

September Program

Program – Tuesday, September 12 – 7:00 p.m.
Keller Williams Office Building
7504 SW Bridgeport Rd.
Portland, OR

AAUW Of Oregon: A Look to the Future

All levels—branch, state and national—must work together to achieve AAUW’s goals. The September meeting will introduce us to this coordinated effort through a panel of state and national officers. We are so fortunate to have national leaders Trish Garner and Claudia Gray on the panel. AAUW-OR President Kathi Dew will draw upon her experiences as state president and at the national convention to share how AAUW is working on our organizational priorities. Also joining the panel is new state membership vice president Ane McIntyre—her stories are a delight!

Trish Garner is the Public Policy chair for AAUW-OR and serves on the national public policy committee. She will tell how AAUW was instrumental in passing the Oregon Fair Pay Act in the last legislative session. Nationally, AAUW has adopted new public policy priorities for 2017-19 that Trish can share and elaborate on. Claudia Gray is on the national Legacy Circle Team, and will talk about AAUW’s philanthropic and fellowship programs.

Kathi Dew is starting her second year as state president. Kathi will explain the priorities for AAUW-OR and the progress made., as well as share her experiences at National Convention. Ane McIntyre, past NW District Director and now state Membership VP, will help us with membership recruitment and retention, the main goal for our branch this year.

Submitted by Ilga Ross

October Program

Program – Tuesday, October 10 – 7:00 p.m.
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The Impact of Changing Demographics in Oregon: Recent Research



We are fortunate to have John Horvick of DHM Research speak to our October meeting. DHM Research is an independent, non-partisan firm whose interests are ballot measures, taxes, voting and the focus on public education.

John is Vice President and Political Director at DHM Research where he manages complex projects for the firm and is an experienced focus group moderator and political commentator. Among his interests are electoral politics, health care, education, land-use planning, natural resource use, energy and utilities, transportation and taxation. He provides DHM's political commentary and his insights can often be heard on OPB radio or read in the pages of the Oregonian, Willamette Week and other regional print media. John is a graduate of University of Minnesota in 2000.

Please invite friends and relatives to hear this dynamic program that will be of interest to all public members.

Submitted by Marian Dunlap

Directions to Our Meeting Location

The address of the new Keller Williams office and our meeting place is 7504 SW Bridgeport Road.

FROM TIGARD

- From Pacific Hwy., turn onto Durham Rd., heading east.
- Turn right onto SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn left onto SW Bridgeport Rd. and enter the first parking lot on the right.

FROM SHERWOOD/MCMINNVILLE

- From Tualatin-Sherwood Rd., turn left on Martinazzi
- Turn right on SW Boones Ferry Rd.
- Continue to SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn right onto SW Bridgeport Rd. and enter the first parking lot on the right.

FROM WILSONVILLE

- From I-5, take Exit 290, for Lower Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn left onto SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd., heading west.
- Continue to SW Bridgeport Rd.
- Enter last parking lot on your left, just before the last light on SW Bridgeport Rd.

Mona St. Clair will have the AAUW directional sign at the entrance to the parking lot, to help you know where to turn. If you have trouble finding where we are, please call her cell phone (503-819-9596) for help.

Pre-Meeting Dinner

Before each monthly Branch meeting, members are invited to meet at a restaurant near our meeting space. For our September and October meetings, the restaurant selected is Claim Jumper, 18000 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd, (503) 670-1975.

President's News

Dear Members,

Every year, as cooler weather sets in, we experience renewed energy for activities with AAUW friends. Our branch is experiencing a kind of renaissance with greater enthusiasm and dedication to achieving advancement for women and girls through research, education, advocacy and philanthropy. We all know that in the current political climate, making progress toward our mission requires more effort than in the recent past. But progress is being made. Earlier this year, AAUW lobbying at the Oregon Legislature was instrumental in passing the Oregon Fair Pay Act. We are so proud of this achievement!

Your leaders were not idle over the summer. Branch programs were selected and planned in June to educate us, to invigorate us and to make a difference throughout the year. The board held its first meeting on August 15. We adopted the 2017-2018 budget and strategized for greater branch visibility, working to increase membership. As in prior years, we will have bookmarks and the branch directory to distribute. In addition, our website is being enhanced, postcards have been sent to the AAUW national members in the area and flyers about our programs are on bulletin boards in public areas. And we have a booth at Tigard Farmers' Market on September 3rd. Stop by and visit!

We love the food, friendship and fun of branch meetings and interest groups, but we belong to this organization because we believe in the mission. The September 12th branch meeting will introduce us to how all levels of AAUW--branch, state and national—can work together to achieve our goals. Our panelists are informed and dynamic women. Don't miss this exciting program to learn more about AAUW and what we can do together. Please invite one or more friends to this meeting and ask them to join our branch.

Ilga Ross, President

Please Meet Our New Member

Our newest member, Randa Blanding, has been a member of AAUW La Mesa-El Cajon since 1999. She was very active in her branch starting their website, writing their newsletter, holding the office of President, and hosting about 28 yard sales at her house making about \$100,000. She now holds dual membership with Tigard Area Branch, and has attended both our Summer Planning Meeting and the August Board Meeting. She will manage our website for us and has made the arrangements with Bonaventure, where she lives, for our Jan. and Feb. meetings.

