AAUW TIGARD UPDATE

AAUW • Tigard Area Branch • Volume 32, Number 5, May/June 2013

May Program

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



Women's Health: Past, Present and Future Research from OHSU

Our guest speaker, Dr. W. Thomas Gregory will give a presentation on the history of the OHSU's Women's Health Research Unit, plus updates on current research in the reproductive, contraception and urogynecology realms.

Dr. Gregory is an Associate Professor of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at the OHSU Women's Health Research Unit Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He received his B.S. in Biology from Stanford University and studied medicine in Berlin, Germany and at Harvard University. He earned his M.D. degree from Kack University School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California.

Because our speaker's professional and academic experiences have been primarily at OHSU since 1999, he can definitely enlighten us on these fascinating topics about women's health – \underline{our} health.

Directions:

Easy access off HWY 99 at the SpaceAge Gas Station - Quik Mart: <u>Turn North</u> onto SW Fischer Rd. Go 3 tenths mile and <u>turn right</u> 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.

Membership Matters

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Feeling lucky? Do you want a free AAUW Membership for next year?

<u>Have your check of \$75.00 entered in the drawing</u> on May 14th. Send your check made out to Tigard Area Branch AAUW along with the "Dues Form" to Cathy Callahan, prior to May 14th.

You may also enter the drawing by bringing your check to the May 14th Branch meeting. "The Form" appears on the back page of the Update and we will also have forms at the Branch meeting. <u>If you win, your check will be returned to you.</u>

Any questions? Call Marlene or Cathy.

Marlene Milliman, Membership Chair

Submitted by: Lynette Sahnow



NOTES FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

As we complete another year, we want to highlight the many wonderful programs and activities that gave us new ideas, friendships, and fun this year.

Our programs covered law, ballot measures, music, education, and women's health, along with both a holiday luncheon and our first salad pot-luck. There were hikes, NW Discoveries, books read, bridge games, and dining in events. There was definitely something for everyone!

We want to thank Marlene Milliman and her committee for the very successful New Member Brunch that she hosted on March 9th.

Next year we look forward to the leadership of President, Marion Dunlap and Secretary, Judy Silverforb, along with Membership VP, Marlene Milliman and Finance Chair, Cathy Callahan.

Plans continue for a fall fund raiser to support our Local Scholarship. It will be a wine tasting happy hour on September 21, from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Summerfield Lakeside Room. Be sure to put the date on your fall calendars. More information will be forthcoming in your Fall UPDATE.

We hope you have a wonderful summer, and remember that we still have lots of activities, including a chili feed and several hikes. We look forward to seeing you all at our Branch program planning meeting, yet to be scheduled.

We want to thank you for the past two years of support for us as your Co-Presidents. It has been an honor to serve.

Linda Talluto and Lynette Sahnow, Co-Presidents

AAUW FUNDS – THE HEART OF

AAUW

Our Named Gift Honoree for the Tigard Area Branch is our Membership VP, Marlene Milliman. Marlene has done a great job recruiting new members, welcoming them into the branch and explaining the benefits and purpose of AAUW. Marlene was honored at the April 9th branch meeting and will be recognized in the program at the AAUW of Oregon State Convention in Garibaldi, which is April 19 to April 21. She inspires all of us.

Other members who received votes are Lynn Patterson and Judy Silverforb. Thank you to Lynn for her annual work getting out our branch directory. Lynn is a generous donor to AAUW Funds and our local scholarship. We thank her for that as well.

Judy Silverforb puts out our bi-monthly UPDATE newsletter and also does the publicity for our programs. She participates on the membership committee and contributes to other committees and branch projects. Thank you, Judy.

Thank you to our Co-Presidents Lynette Sahnow and Linda Talluto for their work and for filling this leadership role.

Linda Richter, AAUW Funds Chair

NOT TO BE MISSED: Special Viewing of The *Invisible War* A Documentary

The Invisible War is a Sundance Film Festival's Audience Award winning documentary that addresses the way sexual assault is handled by the military.

You will meet U.S. Marine Officer Elle Helmer who is a plaintiff in one of the two military sexual assault class-action lawsuits that AAUW is supporting through our Legal Advocacy Fund. Her story and the stories of several other plaintiffs are featured throughout the 90-minute documentary that has received outstanding reviews and was nominated for an Oscar for Best Documentary of 2012. You are invited to see *The Invisible War* at the home of Marian Dunlap on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC POLICY

March 5, 2013 AAUW PRESS RELEASE

AAUW, Clinton Global Initiative Form Strategic Partnership

AAUW is now a Strategic Partner of the Clinton Global Initiative and the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U). This move brings together two leading organizations dedicated to making a tangible impact on the world.

What is the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U)? It brings together college students to address global challenges with practical, innovative solutions. CGI U participants take concrete steps to solve them by creating action plans, building relationships, participating in hands-on workshops, and following up with CGI U as they complete their projects.

Each college student must make a Commitment to Action: a specific plan of action that addresses a pressing challenge on campus, in the community, or in a different part of the world. To date, CGI U meetings have convened more than 4,500 students from nearly 750 schools, more than 130 countries and all 50 states.

