

## The Willamette Chapter

The as yet unnamed Willamette Chapter met as a satellite chapter for about two years, beginning in 1990. *June Ruyle, representing PNAACL, led these meetings that were hosted by local churches in the Corvallis and Albany area.*

The Willamette Chapter was named and had its first officers elected in the spring of 1992. The first officers were President Connie Dougherty, Vice President Julia Robnett, Secretary Jan Barton, Treasurer Margery Brash and PNAACL Representative Lenore Aitken. The dues were set at \$16.00 per year, with \$10.00 going to PNAACL and \$6.00 for Willamette Chapter's operating costs. (Later minutes: 2-6-93, stated that \$12.00 would go to PNAACL and \$4.00 for local operating expenses.) Meetings were scheduled for October, February and May. The officers would meet in August to write the Chapter By-laws.

The By-laws were adopted at the February 6, 1993 meeting.

On February 18, 1995 after discussion it was decided to not merge with the PNAACL chapter in Salem (Capital City) and to keep the dues the same even though the PNAACL dues were raising to \$13.00, leaving only \$3.00 per member for local operating expenses.

On October 17, 1996 the chapter agreed to pay dues to become a member of the Capital City Chapter so that they could be involved with that chapter's events if possible. The dues were raised to \$17.00.

In 1997 we began to have meetings 4 times a year: October, January, March and May. At the May 15 meeting new officers were elected: President: *Janet Vance*, Vice President: *Nancy Klingeman*, Treasurer: *Julie Robnett*, Secretary: *Lenore Aitken*, Chapter Representative: *Julie Robnett*. Dues were raised to \$19.00.

New officers were elected on June 18, 1998: President: *Nancy Klingeman*, Secretary: *Janet Vance*, Treasurer: *Elaine Fuchigami*, Chapter Representative: *Ed Gallagher*. The Vice President position was left open.

*Lauri Blumenstein* was appointed to the vacated Chapter Representative position on October 21, 1999. On May 18, 2000, *Judith Jaquith* was appointed treasurer to replace *Elaine Fuchigami* and *Helen Ames* was appointed Vice President. On September 28, 2000 *Elaine Fuchigami* resumed her position as Treasurer.

The dues were raised to \$20.00 at the October 19, 2000 meeting. The increase would begin with the dues for the next year. This was increased to \$25.00 at the January 18, 2001 meeting due to the increase to \$20.00 going to PNAACL beginning the next year.

Over the years many churches have been represented in the Willamette Chapter, including United Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Nazarene, Southern Baptist, Conservative Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Evangelical, Episcopal, New Life and Assembly of God from both Linn and Benton Counties including the cities of Corvallis, Albany, Philomath, and Scio.

Some of the most interesting "meetings" we've had have been tours of different libraries and businesses including the Mt. Angel Library, Harvest House Publishers, OSU Library, Multnomah County Library, The Book Bindery in Corvallis, Pilgrims Book Store and Powells Books Store in Portland and Cornerstone Books in Corvallis.

The meetings have included many programs including cataloguing, repairing books, bulletin boards, promotion of church libraries, books on diversity, books on World War II, books by Frederick Buechner, Policy, and Circuit Rider Books. The meetings usually include book reviews, door prizes and a tour of the host library which is held at a different church library each meeting.