

## March and April Programs

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Program – Tuesday, March 8 – 7:00 p.m.  
Keller Williams Office Building  
17700 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road #130  
Portland, OR

### **Sassy Saboteurs: How Women Lose Confidence and Power with Communication Missteps**

Do you ever leave a conversation thinking, “Oh, why did I agree to that?” or, “Why didn’t I say what I meant?” If so, you might be victim to the Sassy Saboteurs: 5 language malpractice mistakes that shake your confidence, diminish your power, and thwart your ability to achieve your goals. Perhaps you have the *Sorry Syndrome*, or you like to put on your *Conversation Spanx*. Maybe you’re a fan of *Language Laxatives*. Whatever it is for you, come and explore this important topic for women of all ages. And stop leaving your potential on the table!

Lea McLeod, M.A., a former Fortune 500 executive, who now coaches individuals to overcome obstacles so that they can find more success, is a veteran of large organizational work and small business ownership. She spent six years as a director level manager and global leader at Hewlett Packard and has started two businesses of her own. She has a wealth of experience and much to share regarding effective communication.

Before each monthly Branch meeting, members are invited to meet at a restaurant near to our new meeting space. For this meeting, the restaurant selected is Pastini Pastaria, 7307 SW **Bridgeport** Rd, Suite B-105, Tigard, (503) 718-2300. Since parking is often at a premium, handicap stickers and carpooling would be helpful. Please meet at 5:30 p.m., and RSVP to Diane Knudsen, 917-717-5231.

*Submitted by Diane Knudsen*

Program – Tuesday, April 12 – **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. We love this evening, as it is a time for socializing and enjoying good conversation. Please bring a salad of your choice to share. It is always a treat to sample the special recipes of our members. On this night we begin at **6:00**, so be sure to add it to your calendar.

Adding to the enjoyment of the evening, we are inviting our current PCC Local Scholarship recipient, Katie Gerloff, and previous recipients to join us. We have invited winners going back to 2008, so we anticipate a lovely evening of catching up and hearing about the journeys of these intelligent, hardworking, and delightful young women.

*Submitted by: Linda Talluto*

### **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.

## CO-PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

As we look forward to Spring, we are reminded that March is Women's History Month followed by April 9<sup>th</sup>, marking how far into the current year many women must work to match the earning of their male counterparts. For this April 9<sup>th</sup> occasion, we are to wear red. It reminds us that pay equity is still tops on our list of goals to achieve as we continue striving to help working women.

We will be electing a new slate of Tigard Area Branch officers in April. Lynn Patterson has offered to continue as our Financial Officer. The office of 2nd Vice-President, Membership remains open without a nominee. This office (that could easily be shared with a friend) is an important one if we want our Branch to continue to grow. So many of the forms and documents that are part of the job are already available to whoever takes this office. It is a two year commitment that will insure the Branch growth and leave you enriched in your efforts. If you would like more of a job description, please just ask Marlene or Mary.

The Oregon News sent to you on January 29<sup>th</sup> tells all about the State Convention in Medford on April 22-24. Room reservations need to be requested by April 10<sup>th</sup> to guarantee the Convention rates. The number to call 1-866-779-5811. Ann Evensen requests your registration by April 4<sup>th</sup>. The State Convention Reservation Form is on Page 10 of the

newsletter. The State Convention is always interesting. This year it can easily be combined with a visit to Ashland to take in plays at the Shakespeare Festival.

Please be thinking of sending a basket of goodies to be auctioned off at the Convention with proceeds going to AAUW Funds. Chocolate and wine baskets are good sellers. Any other ideas?

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Lynette and Marlene plan to attend the AAUW Branch meeting of Lake Oswego to hear Ellen Rosenblum, Oregon's first woman Attorney General. If you wish to join us for this 10:00 A.M. program, please give Marlene a call. It would be a good way to celebrate Women's History Month.

*Mona St. Clair and Marlene Milliman  
Co-Presidents*

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our branch has two major giving missions: AAUW Funds in the fall and our PCC Local Scholarship in the winter.

