FLY-IN IS HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

By Karolyn Zurn

The AAW Legislative Fly-In event is always the highlight of our year but this year seemed to glean a special excitement about it with our invite to the White House.

We knew things could change in a flash with our White House visit and it did. President Trump was unable to meet with us due to a surprise visit from the President of Poland Andrzej Duda.

Our visit was still spectacular and we were able to stress our major issues and present the “Chief Champion of Ag Award.” We had prepared a resolution describing the reasons we felt this was a well-deserved award.

The Legacy Kids who attended were able to announce themselves and describe the farm their family owned. We felt the round table discussion headed up by Senior Advisor for Rural Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Anne Hazlett followed by Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, USTR, Molly Foley, and Public Liaisons Chris Chaffee and Giovanna Coia, whom will take our “questions and concerns” to President Trump directly and for that we are grateful.

Recognizing champions of agricul-

LEGACY KIDS GAIN EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

By Dayna McCrum

Growing up on a farm in Mars Hill, Maine I have always been engaged in agriculture. When I was in the third grade, I was able to join American Agri-Women as a Legacy Kid and take a memorable trip to Washington D.C. with my grandmother for their yearly Fly-In meeting. It was here that my interest in agriculture became a true passion of mine. I was always the shy kid in school that never spoke in class but always had my work done. When I was
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I am praying that by the time this Voice edition reaches your mailbox, the rains and tornadoes will have slowed down and some semblance of summer will have arrived for all!

I am writing this article as I am starting to pack for AAW’s annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. This year we are expecting our largest turnout! Recently I was asked by a close friend, “Why do you keep on going year after year”? They wanted to know if I felt like my work with AAW was truly making an impact. I thought that I would share my response with you, in the hope that as you read the Fly-In articles in this edition, you also discern the value and purpose of all your hard work.

Yes, American Agri-Women’s role is to advocate for our agricultural concerns. The various types of grassroots advocacy utilized by our members help AAW achieve its purpose and objectives. Through our advocacy efforts we have prevented loss of resources that could hurt our agricultural community (i.e., forest management funding), we have broadened access to important services (broadband), and we have had the opportunity to highlight real community needs. (i.e., agricultural financing, trade, and mental health resources)

American Agri-Women helps our agricultural community solve problems. Women in general have a unique way of sharing their concerns. Legislators and regulatory agencies listen because we speak from our hearts. We are not only AAW volunteers, but many of our members are leaders in their own communities. We are the boots on the ground and can advise our elected officials on the concerns most important to their constituents and give a glance into the day-to- day realities of how government programs function and impact our farmers and ranchers.

By traveling to D.C. and investing time and money we are able to share our special knowledge that is so desperately needed to solve the problems we face. Our white papers, position statements, social media presence, and public policy advocacy has enabled our organization to establish long term relationships with agricultural agencies and the media. These relationships have helped to generate greater visibility of our efforts and have led to increased membership in our organization. Our individual passions on a variety of vital agricultural issues has served to mobilize our board, volunteers, and donors. If we did not raise our voices and participate in the public policy making process, then entities only wanting to advance their narrow agendas would have complete and unfettered access to policy makers.

Our advocacy efforts give rural citizens a voice. As we all know too well, many of our agricultural issues are controversial and farmers are a small percent of the overall population. Taking a position contrary to powerful interests with political clout and financial resources can be intimidating. When our members from across the country come together, we serve as a great equalizer. AAW stands for those who effectively have no voice; those not able to travel to DC, and future generations who are not here to talk about governmental deficits. Together we are stronger and yes we are making an impact like no other organization can!

American Agri-Women strengthens our agricultural community by creating incredible leaders. In Washington we all learn about compromise, conflict resolution, group processing, teamwork, and leadership by being involved. Sitting on committees, learning parliamentary procedure, and learning how to organize support for a position are skills members learn by participation. These skills are the common entry point for all citizens to learn to participate in democracy.

