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American Association for Women in Community Colleges – Oregon Chapter

Fall 2006 Newsletter

## 'Attitude' theme sets tone for fall conference

Three power-house speakers will highlight the AAWCC-Oregon Fall 2006 Conference, scheduled Nov. 16-17 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel.

Setting the tone of this year's conference theme, "20-Years of Attitude: Learning from Our Past, Looking Toward Our Future," will be these speakers:

- Donna M. Beegle, Ed.D., and president of Communication Across Barriers, is a nationally known author and trainer on issues of communication, poverty, gender and education;

- Renee Mitchell, award-winning columnist; and

- Tana Hasart, Ed.D., former community college student and now president of Pierce College Puyallup, Wash.

Donna M. Beegle's topic will be "Breaking Barriers: Tools for Working with Students and Families Living in Poverty."

Beegle notes that most of our educational systems are set up to support students and families coming from a print culture orientation, which can alienate students and families who have an oral cultural world-view. Understanding these differences can improve teaching and learning and create a more inclusive school climate, Beegle says.

S. Renee Mitchell's presentation is titled "Writing Your Story: Five Secrets to Empowerment at Work and Play." The award-winning columnist has spent more than two decades writing and editing newspaper stories about troubled lives.

Using powerfully moving personal examples and those of others, Mitchell will discuss how to be effective in any situation; how to turn struggles into strengths and how to develop techniques that will inspire.

Tana L. Hasart, Ed.D., began as a student at Pierce College, Wash., and



Renee Mitchell



Donna Beegle



Tana Hasart

was selected in 2005 to take the helm as president. Her keynote, "Do You Have Your Parachute?" is a take-off from the acclaimed book, "What Color is Your Parachute?" Her presentation will focus on survival and recovery skills for the

workplace.

Hear how to tap into a deeper knowledge about the values that guide and inform your work. Explore your ability to remain open to learning, even during the most difficult of times.

### Conference will cover a wide range of topics

In addition to three great keynote speakers, many informative workshops are planned at the AAWCC-Oregon Fall 2006 Conference.

Among those scheduled are "Moving Toward Fitness One Micro Goal at a Time," "Intercultural Education: A Faculty Development Program," "Bridging the Intercultural Community Gap on Campus," "Creativity in Your Bones," "Redefining Retirement," "Ancient Energy Medicine for the 21st Century," and "Unleash Your Inner Poet."

Genesis, a jazz combo from Mount Hood Community College, will perform.

Also plan to join in the fun and food at the Thursday night social, "Back to the Future." Wear an outfit from your past to this fun social event. What's your favorite retro look: poodle skirts, pillboxes, mini skirts, tie-dye, Gothic, or punk? Bring a photo of yourself from the 60s, 70s or early 80s to post on a bulletin board so we can all guess who's who.

Registration for the fall conference is \$165 if payment is received before Oct 27. Registration and payment received after Oct. 27 or on-site is \$190. Retirees receive a \$50 discount. Register online at [www.aawccoregon.org](http://www.aawccoregon.org).

Renovations to the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel have been completed, so there's no more noisy construction, and there's ample parking.

And until October 24, room rates are just \$99 if you mention AAWCC at the time you make your reservation. Visit [www.sheratonportland.com](http://www.sheratonportland.com) for more information, or call (503) 281-2500. The hotel is at 8235 Northeast Airport Way.

# AAWCC-Oregon raced for the cure, honored Marcia Keith

By Julie Huckestein

Over 20 AAWCC members and friends raced for the cure on September 17 to help raise funds for breast cancer research.

It was a rewarding and emotional experience – a memorable time for participants.

After the race, several walkers enjoyed dancing and singing to the music in the park, after which AAWCC participants met for brunch at the Marriott Waterfront.

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

Marcia wrote an article titled, “The Benefits of Breast Cancer” in the spring 1999 AAWCC-Oregon newsletter ([www.aawccOregon.org/newsletter/spring1999](http://www.aawccOregon.org/newsletter/spring1999)) telling of her very personal experiences with cancer.

Marcia passed away in August 2005,



*The 2006 AAWCC-Oregon team walked to help fight breast cancer.*

and AAWCC members and several of Marcia’s other friends walked in her honor at the 2005 race. We also participated in her honor in 2006 and plan to continue into the future.

