

November and December Programs

Program – Tuesday, November 12 – 7:00 p.m.
Crown Center
16880 SW 126th, King City, OR 97224

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Genealogy: Who Are You?

Are you curious about your ancestors? Most of us know about our grandparents, but what about the great-, great-great, great-great--great ones? Who were they? Where did they live? What did they do? Our November meeting is your chance to learn how to find out about your heritage.

Jena Page, a genealogist, will reveal how to use our latest computer technologies to determine our own family tree. Largely self-taught, Jena has been interested in genealogy for more than 30 years. She learned by researching her own ancestors, attending local and national genealogy conferences and seminars, and by helping others discover their roots. A 20-year member of the National Genealogy Society, Jena served as a director for two years. For the past five years she has been a consultant at the Family History Center in Tualatin. She will teach us how to get started, how to do the research, where to go for specific information, and how to use specific sites. Be prepared to take notes!

In September we had an opportunity to value our antiques; now in November we have the chance to evaluate our long-ago families. Maybe one of us is related to someone famous. Come to find out.

Submitted by Diane Freedman

A Saturday Holiday Celebration

Our branch holiday celebration will be on Saturday, December 7, at Hayden's Lakefront Grill, starting at 11:00 a.m. We have booked a lovely lakefront room where we will enjoy the season with members and friends. Hayden's is located at 8187 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd., in Tualatin. We will choose from among six menu items; beverages will be available. You are encouraged to bring friends who may be potential members to celebrate with us. Donations for our adopted family from the Good Neighbor Center can be brought to the luncheon, also. This is one of the two times during our year when just getting to know each other is the program!

Please RSVP to Marian Dunlap or to Jacki Bauer at at least three days before Saturday, December 7. We will give you the menu choices when you make your reservation. Again, please feel free to include friends for this fun time

Submitted by Marian Dunlap

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

We have started the year off with two programs that were both interesting and educational. Many of us brought items to the September meeting to learn their history and have their value appraised. What a treat by a knowledgeable woman who has spent many years training in this field. She generously donated her fees to our local scholarship to boot.

Between programs, we hosted a Happy Hour, called Sip 'n' Dip, which was successful beyond our imaginings! Thank you to all who donated wine, brought appetizers, and worked during the two hours and stayed to clean up. We were all pleasantly stunned at how well attended this event was, and that we raised over \$1,200.

Our October program featured Angels in the Outfield, a program suggested by newer member Anna Woodard. This program, staffed by volunteers, does so much for frequently neglected and abused children of families in crisis who don't fit the matrix for help in other programs. The two speakers were a delight. Thank you, Anna, for putting this together.

Our holiday luncheon will be held at Hayden's Lakeside Restaurant on December 7, in a lovely room overlooking the lake. I hope we can all be a part of this celebration for our branch.

Our branch will again adopt a family at the Good Neighbor Center for holiday giving. We will get information about our family closer to Christmas. Lynette Sahnaw has offered to chair this program. I know you will all want to support this project that means so much to people who have so little.

Marian Dunlap, President

AAUW FUNDS – WHAT WE DO

The donation form for AAUW Funds is included in this UPDATE. Gifts payable to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible as charitable contributions. For a donation of \$25 or more, you may name your gift to honor someone living as a Tribute or someone deceased as a Memorial. A card will be sent announcing your gift.

Funds donated prior to the end of December will be counted for 2013 for our Tigard Area Branch and for individual members' total donations. Members are welcome to contribute anytime during the year, but this November and December is the only time we will be asking for contributions for AAUW Funds.

Members may opt to contribute to two or more different funds. The Funds are:

- #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund – LAF
- #4339 Leadership Programs Fund
- #9110 AAUW Funds – Unrestricted
- #4337 Public Policy Fund
- #4336 Educational Opportunities Fund – EF
- #9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund-Research Programs
- #2011 AAUW Action Fund (not tax deductible)
- #4363 Betsy McDowell Fund

The Leadership Programs Fund provides funds for the National Conference for Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, Campaign College and Start Smart. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides organizational and financial support for people fighting sex discrimination in the workplace and on campus. The Betsy McDowell Fund is for research and grants. Go to AAUW.org and click on "What We Do" to learn more about AAUW Funds and the purpose of each Fund.

Linda Richter, AAUW Funds Chair

PUBLIC POLICY

The Shutdown and Women's Health

As it turns out, the government has "shut down" 17 times and four of the times (3 times in 1997, once in 1979), a disagreement about women's healthcare was responsible. Surprised? Well... it was as recent

as Saturday, October 12, that the House of Representatives passed legislation that would deny women preventative health care if their employers had a religious or moral objective. There was no provision to cut off men's preventative care. So prostate exams are OK but potentially life-saving cancer screenings for women would need an employer's permission?

There are many things that went into the current shutdown, but it is clear that women's health played a role. The Affordable Care Act expands access to healthcare to millions of women who did not have it before. What we saw October 12th was one more attempt to make women's health a political bargaining chip.

Lynette Sahnnow, Public Policy Chair

PLEASE MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

MARY KERNS is a close friend of Marian Dunlap, so she has been aware of AAUW for a long time and believes she may have been a member long ago. Her many activities and responsibilities have finally eased to give her time to consider new horizons. Among those activities were Newberg Library Board, Oregon School Library Assn., National Assn. of Regional Media Centers, American Educational Communication and Technology, Church Council, and President of the Summerfield Clubhouse Civic Assn. Board. Besides all of this, Mary also enjoys gardening, golf, swimming, and computers.

Mary grew up in Fairmont, MN, and earned a BS in Education/P.E. at Minnesota State University in 1960, followed by a MS at St. Cloud State University in 1975. She moved first to La Grande, then to Dundee and finally to Summerfield in 2004.