Now is the time when we begin our campaign to raise funds to fulfill our commitment to Portland Community College to provide a scholarship for a woman over 26, returning to school, and working toward a four year degree. We have pledged to support a scholarship of \$1500, which provides one quarter of tuition, books and fees.

We ask you to give whatever you can to help us meet this goal. The women who have received this scholarship in the past have told us how important it was in helping them reach their goals. There is a form on the back of this newsletter for you to fill out and mail to me with your check. I will send them on to PCC.

Please make your check payable to **PCC Foundation** and put **AAUW Tigard Area Branch** in the memo line. Your donation is tax-deductible. Thank you for your continuing support of this scholarship.

*Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair*

## AAUW FUNDS THE HEART OF AAUW



### 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.

### Named Gift Honoree

We will honor a member of our Tigard Area Branch who made a significant contribution to our branch and AAUW. The honoree 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, calling 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*

## PUBLIC POLICY

### AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day

Jan Thenell and I attended AAUW Lobby Day February 10, at the State Capitol to lobby for the “Raise the Minimum Wage Act”.

We were welcomed by Trish Garner, State AAUW Public Policy Chair, and Senator Diane Rosenbaum, President Pro Tempore. Senator Rosenbaum supports raising the minimum wage for good reasons: affordable housing legislation is falling apart/in limbo, Oregon has the highest child care costs, equal to the cost of college tuition and 50% of Oregon women have low-paying jobs.

In the afternoon, we lobbied Senators and Representatives in groups of two to three. Our efforts helped! The RAISE the MINIMUM WAGE ACT passed and will hopefully soon be signed by Governor Brown.

*Lynette Sahnaw, Public Policy Chair*

## HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to Lynette Sahnaw and Lynn Patterson for bringing Valentine treats to our February meeting, and to Marian for so graciously opening her home to us.

I am looking for volunteers for the rest of the year, if we are going to have treats at our last few meetings. We need someone to join Norma Lockyear for March, a person to bring the Branch birthday cake in April, and someone to join Donna Talus in bringing treats to our May meeting. Please email me if you are able to help out.

Thanks,  
*Linda Talluto, Hospitality Chair*

## 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.

# INTEREST GROUPS



## • Book Group

Greetings Bibliophiles. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. New participants always are most welcome.

March 22

Book: *Trask* by (Reed College graduate and Oregon author) Don Berry

Discussion Leader: Janet Bruno

Hostess: Linda Liebenstein

April 26

Book: *Remains of the Day*, by Kazuo Ishiguru

Discussion Leader: Linda Liebenstein

Hostess: Diane Knudsen

Contact: Cathy Alzner



## Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 18th at 12 noon

Lunch Bunch Goes to Multnomah Village. Marco's Cafe and Espresso Bar, located in Multnomah Village's historic Nelson Thomas building, is the destination for Lunch Bunch. The address is 7910 SW 35<sup>th</sup>, the corner of 35<sup>th</sup> and Multnomah Boulevard. All are welcome; please call or email Jan Thenell if you plan to come.

As usual, carpoolers meet at McDonald's, corner of Hwy 99 and Durham at **11:30 a.m.** Please call or email by the prior Wednesday to reserve your spot.

Contact: Jan Thenell



## • Northwest Discoveries

I will be visiting my grandchildren in March, so we won't have an outing.

**April 7:** We will have a Portland Walking tour. Even local Oregonians are amazed by what they learn. The tour will be two and a half hours long. The walking distance is a mile and a half. I need to know a week ahead if you are coming, and it costs \$17 per person. We will leave from McDonalds at **9:30 a.m.** It is at the corner of Pacific Hwy. and Durham Rd.

Contact: Janet Bruno

## • Bridge



Bridge Group will follow the same format this year. 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 21:** Meet at Nancy Schick's.

**April 18:** Meet at Lyrrel Lombard's

Contact: Lyrrel Lombard

**AAUW TIGARD AREA BRANCH  
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Tigard Area Branch gives a \$1500.00 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.**

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**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.**