

May Program

Program – Tuesday, May 8 – 7:00 p.m.
Keller Williams Office Building
7504 SW Bridgeport Rd.
Portland, OR



"Living Out:" A Preview of the Play

Our own member, Linda Talluto, Director of Mask & Mirror Community Theatre's production of "Living Out," is bringing several actors to present some short scenes from the play, followed by a discussion. The show plays the first three weekends of May at The Stage at Calvin Presbyterian Church.

"Living Out" is the story of the complicated relationship between a Salvadoran nanny and the Anglo lawyer she works for. Both women are smart, hard working mothers. The play explores what is the shared humanity between them, and what are the differences wrought by race, class, and Ana's illegal status. Members of the production have spent a great deal of time talking about prejudices and misconceptions between different cultures. It has been a journey of exploration and learning.

Linda Talluto has been involved in theater as an actor and director for over 40 years. She acted for 10 years in San Jose, CA (Actors Repertory Theatre, Gilroy Community Theatre, and others). Following a move to Oregon, Linda taught drama in the Tigard Tualatin School District and directed 45 shows. She has been involved with Mask & Mirror for 6 years, producing and directing several shows.

Submitted by Linda Talluto

Directions to Our Meeting Location

The address of the 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. 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 May meeting, the restaurant selected is Claim Jumper, in the bar or patio area for happy hour. Please plan to come at 5:30. Address and phone: 18000 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd, (503) 670-1975.

President's News

Every year, branch presidents are asked to submit annual reports to AAUW of Oregon for distribution in the convention packet. In this newsletter I want to share with you what I wrote about our branch. Thank you to everyone for making this a great and enjoyable year for Tigard Area AAUW!

ANNUAL REPORT OF TIGARD AREA BRANCH OF AAUW

After a close call with disbanding, Tigard Area Branch rebounded with renewed enthusiasm. The program planning meeting in June selected monthly programs on topics of interest to the public, topics specific to AAUW member interests, and purely social events. The branch has three active “study” groups: Book Group, NW Discoveries and Lunch Bunch.

Our regular monthly evening meetings are generously hosted at the Keller-Williams Realty office, equipped with computer projector and screen for presentations, and a spacious parking lot. Because turn-out had been few in the “dark months”, we decided to hold our January and February meetings on a Saturday afternoon. For these, we were welcomed at Bonaventure, a new retirement community in Tigard. The advantage to this location was easy access, comfortable furniture, and theater space. The staff even provided refreshments for us.

Programs of interest to the public were a research study about the effects of changing demographics in Oregon, primarily on elections; the new LEED building and course offerings at Portland Community College's Center in Newberg; and recycling in Washington County, “Curbside and Beyond: Why Garbage Isn't Magic.” The year started powerfully at the September meeting with a panel of AAUW VIPs. Kathi Dew, Ane McIntyre, Trish Garner and Claudia Gray spoke about different aspects of AAUW. Members pronounced it the “best ever”! At the Holiday Luncheon, we welcomed our local scholarship winner, and hope to see her and prior winners in April when the branch celebrates its 39th birthday. The May meeting will take us into the arts, with scenes from the local Mask & Mirror play, “Living Out,” that explores differences wrought by race, class and immigration

status. We are fortunate to have the play's director as a member to arrange the sneak preview.

The branch also embarked on an active recruitment and visibility strategy. We had a booth at the Tigard Farmers Market and at the Tigard Street Fair, printed program flyers monthly to post in area libraries and businesses, placed meeting notices in local newspapers, distributed bookmarks stating the AAUW mission and our programs, and sent postcard invitations to the National Members in our area. Those efforts resulted in several new branch and dual members. The excellent work of our communications team is also noteworthy—an informative newsletter, an enhanced website, a Facebook presence and meeting reminders via Mail Chimp.

Ilga Ross, President

Membership Matters

Spring has finally arrived, and it is a time for renewal of many things in our lives such as our gardens. It is also the time of renewal for our Tigard Area AAUW memberships! We would like to encourage **all** our members to renew their membership online through the Membership Payment Program (MPP). You should have received an email from National, which has the link for you to pay online. This makes it really easy.

If you didn't receive the email, here is what you can do. Log on to AAUW.org and create your own user account with your member number (located in our branch directory) and a password of your choosing. Then you will be able to login and access the Member Services Database (MSD). Choose “Renew My Membership” from the menu on the left and complete the form. This method is preferred because all the information is sent electronically to our branch, and it eliminates the need for additional paperwork and to cash checks.