Mary and her husband, Jerry, have a large family of four children and seven grandchildren ranging in age between eleven and twenty-nine.

Mary will have a flower on her nametag. Please introduce yourself and make Mary feel welcomed into our Branch.

Marlene Milliman, Membership Chair

Holiday Giving Project TIGARD GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER

Again this year, our branch is providing holiday gifts for a family at the Tigard Good Neighbor Center. Since the maximum stay for a family at the Center is limited to six weeks, we will not be given the family information: number of children, ages, sizes etc. until mid-November.

We are asking members to donate either money or gifts cards (Sears, Fred Meyer, Target, Tri-Met tickets, etc.) to bring to our November 12th meeting and give to Marlene Milliman or Lynette Sahnnow. We will use the money to shop for the requested gifts. You can also mail your donation to me before December 10th please, to give us plenty of time to shop, and deliver the gifts.

We hope that not doing the shopping doesn't take all the fun out of making your donation. We promise full disclosure at our January meeting!

If you have any questions, please call me or email me. Thank-you.

Lynette Sahnnow

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

A big thank you to everyone who participated and gave your time and money to our wonderful fund raiser, Sip and Dip. Everyone had a great time, and we raised over \$1,200 toward our \$1,500 scholarship. Several of you who couldn't come sent checks, and we thank you. With the donations from Bridge Group, we should have enough to fund our scholarship for next year! Thank you, Marian, Lynette, Judy and all the women (and husbands) who brought food, worked, and donated wine. You are so appreciated!

We have our scholarship winner for this year. Her name is Wendy Hemken and she is 32, married, with two children. She is an A student, taking difficult classes to prepare herself for OSU next year (majoring in biochemistry/biophysics) and eventually medical school. She will be attending a future branch meeting and is excited to meet all of you. She is so very appreciative of our scholarship.

Her letter of appreciation is on the last page of the newsletter.

Thank you again for making our fund raiser so successful!

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

Interest Groups



- **Bridge**

Bridge Group will follow the same format this year. We will meet the the third Monday of the month at 11:00 AM. Bring a sandwich.

Monday, November 18: Meet at Marlene Milliman's.

Monday, December 16: Meet at Gail Snyder's.

Contact: Pat Schlueter



- **Book Group**

The book group welcomes all members. Please note that this is the third rather than the fourth Tuesday of the month due to Thanksgiving. There will be no meeting in December.

Tuesday, November 19

Book: Paris Wife by Paula McLean

Hostess: Norma Lockyear

Discussion leader: Janet Bruno

Contact: Diane Knudsen

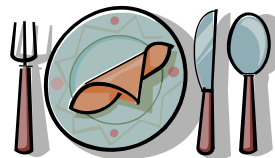


- **Northwest Discoveries**

Thursday, November 7 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We are going to the Multnomah Village. We will have fun exploring the neighborhood and having lunch at one of the many good restaurants.

Thursday, December 5 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We will go to the Lan Su Chinese Garden. It is a wonderful and tranquil place. We will have a public tour at 11:00. The cost is \$8.50 for seniors. We can have a light lunch there or eat out.

Contact: Janet Bruno



- **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.

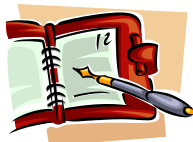
I will look forward to hearing from any of you, who are interested in hosting an event.

Contact: Diane Knudsen at

BRANCH DIRECTORIES

Lynn Patterson has once again completed and printed our directories. You should have received your new directory, either at our last branch meeting or by mail. If you did not receive one, please call Marlene Milliman at 503-620-2061. Please check for any changes or corrections that need to be made, and let Judy know at Judyb_1230@hotmail.com so that it can be put into the next newsletter.

As a reminder – the six digit number at the end of each entry is your membership number to assist you anytime you need it, such as when you log onto the AAUW web site. Thank you, Lynn!



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

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 Branch Website!



<http://tigardarea-or.aauw.net/>
Please check it out!

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!”



Newsletter Submissions

Submissions to the UPDATE must be received either by email or US Postal Service by Dec. 22.

JudyB_1230@hotmail.com

American Association of University Women Tigard

Dear Donors,

Thank you very much for this award. While receiving a scholarship always helps take a weight off, it does so much more to raise my spirits. It is so easy to get bogged down in the day to day minutiae of school and family that the big goal seems distant and impossible. Your scholarship is a reminder of where I want to go, and an affirmation, that no matter how many papers I need to write or math problems I have to do, I can get there.



I'm a thirty-two year old married mother of two amazing little girls. I decided to return to school to get my bachelor's and then go on to medical school to become a doctor. Medicine has been a thread throughout my adult life, from a serious car accident when I was twenty, to sitting with my best friend as she died of cancer, to having two children who were born premature and weighing less than four pounds. As I interacted with doctors I got to sample how medicine would demand all of me and pretty soon every other job failed to hold a candle to the prospect of becoming a physician, so I came to Portland Community College to ground myself in the basics while I decided which college would be best suited to my goal. Next year, we're looking to move to Corvallis so that I can attend Oregon State University and get a Bachelors in Biochemistry/Biophysics. In just three short years I hope to be getting my acceptance letter from Harvard Medical School.

As a 32 year old mother there are times when I feel this pressure inside to give up on my dream to become a doctor and instead find a job. I want my children to have a house, summer camps, and all the trappings of a middle class life. Scholarships like this remind me that my family and I are striving and sacrificing now in order to give my girls something more than stuff, a belief that they can achieve their dreams because they have seen me do it. Thank you so much for feeding that belief.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hemken