The 2006 Portland Race for the Cure attracted over 46,000 runners and walkers this year. It’s the second largest of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Founda-

tion-sponsored events and raised over \$2 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. Contact Julie Huckestein for details: [jhuckest@chemeketa.edu](mailto:jhuckest@chemeketa.edu).



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# President's Message

## Twenty (Years of Attitude) Times Four Plus Three

By Jan Woodcock, President, Oregon AAWCC  
Social Science Faculty Member, Umpqua Community College

We recently took my mother whitewater rafting on the Santiam River. She's the one who is  $20 \times 4 + 3$ .

My two brothers and I have rafted on enough rivers over enough years to know what we're doing. She trusts us.

I got her down to the river. One sister-in-law fed her curry and chutney wraps from a watertight container. The other lifted her off the stump where she had been sitting.

My older brother adjusted her life jacket. My younger brother strapped her cane to the frame of the raft. I secured her medicine in a dry bag.

We had just finished placing her on a perch near the front and were standing in shallow water, deciding where each of the paddlers should sit in order to ensure maximum safety, balance, and power.

There are no real bosses in my family. So collaborating on this decision took an extra minute or two.

My mother, who notices everything about everybody, couldn't help but see that some people on the shore had been watching all of this as though something were not quite right.

She called out blithely that this was just the way her children had finally figured out how to get rid of her.

"You know, they're just sending me off into the wilderness like some cultures do with their old people. Pack them a nice little lunch, get them all warm and comfortable, and then just let them drift quietly out to sea."

Having inherited her sense of humor, we howled at her lightning-quick wit. I'm not sure the people on the shore actually heard her, though. Her 83-year-old voice can be frail sometimes. Mom has had Parkinson's disease working against her for quite some time now. My dad loved her attitude and was always so proud of the odds she was able to overcome because of it.

It takes great spirit, strong will, and seemingly tons of medication in order for her to get her body to move. But when the rafting idea came up, she jumped at the chance to go.

Mom had a great time. She's always sought out opportunities involving fun, deep conversations, learning whatever new thing there is to learn, and striving to reach one's highest potential in whatever forms that may take.

The story she got to tell when she went back to the retirement center was more interesting than the one where she's been wondering if it's worth it to replace the batteries in her pace-maker this time around.



*Jan Woodcock and her mom, Nana Cabill Woodcock, celebrating Nana's 80th birthday in a hot air balloon over Newberg, Ore.*

A day like this took some effort, but not as much as it seems. It turned out to be an extraordinary day.

So was the day she decided she would like to go hot air ballooning for her 80th birthday a month after my dad died.

It was a great way for her to look toward the future while looking back at 54 years of a really fine marriage. She's always been pretty good at learning from her past and looking to her future.

It's good to have days that aren't ordinary.

This is where you come in.

You, with your 20-plus however many years of attitude.

The Oregon Chapter of AAWCC was started by some visionary Oregon women 20 years ago and we'd like for you to come join them as they return to Portland for the fall conference. The theme is "20 Years of Attitude: Learning from Our Past, Looking Toward Our Future."

You could stay in your office and have an ordinary day working your tail off, but I'm encouraging you not to stay there — at least not on November 16 and 17. The work will be there when you get back.

It will take some effort, I know, but there are people who will help you work it out. Spend a little on yourself. You're worth it.

Come. There is wisdom to be shared, fun to be had, conversations, both light and deep, new things to learn, and tools which you may find useful in helping you realize your highest potential.

Come experience the Mildred Bulpitt Effect. What this means is that hanging out with smart, competent, wise, and kind people automatically and effortlessly increases these same qualities within you.

You'll find that effect (as well as the founder of that effect and of AAWCC who will be joining us from Arizona again this year) at the fall conference, too.

If there is life out there that you want, go get it! Hopefully, some of it will be with us.

# Campus Connections

## **Chemeketa Community College** **By Maureen McGlynn**

Chemeketa women participated in a high point of summer, the Hood to Coast 2006 relay run, under the team name "Haulin' Booty for Schuette."

Drivers Liz Goulard and Holly Nelson with a crew of able men, transported Ara Andrea, Tiffany Borden, Ginny Lankins, Susan McCaffrey, and Jill Ward to their appointed legs (pun intended!).