Response from AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, is very positive, "We are thrilled about this new partnership with CGI U which expands AAUW campus leadership and provides opportunities for global outreach and collaboration. We have been helping women blaze new trails for more than a century. Through this partnership we will continue that wonderful tradition in a fresh and exciting way."

Lynette Sahnow, Public Policy Chair

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

As we come to the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for your generous contributions to our Local Scholarship fund. With your donations, we were able to fund a scholarship of \$1,575, which will cover just over one quarter of expenses for a deserving woman at PCC. Thank you!

At our Branch Meeting, you heard Trisha Clemans, our current recipient, say that our dollars were instrumental in her ability to continue her education. Her talk to our Branch was inspiring, as she told us about her educational goals. She will be transferring to Portland State in the fall, continuing her studies in Chemistry toward a career in Biomimicry.

Lynette and I will be reading applications in May to choose our next recipient. This is a task we thoroughly enjoy, reading the applications of the next generation of women leaders.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair Lynette Sahnow, Local Scholarship Committee

PLEASE MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

Gail Snyder, our newest member, was raised on a farm outside of Vancouver, WA. She married and after a couple of years in Walla Walla, WA, moved to Tigard.

When her children were in their teens, Gail returned to school to earn a BA in Business Management and Communication. She graduated magna cum laude from Concordia Univ. in 1992. For the last 25 years, Gail has worked for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce as an International Trade Specialist in Government Business Development. Gail's job included organizing trade shows, aiding small businesses in expanding, planning informative seminars, and taking temporary assignments for foreign commercial officers.

Of Gail's many interests, her family (three children and three grandchildren) always comes first, but her friends are close behind. Her garden is a feast for the eyes and tummy, as is her cooking. Gail loves vacations in the sun, golf, bridge, and spending time in her Seaside condo.

INTEREST GROUPS



• Northwest Discoveries

Thursday, May 2 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We are going to the Red Ridge Farms in the Dundee hills. It's advertised as a "destination for the senses." It has a vineyard and Olive orchard among other things. Afterwards we will have lunch at the Red Hills Market.

Thursday, June 6 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We are going to the Peony Gardens. They have 6 acres of flowers, and some are the size of dinner plates! They have a gift store and sell both potted flowers and cut flowers. Lunch to follow.

Contact: Janet Bruno



Book Group

Book Group now meets on fourth <u>Tuesdays</u> instead of Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

May 28 Book: *Half-Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls Hostess: Cathy Callahan Discussion leader: Norma Lockyear

Contact: Diane Knudsen

Bridge

Bridge Group now meets the <u>third Monday</u> of the month at 11:00 AM. Bring a sandwich.

Monday, May 20: Meet at Marlene Milliman's.

Contact: Pat Schlueter



Hiking Club

The hiking group has three hikes planned for this summer. For carpooling, meet at McDonald's at 9:30 a.m. and bring a snack. These hikes will be 2 to 3 miles and have moderate elevation gains.

June 20, Lynette Sahnow will lead a hike on Fanno Creek.

July 18, Marlene Milliman will lead a hike from Washington Park to the Zoo.

August 22, Norma Lockyear will lead a hike to see the locks on the Willamette River in West Lynn and north on a trail along the river.

Contact: Norma



Dining In

Our final gathering of the season will be Sunday, June 23, at 3 p.m. at Janet Bruno's house. Her husband, Dick, will be making his special chili for us, and Janet will make combread. They will also provide beer, wine, and flavored water. She is requesting that we bring salad or dessert. Please respond to Janet if you are coming so she can coordinate seating and dishes. We will be eating outside, so remember to dress for the weather. Janet is inviting members to bring a guest.

Then there's next season. Any volunteers for hostesses?

Contact: Diane Knudsen

Beach Bag for AAUW Funds Silent Auction at Convention

Thanks to all who donated items or money for the beach bag that was auctioned off at State Convention in Garibaldi.

Lynette Sahnow chose a darling blue and white canvas bag and it was stuffed to overflowing with a beach towel, a beach mat, a bottle of wine and opener, two wine glasses, sunscreen and after sun lotion, a pair of sunglasses, a novel "Wife 22", water goggles, and inflatable lighted beach ball, beach cocktail napkins, two pkgs. of crackers, a pkg of garlic herb cheese wedges, a can of smoked salmon pate & can opener, a pkg.of snapea crisps, a pkg of shortbread cookies, two small plates, and knife for spreading.

We did a great job. We collected \$85 in addition to some of the items that went into the bag. We will report on how much we make for AAUW Funds after convention.

Submitted by: Marian Dunlap



Add A Ray Of Sunshine

In a time of illness, grief, or other distress, it is comforting to know that members of our group are thinking about us. If you know of one of our members who is going through a difficult time, please call Diane Knudsen to let her know. As our Sunshine Lady, she will send a card from our group.

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 111205 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.)



Our New Branch Website!

http://tigardarea-or.aauw.net/

Please check it out