YES, through AAW we all make an impact! Please continue to come to Fly-In for as long as you are able or continue to support and mentor those on the journey and carrying the torch.

In closing, I would like to share with you a portion of a prayer from Rev Elizabeth Kaeton that is titled, “A Prayer to Heal a Divided Nation”.

“As divided as this country can feel sometimes, we must all remember that this experiment called democracy in not over; it is still being tested. After 243 years of existence, the final results are not yet in. We still have work to do. It stretches out before us, across wheat fields and deserts, from the mountains to the prairies, from sea to shining sea. “

Have a wonderful summer!

Best Regards,

Jeanette Lombardo
ture within our elected legislative officials and presenting them with the ‘Champion of Ag Award’ each year is a highlight to our trip. The chosen individuals are truly the ones who help build strong agriculture policies and defend rural American. The 2019 recipients were North Carolina Congressman, David Rouzer and Illinois Congresswoman, Cheri Bustos.

AAW was hosted at the Embassy of Israel, where Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young Ph.D., of the USDA Agriculture Research Service (ARS), shared an enlightening and passionate message to the group about the important role of women, the U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD), and the U.S.-Israel joint research and collaboration.

This year’s Symposium, “Federal Land Policies: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly,” featured land use specialists Myron Ebell, Director of the Center for Energy and Environment at the Competitive Enterprise Institute. Ebell also chairs the Cooler Heads Coalition, which comprises representatives from more than two dozen non-profit organizations based in the United States and abroad that challenge global warming alarmism and opposes energy rationing policies. Other featured panelists included Brenda Burman, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation; Harriet Hageman, Hageman Law P.C. in Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Dr. Andrea Travnicek, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Wildlife and Parks -- which held us spell bound with the information provided. Hats off to the Past Presidents who put in so much effort to make sure this was a top-notch event.

The Round Table held at the USDA is always informative. Starting with a lunch guest speaker was Craig Regelbrugge, Senior Vice President of AmericanHort and Lynn Jacquez, Managing Partner and Principal at CJ Lake, LLC. Moving to our Round Table speakers were: Hubert Hamer, NASS Administrator; Jamie Clover Adams, Chief of Staff, Farm Production & Conservation; Randall Jones, Associate Administrator / Chief Operating Officer of USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and ending with Ted McKinney, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

The Legislative Reception, where we host our elected officials and their staff was a big hit enabling us to visit with the Champion of Ag recipients. This event follows our visit to the Hill, where we visit and advocate to our own respective state legislators. These visits are to stress the issues presented in our Legislative White Papers. The time spent with our legislators can produce great returns. The need to tell our own stories is vital.

This year AAW President, Jeanette Lombardo, hosted a reception to highlight the GenZ Speaks Ag contest, which participants range in age from 11 to 23. Also, the kick off of the “Cultivating Resiliency for Women in Agriculture,” to help women in agriculture cope with stress.
able to take this trip, it brought me out of my shell and helped me form numerous connections with people in agriculture across the United States. During my time at Fly-In that year, I was able to tour many of nation’s monuments, attend the meetings, and I met Maine’s Senator Susan Collins and other Maine leaders in D.C.

As a legacy kid, I became very involved with the National FFA Organization. I had the honor of serving from 2015-2017 as the Maine FFA State President. This gave me countless opportunities to travel, promote agriculture, and learn from others. Now that I am in college at Husson University, I truly understand how much of an impact being a Legacy Kid was to me.

It was the foundation that I learned in this program that lead me all around the world supporting and learning about agriculture. It also introduced me to Senator Susan Collins, who I’m interning for in her office this summer.

I encourage young people to get involved with local agriculture. I hope you have the opportunity to become a Legacy Kid some day and have similar experiences with American Agri-Women that I have had.

Note: Legacy Kids memberships are available for American Agri-Women members to purchase as gifts to children/young people from birth to age eighteen. See the form on page 5 for more information.

