AAUV TIGARI

AAUW • Tigard Area Branch • Volume 33, Number 1, September/October 2013

September and October Programs

Program – Tuesday, September 10 - 7:00 p.m. Crown Center 16880 SW 126th, King City, OR 97224

Appraisals of Your Collectibles Junk or Treasure?

Bring your collectibles/antiques to our September Branch meeting for an informal appraisal. Sandra Millius, of Millius Estate Services, will be doing the appraisals for \$5.00 an item. The money is to benefit our PCC Scholarship Program

Sandra began her professional career teaching English to high school students and community college students. She has been a lobbyist at the state legislature and an executive director of a non-profit. Since 1997, Sandra has been a personal property appraiser, having received her formal training through the International Society of Appraisers. She also taught non-credit classes about antiques at both Mt Hood and PCC.

With her husband, Jeffrey Motsinger, she has owned Millius Estate Services for 12 years. Jeff has a background in antiques, as well. Their primary business focus is selling antiques, art and residential contents. They do estate and moving sales, as well as consigning and selling to both private buyers and via auction. They do not own a shop or maintain a retail presence in any antique mall or shop. They "for-fun" appraisals for worthy organizations, such as Tigard Area Branch's Local Scholarship Fund

Submitted by Linda Talluto

Program – Tuesday, October 8 – 7:00 pm Crown Center 16880 SW 126th, King City, OR 97224

Learn To Be An "Angel In The Outfield" How a Few Caring Individuals Can Make a Big Difference in a Child's Life.

Shannon Kmetic was a Deputy DA for the county of Clackamas at the time she founded The Angels in the Outfield. After successfully prosecuting the worst sexual abuse case in her career, she realized that more had to be done for this young victim and others like her. While she had won the case, she was left with the realization that "Ashley" was now without any parents at all and was about to face a long road of coping with her victimization. It was at that point that Shannon, who had experienced a happy childhood, wanted to share something with those who had not been as fortunate. Memories of the hours spent on her softball team, coached by her loving father, prompted her to come up with the name for the organization, "Angels in the Outfield."

In 2009, along with many others who shared her compassion, Shannon launched The Angels in the Outfield. All monies raised by the organization are used to fulfill requests. Examples of requests for help range from outings and school supplies for the children of incarcerated parents, to counseling, tutoring, sporting fees and much more.

The stories go on and on, reflecting pain and turmoil. Yet, there is hope that every request that is granted will mark the beginning of a new path for each of these children. Nothing can remove the pain, but there is hope in knowing that others care about one's journey.

1

How fascinating and important it will be to hear Linda Serres, Executive Director of The Angels in the Outfield, share the many stories of this organization that is seeking to brighten the lives of children who have been impacted by crime or child abuse and neglect.

Submitted by Anna Woodard

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. Just come!

MUSINGS BY MARIAN

I am excited to be the Tigard Area Branch president with the great programs we have coming up this year. We have a variety of issues and interests and time for fun, food and getting to know our members better. Sometimes socializing, which is one reason to join our organization, is forgotten in our quest for educating ourselves on what's important in our world. Check this newsletter for the list of upcoming programs and interest group activities.

Trying to fill the shoes of our two previous copresidents will be quite an undertaking for me as they have had outstanding success in the job. I will need the help of all in the branch to make this a memorable year.

Lynette Sahnow represented our branch at the summer leadership conference in Salem during the summer and has some fresh ideas for us to look at during the year. Lynette also took on the job of chairing our PCC scholarship fundraiser – emphasis on "fun" – which is a wine and food event in September we are calling Sip n'Dip. We will need all members to make this event successful. Read more in Lynette's article inside.

Our business meeting will precede our program in September due to the time our speaker will need to arrive at our meeting location. I'm looking forward to an interesting, informative and fun year.

Marian Dunlap, President



SIP 'N' DIP HAPPY HOUR FUNDRAISER

The fundraiser committee has been meeting during the summer to plan and prepare for our "Sip 'n'Dip Happy Hour" on Saturday, September 21, 2013, which will be held in the Summerfield Club House *Lakeside Room* from 4:00-6:00 PM. There will be wine and appetizers for a \$10 ticket. Additionally, there will be a "Wine Pull" option. What's a "wine pull" you may ask? Donated bottles of wine will be identically wrapped and displayed on a table. You pay \$10 to pick (*pull*) a bagged bottle which will be worth \$10 or more, so **everybody wins!**

Profits will be used for our PCC Scholarship Fund. We hope that we can count on each of you to help in some way: sell tickets (\$10 each) to family and friends, set-up, serve wine and appetizers, and help with clean up. You can sign up at our September 10th Branch meeting or call Marian Dunlap, Lynette Sahnow, or Linda Talluto.