Another highlight of the year was when the fifth Strength in Diversity team traveled to Los Angeles to participate in two intensive days of training at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Women participating were Jennifer Adams, Frances Alvarado (community member), Rita Blaisdell, Kathy Campbell, Susan Grennan, Linda Hodges, Kate Hoerauf, Suzanne McLaughlin, Laura Mack, Amy Mary, Elaine Premo, Stephanie Puentes (community member), Jill Rupert, Joanie Short, and Gretchen Schuette.

Other women in the news include the following:

- Tami Volz, project specialist, received the "Emerging Leader Award" from the Oregon Career Development Association.
- Eileen Miller, purchasing management analyst, was chosen as the Oregon Public Purchasing Association Buyer of the Year.
- Holly Nelson, project specialist, attended the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development at Silver Falls Conference Center.
- Teresa Massey, ABE/GED instructor, received the Northwest College Reading and Learning Association's Outstanding Educator Award for 2006.
- Julie Huckestein, assistant chief financial officer, was the luncheon speaker at the Oregon American Association of University Women state convention on the college's AAUW-funded grant related to sexual harassment on campus.
- Maureen McGlynn, director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented on the same topic at the AAUW Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.
- Cassie Belmodis, athletic director, was awarded the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Coach of the Year award for the southern division and the National Fast-pitch Coach's Association Coach of the year award.
- Eva Payne, English instructor, served as a reviewer for the 2007 Conference on College Composition and Communication in Urbana, Illinois.
- Liz Goulard, vice president of Academic Services, agreed to serve another term as president of SEDCOR.

## **Southwestern Oregon Community College** **By Marie Simonds**

Southwestern Oregon Community College hosted the AAWCC-Oregon summer retreat, "Leading When You're Not In Charge," which was presented by Vicki Willis.

Some of our out-of-town attendees arrived the evening before, staying on campus in student housing apartments (thanks to the SOCC Conferencing Department) and attended a "meet-n-greet" graciously provided by SOCC's President Judith Hansen.

It was great to see old friends, meet new ones, and have time to visit and an opportunity for SOCC to show off our new culinary arts building.

The day of the conference brought 84 current and future members together to learn how to make a positive difference in not only their professional but personal environments.

There was a nice mix of presentations by Vicki and small group discussions, and a good time was had by all.

A huge thanks to Denise Swafford and Kristi Rayevich for coordinating this wonderful event.

## **Rogue Community College** **By Denise Swafford**

Denise Caldwell, recently promoted from Training Services coordinator to Discovery Programs coordinator, attended OILD in June and was very excited and encouraged by that experience.

Several RCC staff and some TRIO students attended the AAWCC-Oregon

summer conference.

This spring, the RCC chapter raised and awarded scholarship dollars via a clothing sale drive on both campuses, and on Sept. 15, approximately 20 women attended the AAWCC-RCC third annual retreat. The retreat theme was based on Don Miguel Ruiz' book, "The Four Agreements." The guest speaker was Dr. Ruth Miller.

Officers for 2006-07 were elected. They are Pam Green, president; Denise Caldwell, vice president; Angel Woods, campus contact; Cindy Harboldt, event coordinator/annual retreat; Barb McAuley, treasurer; Sernea St. Clair, past president; Denise Swafford, ex officio; Amy Web, event co-coordinator.

## **Linn-Benton Community College** **By Joanne Secret**

Our local chapter fall retreat "Reflections and Connections" was held at the Oregon House Retreat Center in Yachats, Sept. 8-10. Thirteen of our staff were scheduled to attend.

The featured speaker was Julie Huckestein of Chemeketa Community College. The retreat focused on renewal and leadership.

International Working Women's Day Tea was celebrated on March 8. The speaker was Uzma Ahmad. Music was provided by the LBCC Choir, directed by Susan Peck.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive resulted in 82 baskets distributed to needy families. Our Bunco fundraiser parties helped furnish food and funds.

Our local chapter was thrilled to have Carol Schaafsma receive the Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award, and to have Cathy



*The Chemeketa Community College Hood to Coast 2006 relay team, "Haulin' Booty for Schuette."*

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Edmonston receive the Community College Excellence Award at the AAWCC-Oregon 2005 Fall Conference in Portland.