LEADERSHIP AT ITS BEST – SYNGENTA PROGRAM
By Sharron Zoller, California Women for Agriculture

‘Now more than ever, public opinion, government policy, regulation, and even consumer attitudes have direct impact on the way farmers and agribusiness operate. As a result, the need for effective leadership and advocacy for agriculture has never been greater. To help meet this need, Syngenta sponsors the Leadership At Its Best program, partnering with ag organizations to develop and prepare their leaders.’

In its objective to develop and prepare informed, educated and effective Ag leaders, the Syngenta program does not disappoint!

In the class I attended growers, processors, aerial applicators and ancillary agribusiness services came together to broaden their ag lenses. Each day of the four-day program was packed. We had to be on our toes! The program covered wide range of topics: evaluation of our leadership strengths, ag science research and development, geo trade and global marketing, state and federal legislative challenges, and advocacy/marketing/media strategies.

My take-way from the training was to be an effective leader, advocate for agriculture and share that “farmers feed the world” not grocery stores, we must be well informed, understand our audience, and have the practiced skills to step forward to tell our story. Dispelling the myth encrusted consumer stereotypes about agriculture takes mobilized resolve.

Spending time with an ag group who was not only optimistic but resilient was invigorating. They are positivists that challenge the status quo, strive to make things better by being creative and flexible, and take the rough with the smooth and knowing the endgame to promote all things ag - each in his or her own realm.

The Syngenta program was everything it promised to be. Its leaders made sure every detail was handled, presenters were experts in their field, and we were treated royally. Five stars! Thank you to American Agri-Women for sponsoring my participation.

AAW FOUNDATION TO AWARD MINI-GRANTS
By Janell Reid

Do you have a project your state affiliate wants to tackle? How about increasing your chapter’s membership? If so, the American Agri-Women Foundation is here for you. Again, this year the Foundation will be awarding mini-grants to worthy chapters to help get the program going. The Foundation will award up to $500 to a worthy chapter. We have designated up to $1500 for this program. The grants will require 50% cash match, but the Foundation’s money must be at least 10% of the project. Any of AAW’s affiliated organizations or their chapters can apply; however, the funds must be for an educational or membership activity. Grant applications are due by October 15, 2019. The application can be found on the Foundation’s web page under the mini-grant tab. Applications and questions can be emailed to foundation@americanagriwomen.org. The winners will be announced at the 2019 AAW Convention.
**AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN LEGACY KIDS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Legacy Kids Memberships are available from American Agri-Women members to purchase as gifts to children/young people from birth through age eighteen. Each year until age eighteen, the Legacy Kids’ member will receive correspondence from AAW and the opportunity to apply for the American Agri Women Trenna Grabowski Legacy Fly-in Scholarship once they reach age 8-18.

Return this form and $100.00 Enrollment Fee to Katie Yost, 201 Sugar Avenue, P.O. Box 31833 Billings, MT 59107. Please make checks out to AAW Foundation.

**AAW Member Making Application:**

Name: ____________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last)  
Address: __________________________________________
(Street or Box) (City) (State) (Zip Code)  
Phone: (_________________)

Email: ____________________________________________

**Name of Legacy Kid**

Name: ____________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last)  
Address: __________________________________________
(Street or Box) (City) (State) (Zip Code)  
Phone: (_________________)

Email: ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________  
Relationship to Member: ____________________________
LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR AN AAW OFFICE OR FOUNDATION POSITION

By Janell Reid

As you learned in the last issue of the “VOICE,” the nominating committee is seeking applications for the following positions: First Vice-President, Vice President of Communications, and Treasurer. There will also be three members elected to the Foundation as well as four members elected to the nominating committee. The Foundation has two members that are term limited according to the by-laws, so they are looking for two new members to submit applications. Please review the AAW by-laws or the article in the Spring “VOICE” for qualifications and consider applying for one of the available positions. Nominations are due to the nominating committee chair, Janell Reid, by the end of the day on August 1, 2019. Email your completed application, located in the member login section on the AAW website, to jjreid@coairnet.com. Questions can also be directed to Janell at that email. Please consider serving AAW to help it grow and become better.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR ‘GEN Z SPEAKS AG’ ADVOCACY CONTEST

