

May Program

Program – Tuesday, May 9 – 7:00 p.m.
Keller Williams Office Building
7504 SW Bridgeport Rd.
Portland, OR

How Gender Specific Programs Can Help Reduce Generational Poverty

Shari Dunn, the Executive Director of Dress for Success Oregon fortunately is able to give her presentation this May, since we had to cancel her program in January due to icy weather. She will tell us how Dress for Success Oregon uses a woman-helping-woman model 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.

I personally have heard Shari speak, and she is truly an interesting and dynamic speaker.

Submitted by Judy Silverforb

Directions to Our Meeting Location

The address of the new office and our new meeting place is 7504 SW Bridgeport Rd. This is very close to our previous location.

FROM TIGARD

- From Pacific Hwy., turn onto Durham Rd., heading east.
- Turn right onto SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn left onto SW Bridgeport Rd. and enter the first parking lot on the right.

FROM SHERWOOD/MCMINNVILLE

- From Tualatin-Sherwood Rd., turn left on Martinazzi
- Turn right on SW Boones Ferry Rd.
- Continue to SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn right onto SW Bridgeport Rd. and enter the first parking lot on the right.

FROM WILSONVILLE

- From I-5, take Exit 290, for Lower Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn left onto SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd., heading west.
- Continue to SW Bridgeport Rd.
- Enter last parking lot on your left, just before the last light on SW Bridgeport Rd.

I will have the AAUW directional sign at the entrance to the parking lot, to help you know where to turn. If you have trouble finding where we are, please call my cell phone (503-819-9596) for help.

CO-PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

The past few months have been a roller coaster for our Branch. We voted in March to disband because we did not have a member willing or able to take over the role of President. After mentally adjusting ourselves to this disappointment, Ilga Ross had a change of heart and graciously stepped forward to fill this leadership role. A move was made at our last meeting to re-visit disbanding; another vote taken after much discussion, and we are now moving forward with Ilga as our new President. Wow! What a cliff hanger that was.

With Ilga as President and Linda Talluto graciously agreeing to continue as our Secretary, we now have a full slate of officers for the 2017/2018 year with the exception of 1st VP Program Chair. We are re-energized and eagerly looking forward to the coming year with experienced, dynamic leadership to guide us. Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to fill a role on our Board and chair committees.

We will be having a celebration lunch on Friday, May 19, at 1:00. We are celebrating the successful completion of another year and continuance of our Branch. The lunch will be at Hunan Pearl, 15160 SW Bangy Rd., Lake Oswego. A variety of pre-selected dishes will be served family style at a fixed cost. Drinks will be extra. We hope everyone can come. If you are coming, please let Marlene or Mona know, so we can be sure there are enough seats and we can coordinate carpooling. There will also be a luncheon menu available and a sheet to sign up passed around at our May 9 Branch Meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting!

Marlene Milliman & Mona St. Clair, Co-Presidents

AAUW Funds Gift Honoree

Thank you for this honor and for the flowers. I know many of you supported me and deserve to be recognized in addition. I appreciate all your help and advice. Now I'm ready to sit back and watch this Tigard Area Branch revitalize itself and grow. And I will be there to support you.

Marlene Milliman

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, (503) 670-1975. Please meet at 5:15 p.m., and RSVP to Judy Silverforb.

DUES ARE DUE

Spring has finally arrived and it is a time for renewal of many things in our lives such as our gardens. It is also the time of renewal for our Tigard area AAUW memberships! We would like to encourage **all** our members to renew their membership online through the Membership Payment Program (MMP). Log on to AAUW.org and create your own user account with your member number (located in our branch directory) and a password of your choosing. Then you will be able to login and access the Member Services Database (MSD). Choose "Renew My Membership" from the menu on the left and complete the form. This method is preferred because all the information is sent electronically to our branch and it eliminates the need for additional paperwork and to cash checks. **Everyone who completes their renewal online before May 8th will be entered in a drawing for a prize.**

It's that simple, but if you prefer to renew your membership the old fashioned way, that's great too. Please bring your check for \$85 made out to "Tigard Area Branch AAUW" to the meeting on May 9th. This will save us from having to contact you with a telephone reminder!

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to take leadership rolls. We look forward to another year of supporting our wonderful branch programs and interest groups!

Dianne Kaepplinger, Membership Chair

Local Scholarship

We had a lovely evening in April, sharing our favorite salads, and meeting our delightful 2016/17 scholarship recipient, Joan Garoutte, and her fiancé. Joan is well on her way to a degree in Biology, followed by work as a Park Ranger. She shared her story of how she became interested in saving our environment by her fishing trips with her father when she was a child. She met Park Rangers and was fascinated as an 8 year old, knowing then that she wanted to be one when she grew up. She shared with us the importance of the scholarship to her. She supports herself while attending college, and our scholarship allows her to work four days instead of five. She is a lovely young woman, with a smile and personality that will bring the joy of the outdoors to others.

