAWCC had an active winter term, beginning with a two-day get away to Riverside Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., owned by Janet Campbell, one of our members.

Our purpose was fun and relaxation and an opportunity to connect as women. Ten of us had a great time playing dominoes, browsing through shops and eating wonderful food and visiting.

We recommend the Riverside Lodge if you are looking for a quick getaway. Contact Janet at 866-427-5650.

We also celebrated Black History Month with a gumbo dinner prepared by Shireen Duke. This is the second year the chapter has met for this purpose. It was a wonderful evening of friendship and learning about cultural influences in the black community.

The Mt. Hood Chapter of AAWCC was also successful in bringing "Weight Watchers at Work" to the campus. The program has been running since June and attendees (approximately 15 per meeting) have managed to loose over 600 pounds.

Our focus has been on embracing a healthy life style, and we have several employees who have also been able to get off medication for conditions such as high blood pressure and heart problems.

We continue to raise money for the Shelie Macias Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in honor of a longtime MHCC employee who died in 1998.

The fund provides an annual scholarship for outstanding Adult Education students working toward the goal of a degree at MHCC.

Our primary fund raisers are used book sales, which we had fall and winter term and are planning for Cinco de Mayo. Our first scholarship recipient will graduate in June, and we are able to offer the scholarship again this spring.

Mt. Hood AAWCC plans for spring

include a presentation by Elizabeth Plourde, clinical laboratory scientist and medical researcher, on hormone replacement therapy, from 4 to 7 p.m. May 4, (contact Becky St. Clair, 503-491-7312 if you want more information); a Japanese cooking demonstration by Linda Ernst and her husband in late May; selection of an OILD participant; and our annual membership drive.

Officers for the 2003-04 year are: President, Becky St. Clair; President Elect, Sally Wright; Publicity Secretary, Victoria Flagg; Treasurer, Linda Neumann; Membership Chair, Linda Ernst; Campus Contact, Carol Foster; Member at Large, JoyLynn Woodard.

Portland Community College By Angela McMahon

With our generous grant from the state chapter, PCC AAWCC has been hosting a brown bag speaker series featuring informal talks by PCC women during the lunch hour.

In February, Nan Poppe, Extended Learning Campus president, spoke at Cascade Campus about values clarification and her definition of leadership.

In March Marilyn Davis, dean of Instruction, spoke at Rock Creek about her intentional career path. Later in March, Terri Greenfield, dean of Adult Basic Skills, spoke at our brand new Southeast Center on her career changes and path.

Our former chapter president, Leslie Riester, has been promoted to the position of associate vice president of Technology. In her new position, Leslie is the chief academic and administrative information technology officer, responsible for college-wide planning, development, coordination and administration of academic and administrative computing and networking technology.

Cascade Campus annually honors a woman student, staff or faculty member who has made a significant contribution to the life of the campus. The Belva Seaberry Award was established in 1993 to honor Ms. Seaberry, a longtime employee at Cascade.

This year's recipient, Kendi Esary, Student Leadership coordinator, was honored at the Women's History Month Reception on March 10. She chose a book for the Cascade Library which will

bear a nameplate identifying her as the Belva Seaberry Award Winner for 2004.

Former retiree Joan Hayward has re-joined the Cascade Campus executive team as interim dean of Instruction. In her former life as dean of the Medical Technology and Science Division, Joan was a steadfast booster of women on campus.

During her very short retirement, Joan learned to knit and has been making fabulous things in her "spare time." She will continue in the interim position until a permanent appointment is made.

Rogue Community College By Denise Swafford

The RCC Chapter met winter term to get organized and plan a half-day retreat to select officers, discuss bylaws, schedule meetings, determine goals, and possibly establish a student scholarship.

Our group of about 25 women is excited about getting together, having some fun and lightening each other's load in some way.

Claudia Sullivan, director of Enrollment Services, has been selected to attend the Oregon Institute of Leadership Development this year, and we are currently recruiting for an alternate.

Rogue is interviewing candidates for a new college president. The RCC Board of Education is scheduled to make a decision April 20.

In addition, the college is screening applicants for executive dean of the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass to replace Kathy Burkey, who is retiring.

Betsy Fuller and Denise Swafford attended the National Institute for Leadership Development Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., January 10-16.

Twenty-seven women from across the country met for the week-long institute, which included work on planning, budgeting, and organizational transformation.

For Betsy, the highlight of the NILD experience was meeting the other fabulous community college women leaders and forming a network with them.

"It was powerful!" Betsy said.

The highlight for Denise, much to her surprise, was the team project/presentation. She generally has an aversion to this type of activity but had fun and learned a lot about herself in the process.

Silent auction nets record amount

A record \$1,099 was raised at the 2003 Fall Conference through a silent auction. Items were donated by AAWCC members and others.

Proceeds from the auction fund scholarships to help women who otherwise could not afford to attend AAWCC conferences or workshops.

Last year, AAWCC Oregon awarded more than \$1,400 in such scholarships.

