

AAWCC PCC Chapter Fall 2009 Newsletter

Our mission is to inspire, champion, and celebrate
the talents within each of us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The PCC Chapter of AAWCC continues its busy year of activities with some fun and exciting events this fall. We're trying some new things, such as volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank, as well as many tried and true events, including breakfasts and luncheons at the various campuses. We are bringing new energy and new members into the chapter. We look forward to you joining us at these upcoming events.

Join us for Race for the Cure

Please join other AAWCC chapters from around the state in this year's Race for the Cure, taking place **Sunday, September 20st**. Join us at the World Trade Center at 121 SW Salmon (between 1st and 2nd Ave) 8:30 - 9:00 AM, Group Photo at 8:45 (earlier if you'd like to check out the booths before the race, and pick up lots of great free stuff including food).



FALL TERM BEGINS

The PCC Chapter of AAWCC invites you to join in celebrating the talents of those who work at PCC. We invite you to become a part of the college network of women as well as becoming a part of a larger network of people in community colleges.



Campus Luncheons

Always a great opportunity to chat and socialize, the campus luncheons and breakfasts will continue this year. Please RSVP to cmaas@pcc.edu and join us at Sylvania for lunch and to listen to speakers from the PCC community.

SYLVANIA CAMPUS

Tuesday, October 13

Location to be announced

Watch a Broadway play

Come join AAWCC members for an evening out on the town watching a Broadway play, **October 22, 2009**.

AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY is a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Tracy Letts. Is a story about a father who disappears, a mother caught in the grip of addiction, a marriage unraveling, and a family approaching total meltdown. It is electrifying audiences with its thrilling story, captivating performances and scathingly intelligent humor. Contact Karen Sorensen at karen.sorensen@pcc.edu for more information.

Fall Conference in November

Don't miss out on the upcoming AAWCC Oregon Fall Conference: *Perseverance, Maintaining our Vision, Sustaining our Spirit*. This year's conference will be held **November 19 and 20, 2009** at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Keynote speakers include Nancy Wilgenbusch, Joye Hardiman, and Ding Jo. See <http://www.aawccoregon.org/fall-conference/>

Conference Scholarships Available

The Board of Directors for the AAWCC local PCC chapter would like to offer anyone the opportunity to apply for the Sandy Schramm Conference Scholarship for the upcoming AAWCC Oregon Fall Conference. If you are interested in applying, please submit your letter of interest to Cherie Maas-Anderson at cmaas@pcc.edu by **Nov 13, 2009**. There are two scholarships available. The Oregon Board of AAWCC also has scholarships available. Contact Cherie for more information.

Also coming up: volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank and a local wine tasting/wine making event in November, holiday cheer in December, including making digital photo cards at RC, ornament making at SY, and earring making at CA. For more information, see the calendar of events at <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/aawcc/events-calendar.html>

Wine Tasting Tour:

On Saturday, May 17th, 2009 20 AAWCC members (from Sylvania, Rock Creek, WCWTC and Southeast Center) took a road trip to wine county. We rented a bus and a driver from the PCC parking and transportation department and paid for a wine guide (our very own PCC Community Education wine instructor) to take us on a wine adventure. This six hour tour took us to two wineries, (Sineann Vinyard and Thistle Wines at Kramer Vineyard), and let us taste over 27 wines! The tour wrapped up with a sack lunch on a deck that overlooked the wine country on a beautiful sunny afternoon in the valley. Group discounts were offered on purchases of wines and a good time was had by all!

We will be offering two wine events this next year. In the fall, look for an after work wine tasting event in November at Sip D' Vine in Multnomah Village (details are being finalized). In the spring, we will be doing another wine tour event on Sunday, May 23rd. Mark your calendars - if you like wine, you won't want to miss it!



SPRING EVENTS

The PCC Chapter of AAWCC had many fun events over Spring 2009. Here's the skinny on those events.

You can get involved by joining the AAWCC. Join in the fun with your colleagues.



1st Annual AAWCC Golf Hit-n-Giggle:

On Thursday, June 18th, 2009 16 AAWCC members descended on the Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course to experience the first annual AAWCC Hit-n-Giggle. Members were grouped into four foursomes to play a 9 hole round of golf with a best ball format.