Funds were available to award three \$500 scholarships to deserving students at LBCC. A silent auction helped support our scholarship program, as well as the selling of local chapter cookbooks. Money jars filled with spare change brought in a few more dollars at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

The October 2005 meeting offered our LBCC staff the opportunity to listen to Roslyn Farrington of Women's Studies at PSU to inspire us to "Write and Live a Personal Mission Statement."

The topic for the November meeting was "You are What You Think" with Catherine Van Wetter. The Honorable Judge Carol Bispaham revealed her dedication to getting an education and her determination to pursue the career she envisioned for herself at another monthly meeting. Fun and crafts was the topic of the December meeting.

We look forward to our 2006-07 school year and the opportunity for our local AAWCC Chapter to share a joint meeting with AUW from the Corvallis OSU campus in October.

### Community Colleges and Workforce Development By Candace Norwood

The state Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) has seen some exciting changes in the past several months. Mimi Maduro was hired in January as Oregon's Statewide Pathways Initiative Director.

As statewide director she provides technical assistance to Oregon's 17 community colleges as well as facilitates statewide marketing, evaluation, and resource development for career pathways efforts across the state.

Prior to this appointment, Mimi served as Workforce Development director for four years at Portland Community College building Career Pathways trainings. She received her master's degree in management from Marylhurst University in 1992.

Pam Teschner was hired in April as the director of Operations. She is responsible for overseeing the budget, accounting and contracting functions within the agency. Pam has a doctorate in health promotion and a master's degree in science education.

Donna Lewelling was hired in March as the assistant to Commissioner Cam Preus-Braly. Donna replaced Kurt Tackman, who received a promotion within the agency to Education and Workforce coordinator.

Donna is co-chair of the Oregon Inclusive Child Care Committee, a subcommittee of the Early Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council and is an active advocate for children and families with disabilities.

In her spare time, Donna enjoys camping, gardening and

spending time with family and friends.

Pamela Fields was hired in August as an accounting technician 2. She works in the fiscal unit doing accounts payable and handling travel claims for the agency. She has worked for the state for nearly 20 years, primarily for the Oregon Department of Forestry. Her work has centered around accounts payable, payroll and personnel.

### Mt. Hood Community College By Victoria Flagg

We have an exciting and busy year planned at MHCC. To celebrate our 10th year as a chapter, we had a banner made using the logo created by JoyLynn Woodard 10 years ago. We are also handing out wonderful notepads with the original logo on it, complete with chocolates (of course), at our general membership meetings.

We made a commitment to have more general membership meetings and bring back our breakfast meetings. Typically our breakfast meetings start at 7 a.m. and are held in a location that is convenient to our many off campus locations.

They were very popular in the past and really brought our membership together. Our first breakfast meeting this year was on Aug. 8, and we are planning another on Nov. 8.

We have two retreats planned this year. In October we are going to Manzanita for fun and relaxation. One of our members owns a house there that has four queen beds and two bunk beds. The cost is low when we split it up amongst ourselves. Another member owns the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. We are planning our winter retreat there. Both retreats should be a blast!

In addition to our book sales for the Shelie Macias Memorial Scholarship Fund, we have four other fundraisers planned this year. In "Gift-making for Non-Marthas" we will demonstrate some great homemade gifts that anyone can make.

In February, we will learn how to make truffles (chocolate rules!). We also have a "St. Patricia's Potato Feed" and a stamping workshop in the works.

We ended last year by bringing back our Women Mentoring Women Series. We have many wonderful women leaders at MHCC and this series allows us to get to know them better and learn directly from them.

Dr. Wendy Schissel, dean of Humanities; Kim Freeman, dean of Industrial Technology and Economic and Workforce Development; Gale Blessing, director of Human Resources; and Brenda Brady, director of Resource Development and Special Projects, all shared their stories with us and gave us awesome advice and encouragement.



*OILD attendees, including Tracee Wells (left) and Erin Petrequin get down to business at Silver Falls.*

## 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 positions are:

- Vice President of Summer Conference
- Vice President of Fall Conference (1 year)
- Vice President of Finance
- Secretary

Except for VP Fall Conference, these are two-year positions. The board generally meets four to six times per year and conducts business by telephone, mail, or e-mail in between meetings.

