

**January and February Programs**

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Program – Tuesday, January 14 – 7:00 p.m.  
Crown Center  
16880 SW 126th, King City, OR 97224

Program – Tuesday, February 11 – 7:00 p.m.  
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**Education Changes  
What’s Happening Now?**

The Oregon education system isn’t your mother’s school experience any more. Charter Schools and Common Core are what’s new in education currently. Public knowledge about these is either bare bones or full of misinformation, even for those of us who are former educators.

We are very fortunate to have Kate Pattison, Program Analyst for the Oregon Dept of Education, who will address both of these subjects at our January meeting. Kate is the state’s charter school specialist, providing technical assistance to school districts, operating charter schools, and interested developers. She recently provided guidance and resources to leadership in developing the department’s ambitious strategic goals, including implementing Oregon’s Common Core State Standards.

Kate has an undergraduate degree in communication design and a graduate degree in elementary education. Her experience includes managing private businesses and consulting with education providers across the country.

*Submitted by Marian Dunlap*

**Global Climate Effects on Your World**

Our environment is of great concern to all of us, or it should be! We will welcome Jake Pollack to our February meeting to speak to these concerns. Jake has worked in sustainability leadership settings internationally for the last six years. He has mentored and trained students and professionals in many aspects of sustainability. His PhD research examined interdisciplinary and collaborative models of sustainability and a new triple bottom line of resilience, integrity and commitment. He currently is interested in the scale of cities and in cultivating a cross-sector platform for professionals who wish to address our most significant sustainability challenges including climate change risk and mitigation. Jake currently presents at local and national conferences on sustainability and is Program Manager of the Sustainability Leadership Program at the University of Oregon, Academic Extension.

Jake will be sharing some of his many experiences working with peoples in various other locations around the world, helping them to deal with problems relating to their environment. He will also address our own climate changes and collaborations both locally and with the other Western states, in dealing with sustainability challenges.

*Submitted by Marlene Milliman*

## **Directions:**

Easy access off HWY 99 at the *SpaceAge* Gas Station - Quik Mart:

Turn North onto SW Fischer Rd.

Go 3 tenths mile and turn right onto SW 126th Ave. Crown Room is in the Crown Center on your right.

*Before each monthly Branch meeting members are invited to meet at Elmer's Restaurant, 14055 SW Pacific Hwy., Tigard, (503) 620-6440, at 5:30 p.m. No reservation is needed. Just come!*

## **MUSINGS BY MARIAN**

As we finish the holiday season, I hope you all were able to stay warm and enjoy family and friends here or there, with the inclement weather we have experienced this early December. We can now look forward to more interesting programs to spice up our dark winter days.

Our November speaker on Genealogy gave helpful handouts to encourage us to start finding long lost family. She was delightful, and thank you again, Diane Freedman, for providing that program.

The luncheon at Hayden's was a don't-miss event. The food and decorations there were quite special and the table configuration made it possible to enjoy all eight people at each table. We had a total of 21 people for this holiday lunch. If you missed it this year, I hope you can attend next year. It really got us into the holiday spirit.

Kudos to Lynette Sahnaw and Marlene Milliman for the superb job of collecting money and shopping for our Good Neighbor Center family this year. Talk about dedication; they even had to wrap the gifts! They outdid themselves with bargain shopping, even on black Friday. And thanks to all who generously donated to make this a special Christmas for the recipient family. Our branch truly provided for them in the spirit of the season.

We were saddened to hear about the death this fall of long-time branch member, Fran Savage, who was an active bridge group member. Fran was a retired teacher and a very sweet lady who hadn't been active the last few years because of declining health. We will miss her.

*Marian Dunlap, President*

## **AUW FUNDS – WHAT WE DO**

Thank you Tigard Area Branch members for your contributions received, totaling \$1,715, to AAUW Programs in 2013.

You should have received the *2013 AAUW Annual Report* which lists contributions of the top states and branches for the period from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Oregon was listed among the top ten States and States Per Capita, giving to these funds:

- Action Fund
- Educational Opportunities Fund
- Legal Advocacy Fund

Completed and newly created Endowments are also listed.

