

## January and February Programs

Program – Tuesday, January 10 – 7:00 p.m.  
Keller Williams Office Building  
17700 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road #130  
Portland, OR

### How Gender Specific Programs Can Help Reduce Generational Poverty

Shari Dunn, the Executive Director of Dress for Success Oregon, will be giving us a very interesting, worthwhile presentation. She will tell us how Dress for Success Oregon uses a woman-helping-woman model in a relational learning structure to assist women in obtaining and maintaining employment. While we have all heard of Dress for Success, it does much more than provide clothing. Its mission is: “To promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.”

Shari Dunn spent a decade working first, as a practicing attorney representing victims of domestic violence and then nationally as a non-profit executive, focusing on the national legal services system. She then transitioned into broadcast journalism and spent a decade as a news anchor/reporter in several cities. Shari is now the Executive Director of Dress for Success Oregon, where she is able to bring to bear her vast array of experience and expertise toward a cause that is dear to her heart, the empowerment and transformation of women re-entering the workforce.

We are in for a treat! I personally have heard Shari speak, and she is truly an interesting and dynamic speaker.

*Submitted by Judy Silverforb*

Program – Tuesday, February 14 – 7:00 p.m.  
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### How To Get What You're Worth Negotiating for Fair Pay

\$tart \$mart and Work Smart are AAUW workshop programs that empower women, who are beginning their careers, and those currently in the work force, to overcome the gender wage gap and teach them to benchmark and negotiate for fair and equitable salaries. These workshops are held on college campuses, universities and a variety of networking sites. More than 700 facilitators have been trained to lead them.

One of those facilitators is Linda O'Hara, our February speaker. Linda is a long time member of AAUW and Past President of AAUW Oregon. She will share information on the \$tart \$mart and Work Smart Programs by sharing the programs' history, how AAUW became involved, what the workshops actually address, and where we are today.

Linda is a graduate of Oregon State University with a BS in mathematics and a Minor in Computer Science. She earned a MS from the University of Oregon in Information Systems. Since 2010 she has taught full-time at Oregon State. Linda says that her passion for AAUW and the mission only increased when pay equity and STEM fields became a focus.

*Submitted by Dianne Kaepplinger and  
Marlene Milliman*

## CO-PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Wintery Greetings Everyone! Anticipation of 2017 holds a mixture of hope, promise, and concern for the changes ahead in our wonderful country. AAUW and our local Branch is one group we can count on to remain inclusive and respectful of differing opinions. We are your tribe – your safe harbor to share thoughtful ideas and express concerns. This is possible because we are bound together by the common goal of equity for girls and women in education and the work place.

The national election revealed exactly how far we are from our goal. We have work to do. We must do what we have to do, until we can do what we want to do. We do not have the luxury of assuming that Roe v. Wade is safe. We do not have the luxury of assuming equity is just around the corner and a few lobbyists can finish the last leg of the journey. We need all hands on deck.

Communicate with your government representatives and make sure they know your expectations and concerns. Women in Portland will join together on January 21, 12 noon to 4:00, to march and show our solidarity with our sisters marching that day in Washington D.C. Please join us. Let's show our country's leadership that we are huge in numbers and we will actively work to preserve our rights, while we continue on the path to our goal.

Here are a few places you can go online to learn what is happening and join the effort: National Washington, DC Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2169332969958991/>

If you are interested in joining the event in DC with women from Oregon, join this group: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1421931004507822/>

Women's March on Portland:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/208282922945133/>

I will have more details for the Portland March at our January meeting.

*Marlene Milliman & Mona St. Clair, Co-Presidents*

## Pre-Meeting Dinner

Before each monthly Branch meeting, members are invited to meet at a restaurant near our meeting space. For our January meeting, the restaurant selected is Claim Jumper, 18000 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd, Portland, (503) 670-1975. Please meet at 5:15 p.m., and RSVP to Judy Silverforb, 503-516-3776. For our February meeting, the selected restaurant is Pastini's in Bridgeport for dinner with our speaker. Please meet at 5:15 p.m., and RSVP to Dianne Kaepplinger, 503-998-5683 or Marlene Milliman, 503-620-2061.

### Directions to Our Meeting Location

#### FROM TIGARD

- Durham Rd. towards Bridgeport Village
- Right on SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Arrive at destination on left.

#### FROM WILSONVILLE

- I-5 North
- Take Exit 290
- Left on Lower Boones Ferry Rd.
- Continue onto SW Bridgeport Rd.
- Left on SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Arrive at destination on left.

#### FROM SHERWOOD

- East on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.
- Left on Martinazzi
- Right on SW Boones Ferry Rd., which becomes Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Arrive at destination on right.

The entrance to the parking lot is marked with a sign that says: DURHAM BUSINESS PARK. There will also be an AAUW sign. The meeting room will be in Suite 130, which is at the far end of the building on your right. There will be another AAUW sign in front of the door to the meeting room.

Any problems -- please call Mona's cell phone: 503-819-9596 for assistance.

