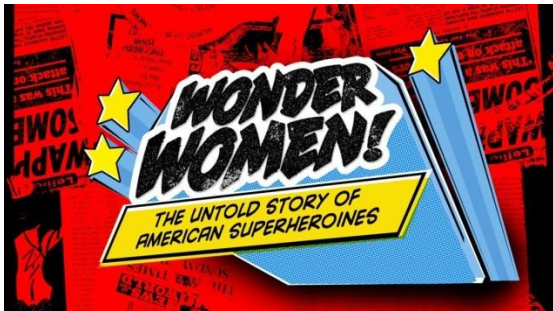


January Program

Program – **Saturday**, January 13 – 1:00 p.m.
Bonaventure of Tigard, 15000 SW Hall Avenue



Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines

WONDER WOMEN! THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICAN SUPERHEROINES is a 55-minute documentary that traces the fascinating evolution and legacy of Wonder Woman, as well as other female superheroes and icons of women's empowerment. From the birth of the comic book superheroine in the 1940s to the blockbusters of today, WONDER WOMEN! looks at how popular representations of powerful women often reflect society's anxieties about strong women.

WONDER WOMEN! goes behind the scenes with Lynda Carter, Lindsay Wagner, comic writers and artists, and real-life superheroines such as Gloria Steinem, Kathleen Hanna and others, who offer an enlightening and entertaining counterpoint to the male-dominated superhero genre.

The inspiration for the film came from a New York Times article that introduced Gail Simone (an Oregonian) as Wonder Woman's first female writer EVER. Here was this incredible feminist symbol who had always been stuck, like a lot of strong female characters, between being created by men and being primarily consumed by boys.

From Wonder Woman's original, radical World War II presence, to her uninspiring 1960s incarnation as a fashion boutique owner, to her dramatic resurrection by feminist Gloria Steinem and the women of *Ms. Magazine*, Wonder Woman's legacy continues today. Who knew that the depiction of Wonder Woman paralleled the pursuit of women's rights throughout the twentieth century?

Submitted by Ilga Ross

February Program

Program – **Saturday**, February 10 – 1:00 p.m.
Bonaventure of Tigard, 15000 SW Hall Avenue



Fun and Games

It's time to have **fun!** We are going to gather together at Bonaventure and play some group games. This is a chance for us to forget about being serious for a change. I have several games in mind; in fact, the challenge will be to choose. If any of you have suggestions, I would love to hear from you – the more ideas the better.

Please join us for Fun and Games. I am looking forward to it, and I hope all of you are too.

Submitted by Judy Silverforb

Directions to Our Meeting Location

The location for the January and February meetings will be at Bonaventure of Tigard, 15000 SW Hall, Tigard. We will be meeting on the 2nd floor in the Theater.

FROM TIGARD OR SHERWOOD ON 99W

- From 99W/Pacific Hwy., turn onto Durham Rd., heading east
- Turn left onto SW Hall
- Go thru one light to 15000 SW Hall on the right.

FROM I-5

- Take Exit 290 as if to our regular meeting location
- Go past it, and turn right at Lower Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn left onto SW Durham Rd.
- Turn right onto SW Hall Blvd.
- Go thru one light to 15000 SW Hall on the right.

Please Welcome Our New Member

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Joni Whalin, one of our newest branch members.

Joni Whalin attended Cal State East Bay where she earned a BA and a MS in Education. She earned credentials from Holy Names College and her Administrative Credential from St. Mary's College.

She volunteered with the Relay for Life and as a reading teacher for adults. Her interests include healthy wellness, cooking, and online teaching.

Stay tuned to learn about more new members in the next issue of the UPDATE. They are Carol Breneman, Marsha Brockmeyer, and Claudia Gray.

Dianne Kaepplinger, Membership Chair

President's News

Welcome to a new year! I am enthusiastic about our upcoming activities and what we can achieve going forward in 2018.