*Linda Richter, AAUW Funds Chair*

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Congress Approves Major Change to Handling of Military Sexual Assault

On December 19, the Senate passed a version of the annual defense and funding bill that includes major changes for the military's handling of sexual assault and rape. The bill, which the president is expected to sign, would end the statute of limitations for sexual assault cases, forbid commanders from overturning jury convictions, prohibit retaliation against people who report sexual assault; and give more control over prosecutions to civilian defense officials instead of military commanders.

Just hours after the Senate passed the bill, the President announced that he is giving the military one year to improve its handling of sexual assault cases or face even tougher reforms.

NB: The Defense Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office will have a new director in January. Major General Jeffrey Snow will take over when Major General Gary Patton **resigns.**

*Lynette Sahnaw, Public Policy Chair*

## Branch Donations For Holiday Giving Project Exceed Expectations!

Our Branch voted to adopt a Good Neighbor Center family again this year for our Holiday Giving Project. Our family included a 47 year-old Dad and his three children: twins Anessa and Caiden, age 3 and Keona age 4.

Our members donated \$80 in gift cards and almost \$500 in cash and toy donations. We purchased all of the gifts on the “Family Wish List”, which in addition to toys and an annual Family Zoo Pass, included such basics as bed linens and drinking glasses. We had enough money remaining to buy five Tri-Met bus ticket books for the Good Neighbor Center residents.

Thank you to each member who contributed. A special thanks to Pat Schlueter who in addition to a cash donation, also contributed wrapping paper, gift boxes and ribbon for our gifts.

*Lynette and Marlene*



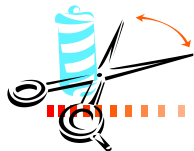
## Directory Updates

**Please update your copy of the Tigard Branch Directory. You can cut this out. Please let Judy know about any changes in your information.**

### Additions and Changes to the Directory

New Address  
Ilga Ross  
8275 SW Seneca St.  
Tualatin, OR 97062  
Phone is the same.

Correction  
Cathy Alzner’s email address should be:  
[c.croghan.alzner@att.net](mailto:c.croghan.alzner@att.net)



## Board Meetings

Board meetings – open to all members – are held on the first Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted) and meet at:

Summerfield Retirement Estates  
11205 SW Summerfield Dr.  
Tigard, OR 97224

Time: 6:50 p.m. (Please be on time as doors will be locked at this facility promptly at 7:00 p.m. to ensure resident safety.)

## 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 April 25-27 State Convention

It will be a joint convention with Washington. We will be “Bridging the Columbia!”



## Interest Groups



- 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.

**Monday, January 20:** Meet at Judy Silverforb's.  
Phone: (503) 625-0290

**Monday, February 17:** Meet at Rose Smith's,  
Phone: (503) 524-9369

Contact: Pat Schlueter at (503) 620-8684  
[Pat4jpl@aol.com](mailto:Pat4jpl@aol.com)



- Book Group

The book group welcomes all members. We have moved the date to the fourth Tuesday of each month to accommodate some of our members' schedules. Anyone can suggest a title and/or lead a discussion. Please contact me if you have questions.

Tuesday, January 28

Book: *Wife 22* by Melanie Gideon

Hostess: Pat Schlueter

Discussion leader: Judy Silverforb

Tuesday, February 25

Book: *Grace and Grit* by Lily Ledbetter

Hostess: Judy Silverforb

Discussion leader: Marlene Milliman

Contact: Diane Knudsen at (503) 925-1003  
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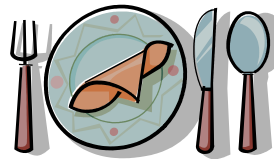


- Northwest Discoveries

There will not be an activity in January.

Thursday, February 6 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We are going to the Architectural Heritage Center, where the current exhibit is "Old-Growth Architecture: The Art, Craft, and Function of Wood." We will have a docent led tour and then find an interesting place to have lunch.

Contact: Janet Bruno (503) 590-7848  
[janhorse1@frontier.com](mailto:janhorse1@frontier.com)



- Dining In

Those of us who attended our gatherings last year had a really good time and would like the group to continue. However, that cannot happen without a hostess. Hostessing is a snap – really! – because your guests bring the food and drink. Space should not be a limitation because these gatherings are small. The date and time of day are entirely up to the hostess, and the theme of the event can be anything you choose: Mexican appetizers, wine tasting, favorite desserts are just a few suggestions.

I will look forward to hearing from any of you, who are interested in hosting an event.

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