## PUBLIC POLICY

### FAIR PAY STATUS

AAUW State Public Policy Chair, Trish Garner, thinks that AAUW has the best chance of getting a Fair Pay bill to the legislature during the upcoming session than we have ever had. In fact, Trish testified in favor of Fair Pay before the House Committee on Business and Labor. Her testimony included a personal experience that she had regarding fair pay.

Please keep in mind that the issue is Fair Pay not equal pay and includes wages, salaries and benefits.

Save the Date for Lobby Day in Salem – February 15, 2017.

*Lynette Sahnaw, Public Policy Chair*

## AAUW FUNDS THE HEART OF AAUW

A big thank you to the Tigard Area Branch members who contributed to AAUW Funds this year. Our contributions totaled \$800 this year, \$1000 less than last year.

AAUW supports educational, professional, and economic opportunities for women nationally and globally

For a quick update on the Legal Advocacy Fund activities, go to the <http://www.aauw.org/> website and find the LAF Express monthly newsletter. It is a concise update.

Once again, thanks to all of you who contributed to AAUW Funds this year.

*Jacki Bauer, AAUW Funds Chair*



## December and November Dates to Remember

Jan. 5	NW Discoveries
Jan. 10	Branch Meeting
Jan. 16	Bridge Group
Jan. 24	Book Group
Jan. 27	Lunch Bunch
Feb. 2	NW Discoveries
Feb. 14	Branch Meeting
Feb. 15	Lobby Day in Salem
Feb. 20	Bridge Group
Feb. 28	Book Group

## HOSPITALITY

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year. Thanks in advance for helping out.

Jan - Judy Silverforb & Mary Kerns

Feb. - Lynn Patterson & Pat Schlueter

**March - need two volunteers**

April - Branch birthday celebration - Linda Henning

May - Jacki Bauer & Lynette Sahnaw

*Linda Henning, Hospitality Chair*



## Directory Updates

Please update your copy of the Tigard Branch Directory. You can cut this out. Please let Judy know about any changes in your information.

Additions and Changes to the Directory

Jennifer Bennett

## AAUW Organizational Statements

**Mission Statement** – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**Vision Statement** – AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

**Value promise** – By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

**Diversity Statement** – In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability or class

## Our Branch Website

<http://tigardarea-or.aauw.net>

Please check it out. You can get to other websites such as AAUW National and AAUW Oregon by linking to our website. You can also learn about membership benefits and get legislative alerts.



## INTEREST GROUPS



### • Book Group

Greetings Bibliophiles,

I hope your winter break and holidays were relaxing, enjoyable, productive, and a time to enjoy the company of family and friends. It's the beginning of a new year; I want to extend a thank you to all you faithful book groupies and an enthusiastic welcome to those who have said, "Oh, I've thought about attending a book group. Maybe I'll check into it." We have a great group and would like to see it grow so please consider joining us. New participants always are most welcome. We meet at 7:00, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, September – May. If you would like to attend, please give the Hostess a call so she will know how many to expect.

Both of our upcoming books are award winners:

Tuesday January 24:

Book: *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr

Hostess: Judy Silverforb

Discussion Leader: TBA

Tuesday February 28

Book: *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Migration*, by Isabel Wilkerson

Hostess: TBD

Discussion Leader: TBD

Washington County Library system has several available copies of our February book, including E-reader. This is a lengthy book, approximately 500 pages but please do not let that intimidate you; it is very readable and engaging. If the book you want to read isn't available, please be sure to Reserve it.

Contact: Cathy Alzner



## Lunch Bunch

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

Everyone is welcome on Friday, when we gather at our next Lunch Bunch restaurant, **Thai Bloom** in Beaverton. The address is BG Westgate Plaza, 3800 SW Cedar Hills Boulevard. See website for menu (thaibloom.com) and be aware that this is the Thai Bloom in Beaverton, not the parent one on NW 23rd in Portland. As usual, carpoolers meet at McDonald's (corner of Highway 99W and Durham) at 11:30 a.m. Be sure to call or email Jan Thenell by Wednesday, Jan. 25 so we know how many to plan for.

*Contact: Jan Thenell*



## • Northwest Discoveries

Thursday, January 5: We will visit Pratt & Larson, 1201 SE 3rd Ave, Portland, to find out how tiles are made. There are more and beautiful tile designs on display than ever before. As usual, we will have a guide that knows all the little tricks.

Thursday, February 2. Tour to be determined. Janet is always looking for places to explore, so please share your exciting ideas.

We will leave from McDonalds at **10:00 a.m.** It is at the corner of Pacific Hwy. and Durham Rd.

*Contact: Janet Bruno (*



## • Bridge

Bridge Group will follow the same format. We will meet the third Monday of the month at 11:00 AM. Bring a sandwich. We also bring a donation for PCC of \$5.00 minimum.

**Monday, January 16:** Meet at Marlene Milliman's

**Monday, February 20:** Meet at Pat Schlueter's

*Contact: Lyrrel Lombard*

