

March and April Programs

Program – Tuesday, March 14 – 7:00 p.m.
Keller Williams Office Building
17700 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road #130
Portland, OR

The Peer Court Program in Tigard

Lauren Gysel, the Youth Services Program Specialist for the Tigard Police Department will be giving us an overview of the Peer Court System: how it works and its benefits. First time Washington County offenders between 12-17 years old are eligible to participate. It is a diversion program that utilizes youth volunteers as a peer jury and gives the young offenders a chance to correct their lapses of judgement, also giving them an opportunity to make up for their offenses by giving back to their communities. Additionally, Peer Court provides youth jury members with an opportunity to assume leadership roles and actively participate in addressing the problem of juvenile crime in their communities.

Lauren Gysel's primary responsibility is running the Youth Peer Court Program by recruiting and maintaining volunteers, holding court sessions and managing juvenile cases. She also mentors youth in the program and collaborates with other local agencies. Ms. Gysel holds a BA in Sociology from California Lutheran University and has a background in case management.

Ms. Gysel will be joined by Attorney Jessica Cousineau, who is a Peer Court Judge, and will be giving a Judge's perspective on the program. Ms. Cousineau holds a BA in Criminal Justice and Anthropology from New Mexico State University and a JD from the University of Arizona.

This promises to be a most interesting evening. I have spoken with Ms. Gysel, and her enthusiasm for the program is contagious! It is local, and it is helping our youth, both those who need guidance in making better decisions, and those who serve as peer attorneys and jury members. They all gain a greater understanding of our system of law.

Submitted by Linda Talluto

Program – Tuesday, April 11 – 6:00 p.m.
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Salad Potluck and Branch Birthday

The April program will be our annual salad potluck and Branch birthday celebration. The potluck is just for having fun and socializing. Please bring a salad of your choice to share. You can count on having a good time taste sampling an array of delicious salads and birthday cake. **Please note that the start time is 6:00.**

Submitted by Linda Henning

CO-PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

We are living in some challenging times. Progress in social services, arts, education, free press and more is at risk of unraveling. It seems that our country needs organizations like AAUW now, more than ever. There is power in organized numbers.

Our Branch is at a cross-roads and it appears the majority of our members think it is best to dissolve our Branch and, individually, join one of the larger Branches. While this is not my preference, I do not have a crystal ball and cannot guarantee that holding our Branch together will be postponing the inevitable. As of yesterday, no one has stepped forward to take a turn as Branch President; we received 18 votes to dissolve and 2 votes not to dissolve. One more vote to dissolve will engage the process. Regardless, we will finish out the year.

Should anyone have a change of heart regarding the role of Branch President, AAUW provides free leadership training. The next training will be on March 14, 10 to noon. The location is in the Community Room of Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver, WA. Please notify me or Marlene Milliman if you would like to attend.

I have posted the program for our next meeting on our Facebook page. Please "like" and share the post, to help promote this wonderful presentation about the Washington County Peer Court Program. In addition, if your neighborhood has a page on Nextdoor.com, you can copy and paste the program information from Facebook to Nextdoor. Posting on Nextdoor has generated community interest in the past for our programs.

Marlene and I will keep you informed of the direction our Branch chooses to take. Whatever direction that is, we are hopeful that the end result will be a positive evolution for AAUW, as a whole.

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 March meeting, the restaurant selected is Pastini's in Bridgeport for dinner with our speaker. Please meet at 5:15 p.m., and RSVP to Linda Talluto at 503-579-0158. Both speakers will be at dinner – Lauren Gysel, director of the Peer Court program, and Attorney Jessica Cousineau. Linda hopes several of the members come, as it would be a chance to have a more informal conversation.

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.