By Lynn Woolf

Generation Z is a group of powerful influencers — and here’s a chance for them to use that power to promote agriculture. American Agri-Women and Crop Science, a division of Bayer, announce the 2019 “Gen Z Speaks Ag” advocacy contest as part of AAW’s ongoing “AgDay365: Ag Day is Everyday Campaign.”

Young advocates, those between 11 and 23, can enter the contest, which runs through Sept. 30. The entrants can have an agriculture background or have an interest in related topics, such as food safety, food preparation, sustainability, etc.

The contest includes three categories: photo, video and special events. Prizes range from $100-500. The winners will be announced at AAW’s national convention in Tigard, Ore. For contest details, go to americanagriwomen.org/gen-z-speaks-ag/.

CHAMPIONS OF AGRICULUTURE AWARDED AT FLY-IN

CONGRESSWOMAN CHERI BUSTOS

By Ardeth DeWall

For Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, it has always begun with listening.

That is why on just about any given Saturday, you can find her walking the aisles of one of the many grocery stores across the 17th Congressional District, in what she calls “Supermarket Saturdays.” She walks the aisles to ask folks what is on their minds and keep in close contact with constituents. Since Cheri was first elected, she has gone out on “Cheri on Shift” job shadowing stops. During those visits, she has walked in the shoes of hardworking men and women from all over our community. She has learned how to drive a forklift, spot weld on cars and even process carp from the Mississippi River – but what she really values most about these interactions is having the opportunity to ask workers about their hopes and dreams. She listens for their insight, their ideas and their input so she can bring their voices to Washington D.C.

As one of the only former journalists in Congress, Cheri spent two decades listening to and writing about the struggle of farmers and rural workers — and she continues to listen to them now as she represents the 17th District. As one of the first gay women in Congress, she has always advocated for the importance of listening and understanding the needs of all of our constituents.

As one of the former journalists in Congress, she understands the importance of listening and understanding the needs of all of our constituents. She has learned to drive a forklift, spot weld on cars and even process carp from the Mississippi River, and she continues to listen to the workers to ask about their hopes and dreams. She listens for their insight, ideas and input so she can bring their voices to Washington D.C.

Left to right: Ardeth Dewall, Illinois Agri-Women; Congresswomen Cheri Bustos, and AAW President Jeanette Lombardo

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 101

By Kristine Ranger, Parliamentarian

Having served as an FFA Advisor in a prior career, I am honored and excited to assume the role of Parliamentarian for American Agri-Women! In this role, I will advise the presiding officer in responding to points of order and parliamentary inquiries, and generally provide advice on conducting the meeting according to the rules. My role is advisory only; only the chair can rule on the proper application of the rules.

I will also assist all members in basic understanding of the rules, motions, and parliamentary procedures in order for our assembly to work out satisfactory solutions to the greatest number of questions in the least amount of time. I have outlined a summary of introductory concepts here and I will conduct a roundtable at the annual convention on use of our parliamentary authority, Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR).

Why Use Parliamentary Procedure in Our Meetings?

Parliamentary procedure is based on the principles of allowing the majority to make decisions effectively and efficiently (majority rule), while ensuring fairness towards the minority and giving each member or delegate the right to voice an opinion. Voting determines the will of the assembly.

A parliamentary structure conducts business through motions, which cause actions. Members bring business before the assembly by introducing main motions, or dispose of this business through subsidiary motions and incidental motions. (see examples below). Parliamentary procedure also allows for rules in regards to nomination, voting, disciplinary action, appeals, dues, and the drafting of organization charters, constitutions, and bylaws.