Randa attended California Western University in San Diego majoring in Religious Education with a minor in Sociology. She worked for the Welfare Department for 25 years, ending as a Program Assistant and writing the manual the workers, on the income side, used to determine eligibility. She was not a social worker.

Randa loves traveling and has done her fair share. She is also a pro at the computer. She hopes to join us for NW Discoveries and Lunch Bunch. She moved to Tigard to be near her son and family, and her six year old granddaughter has become a big part of her life. Ask to see her business card for a glimpse at Grandmother and Granddaughter . . . adorable.

Dianne Kaepplinger, Membership Chair

AAUW Summer Retreat

The AAUW-OR Summer Retreat was again held at Willamette University in Salem. It offers a great opportunity for officers to learn about their jobs and to hear from outstanding professionals on issues that we care about. I found many interesting ideas in this year's workshop, led by Franki Trujillo-Dalbey, PhD, on "thinking intersectionality in our work, our activism, and in our daily interactions." The retreat is open to all members and I hope we have more of us going next year.

At the North-Central District meeting, we focused on planning the state convention that will be in Hillsboro next April 20-22. Tigard Area branch has been asked to staff the registration table and to lead a museum enrichment tour. The Washington

County Historical Museum and the Rock Museum are both interesting possibilities. "Now more than ever..." is the convention theme, and a theme that our branch can adopt as well, as we look to the future.

Ilga Ross, President

Public Policy

Ratify The Era Amendment!

Most Americans believe mistakenly that women and men have equal rights under the Constitution. That is **wrong!**

The 14th Amendment of the Constitution states that men are guaranteed equality but is silent regarding women. When ratified, the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) would add an amendment to the US Constitution and clarify once and for all that sex discrimination in for example, employment and Social Security, is a violation of the US Constitution. In absence of the ERA ratification, women would not have equal rights under the law.

Contact our Senators: Wyden and Merkley and Representative Bonamici to vote YES to ratify the ERA Amendment for women.

*Lynette Sahnaw,
Tigard Area Branch Public Policy Chair*



September and October Dates to Remember

Sept. 7	NW Discoveries
Sept. 12	September Program
Sept. 15	Lunch Bunch
Sept 26	Book Group
Oct. 5	Northwest Discoveries
Oct. 10	October Program
Oct. 24	Book Group

INTEREST GROUPS



- **Book Group**

AAUW Readers,

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their homes, hospitality and insights for our upcoming discussions. I am looking forward to seeing all our regulars and invite any other interested members or guests to join in. Just give the event hostess a call so she can plan accordingly.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month and will be discussing the following books for September and October.

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Book: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

Hostess: Judy Silverforb

Discussion Leader: Linda Liebenstein

Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Book: *The Big Burn* by Timothy Eagan

Hostess: Marlene Milliman

Discussion Leader: Janet Bruno

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



Lunch Bunch

Friday, September 15th

Seasons and Reasons Seafood place at 6600 SW Capitol Hwy. is our destination for Lunch Bunch.

Carpoolers meet at McDonald's (corner of Highway 99W and Durham) at 11:00 am. Be sure to call or email Esther by Wednesday, September 13 so space can be reserved for us.

Contact: Esther McAlpin



- **Northwest Discoveries**

Thurs., September 7: We are going to the Japanese Garden. It has been newly renovated and is supposed to be spectacular. Lunch to follow.

Thurs. October 5: We will have a long awaited trip to the Nike campus. We will get to tour as the celebrities do. My friend has a son who has this job. Lunch to follow.

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

Contact: Janet Bruno

Branch Programs 2016 – 2017

- Sept. 12 AAUW of Oregon: A Look to the Future
(Panel of State Leaders)
- Oct. 10 The Impact of Changing Demographics
in Oregon: Recent Research
- Nov. 14 Changing Role of Community Colleges
- Dec. 9 Holiday Luncheon: Meet an AAUW
Fellowship Recipient
This is on a **Saturday**.
- Jan. 13 Movie & Discussion: Wonder Women!
The Untold Story of American Heroines
Saturday meeting at Bonaventure, in
Tigard
- Feb 10 Fun & Games Afternoon at
Saturday meeting at Bonaventure, in
Tigard
- March 13 Metro Recycling in Washington County
- April 10 Branch Birthday Celebration and Salad
Potluck. Updates from local scholarship
recipients..
- May 8 Scenes from *Living Out*
A play about race and class.

Branch Officers and Board

President	Ilga Ross
Program VP	Diane Knudsen
Membership VP	Dianne Kaepplinger
Finance VP	Lynn Patterson
Recording Secretary	Linda Talluto
Immediate Past Pres.	Mona St. Clair & Marlene Milliman
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Local Scholarship	Linda Talluto, & Lynette Sahnaw
Public Policy	Lynette Sahnaw
Communication	Judy Silverforb
Bylaws	Marlene Milliman
Parliamentarian	Donna Talus
Historian	Pat Schlueter
Directory	Lynn Patterson
I.B.C. Rep.	Marlene Milliman
Outreach & Publicity	Linda Liebenstein
Website	Randa Blanding
Facebook	Mona St. Clair
Hospitality	Linda Talluto
Sunshine Chair	Diane Knudsen
Interest Groups	
Book Group	Linda Liebenstein
NW Discoveries	Janet Bruno
Lunch Bunch	Esther McAlpin

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