Since our Affiliate voted not to disband, we are continuing our scholarship program. At the meeting our generous members donated \$725 to this year's campaign. We have pledged \$1650 for this year's scholarship, so I am asking those of you who have not yet donated to dig deep and support this wonderful cause. Each year when our recipient shares her story, I am energized to help these amazing women.

Thank you for making our Local Scholarship a priority with your support. I have attached a form to fill out and mail to me. We need to fulfill our pledge by May 15th. Please make out your check to PCC Foundation with Tigard AAUW in the memo line. You will receive a receipt from PCC for your taxes.

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.

Program Planning Meeting

Save the date of June 13th at 7:00 PM for this important meeting at Dianne Kaepplinger's home, (15860 SW Oak Meadow Lane in Tigard). By having it in the evening, we hope to draw many of you who have daytime obligations.

Our programs come from the ideas of our members and have proven in the past to provide a variety of subjects. If you wish to submit an idea, but cannot attend, send your idea with someone you know who is going, or to the new Program Chair. Hopefully we will have a volunteer to fill this office beforehand.

Final Board Meeting, June 6, 1:00 pm

This meeting, with both new and incoming Board members, will be held at Marlene's home (15870 SW Oak Meadow Lane in Tigard) at 1:00 p.m. If you are not continuing in your current office, it would be a good time to pass materials onto your replacement. If possible, we would like Newsletter and Publicity members to be present. It is our aim is to make this a smooth transition. As always, Board Meetings are open to all members.

First VP Program Position

This position is open, and it is not a demanding one, so please consider taking it on. Here is a brief description of what is involved. Call for a meeting open to all members. Ask participants for ideas on programs and speakers. Decide on dates to be filled and ask for someone to contact the speaker for each. The Speaker Contact does her job; she contacts the speaker, writes up her biography for the Update, offers to take her out to dinner before the meeting, introduces her at the meeting, and follows-up with a thank you. So you see, this is really a shared position. After the initial meeting, the information is designed and formatted as a "book-mark" which is then printed. After that, all that is needed is a reminder from you to the member in charge of the program. Call Mona or Marlene if you are interested or offer your availability at the May 9th meeting.

Public Policy

2017-19 AAUW Public Policy Program

In the 2017 spring issue of the AAUW OUTLOOK, you will find the proposed 2017-19 Public Policy Program which is updated every two years. Here are a few new and some familiar examples proposed:

1. AAUW is committed to working with diverse allies and coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.
2. Responsible funding for all levels of education.
3. Reduction of poverty; a living wage and affordable housing.
4. Affordable and accessible health care, including reproductive health care.
5. A healthy and sustainable environment and attention to climate change.
6. AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis. This amendment responds to strong member support of increased AAUW engagement re: gun violence.

There are additional proposals and details listed in the 2017 spring issue of "AAUW Outlook".

*Lynette Sahnaw,
Tigard Area Branch Public Policy Chair*



March and April Dates to Remember

May 4	NW Discoveries
May 9	Branch Meeting
May 19	Celebration Lunch
May 23	Book Group
June 1	Northwest Discoveries
June 6	Final Board Meeting
June 13	Program Planning Meeting

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 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. Again this year, Lynne Patterson graciously will be hosting the May meeting. We will begin at **6:00** with a potluck dinner followed by the discussion. You are invited to bring a dish of your choice.

Tuesday May 23 at **6:00 p.m.**

Book: *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah

Hostess: Lynn Patterson*

Discussion Leader: TBA

*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.

The group is not meeting in May. We will hopefully re-start in September.

Contact: Lyrrel Lombard



Lunch Bunch

Jan Thenell has moved to Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego and writes that she is "feeling just a little sad that I am no longer planning any Lunch Bunches." She did a wonderful job. Is there anyone who would like to chair this fun group?



• Northwest Discoveries

Thurs., May 4: We are going to the Pittock Mansion. We will see a special exhibit, "A Golden Age of Poster Design: Magazine Posters from the 1890s." **Diane Knudsen will take charge of this tour, so please let her know if you are interested in going.**

Thurs. June 1: We are going to the Portland Art Museum to see *Rodin: The Human Experience*, which is an exhibition of 52 bronzes by the groundbreaking French sculptor, Auguste Rodin.

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

Contact: Janet Bruno