RONR balances the right of individual or groups within an organization's total membership. These rules are based on a regard for the rights:

- of the majority,
- of the minority, especially a strong minority greater than one third,
- of individual members,
- of absentees, and
- of all these together.

It is true that the will of the majority decides matters, but only after full and free discussion. The right of all (even those absent) must be protected.

What are the Laws Governing Parliamentary Procedure?

Although our bylaws are the highest level of rules for AAW, it is important to recognize our own set of rules for conducting business and making decisions democratically. These “special rules or order” supersede the adopted authority, all standing rules (administrative details) and any previously established customs.

*Assume it has been the regular practice for the chair to automatically close debate whenever a member shouts, “I call the question.” This practice violates the rule that allows debate to be ended, against the will of any member, only by use of a two-thirds vote (ie, adopting the Previous Question) -- and it is the rule, not the conflicting custom, which must be followed.*

No matter how long an established a custom has been used, it can never conflict with a written rule.

What are Basic Facts Regarding RONR that all Members Should Know?

- A main motion brings business before the assembly.
- A subsidiary motion assists the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion. Examples includes Amend, Previous Question, Commit or Refer to Committee, and Limit or Extend Debate.
- A privileged motion deals with matters of immediate importance.

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These motions, such as Recess, Raise a Question of Privilege or Adjourn, do not relate to the pending business.

- Incidental Motions are related to the parliamentary situation so they must be decided before business can proceed. Common examples used by members include Point of Order, Division of the Assembly, Suspend the Rules, Parliamentary Inquiry, and others.

What are Five Common Mistakes when using RONR?

- Saying, “I make a motion to” instead of “I move to” or “I move that” when stating main motions.
- Using “Old Business” in place of “Unfinished Business” on meeting agendas. Unfinished business includes any items that were scheduled to come up at the last meeting but were not reached before its adjournment, or any item that was actually in the process of being considered when the last meeting adjourned. Old business is that which was considered at an earlier meeting. (Motions that have been defeated can be renewed, or brought up again, at the next meeting – never again at the same meeting -- regardless of how you voted).
- Failing to second a motion because you disagree with it. When one member has made a main motion, it must be seconded to be considered by the group. This shows that at least two members want the proposal considered; it does not necessarily mean that the second or agrees with the motion.
- Failure of the chair to “state” the motion or question. To “state” a motion, the chair simply says, “It is moved and seconded that...” and then repeats the exact words used in the motion.
- Failure to announce the result of a vote, which must include reporting which side “has it”; declaring that the motion is adopted or lost; and indicating the effect of the vote, if needed or appropriate. If members are confused, the chairperson has not done their job!

I hope this was helpful, and I look forward to improving your skills and knowledge in November!

AAW AND CHS FOUNDATION PARTNER TO BRING WOMEN INTO THE BOARDROOM

American Agri-Women Foundation and the CHS Foundation are joining forces to promote “Women in the Boardroom”. Far too often organizations need people to apply for their boards and it is a struggle to find them. Women typically did not consider serving on agriculture boards where the norm was all male.

Men were perceived as the ones who knew agriculture best and were thought of as the farmer in the household. We know that is changing with the huge percent of female farmers that have stepped up to call themselves farmers and ranchers. Still there is a barrier; women still are the main family caretakers.

We have formed a panel called “It’s about Time,” featuring women holding positions on agriculture boards at all levels from community, state, and national organizations, both appointed and elected. The point is for these women to share how they got onto these boards, the drawbacks and the positive thoughts.

The CHS Foundation and American Agri-Women share the same mission to develop a new generation of agriculture leaders for life-long success with a priority on making investments that advance innovation and drive excellence in agriculture education while cultivating high-impact programs for rural youth and accelerating potential for careers in agriculture.

Women, when asked to serve, have two things pop into their minds, they either feel unqualified, when that is far from the truth, or compared to the long standing, typically all male board the fear of asking stupid questions or they won’t speak out at all.