The board would like to thank the following individuals, businesses, and colleges that donated items in 2003 for this



Denise Martin and Chris German pose with teddy bears donated to the 2003 Fall Conference silent auction.

worthy cause:

Laura Bock, Cynthia Charat, Jeannie Corlett, Trish Bowlsby, Chris German, Sandy Heath, Marilyn Hill, Terri Johnson, Abby Lee, Karin Magnuson, Denise Martin, Linda Reisser, Mary Spilde, Lynne Toh, Becky Washington, Diana Watson, Jan Woodcock, and Carol

Woodman.

Others contributors were the Greenwood Inn, Rogue Community College, Southwestern Community College, and Tillamook Bay Community College.

Join AAWCC sisters at Race for the Cure

Members of the Oregon Chapter of AAWCC will participate Sept. 12 in the 2004 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The 13th annual race starts in Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland, and is an opportunity to participate in an incredible and profound event.

Proceeds benefit the race to cure breast cancer – something that has touched many of us – by funding research and free mammograms.

Join the AAWCC team and thousands of others in this inspiring and important coming together of well-wishers, survivors, and supporters.

Contact Dawn DeWolf at (541) 463-5515 or by email at dewolf@lanecc.edu, if you plan to attend the Race for the Cure.

Dawn will contact you with race details once they become available.



Upcoming AAWCC events

The Oregon AAWCC Board has been working to provide the membership with a full range of professional and personal development opportunities.

OILD 2004 — June 14-17

Silver Falls Conference Center, Silverton, OR

Applications due April 9. See AAWCC Website for more information:

www.aawccOregon.org/OILD

Check with your president or AAWCC campus contact to find out about applying for this event.

Summer Retreat — July 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center, Florence, OR

Cost: \$65

Dr. Linda Reisser, Jan Woodcock, and Mary Jo Workman will present “Intentional Dialogue: How to Deal with People You Can’t Divorce: Using Conscious Communication at Work.” See page 1 of this newsletter for more information or visit aawccoregon.org/2004_summer_retreat.htm

Race for the Cure — Sept. 12

Tom McCall WaterFront Park, Portland

2004 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. For information contact Dawn DeWolf at (541) 463-5515 or dewolf@lanecc.edu

17th Annual Fall Conference — November 18-19,

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, OR

Cost: \$150

An opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit and workplace battery, network with other women, and gain valuable personal and professional development skills. Look for more information in the fall AAWCC newsletter and at aawccoregon.org

Proposals sought for fall conference

AAWCC Oregon 2004 Conference November 18-19, 2004

Theme: Leadership 1974-2004: A 30-Year Perspective

Submission Deadline: June 15th (but the earlier the better!)

If you'd like to present a workshop at the upcoming conference, just go to the following link and complete the new online submission form:

aawccoregon.org/2004/proposals.htm

Direct questions or comments to Program Chair Ann Baumgardt, abaumgar@pcc.edu, (503) 978-5163.

Chemeketa's Gretchen Schutte wins to Desjardins Award

Dr. Gretchen Schuette, president of Chemeketa Community College was the recipient of the 2003 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award.



Dr. Gretchen Schuette

Given annually to someone who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges, Schutte was presented the award at the 2003 AAWCC Fall Conference.

In their nomination letter, the Chemeketa Community College Chapter of AAWCC-Oregon wrote: "Gretchen epitomizes leadership. She inspires... walks the talk... practices what she preaches."

Dr. Schuette's previous positions include superintendent of the Gresham Barlow School District, dean of Distance and Continuing Education, and director of Portland Area Programs for Oregon State University.

She served as interim commissioner of Oregon Community Colleges, executive vice president of Mt. Hood Community College, and dean of Humanities, Sciences, and Learning Assistance at Chemeketa Community College.

She also served as Chemeketa's director of Instructional Services and Learning

Nominations sought for leadership award

The AAWCC Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the 2004 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award, given annually 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 includes demonstrated ability to inspire, champion, or celebrate women as leaders.

A nomination form is available at aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm

Send nominations by October 18, 2004, to Jan Woodcock at Umpqua Community College, PO Box 967, Roseburg, OR 97470, or by e-mail: jan.woodcock@umpqua.edu

Resources, Instructional Services and College Relations, and College and Community Relations.

She was chair of the Humanities Department and faculty member at Linn Benton Community College as well as an active member of numerous public committees and community organizations.

Dr. Schuette holds a BA in English literature from Smith College, an MA in Biology from Central Michigan University, and a Ph.D. in Oceanography from Oregon State University.

She was appointed to the Oregon State

Board of Higher Education in January 2004. Her term expires in 2008.

"Dr. Schuette is passionate about women's leadership in community colleges," the nomination letter continues. "We know she would be honored to receive this award which she so deserves."

Previous winners of the Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award include Dr. Shirley Anderson, Terri Johanson, Brenda Brecke, Carolyn DesJardins, Nikki Harrington, Alice Jacobson, Marcia Keith, Rebecca Kenney, Dan Moriarity, Mary Spilde, and Stephanie Sussman.

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