It's that simple, but if you prefer to renew your membership the old fashioned way, that's great too. Please bring your check for \$95 made out to “Tigard Area Branch AAUW” to the meeting on May 8th. This will save us from having to contact you with a telephone reminder!

Dianne Kaeplinger, Membership VP

Our New Officers

At our April branch meeting we elected officers for Membership VP and Finance Officer. I am pleased to introduce Linda Liebenstein as our incoming Membership VP. Keeping our finances in order will be Marsha Brockmeyer, our new Finance VP. Congratulations and thanks to both. They will be installed at our May branch meeting. Thanks to Esther McAlpin and Linda Liebenstein for their participation on the nominating committee.

Marian Dunlap, Nominating Committee Chair



AAUW Voting Period Is Open

The AAUW National Board of Directors has placed three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership. The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Voting is open April 25 through June 9 and we highly encourage you to vote online using your member ID and PIN (which you can find emailed to you with the digital version of *Outlook* magazine or on the mailing label of the print edition). A paper ballot and envelope were included in the print version of *Outlook*, or you can request one by calling by 800-326-2289 by May 7. The proposed amendments are on last page of this newsletter.

Please Welcome Our New Member

Welcome to our new member Marsha Brockmeyer. She is an Oregon native with 5 generations of Oregonians in her family. She has lived in New York City, Boston, Dallas, and Oklahoma City. She returned home to Portland in 1990 when her father became ill.

Marsha is new to AAUW. She has known many colleagues and friends who have been members. She and Linda Liebenstein worked together for 15 years and Linda invited her to join. Marsha has

always been an advocate for children, young women's training, continuing education development, and women in leadership. Her family has many life-time educators.

Marsha graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Business Management and Marketing. She is a certified trainer/facilitator for Myers Briggs, DiSC, and DDI.

Marsha worked for Target for 15 years as the District Manager for Oregon and SW Washington. She retired in 2008 and then was an HR consultant for non-profits. She currently works part-time as a program director for the Children's Cancer Association bringing music to children's bed-side in pediatric hospitals. Prior to working at Target, her retail career included department store buyer, work in the NY garment industry, and managing department stores.

She has served on several boards over the years including: The United Way Allocations Committee, Dream Factory of Oregon (which provides wishes to chronically ill children), and the Children's Cancer Association of Oregon. Marsha is a 10-year cancer survivor herself. She walks and raises money for the Susan G. Komen as well as the Humane Society Doggie Dash nearly every year. Marsha has volunteered for 10 years in the SMART reading program. She currently works with kindergarteners and first graders at Barnes School.

Marsha loves to travel abroad and just returned from a month in Costa Rica and Panama. She loves to read and garden when she can. She used to be a singer and may seek out to join a choir again.

Her husband passed away unexpectedly five years ago, and she has been re-inventing herself. She is very close to her sister, her son and grand-daughter. Her family also includes two god-children and one "adopted" daughter who lived with Marsha for a while after she graduated from college. Marsha has also opened her home to several Nike college interns during the summer.

Dianne Kaepflinger, Membership Chair

Local Scholarship

I want to thank all the women who gave so generously to our Local Scholarship for next year's recipient. With your donations and the remainder of the funds in our AAUW Tigard Area account, we are able to fund an \$1800 scholarship for next year.

Even though our members donated generously, it was necessary to take \$925 from our \$1079 in the Local Scholarship Account to meet our obligation for a \$1600 scholarship. It was decided to take the remaining \$154, plus a bit more from another member, to make it an even \$1800 scholarship.

I have already let PCC know that this will be our last scholarship for the time being. Our branch has been asking too much from our few members, and as tuition rises, it becomes more difficult to meet our obligations. We will reevaluate at a later time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support over the years. We have helped many women reach their goals!

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair



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. 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.

Public Policy

Public Funds for Public Schools: Oppose Private School Vouchers

Public funds belong in public schools. When those funds are re-directed to private and religious schools through school voucher programs, we put the education and civil rights of women and girls at risk. Private and religious schools are not held to the same civil rights and accountability standards as public schools, and for this reason, AAUW has long opposed the use of public funds for voucher programs.

Urge our members of Congress to stand up for public education by opposing private school voucher programs, and tell them that we should not give our tax dollars to unaccountable private schools.

Not sure who our state representatives are? Our senators are Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden. Susan Bonamici is our District Representative. Their addresses can be found in the Branch directory.