Nationally, the new CEO, Kim Churches, reorganized the staff and is setting priorities with an eye to what we can afford and accomplish. She has a vision of goal-setting with measurable outcomes. (Seem familiar, educators?) The focus is on pay equity, education, STEM, leadership and Title IX. A task force has been appointed to draft a strategic plan by March. At that time, it will be posted for comment.

Regarding AAUW of Oregon, the next big event will be Lobby Day on February 9th. You'll find a registration form in this newsletter. Please sign up to go—it is always fun and informational. Meet our legislators and hear about the issues being addressed in this short session.

Then, the 2018 state convention will be coming up April 20-22 at the Hillsboro Embassy Suites. Because it is in the metro area, I encourage everyone to think about attending—for at least one day, if not all. The branch has money set aside to cover some convention registrations, and it may as well be yours! In the meantime, there is a State Meetings Survey to fill out. Those of you who were at the Holiday Luncheon have done so, but it is included here for the rest. Please return your completed survey to me.

Speaking of the luncheon, we had a great time at Trees Restaurant. Our PCC Local Scholarship recipient, Diem Olsen, was there and shared her story. This was the first of our Saturday meetings, which will continue in the “dark months” of January and February. I hope that daytime meetings will allow more of us to attend—none of us want to go out into the dark, cold, rain or snow. Thank you to our members at Tigard Bonaventure for making the arrangements. I understand that there is a lovely theater facility where we can watch “Wonder Women” in comfort. See you soon!

Ilga Ross, President

Local Scholarship

First of all, I would like to thank Marian Dunlap for hosting our wonderful Holiday Luncheon. Our 2017/18 Local Scholarship recipient, Diem Olsen joined us and thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon and the fellowship with the members. She is so appreciative of our scholarship and noted how much help it was for her. Our monies pay for one quarter of her tuition. She said that she did get some additional grant money to help with the remaining two quarters, so she could borrow less money.

Diem shared a little of her journey to America. Her mother felt she would have more chances for education and a career in the United States, as it is very difficult for poor farmers to get education in Viet Nam. She came alone (she was sponsored), and spent the first two years going to school and learning English. Now she attends PCC full time, works part time in a dentist's office and has a 3.8 grade point average. She is studying to be a dental hygienist, and once she starts work, she is going back to school to become a dentist.

She hopes to serve the Viet Nam/Cambodia/Laos community in Portland. In addition, Diem is Vice President of the PCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Honorary. She is quite an amazing and lovely young woman. She thanked us repeatedly for our financial help and for caring about her as a person. I, too, would like to thank you again for supporting our Local Scholarship. It truly makes a difference in the lives of the women we support.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

Public Policy

VOTE "YES" for Healthcare on Referendum 101 in the January 2018 Special Election!

Oregon voters are being asked to approve a bill that was passed by the Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown. The bill is temporarily valid until July, 2019. The measure asks voters to support the healthcare plan developed by healthcare experts and advocates throughout Oregon, businesses and unions, hospitals, the AARP and patient advocates. The plan guarantees that 95% of Oregonians maintain access to

healthcare and reduces premiums for those who buy their own coverage

The measure is an assessment on insurance companies, hospitals, and healthcare providers to ensure they are also paying into the system. The money from these assessments will provide funding for low-income individuals and families.

What is the "Big Deal"? It's a big deal because it is about healthcare that will cover all Oregonians, including those on Medicaid! There will be no reductions to healthcare coverage or benefits for the one million vulnerable Oregonians who count on Medicaid. Premiums for more than 210,000 Oregonians will stay at 6 percent lower than they would have been without the reinsurance program.

We are encouraged to vote in this special election and to vote yes.

