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September and October Programs

Program – Tuesday, September 13 – 7:00 p.m. Keller Williams Office Building 17700 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road #130 Portland, OR

Oregon's Evolving Energy Resource Mix and the Available Choices

The electricity industry is the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. Oregon is one of five states with the lowest CO2 emission per megawatt-hour of power produced – a fact to be proud of. Do we, as consumers, have choices as to the energy mix for our own homes? Is Portland General Electric our only choice when purchasing electrical power in the area? Who is our electrical utility watch dog group to help us when there is a concern?

Quisha Light, Project Controls Specialist for Portland General Electric Co. will be our speaker. Ms. Light works in the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Department. The IRP group focuses on long-term resource strategy and planning for PGE and its customers.

Ms. Light is an alumna of the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) and the University of Memphis School of Law. After practicing law for eight years in Tennessee, she relocated to Oregon. Ms. Light looks forward to discussing her current role at PGE, where she is managing the preparation of the 2016 Integrated Resource Plan.

We will all want to hear how we can help our environment and save utility dollars at the same time. Let's take a deeper look into our residential electrical energy picture. Program – Tuesday, October 11 – 7:00 p.m. Keller Williams Office Building 17700 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road #130 Portland, OR

The Death with Dignity Act and Dealing with Grief

We are so fortunate to welcome Barbara Roberts, who will be discussing her book on grieving and the current national status of the Death with Dignity Act.

Barbara Roberts is a native of Oregon. She served as the 34th Governor of Oregon from 1991 to 1995, and she was the first woman to serve as Oregon governor, and the only woman elected to that office. A Democrat, Roberts was also the first woman to serve as majority leader in the Oregon House of Representatives. She also won two terms as Oregon Secretary of State and served in local and county government in Portland. Governor Roberts was married to Oregon State Senator Frank L. Roberts from 1974 until his death in 1993. From February 2011 until January 2013 she served on the council of Metro, the regional government in the Portland metropolitan area.

She has also maintained an active public speaking career, addressing issues of death and grieving, leadership, women in politics, and environmental stewardship.

Submitted by Mona St. Clair

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Submitted by Linda Henning

CO-PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Hello again. Summer was relaxing and fun. Some members were still working on spreading the name of AAUW Tigard Area Branch or preparing for the coming year.

We planned the programs at Diane Knudsen's home and many, among them our new members, helped to plan an exciting new year of mostly mission-based programs. Take a look at the topics on the back page of this newsletter.

Judy was our spokeswoman for a Tualatin Chamber of Commerce luncheon where she was one of three speakers representing various organizations. As you know, Judy not only handles our Newsletter, but also steps in to handle publicity.

Since then, Linda Liebenstein has volunteered to handle Publicity for AAUW Tigard Area Branch and will also spread the AAUW name with the Tigard Chamber of Commerce. Give her your ideas regarding where we could post our brochures and bookmarks.



In this photo are our branch members, who attended the Summer Leadership Conference, held at Willamette University at the end of July.

Members attending were given the opportunity to set the State's priorities for the coming year. In the order of importance, these are: Public Policy, Member Leadership, and Campus Programs.

We are so pleased that many of you have volunteered to take on a new responsibility for the following year or two. Without your support, our jobs would be overwhelming. Thanks to all of you.

Marlene Milliman & Mona St. Clair, Co-Presidents

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 Henning, 858-481-6868.

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.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jan Wargo graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development. She earned her MA degree from Gonzaga in Leadership & Organizational Development. Jan was an instructor and consultant at the community college level. She volunteers at her church, having served on national and regional boards. Her interests include books, golf, jewelry making.

Esther L McAlpin comes to us from the Beaverton branch. She graduated from Mt. Hood Community College. Her BS is from Portland State University and her MA in teaching is from George Fox University. She taught first grade and kindergarten. Her interests include working at Washington County Public Affairs Forum and swimming

We are so happy to welcome Jan & Esther. Please be sure to say hello, when you see them at our meetings and interest groups.

