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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5** **Breakfast at Brails**
Wed 7-8:30am 1689 Willamette St.
 Environmental Care
- October 7** **First United Methodist**
Fri 9:15 1376 Olive St.
 Environmental Care
- November 2** **Breakfast at Brail-1689 Willamette**
Wed 7-8:30am World Community Day-Living Our Faith
- November 4** **Northwood Christian**
Fri 9:15 2425 Harvest Lane, Springfield
 World Community Day-Living Our Faith

OCT PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

On land, and river and in the air....Our October program should be an action packed morning related to our theme of **Environmental Care: Personal, Communal and Federal.**

Alice Dugan has planned a diverse program that should hold some interest for all of us who care about the environment. Sonny Bettelyoun of Environmental Due Diligence Service will discuss the environmental impact assessment that is required whenever acreage changes hands. (Did you know about that?)

Brandi Ferguson of McKenzie River Trust will fill us in on the commitment that MRT has to a future with an intact functioning ecosystem, clean water, abundant fish and productive natural landscapes throughout Western Oregon.

Herb Wisner of the Audubon Society will discuss birds and their relationship to the environment: How we protect the environment when we protect birds (and visa versa)... Plan to join us!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

World Community Day is always a time to think about action. This year's theme, "Living Our Faith...Unlocking Action" gives us the opportunity to reflect on what we are doing as Church Women United and what else we need to do! A great interactive program is being planned so hope you can attend.

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LOIS STUMPP

Please come and honour our dear CWU registrar, Valiant Woman and CWU sister at her Memorial Service Sunday, Oct. 2, 2pm at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene.

Her daughter's name and address is Laurie Mowry at 28339 Gimpl Hill Rd. Eugene 97402.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Phyllis Hockley

I've been watching news from Libya closely this week. Why? Because I see the possibilities—I see the strategies that give me great hope. And I'm always looking for strategies that give possibility and hope.

Mustafa Abdul Jalil, chairman of the national transitional council, addressed a crowd of about 10,000 people and gave the call for unity and moderation. He said extremist ideology will not be accepted. Then added that women had played an impart part in the revolution and would continue to do so. "Women will be the ambassadors, the ministers.

When the officials guiding Libya's post-Gaddafi transition list their most urgent tasks, they talk about supplying water, paying salaries or exporting oil, and then add something quite different — fostering reconciliation.

The focus on forgiveness might have seemed out of place at meetings in Paris on Thursday and Friday where world leaders and Libya's new administration discussed problems of democracy, investment and the unblocking of Libyan funds held abroad, but it gave me much hope.

And Jalil's message of reconciliation extended to the remaining Gaddafi forces and the families of former government figures who, he said, should not be held responsible for the crimes of their relatives. "We are Muslims, people of forgiveness," he said, urging people to let the law run its course.

WOW!! I said, Thanks be to God. Yes, there is still fighting, and yes, many clashes of ideologies will make transition difficult, but I see strategies that give possibility and hope. And I'm sending prayer, loving energy and a visualization of peaceful endeavors. Will you join me?



JANE AND KATHARINE

We are excited to be going to Atlantic City, New Jersey for Church Women United's 70 year celebration. We, Katherine Hunt, Kim Bryson-Chamley, and Jane Heidegger' are going a little early so we can observe the Common Council meeting. The experience of being with women from other CWU units and hearing involved speakers is bound to give us insights to bring back to Eugene. Thank you to all who donated to help defray our expenses. Your generosity is much appreciated.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Anne O'Brien

In accord with words from Psalm 34 "Seek peace and pursue it," September's Forum was a step toward building bridges of peace between Iraq and the USA via a most interesting glimpse into Iraqi life before and after Saddam. Our guest, Awab al-rawe, is a junior at the U of O. He is able to pursue his studies toward international diplomacy through the Iraqi Student Project which was started just a few years ago by a couple from NY. The goal of the group is to restore quality education to young Iraqis and to build community on a 1-1 basis both in the U.S. and in Iraq. This investment in young Iraqis offers hope to their families and communities. Awab comes to us after he and his family spent some time in Syria in response to receiving terrorist death threats in their Iraqi hometown. Church Women asked many good questions and Awab gave us an interesting view point regarding how we in Eugene look to a young Iraqi student and how we would find Iraq. Go to:

www.iraqistudentproject.org for more information about donating to help pay for health insurance, books and living expenses for Awab. He is available to speak to your Church and other community groups. Contact Len Hockley who is part of the ISP Eugene support group if you would like to arrange

MUCH NEEDED!!! PLEASE HELP

Carla says we need plastic cups, glasses, and salad plates to fill our Dish Lending Kit for the Master Recycling Program.

Stop by the thrift shop and pick up a couple items. Bring to our October meeting and give to Carla. Many thanks!!