Yes, this myth is slowly losing ground as more women step forward and fill these positions. Women bring a different and unique perspective to these boards as well.

Apply for AAW’s scholarships to travel and take part in American Agri-Women’s National Convention to be held November 6-12, 2019 in Tegard Oregon and listen to our panel subject “It’s about Time.”

American Agri-Women has a long standing commitment to form leaders through mentoring young women and to help shape their futures. We hope to provide skills and knowledge for them to seek out and take their place on agriculture boards.

Promoting this panel discussion certainly will give them a “leg up” when actively seeking board positions. This will be an ongoing commitment program that will help our agriculture and commodity groups find real talent.

The scholarships will be available on our website www.americanagri-women.org and awarded to 10 young women between the ages of 18-25.
American Agri-Women Foundation/ CHS Foundation
Growing Leaders 2019 Convention Scholarship

PURPOSE: To encourage young women to actively pursue positions on various boards in their local communities, cooperatives, member associations, and/or government and to support and strengthen the leadership of women nationally.

ELIGIBILITY: Women, ages 18-25, and is a member of American Agri-Women or become a member before convention.

$975.00 will be given to the winners to attend the 2019 AAW National Convention to be held in Tigard, Oregon on November 8 - 9 (Friday & Saturday). Winners must attend convention in order to receive the funds. Attendees will be required to write a short report on their convention experience and submit to AAW Foundation.

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________

CITY: ______________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: ____________

AFFILIATE: __________________________________________

On a separate page please provide a brief synopsis of your agricultural experiences.

Leadership roles you have held or are currently holding? (High School and/or College, 4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc.)

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What roles and/or boards are of interest to you?

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Where do you see yourself in leadership 10 years from now?

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Send to: Lesley Schmidt; AAW Foundation; 6584 N Chisholm Pte. St; Park City, KS 67219 or

Email: AAWFoundationScholarships@americanagriwomen.org

These scholarships are funded by a grant from the CHS Foundation. DUE AUGUST 15, 2019
The North Carolina agriculture industry has experienced numerous challenges this year. Hurricane Florence decimated our coast, causing farmers and livestock producers more than $1.1 billion in lost revenue. The escalating tariff battle with international trading partners uniquely targets agricultural goods that are the foundation of our state’s economy, specifically pork and tobacco. At the same time, North Carolina pork producers are facing frivolous lawsuits targeting Smithfield Foods, but with devastating effects to our family farms. Lifelong friendships have been destroyed and a tangible stress can be felt throughout our communities. However, through all of the attacks against our industry this year, North Carolina Congressman David Rouzer has been a constant source of encouragement and support for our agriculture industry.

Representing the 7th District of North Carolina, Congressman David Rouzer serves on the Agriculture Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. These committees also include service on the following subcommittees: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment; Subcommittee on Highways and Transit; Subcommittee on Aviation; Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit; and the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, of which Congressman Rouzer is a ranking member. His role within these committees allows Congressman Rouzer to develop, make, and monitor the laws that affect the future of our country.

While Congressman Rouzer maintains open communication with his constituents and advocates for them at every opportunity, he has also taken great strides to help other representatives and state leaders learn from the tribulations of North Carolina agriculture. Most recently, Congressman Rouzer hosted the National Agriculture Leaders Roundtable of federal officials, state officials, economists, and national agriculture industry representatives to discuss the threat that nuisance lawsuits pose to the U.S. agriculture industry, rural America, and farm families nationwide. Watching the nuisance lawsuits facing farmers destroy NC livelihoods and communities, Congressman Rouzer concluded the current climate of lawsuits is a “slippery slope that threatens the very existence of every form of agriculture nationwide.” While other elected officials remained silent, David Rouzer used his platform in Congress to link arms with the larger American agriculture community with the hopes of enacting change.