Dianne Kaepplinger, Membership Chair

AAUW FUNDS THE HEART OF AAUW

AAUW is a large source of funding for graduate women.

AAUW Grants and Fellowships:

- * American Fellowships and Grants
- * Career Development Grants
- * Community Action Grants
- * International Fellowships
- * International Projects Grants
- * Selected Professions Fellowships

To read more about these fellowships and grants, go to AAUW.org, and click on #2 under "Apply for AAUW's Fellowships and Grants."

A contribution form will be available at branch meetings and in the November/December Update newsletter.

Jacki Bauer, AAUW Funds Chair

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

First of all I want to thank each and every one of you who donated to our Local Scholarship this year. We were able to fund a full quarter of tuition and fees for a deserving woman returning to school to further her education and earning capacity.

Our scholarship recipient this year is Joan Garoutte, a Wildlife Biology and Management major. She hopes to become a Park Ranger. The story of her life and how she has conquered many trials will bring home the importance of what we do and how much it can impact a woman's education. In the coming months I will share more of Joan's story, and hopefully you will be able to meet her at a future meeting.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

PUBLIC POLICY

Longest Supreme Court Confirmation Delay in History

This summer, the U.S. Supreme Court decided several landmark cases that will impact the rights of women and girls across the country for years to come.

The term will be remembered for the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who passed away in February in the middle of the 2015-16 term. Because the U.S. Senate has so far refused to consider President Obama's nominee to fill Scalia's seat, the court was forced to make most of its major decisions with only eight justices.

Without the ninth justice, the court risks deadlocked four-four decisions. In the case of a tie, the decision of the lower court stands.

Lynette Sahnow, Public Policy Chair

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 books for September and October.

Tuesday, September 27:

The Round House, by Louise Erdrich
The recent Costco newsletter said this book is
available in their store but I have not yet seen it.

Hostess: Marlene Milliman

Discussion Leader: Linda Liebenstein

Tuesday, October 25:

The Light Between Oceans, by M.L. Stedman

Hostess: Marian Dunlap

Discussion Leader: Jan Thenell

Contact: Cathy Alzner



Bridge

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

Monday, September 19: Meet at Marlene

Milliman's. Phone:

Monday, October 17: Meet at Mary Kerns'

Phone:

Contact: Lyrrel Lombard



Lunch Bunch

Friday, October 28th at 12 noon

Restaurant to be announced. It's guaranteed to be fun and different.

Contact: Jan Thenell



Northwest Discoveries

Thursday, September 1: We are going to see Ladd's Addition. A person from Architectural Heritage will be our guide. The price is \$20 per person. There was a misunderstanding about the price. The tour will take an hour and 45 minutes, or we can cut it short if we want.

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

Thursday, October 6: Excursion yet to be determined. Janet is open to suggestions.

Contact: Janet Bruno

Branch Programs 2016 - 2017

- Sept. 13 The Future of Energy Sources in Oregon:
 The Past, Present & Future for Our
 Electrical Energy Needs
 Quisha Light, Specialist in the Integrated
 Resource Planning Team of PGE
- Oct. 11 The Death with Dignity Act and Dealing with Grief
 Barbara Roberts, Former Governor of Oregon
- Nov. 8 Engaging and Developing Future Leaders Debi Mollahan, CEO, Tigard Chamber of Commerce
- Dec. 10 Holiday Luncheon This is on a **Saturday.**
- Jan. 10 Dress for Success: An organization that promotes economic independence of disadvantaged women
 Shari Dunn, Executive Director
- Feb 14 \$mart \$tart: Salary Negotiation Program for College Women Linda O'Hara, AAUW Oregon Past President and \$tart \$mart facilitator
- March 14 Student Mediation in Our Schools Speaker to be determined.
- April 11 Branch Birthday and salad buffet. Local Scholarship recipient visit.
- May 9 Art in Education Speaker to be determined.

Branch Officers and Board

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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