A person elected to the board is 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, go to [www.aawccoregon.org](http://www.aawccoregon.org) and click on Governance.

Each board position is described in the by-laws.

## Leading when you're not in charge was focus of summer workshop

Approximately 80 community college faculty, staff, students and friends had the opportunity to participate in an exciting learning opportunity July 13 at the AAWCC-Oregon Summer Retreat, held at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay.

This year's retreat topic, "Leading When You Are Not in Charge," was presented by Vicki Willis, former assistant to the president at Chemeketa Community College and now a consultant and facilitator with Willis, Green & Associates.

Participants were given an increased understanding of the nature of power and influence, clarification of their personal leadership goals and motivations, and tools for cultivating empowering mindsets.

Willis led discussions on sphere of influence, organizational culture, trust, enlisting help of others, moving up the continuum, and managing "white space," situations, issues, projects, and dilemmas that may not be currently addressed at any given institution.

On the evening prior to the event, Dr. Judith Hansen, SOCC president, hosted a reception at the college's Culinary Arts Institute.

Kristi Rayevich, assistant to the vice president of Instruction at Southwestern, organized the reception and also assisted with logistics such as catering, room set-up and lodging for out-of-town guests.

Each conference participant received a complimentary SOCC water bottle and coffee mug.

Dr. Hansen offered to take workshop participants on an early morning walk along the coast, and many other Southwestern staff pitched in to make the event a terrific success.

## Donate auction items to fund scholarships

Once again we will be holding a silent auction to help raise money for scholarships. These scholarships help women who otherwise could not afford to attend AAWCC conferences and workshops.

Last year the silent auction raised \$686, and we awarded \$2,551 in scholarships.

Donating to the silent auction is a wonderful way to promote your college and community and you while helping women attend these events. Do you have a special talent in bead making or glass art or pottery? Do you have a special skill that you'd like to share? Do you like to buy great books, share them with friends or maybe you prefer putting together wine and cheese baskets?

All of the items above and many more are examples of items that have been donated by AAWCC members and auctioned off to raise \$\$ for scholarships. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please bring the item to the conference registration desk, and we will do the rest.

On behalf of the women who will benefit from your contribution, we thank you in advance. If you have any questions, contact Julie Kremers at Southwestern, (541) 888-7204, [jkremers@socc.edu](mailto:jkremers@socc.edu), or Julie Huckestein at Chemeketa, (503) 399-6575, [jhuckest@chemeketa.edu](mailto:jhuckest@chemeketa.edu).

## 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 the prestigious 2006 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.

Nominations are now being accepted. Please see the Web site at [www.aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm](http://www.aawccoregon.org/desjardins.htm) to nominate an outstanding individual. Nominations should be sent by November 1 to Carol Schaafsma at [carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu](mailto:carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu).

Previous winners 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.



*Carol Schaafsma, 2005 winner*

# College leaders share expertise with OILD participants

By Julie Huckestein

Twenty-two women from community colleges throughout Oregon attended the 15th annual Oregon Institute for Leadership Development.

They participated in activities that allowed them to learn more about themselves and each other while enjoying the beautiful surroundings at the Silver Falls Conference Center near Salem.

Attending were Phoebe Anderson and Tammy Simpson, Lane Community College; Terry Basford and Joyce Coleman, Treasure Valley; Pamela Blumenthal and Tracee Wells, Portland, Extended Learning Campus; Denise Caldwell, Rogue; Wanda Clifton-Farber, Blue Mountain; Trista Cornelius, Clackamas; Jean Garside, Portland, Rock Creek Campus; Barbara Horn, Linn-Benton; and Linda Jackson, Oregon Coast.

Others were Susan Jacoby and Niran-done Sanethavong, Mt. Hood; Cherie Maas and Erin Petrequin, Portland, Sylvania Campus; Holly Nelson, Chemeketa; Cari Friesen and Deb Nicholls, Southwestern; Lee Salter, Umpqua; Dee Wilson, Portland; Marla Wilson Figueroa and Theresa Redinger, Portland, Cascade Campus.

Leaders with expert knowledge in the areas of personal and professional development, leadership and campus operations presented.

Mary Spilde, institute director and Lane Community College president, opened the four-day event with an activity in which individuals explored their working styles and learned how to use that knowledge to complement co-workers' styles.