*Lynette Sahnaw,
Tigard Area Branch Public Policy Chair*



January and February Dates to Remember

Jan. 12	Lunch Bunch
Jan. 13	January Program
Jan. 23	Book Group
Feb. 1	Northwest Discoveries
Feb. 9	Lobby Day
Feb. 10	February Program
Feb. 27	Book Group

Sunshine Chair

Feeling ill and suffering is not a pleasant place to be. Sometimes our only comfort is the knowledge that our friends are there for us. We are a small group now and have gotten to know each other and develop friendships. If you know one of us is going through a rough period, please let me know so that I can send a card to reassure her that we care.

Contact: Diane Knudsen (971-717-5231)
dfklh1@gmail.com



Our Branch Website

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

Please check it out. Randa Blanding is doing a lot to keep our website current and interesting. You may even see pictures of yourself! If you misplace your newsletter, you can find it on the website, along with dates for events. It's all there! You can get to other websites such as AAUW National and AAUW Oregon by linking to our website. You can also learn about membership benefits and get legislative alerts.

Public Policy Group

First Meeting January 26, 2018,
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Oswego Heritage House

***Interested in AAUW policy issues?
Want to help us talk to our elected
officials about our causes? Want to
do a little more?***

**Please join us for a Public Policy
Meeting with**

Guest Speaker Trish Garner,

AAUW Oregon Public Policy Chair

**And members from the Lake
Oswego, Portland and Tigard
branches**

*This is a great interactive opportunity to
learn about some issues
and how to be a strong advocate*

*Please RSVP to Pat Squire at
pfsquire@gmail.com*

INTEREST GROUPS



• Book Group

AAUW Book Lovers,

I look 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.

Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Book: **The Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly
Hostess and Discussion Leader: Marlene Milliman
RSVP 503-936-3308

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 pm

Book: **The Story Teller** by Jodi Picoult
Hostess and Discussion Leader: Pat Schlueter
RSVP 503-718-0723

Contact: Linda Liebenstein (503-598-1833)
linda@friendlymm.com



• Northwest Discoveries

January: We are not going to have an event for this month.

Thursday, February 1: We are going to the Artists Repertory Theatre for a tour and a chance to see behind the scenes and meet some actors. Lunch will follow. Please let Janet know if you plan to come.

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

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



Lunch Bunch

Friday, Friday, January 12

Gustav's Restaurant is our destination for Lunch Bunch in January. More information will be given in an email regarding the location.

Carpoolers meet at McDonald's (corner of Highway 99W and Durham) at 11:15 am. Be sure to call or email Esther by Wednesday, January 10th so space can be reserved for us.

Contact: Esther McAlpin (503-644-3045)
estherm3@frontier.com

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

**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION for
2018 AAUW OF OREGON LOBBY DAY
Room 50, Capitol Building, Salem
February 9, 2018, Check In begins at 8:30 a.m.
Registration Fee is \$21.00 and includes lunch.**

LOBBY DAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Opening remarks from Legislators**
- **A panel of experts.** Because we are sending this registration form on an Early Bird basis, we have not yet confirmed all of our speakers. Although there may be some last minute changes, we anticipate that the topic of the panel will be **Oregon's Policy on Sexual Harassment, Bullying and Assault in our Schools: Is it Enough?**

WHERE TO MAIL REGISTRATION FORM / FEE:

*Trish Garner, 2017 N Skidmore Terrace, Portland OR 97217; garner37@mac.com
Make checks out to OR AAUW*

-- FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE *February 1, 2018* --

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

AAUW Branch _____

Lunch Options Meat Vegan

At the conclusion of the Lobby Day Program: I wish to:

Meet with My Senator or House Representative, OR Not Meet with a Legislator, OR
 Meet with this Legislator _____

We will do our very best to honor these requests, but legislators' calendars are moving targets!

Driving: Exit 256 / N Market Street from I5, Left on Summer, After you pass Marion Street – there is a parking lot to the right (\$6.00 a day). Metered parking can be paid by credit card or coin. Several of our members have already made reservations at the Grand Hotel – Join them! But let us know you will be staying there so we can all get together.