

May Program

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

STEM -- What's Happening in the Tigard-Tualatin School District?

Let's find out about the latest efforts regarding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in our schools. Noelle Gorbett, a teacher on Special Assignment with the Tigard-Tualatin School District, will be discussing this important topic. Ms. Gorbett's primary responsibility with the District is to design and implement professional development for teachers in the areas of STEM.

Prior to moving to Oregon in 2011, Ms. Gorbett worked for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas. During her career there, she was a teacher at the Hyde Park Academy of Science and Mathematics, a magnet school, where she created a STEM robotics program and coached nationally and internationally recognized robotics and science Olympiad teams. She provided professional development in Science for the Regional Professional Development Program. In 2009 Ms. Gorbett was honored with the Southern Nevada Science Teacher of Year award.

Ms. Gorbett is looking forward to the opportunity to share information about Tigard-Tualatin School District's efforts to increase STEM education. STEM is important to education and to the future of our nation. We need our children to keep up with the rest of the developed world. This presentation and discussion couldn't be more timely and important.

Submitted by Linda Talluto

Pre-Meeting Dinner

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 Claim Jumper, 18000 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd, Portland, (503) 670-1975. Please meet at 5:30 p.m., and RSVP to Linda Talluto, 503-579-0158.

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

Spring is here which means summer is just around the corner, when we take a break from our normal busy schedules. We have one more meeting, and it is one you will not want to miss. If you know anyone in the Tigard/Tualatin School District, please invite them to hear Noelle Gorbett, the teacher on Special Assignment in Curriculum and Instruction on the STEM Program for this district. We just might get some new members.

In reflecting on last year, it was through insightful suggestions and changes that we survived. It was definitely the efforts of many of you for making that happen. Thank you all for your participation: The Board, the program planners, the membership outreach, the communication and publicity workers, The Holiday Giving Project, and the hospitality volunteers. Your support was greatly appreciated.

This year we tried to focus on our AAUW mission based issues. We will be passing out a questionnaire asking you to rate the programs according to your favorites. This will help Diane Knudsen and her committee in planning for next year.

Finally, we want to thank Mary Kerns who is leaving the office of Membership VP. Mary has done an outstanding job for the past two years. We hope that one of you will step forward to take on Membership VP. You can count on receiving a lot of help getting started.

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

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to all the ladies who provided treats for our meetings this year. It is nice to have a break between our program and business meeting, and your willingness to bring refreshments to share was appreciated. A special thanks to Linda Henning for the wonderful birthday cupcakes she brought to our April Pot Luck!

Pat Schlueter and Linda Richter will be bringing treats for our May meeting. Thanks in advance for helping out.

Linda Talluto, Hospitality Chair

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Spring is a time of renewal for many things in our lives such as our gardens. But it also is the time of renewal for our Tigard Area AAUW memberships! Please bring your check for \$75 to the next Branch meeting on May 10, made out to Tigard Area Branch AAUW. This will save us from having to contact you with a telephone reminder! Please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter.

If you forget to bring your check to the next meeting, you might well be interested in renewing your membership online with the Membership Payment Program (MPP). Log on to AAUW.org and create your own user account with your member number (located in the branch directory) and password. With your login, access the Member Services Database (MSD). Choose "Renew My Membership" from the menu on the left and complete the form.

Know that you have a choice this year. Renew in person or renew electronically. That makes the whole process simple. We look forward to another year of supporting our wonderful branch programs and interest groups!

Mary Kerns, Membership Chair

AAUW FUNDS THE HEART OF AAUW

Named Gift Honoree

Our Named Gift Honoree for the Tigard Area Branch for 2016 is Lynette Sahnaw. Lynette is our Public Policy Chair. She has served in many different capacities, including president, the local scholarship committee, and the nominating committee. Lynette is our branch representative to Lobby Days in Salem, and she has often stepped in for other Board members when they have been unable to attend meetings.

Congratulations Lynette!