*Lynette Sahnaw,
Tigard Area Branch Public Policy Chair*



May and June Dates to Remember

May 3	Northwest Discoveries
May 8	May Program
May 18	Lunch Bunch
May 22	Book Group
June 7	Northwest Discoveries

INTEREST GROUPS



• Book Group

AAUW Book Lovers,

Our May meeting is our annual pot-luck/planning meeting, with good food and fun to share!

Remember that this is when we will be sharing our recommended books for the coming year. Everyone is asked to bring 2 books they can suggest to the group, keeping in mind that I have heard from a few readers that we overdid the Nazi/ WWII genre this year. Please be prepared to speak about your suggested reads.

Tuesday, May 22 at **6:00 pm**

Book: **Lincoln in the Bardo** by George Saunders
Hostess and Discussion Leader: Lynn Patterson

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



Lunch Bunch

Friday, Friday, May 18, 12 noon

Millers Homestead is our destination for Lunch Bunch in March. It is located in Tigard at 17933 SW McEwen Road. (503) 684-2831

Please be sure to call or email Esther by Wednesday, May 16th so space can be reserved for us.

Contact: Esther McAlpin



• Northwest Discoveries

Thursday, May 3: The Schreiner Iris Garden is truly spectacular. Come and see. Other kinds of flowers are there as well. This garden is north of Kaiser. Lunch to follow.

Thursday, June 7: We are going to see another flower garden, Norwood Lavender Farm, which is near Lake Oswego. 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

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AAUW BYLAWS

There are three proposed National AAUW Bylaws Amendments:

AMENDMENT #1 – Instead of two-year terms, AAUW Board members shall serve 3-year staggered terms.

AMENDMENT #2 – AAUW Board membership is opened to include those outside AAUW membership. Provides for a fifteen-member Board, with a minimum of 10 individual AAUW members and no more than 5 non-members.

AMENDMENT #3 – Eliminates the degree requirement for AAUW membership. If individuals pay dues and support the AAUW mission, they are eligible for membership.

The PRO comments come from AAUW directly and so are stated more formally. The CON comments are a sampling taken from the Comments on the AAUW website, so they may be more informal.

Voting opens on April 25, 2018, and closes June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST

AMENDMENT #1 – PRO: This change fosters Board continuity, preservation of institutional memory and leadership development, while encouraging Board innovation. This structure of Board governance structure is more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization.

CON: While staggered terms are common sense and most of the other changes add clarity, adding the vague category of "other stakeholders" allows non-members to nominate board candidates. Those parties should have no direct say in nominations.

AMENDMENT #2 – PRO: The AAUW Board "strongly" recommends it. AAUW is undergoing an important and robust strategic planning process at a critical time during the national conversation on equity. Others outside AAUW bring experience and expertise. As an equity-seeking organization, we need to welcome those who are not currently members of AAUW but can make an invaluable contribution to steer AAUW into the future based on personal and professional experiences, industries, geographic location and other diversity views that can help propel AAUW's mission forward.

CON: To have a membership organization run by non-members is not justifiable. AAUW membership is comprised of intelligent people with many skills, from all walks of life. We have so much talent in AAUW, so much varied experience and expertise, that it's difficult to imagine that there are not financial experts, fundraising experts, whatever other kind of expertise we need among us. There is no reason for a Board member to not belong to AAUW, nor choose to not be a member. Having one-third of our board from nonmembers is not acceptable.

AMENDMENT #3 - PRO: The AAUW Board "strongly" recommends it. While the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization. AAUW cannot promote equity for women and girls if the organization maintains exclusionary membership requirements. Eliminating the membership requirement will promote a more inclusive and diverse membership. When education comes, it comes in many forms – career technical education, on the job training, etc. Additional stakeholders will allow us to seek new funding from corporations, foundations and other grant making organizations and we can't leave important dollars on the table for our futures.

CON: "I truly value my AAUW membership, and the criteria required to join. I know many women who worked so very hard to go back to school with one aim being to join AAUW." Currently we are at all all-time high of women's enrollment in colleges and universities. Eliminating student memberships and having students pay full dues does not make sense. We are only one of many, many organizations that address feminist issues, and we do so in a specific way. We still have much work to do to promote education and equity for all women and girls. If the board is so concerned about "growing" the membership, energy should be spent cultivating younger members and focusing on eligible prospects.

For exact wording of the proposed amendments, to comment or to read other members' comments, and for answers to frequently asked questions, go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>