Local Scholarship

I am saddened that this is the last year we will be providing a scholarship to a Portland Community College woman, over 26 and returning to school to pursue a college degree. Being involved in this program for many years, I have seen the value of what we do. I have met some incredible women, who have struggled to overcome many obstacles to get that degree and go on to a career as a nurse, mechanical engineer, biologist, research scientist, pharmacist, doctor, city planner, and software engineer. And this is just since I became involved in the program! I have talked at length with many of these women and have been humbled by their tenacity in overcoming problems that would break many people. Yet they go on, working long hours, studying, caring for youngsters, never taking their eyes off of their goals. I hope that as many of us move on to other branches, that those branches have a local scholarship, and if they do not, that we can start one, so that more women can fulfill their dreams.

This year we have enough in our account to fund a \$1600 scholarship. If you would like to make this an even larger scholarship, you are welcome to fill out the form attached to this issue of UPDATE and give it to me to send to PCC. Be sure the check is made out to PCC Foundation, so it will be tax deductible.

It has been a joy to have worked with PCC and our Local Scholarship and all of you as you have so generously supported this program!

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

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.



AAUW Funds – The Heart of AAUW

Named Gift Honoree

We will honor a member of our Tigard Area Branch who made a significant contribution to our branch and AAUW, and she will be recognized at the State Convention in April. This award should go to one who has made a contribution to our branch, Oregon AAUW, or National AAUW above and beyond the duties and the office she may hold.

Please give the name of the member you would like to honor to me by e-mail, phone, or in writing. I need your nomination before April 1. There will be a form available at our March meeting, which you may complete with your choice for our Honoree

Jacki Bauer, AAUW Funds Chair



March and April Dates to Remember

March 2	NW Discoveries
March 14	Branch Meeting
March 20	Bridge Group
March 24	Lunch Bunch
March 28	Book Group
April 6	NW Discoveries
April 11	Branch Meeting
April 17	Bridge Group
April 25	Book Group

INTEREST GROUPS



• Book Group

Greetings Bibliophiles,

We are nearing the end of the 2016-17 book group. I hope I can speak for the group to say that we have read a variety of very good books. We have a great group, so please consider joining us.

Tuesday March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Book: *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women*

Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race,
Margot Lee Shetterly

Hostess: Pat Schlueter*

Discussion Leader: Diane Knutsen

Tuesday April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Book: TBD

Hostess: Diane Knudsen*

Discussion Leader: TBD

*Please call Hostess so she will know how many to plan for.

Contact: Cathy Alzner



• 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, March 20: Meet at Lyrrel Lombard's Phone:

Monday, April 17: TBD

Contact: Lyrrel Lombard



Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 24th

Nicoletta's Caffe at the Oregon College of Art and Craft is our destination for Lunch Bunch. The bistro at the school (8245 SW Barnes Road, 97225) is an extension of Nicoletta's popular neighborhood restaurant in Lake Oswego that specializes in Italian food. (See more information at OCAC.edu; look for "Cafe at OCAC"). The restaurant is a short walk from the upper right parking lot; look for the (small) signs. The gallery of student work in the same building is also worth checking out.

Carpoolers meet at McDonald's (corner of Highway 99W and Durham) at 11:30 am. Be sure to call or email Jan Thenell by Wednesday, March 22 so space can be reserved for us.

Contact: Jan Thenell



• Northwest Discoveries

Thurs., March 2: We are going to Fort Vancouver. We will see how people lived at the beginning of settlements in the Northwest. Some people will be in costume. There is a 20 minute video. Afterwards, we will go to lunch at the Grant house.

Thurs. April 6: We are going on an Underground tour in Portland. My cousin did it and said it was great. The tour starts at Old Town Pizza. It costs \$18 per senior.

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

Contact: Janet Bruno

AAUW TIGARD AREA BRANCH

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tigard Area Branch gives a \$1600.00 annual scholarship to a PCC woman student who meets the criteria set up by our Local Scholarship Committee. This money, which covers just one quarter of tuition, books and fees, is donated by members and does not come from our Branch budget.

You may contribute to the Fund by using the form below.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE TAX PURPOSES.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Gift Amount _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to PCC Foundation, with “AAUW Tigard” in the memo area.
Give to your Branch Local Scholarship Chair, Linda Talluto

Contributions are tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state tax purposes.