Submitted by Lynette Sahnow

PUBLIC POLICY

Women's Health Care

August 1 marked the one-year anniversary of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act's women's preventive health benefit. Because of this, nearly all health insurance now includes well-woman visits, contraception and other critical services for women, all without a co-pay. When women have access to preventive healthcare, they are healthier and more economically secure. AAUW believes that women should have control over their health care decisions, not politicians or insurance companies.

An estimated <u>360,000</u> Oregon women are receiving expanded co-pay-free preventive health care services under the Affordable Care Act.

Lynette Sahnow, Public Policy Chair

AAUW FUNDS - WHAT WE DO

AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2013-2014 academic year.

AAUW has six fellowships and grants:

- American Fellowships
- Career Development Grants
- Community Action Grants
- International Fellowships
- International Project Grants
- Selected Professions Fellowships

Go to AAUW.org and click on "What We Do." This will take you to the Educational Funding page where you can learn about the fellowships and grants.

A contribution form and a funds diagram will be available at the Tigard Area Branch meetings and in the November/December Update newsletter.

Linda Richter, AAUW Funds Chair

PLEASE MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

Anna Woodard joined our branch in May after finding our Branch on our website. Anna earned a BS in Social Science from PSU and a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Lewis and Clark. She has been working part time as a School Counselor in Gladstone.

Presently, Anna is seeking a full time position for the coming year. She is a member of the Oregon School Counselor Association and the American School Counselors' Association. Anna is also a volunteer for "Angels in the Outfield".

Anna and her husband live in Garden Home. We are delighted to welcome Anna into our Branch.

Please be sure to look for her at our meetings and say hello.

Marlene Milliman, Membership Chair

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.

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.)

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, September 16: Meet at Marian Dunlap's Phone:

Monday, October 21: Meet at Pat's Schlueter's Phone:

Contact: Pat Schlueter



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, so perhaps more of you would like to attend. Anyone can suggest a title and/or lead a discussion. Please contact me if you have questions.

Tuesday, September 24

Book: Molokai by Alan Brennert

Hostess: Marion Dunlap Leader: Sharon Comstock

Tuesday October 22

Book: Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Hostess: Cathy Callahan Leader: Lynn Patterson

Contact: Diane Knudsen



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.

Anyone out there? If we don't get any volunteers as a result of this announcement or at our September meeting, this interest group won't be able to continue. It's up to you.

Contact: Diane Knudsen



Northwest Discoveries

Thursday, September 5 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We will go to the Portland Zoo. Admission is \$10 for seniors; others are \$11.50. Since the guided tour is too expensive, we will just enjoy seeing the animals. Lunch to follow.

Thursday, October 3 – meet at 10:00 a.m. at McDonald's at 99W and Durham Rd. We will go to the Oregon Historical Society for a special exhibit on the last 6 presidents. It consists of original documents and memorabilia. Lunch to follow.

Contact: Janet Bruno

Branch Programs 2013 – 2014

Sept. 10 Appraisals of Your Collectibles – Junk or Treasure? Sandra Millius, Millius Estate Services

Learn To Be An "Angel In The Oct 8 Outfield." How a Few Caring Individuals Can Make a BIG Difference in a Child's Life. Linda Serres, Executive Director of The Angels in the Outfield

Nov. 12 Genealogy: Who are You? Speaker to be determined

Dec. 7 Holiday Luncheon This is on a **Saturday**, and the restaurant is to be determined.

Jan. 14 Education Changes: What's Happening Now? Speaker to be determined

Feb 11 Global Warming and Sustainability Jake Pollack, UO Sustainability Leadership Certificate Program Manager

The Brain, or How Do You Think? March 11 Speaker from OHSU Brain Institute

April 8 Salad Potluck at 6:00, and Branch Birthday

Birds! Birds! Birds! May 13 Speaker from the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Branch Officers and Board

President Marian Dunlap Program VP Open

Membership VP Marlene Milliman Treasurer Cathy Callahan Judy Silverforb Secretary AAUW Funds Chair Linda Richter

Local Scholarship Linda Talluto, & Lynette

Sahnow

Lynette Sahnow Public Policy

By-Laws **Open**

Historian Norma Lockyear Directory Lynn Patterson I.B.C. Rep. Cathy Callahan **Publicity** Judy Silverforb Hospitality Lynn Gerhard Newsletter Judy Silverforb Sunshine Chair Diane Knudsen

Interest Groups

Diane Knudsen Book Group Bridge Pat Schlueter **NW** Discoveries Janet Bruno Dining In Diane Knudsen Hiking Group Norma Lockyear