Sexual Assault Support Services is in need of a few supplies to replenish their closet of clothes used for victims. Please take a look and see what you might be able to contribute. Bring to meeting or take to Maggie at 591 W. 19th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. Info: (541) 484-9791, ext. 302 advocacy@sass-lane.org



CWU NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL CWU FOCUS ON OBESITY Lane County Responds Cynthia Kokis

Dr. Robin L. Fillmore, a long-time activist in ecumenical and interfaith organizations in Washington, has been named to the joint position of advocacy coordinator for the National Council of Churches and Church Women United.

Dr. Fillmore will begin her assignment August 1 in the NCC's Washington office. "I have a tremendous energy for this position, as well as a strong sense of calling to work with the unique issues of women and girls within the context of the church," she said, accepting the assignment.

Elements of her new assignment will be to work with CWU to prepare for the Quadrennial Meeting of the Common Council and the CWU 70th Birthday Celebration in Atlantic City Nov 30 - Dec 3. The role of the NCC/CWU advocacy coordinator is to create an effective joint presence in Washington for advocacy by and for women and girls. She will create a communication and outreach strategy that will promote the visibility of both organizations among member communions and in society at large.

"We have designed ourselves into an epidemic" stated Laurie Trieger, President, Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth (LCHAY). Food marketing, lack of physical education in schools, and a generation that spends 44.5 hours per week at screens contributes to childhood obesity and the fact that one in three will develop diabetes.

In his book Food Fight, Kenneth Brownell agrees. "Schools need money and soft drink companies offer a way to get it." Sugar sweetened beverages have become a regular part of the funding equation.... children's nutrition and the prevention of obesity have not been (school) priorities.

Join us in February as LCHAY shares its plans. Meanwhile, check your local schools re vending machines, unhealthy items sold in school stores and fundraisers, corporate sponsored educational materials from candy/cereal/fast food restaurants. Is your middle school/high school showing Channel One with 2 minutes advertisements? Never doubt that together we can make a difference.

SUBSCRIPTION TIME

Included is your annual envelope and card to renew your subscription to the Vine. Costs to produce and mail the Vine continue to rise, impacting our operating budget. The Finance Committee invites you to use the enclosed envelope and card to update your commitment to this excellent publication.

For those who receive the Vine via email, your contribution is equally welcome and important. Email kimbrysonchamley@yahoo.ca to update your contact information (mailing address, email address, phone number, church) which is included on the mail-in card you didn't received. The contributions can be sent to Trudie Atkinson, 812 W. Olympic St., Springfield, OR 97477.

Suggested donation is \$10. Adding a little more will help defray the costs for those who cannot contribute. When writing your cheque please include "Vine Subscription" in memo line.

Many thanks from the Finance Committee.



GREEN TIPS

IS YOUR MEDICINE CABINET FILLED WITH EXPIRED DRUGS OR MEDICATIONS YOU NO LONGER USE? HOW SHOULD YOU DISPOSE OF THEM?

Follow any specific disposal instructions on the drug label or patient information that accompanies the medication. Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless this information specifically instructs you to do so.

If no instructions are given on the drug label, throw the drugs in the household trash, but first:

- take them out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication will be less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through your trash.
- put them in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, Saturday, September 24 from 2-5 pm
1175 G St., Springfield, outside First Baptist Church

Come for the fun and community atmosphere! We'll have free hot food, a produce and dry foods giveaway, a clothing giveaway, art activities for kids, information tables, and live music by El Mariachi Herradura de Oro, Shyp Wreak, and Twisted River.

The Harvest Festival will bring people together as neighbors, and will offer a helping hand to those who are struggling. This free event will have something for everyone!

The fourth annual Harvest Festival is organized by the Springfield Shelter Rights Alliance (SSRA), which exists to improve conditions for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The SSRA is coordinated by Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect (SAfER), a CALC program

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING FORUM, Wednesday, October 5, Hosted by Lane County's Master Recycler Program, at Glenwood Transfer Station, 3100 E 17th Ave., Building C

Guest speakers include Trish Phetteplace, Willamalane Parks and Recreation; Jack Hoeck, vice president for Environmental Services at Rexus.

Event organizers, local caterers, recycling and volunteer coordinators are especially invited to this free event. Topics for discussion include waste reduction planning and implementation techniques for Springfield SummerFair; and guidelines for food waste composting at events.

This is a free event and RSVP is required by Tuesday, October 4. To RSVP and receive instructions for entry after hours, contact Kelly Bell at kelly.bell@co.lane.or.us or 541-682-2059.

You are welcome to bring a snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share.

For more information about Lane County's Master Recycler program or this event, go to: www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers. Kelly Bell, Lane County Master Recycler Program

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