Because of his work in Washington, DC on behalf of American farmers, NC Agri-women member Amy Robinette and American Agri-Women President Jeannette Lombardo presented Congressman Rouzer with the American Agri-Women Champion of Agriculture Award during our recent Fly-In. Robinette shared, “I am very proud of the work that Congressman Rouzer has done in Washington on behalf of North Carolina farmers, and it was my honor to nominate him for the American Agri-Women Champion of Agriculture Award.”
MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE
2019 AAW CONVENTION

Make your own trail to Oregon to find the bounty at the end of the famed westward-bound expedition of Lewis and Clark, this November 6-10 in Tigard for the 2019 American Agri-Women Convention. You may register for the entire convention, or by the day as your schedule allows.

This 44th annual convening of American Agri-Women begins with an optional training of Mental Health First Aid on Wednesday, November 6th starting at noon. A certificate will be given to those who complete the full 8-hour training.

Included with regular registration is a half day of tours on Thursday, November 7th showcasing crop production and processing that make Oregon unique including hazelnuts, berries, Christmas trees, and more. Dinner will be out on a farm and include Oregon salmon among other local flavors, including the state’s world-famous Pinot Noir.

On Friday, November 8th we kick off with a welcome by lifelong Oregonian, farmer, 4H leader, and Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Lisa Hanson. Round-table topics that morning include agricultural literacy through outreach (Adopt a Farmer, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, and Summer Ag Institute); affiliate fundraising and programs (OWA Auction and Truck Wraps); unique non-profits in ag (Farmers Ending Hunger and Cultivating Change Foundation); and leveraging social media.

Three tracks for attendees to choose from Friday afternoon include “She Flies with Her Own Wings” which is not only Oregon’s state motto, but includes sessions focused on leadership development. The “Soaring Over Oregon” track will highlight the state’s unique crops and trail blazing history. Finally, the “Force for Truth” track will have sessions packed with tools you can use from the boardroom to the social media world.

For non-members guests, a full day of tours focused on award-winning equipment, fabrication, and technology is available on Thursday - lunch included.

In between sessions, attendees can enjoy Oregon grown refreshments, conversation, networking at the trade show, and shopping the silent auction from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon. The auction will include a special opportunity to buy a limited-edition world-famous Pendleton Wool blanket made for Oregon Women for Agriculture’s 50th Anniversary.

On Saturday morning, AAW members will attend a business meeting and non-member guests can connect with local farmers for unique tours of farming in the Willamette Valley. General session on Saturday afternoon will feature Dr. Kevin Folta from the University of Florida who is an expert in biotechnology and will speak about science communication with the public. Saturday evening will close with inspiring remarks from New York Times bestselling, award winning Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick who writes stories based on lives of historical women.

On Sunday morning, there will be an optional, non-denominational worship service complete with the gospel bluegrass harmonies of the Bethel Mountain Band. Afterwards, there will be two options available for a post-tour on Sunday, depending on preference and when you plan to leave town. Option one is a morning trip through the Columbia River Gorge to Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot waterfall cascading down basalt cliffs, making it the tallest in Oregon. It was noted in Lewis and Clark’s journal in 1805 and created by the Missoula Floods 15,000 years ago - the events that gave the Willamette Valley its rich soil. Option two is a full day trip to the Oregon Coast, including lunch, visiting the Pacific Ocean, and stops along Highway 101.

In addition to the Thursday equipment and tech tour as well as the local hosts on Saturday, guests of AAW members can enjoy all that Portland has to offer including tax-free shopping and numerous local sites such as the Museum of the Oregon Territory, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, World Forestry Center, Bob’s Red Mill World Headquarters. A free walking tour of Portland is available - even the underground tunnels through the city which were built to move goods to the ships docked on the Willamette River.