We had eight players who were brave enough to come out and play for the first time and eight players who had various golfing experience. Each group had people who had never played along with someone who had playing experience.

The round ended with a few prizes and a beverage on the back patio at the golf course. Congratulations to Leslie Kyle, Ginny Poissant, Karen Sorensen and Heather Lang for being the group with the lowest gross score and congratulations to Cherie Maas for winning the Closest to the Pin contest and Sandy Wanner who won the Longest Putt contest.

Our 2nd Annual AAWCC Hit-n-Giggle is scheduled for June 23rd beginning at 5:15. No golfing experience is required and all golfing equipment can be rented from the golf course. Mark your calendars and join us for a lot of hits and even more giggles!

Presidents Corner

The PCC-AAWCC Board, including outgoing/incoming board members, has met during the summer to prepare for the year ahead. There is no limit to the range of activities that may take place from campus luncheons, theatre outings, or just chatting over coffee. Check out our website at <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/aawcc/> and click on calendar.

I hope that as many of you as possible are planning to attend the annual state AAWCC conference. The conference is being held on November 19th and 20th at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. I am program chair this year, so if you would like to do a workshop, please contact me before October 15, 2009. There will be great workshops and 3 wonderful keynote speakers! The quality packed program reflects the hard work of several of our members along with other throughout Oregon.

If our paths don't cross in person over the next few weeks, I wish you a very happy Fall term and an exciting new academic year.

Cherie Maas-Anderson

PCC-AAWCC Chapter President



AAWCC Campus Representatives:

During the last year, our AAWCC board has focused on providing events that encourage district wide participation for our members. While we had better overall participation, we are still faced with the challenge of reaching out to all of our campus sites.

Recently, the AAWCC board voted to create Campus Representative positions. These position will involve a one year commitment in assisting the President Elect with event planning and assist the Vice President of Membership with recruitment. They will be asked to attend monthly board meetings, give input on event planning details, and most importantly be a site specific representative that will get the word out on their respective campuses about events and AAWCC participation.

If you are a PCC employee that is interested in becoming a part of an organization that serves and connects women in the community college workplace, please contact our President, Cherie Maas at cmaas@pcc.edu (x9403).

WHAT'S NEW

New and exciting things are always in the works, so keep your eye on the newest developments

Call for Workshop Proposals for the AAWCC-Oregon 2009 Conference | November 19-20, 2009

Theme: "Maintaining our Vision, Sustaining our Spirit"

Submission Deadline: September 20th, but the earlier the better!

For more information, contact Cherie Maas at cmaas@pcc.edu (x9403).

CHANGES in the BOARD

Incoming

Outgoing

Vice-President of Communications



Doris Werkman is an instructor of Speech Communication and Journalism on the Sylvania campus. She is also the Department Chair for the Performing Arts department. Doris is a long-time employee of PCC who can bring a historical as well as future perspective into the office of **VP of Communications**. She is looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at throughout the coming year.



As she leaves the office of VP of Communication, **Shannan Martin Cox** says, "Being a part of AAWCC and the Board has been such a good experience. I have met great people across the campus and across the state and its been very fulfilling to be part of such a dynamic and fun group. I would highly encourage all PCC women to get excited, get involved and let AAWCC help you bring your ideas to life. I look forward to seeing all of you at our ongoing events throughout the year."

Vice-President of Membership

As a long-term PCC employee, yet a relatively new participant with AAWCC, **Cheri McLaughlin** brings an important perspective as **VP of Membership** on engaging members and contacting nonmembers. Cheri also recently attended the Oregon Institute of Leadership Development Conference at Silver Falls—an experience that whetted her appetite for finding more ways to support the work of AAWCC in building communities of leaders among community college women.



Heather Lang has enjoyed her tenure as **VP of Membership**. She says, "Being part of the AAWCC Board was an excellent way to get involved as a new employee at PCC. I had the opportunity to meet great women from across the district which helped me feel more comfortable in this big place. I am excited to continue to actively participate as an AAWCC member and connect with even more fabulous people!"

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