Jacki Bauer, AAUW Funds Chair

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

It was such a treat to have our current Local Scholarship winner, Katie Gerloff, along with our 2011 winner, Katherine Flenniken, at our April meeting. I think it made us all realize how appreciative these women are, and how needed our scholarship is.

Katie is well on her way to a degree in Biology and Earth Science, with an internship this summer at the Bureau of Reclamation, looking at salmon habitats in Eastern Oregon.

Katherine has graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and is employed by a company currently doing a contract at Intel. And all this while raising two children! Her talk was so interesting, as she explained what a mechanical engineer does and how few women enter the field. In her class of 25, only 2 were women. It really made me realize how much more we need to do with encouraging and giving opportunities to women to enter these fields.

I want to thank all of you who have donated so generously to our scholarship this year. We have about half the money we need, so if you haven't donated yet, any amount you could give would be appreciated! Just send your check to me, made out to: PCC Foundation (with Tigard AAUW in the memo line). You will receive a receipt from PCC for your taxes.

Lynette and I look forward to reading essays for our next year's recipient.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

PUBLIC POLICY

State Convention Report

Trish Garner, AAUW State Public Policy Chair, was the last presenter at the State Convention held in Medford, April 22-24. It was a report well worth the wait.

Trish brought us up to date regarding priority issues that need to be addressed, such as health care, the fair pay act, wage transparency, care-giver familial leave and equitable access to affordable education

for women and girls. That is only the beginning of a long list of Public Policy Program Goals!

Trish also encouraged us to email and stay in touch with our Representatives in Salem (do you know who yours are?). She reminded us that the "Two Minute Activist" which arrives each Friday from National, can be a "force for change".

Get ACTIVE!

Lynette Sahnaw, Public Policy 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.



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. Are you looking for a good book and some friends with whom to discuss it? We invite you to join the Book Discussion group. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month and will be discussing the following book in May. ***Please Note: As has been the past tradition, we will meet at **6:00PM** and enjoy a **potluck dinner** prior to the discussion. Lynn lives in Cornelius so I encourage you to carpool.

May 24

Book: *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth* by

Scotton, Christopher

Hostess: Lynn Patterson

Discussion Leader: Jan Thenell

July 26: TBA

We decided last year to meet once during the summer.

Contact: Cathy Alzner



Lunch Bunch

Friday, May 27th at 12 noon

Lunch Bunch Goes to Salvador Molly's

A "casual quirky neighborhood restaurant" with "street food from global hotspots." That's Salvador Molly's at 1523 SW Sunset Blvd. in Hillsdale. Check out the website at salvadormollys.com and plan to join us. All are welcome. Call or email Jan Thenell so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

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

May 5: We are going to the NW Quilters Show at the Portland Expo. It promises to be an artistic and an exciting time. 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, May 16: Meet at Jackie Bauer's Phone

Contact: Lyrrel Lombard

AAUW Tigard Area Branch Membership Application 2016-2017

Date: _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (work/cell) _____

_____ Phone: (home) _____

College(s) **Degree(s)/Field** **Date(s) Awarded**

Previous AAUW Membership: Branch _____ Year joined _____

Profession _____ If Retired, Professional Area _____

Professional/Volunteer Positions, Activities – Current and Past _____

Hobbies/Skills/Other Interests: _____

Tigard Area Branch Interest Groups:

Book Group _____ Bridge _____ Dining Out & In _____ Northwest Discoveries _____ Lunch Bunch _____

How did you learn about AAUW? _____

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 Check Membership Type: RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ STUDENT _____ LIFE _____ DUAL _____

Dues for membership year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	Renewal & New Member	Student Affiliate	Life Member	Dual Member
Branch	\$20	None	\$20	\$20
State	\$16	\$3	\$16	Paid to Home Branch
National AAUW	\$49*	\$17	None	Paid to Home Branch
Total Dues	\$85	\$20	\$36	\$20

*\$46.00 Of Dues To National AAUW Are Tax-Deductible.

If Dual Member, Name of Home Branch _____

Please make dues check out to Tigard Area Branch AAUW and return to: Lynn Patterson