A complete agenda and registration information can be found online at the Oregon Women for Agriculture website: www.owaonline.org. Hotel accommodations must be booked through the Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Washington Square located on Washington Square Road in Tigard. We look forward to sharing the bounty at the at the end of the Oregon Trail with you in November!
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<td>Spouse/Guest Tour &amp; Pick Up Boxed Lunches</td>
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**CONVENTION TRADE SHOW**

Oregon would like to invite members to participate in the Trade Show/Vendor Program happening Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 8AM-4PM. If you are interested in having a table to display your items, the cost is $25.00. Please contact Kristi Miller by July 31st to be included with the many other vendors: millerk@dswebnet.com

**BRING SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO CONVENTION**

As you plan your trip to the 2019 convention, don’t forget about bringing an item for the Silent Auction. Over the years, it has raised thousands of dollars to support AAW's Foundation. Any and all goodies and gifts make great items for the auction—including items that show off your state, commodity or your talents!
AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN
HELEN WHITMORE MEMORIAL CONVENTION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship was named to honor Helen Whitmore, a well-respected rancher and teacher from California. It was initiated in 1993 by a friend and AAW Past President, Mitzi Ayala Perdue. It was established to increase active involvement in AAW and to encourage members to influence their home affiliate members.

This scholarship is available to any AAW member to attend the annual AAW Convention held in November of each year. The applicant may be of any age, but cannot have attended a past Convention. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage an awareness of AAW in young women, to increase active involvement in AAW, and to challenge them to have an influence on their peers. Only one applicant per affiliate will be accepted.

The scholarship is for $500 and the committee may award up to three scholarships. Applications are due by August 15th of each year to awfoundationscholarships@americanagriwomen or by mail to Pam Townsend, PO Box 71, Blaine, ME 04734.

ELIBILITY:
- Affiliates are encouraged to provide additional funds, if needed, and assist with housing, travel and registration arrangements for their scholarship recipient.
- Applicants must have an agriculture relationship and interest.
- Recipients are required to write a report on their convention experience. Reports or excerpts will be used in the AAW Voice and affiliate newsletters.
- Recipients do not have to be a current AAW member, but must agree to join for the current membership year. If they wish to vote at the current year's Convention, dues must be paid to the AAW treasurer by September 30th. Recipients are also encouraged to join a local affiliate.
- Application form is to be signed by the applicant and the president/or other designated officer.
- Winners and their affiliate president will be notified by September 15th of the current year.
- Affiliate presidents will need to see that the scholarship winners get registered at the early registration rate; all winners are eligible for this rate, but need to get it in as soon as possible.
- Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the full convention.

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Current Affiliate Membership (if any): 

1. What is your current or previous background relating to agriculture?

   

2. List your volunteer service, with special emphasis on your involvement in AAW or your state affiliate.

   

3. Why would you like to attend National Convention?

   

4. Write a short essay on your educational background, leadership roles, current and future goals.

   

5. How will you share your National Convention experiences with other members?

   

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _______________
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Email: __________________________ Affiliate: __________________________

Guest Name(s): __________________________

Are you a voting member of AAW?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Are you a First time Attendee?  Yes [ ]  No [ ]

How will you get to Oregon?  Drive / PDX Airport / Train - Arrival Date: ______

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Late Fee (Post marked After 11/01/19) $50 per person

SUBTOTAL __________________________

TOTAL __________________________

Make all checks payable to: Oregon Women for Agriculture
Mail to: Chelle Davis - PO Box 32; Jefferson, OR 97352

More information: Find Convention agenda and details at [www.owaonline.org](http://www.owaonline.org) or [www.americanagriwomen.org](http://www.americanagriwomen.org) or call 541-791-6031

What to wear: Business attire for meetings; casual for Thursday and Sunday tours. Plan to wear warm layers and possible rain.

Hotel rooms: Need to be reserved at the AAW group rate of $145 plus tax by the deadline October 16, 2019. Call 503-644-4000 with group name of Oregon Women for Agriculture. (No online registration available for hotel rooms.)
ADVERTISING RATES & DEADLINES FOR SPONSORS

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Contract rates available. Ask about special sizes and display advertising. To advertise, contact Lisa Campion at (586) 530-1771 or aaw@americanagriwomen.org.