

Meetings & Events in 2010-2011

- September 11 The first meeting of the year is a “**Welcome Back for the New Year.**” It provides and opportunity to preview the coming year’s programs and projects, sign up for interests groups, learn about new goals and policies, reconnect with one another and meet new members. Contact: Elaine Hamlin & Sandra Coyner
- October 9 “**Meet the Candidates**” is the first Community Forum of the year. The audience will be able to ask questions and listen to answers, so we will be informed voters November 2. The Forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Contact: Jan Waitt
- November 13 This Community Forum, “**Why So Few?**” - A presentation of AAUW’s research report on women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). "In an era when women are increasingly prominent in medicine, law and business, why are so few women becoming scientists and engineers? This report tackles this puzzling question." Contact: Bessie Azari
- January 8 Our January **All-member Branch meeting** focuses on internal aspects of the branch in interactive formats. Contact: Sandra Coyner
- February 12 Health Care is under a great deal controversy these days. The February Community Forum, “**How Will the New Health Law Affect Oregon?**” will ask and answer questions on the topic. How much will change? We will try to find out. Contact: Sherri Morgan
- March 12 The forum will examine, “**Violence Against Women, Children, and Elders**”. Is violence in our community frequent, rare, increasing, decreasing, or invisible? Are our community’s efforts adequate? Can we do more than apply Band-Aids? Contact: Sandra Coyner & Susan Elsom
- April 10 Each year the Members take time to celebrate the work accomplished thus far. **April’s celebration** also provides an opportunity to honor those among us deserving of awards. Contact: Elaine Hamlin & Eleanore Perkins
- May 14 Each May we celebrate with an **Honors Brunch** to focus on our Branch Scholarship Winners and honored guests. It is a HIGHLIGHT of what AAUW is about and inspiring to all who attend.
- June 5 The Annual **Garden Tour** is held the first Sunday of June each year, featuring a number lovely and interesting gardens in and around Ashland. This is the main Ashland Branch fundraiser for the year.

- To assist or offer ideas for the Community Forums call the Contact person listed.
- Branch meetings and Forums are generally held at the Masonic Lodge, 570 Clover Lane.
- All members are welcome to attend both the Leadership Team and Board meetings, generally held each month. Board meetings are the Friday, 15 days before each Branch Meeting. Check the local website for details.

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