Mary also led the group in a communication and problem-solving exercise, helped get the group ready for the day with music and meditation, and shared her path to the presidency.

Rita Cavin, Linn-Benton president, told of her personal journey to becoming a president.

Gretchen Schuette, Chemeketa president, discussed her life-long dedication to diversity, shared her vision for diversity, and urged institute attendees to recognize the critical role we play as community college leaders.

Liz Goulard, Chemeketa vice president, shared tips for leadership success and led



*The OILD Class of 2006 express their appreciation for the week's activities*

the group in an interactive discussion.

Nan Poppe, PCC campus president, discussed career advancement and tips for improving skills.

Judith Hansen, Southwestern Oregon president, also shared her leadership path to the presidency and how she managed to advance her career while being committed to her number one priority – her family.

Katherine Persson, PCC campus president, shared leadership tips for success and talked about balancing family and work.

Cam Preus-Braley, CCWD commissioner, delighted participants with a lively presentation describing “the state of the state” – funding, enrollment, and more

Tana Hasart, president of Pierce College, Puyallup, shared her personal journey and the joys and challenges along the way as she rose from community college student to president.

Mildred Bulpitt and Jane Merritt, national AAWCC founding mothers, described the history behind the AAWCC organization and told of the early struggles women faced to earn and hold leadership positions at community colleges.

Chris Chairsell, PCC vice president, shared her tips for self promoting, while Linda Reisser, PCC dean, and Diane Watson, LBCC dean, shared their insights for resolving student issues and working with student services. They also performed an original and inspirational song, “If I Only Had a Plan.”

Susan Wolff, Columbia Gorge dean, wrapped up the institute by challenging participants to continue exploring their own leadership opportunities and goals.

Other highlights of the institute included group projects and presentations in areas of ethics, leadership, health management and more.

Denise Swafford, responsible for OILD logistics, not only showed how effortlessly she can manage the institute but also provided participants with reflective journaling exercises and opportunities to offer fellow participants words of encouragement and inspiration.

Julie Huckestein, OILD liaison, supplied information on community college budgeting and wrapped up the session with a fiercely competitive game of “Budget Jeopardy.”

Jan Woodcock, OILD director and AAWCC-Oregon president, led a session on “Best Practices” and supported and mentored the group throughout the four-day event.

Participants overwhelmingly provided words of praise for the institute. One attendee wrote: “Listening about the journey and life experiences of women who have become leaders in the different institutions was very important.

“It gave me a different perspective on how women are and to use different skills to do the things they want to do.”

## Upcoming events

**Nov. 16-17, 2006**

**AAWCC-Oregon Fall Conference  
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel**

Cost: \$165

[www.aawccoregon.org](http://www.aawccoregon.org)

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**AAWCC-Oregon Summer Retreat**

**July 3-6**

**Oregon Institute for Leadership  
Development  
Silver Falls Conference Center,  
Silverton**

Applications due April 21.

Check with your college president  
or AAWCC campus contact to find  
out about applying for this event,  
or visit [www.aawccoregon.org/oild/](http://www.aawccoregon.org/oild/)

**September 2007**

**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure  
McCall Waterfront Park, Portland**  
[jhuckest@chemeketa.edu](mailto:jhuckest@chemeketa.edu)

## 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. “The recipient need not be a member of AAWCC to receive the

award.”

To nominate someone, send the name of the nominee to Carol Schaafsma at [carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu](mailto:carol.schaafsma@linnbenton.edu) by Oct. 27.

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!

## Last minute conference notes

### Get Mildred's autograph

Bring your lifetime membership certificate to the annual conference, and AAWCC founding mother Mildred Bulpitt will sign it for you.

Mildred has agreed to be at the registration desk in the Mt. Hood Foyer of the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel to autograph certificates. She will be available before lunch Thursday and Friday (Nov. 16 and 17) and at the OILD reception from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

If you have not received your lifetime membership certificate yet, please stop by the registration desk and pick yours up.

### Raise funds for you local chapter

A table will be available at the AAWCC-Oregon 2006 Conference for chapters to sell items such as cookbooks, as well as to display chapter literature. Chapter members must be responsible for staffing the table and for all sales. Items should not be left unattended at any time, and no personal sales items may be included.

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