

September Program

Program – Tuesday, September 11 – 7:00 p.m.
Tualatin Public Library
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin, OR 97062



Oregon's Fair Pay Law

Patricia “Trish” Garner, the AAUW of OR State Public Policy Chair who led the coalition to advocate for passage of the Pay Equity Bill, will be our speaker. She will tell us about the legislative process required to get the bill passed and highlight its features. Oregon’s Equal Pay Act was signed into law on October 6, 2017. Shilpi Banerjee, Public Policy Vice-Chair, will describe the AAUW Fair Pay Toolkit they authored to publicize the requirements of the law.

The new law cannot help women unless they know their rights. Our program will answer questions for employers and employees. What does Oregon’s Pay Equity Act really mean for Oregonians? What does pay equity mean? What about seniority or merit? What can you do if you believe you are not being paid fairly? Can you talk about your salary or wages with fellow employees? We will be discussing these and other issues.

Trish was a federal prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney. In Oregon, she obtained a master’s degree in social work from Portland State and has training in conflict resolution and mediation. She is a member of Portland and Astoria branches.

Shilpi is an audiologist, researcher and educator. She is a member of Hillsboro-Forest Grove and Portland branches.

Submitted by Ilga Ross

October Program

Program – **Saturday**, October 13 – 10:00 a.m.
Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th St.
Lake Oswego, OR

Election Issues



For our October meeting, Tigard Area Branch AAUW will be joining other groups for an engaging presentation and lively discussion about initiatives that will appear on Oregonian’s ballots in November. This event is being co-sponsored by Lake Oswego Branch of AAUW and League of Women Voters (LWV).

Issues on the ballot this year are:

- Measure 103 (to ban taxing groceries)
- Measure 104 (defines revenue for the 3/5th vote requirement)
- Measure 105 (to repeal Oregon’s Sanctuary status)
- Measure 106 (to prohibit public funding for abortion)

Directions to Tualatin Public Library

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The building is located on the corner of Boones Ferry & Martinazzi. There is parking in front.

IF DRIVING ON PACIFIC HWY 99W:

From Tigard:

- Turn onto Durham Rd., heading east.
- Turn right onto SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.
- Cross the river bridge into Tualatin.
- Turn left at the first signal onto Martinazzi.
- Then turn left again after one block; it is on your left.

From Sherwood:

- Go east on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.
- Turn left on Martinazzi and then go two blocks and turn right into the parking lot.

IF DRIVING ON I-5:

- Take Exit 289, Nyberg St. Westbound
- Stay in the far-right lane, past the shopping center.
- Turn right on Martinazzi (at Wells Fargo Bank)
- Go one block and turn right; the building is on your left.

Directions to Oswego Heritage House

FROM I-5 or HWY 217, TAKE THE KRUSE WAY EXIT.

- Turn left on Boones Ferry Road.
- Turn right at Country Club Road.
- Turn right at the second 4-way Stop onto 10th Street in Lake Oswego.
- The building is on your immediate right; parking is behind it or across the street in the church lot.

FROM TUALATIN OR SHERWOOD

- You can follow Boones Ferry Road all the way to Country Club Rd.

FROM DURHAM RD. OR HALL,

- You can take Bonita to Bangy to Kruse Way

President's News

It was a long hot summer – welcome back fall! You can look forward to another exciting year of AAUW branch programs. As you know, Keller-Williams is no longer able to host us, but we want to thank them for their hospitality and thank Mona for all the arrangement work she did to make us feel comfortable.

This year will feature a variety of dates and locations, beginning with the Tualatin Library Community Room, a joint meeting with the Lake Oswego Branch, and our holiday restaurant luncheon. We have scheduled interesting speakers, events, and a movie to engage us all. Don't worry; we have plans to keep you well-informed via email and our website, <https://tigardarea-or.aauw.net/>. Do go to the website often, as our webmaster Randa is keeping it current and informative.

This is a time of change at all levels of AAUW. The national board has adopted revisions to AAUW's Mission Statement and developed a new Strategic Plan. Our mission now reads "to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." The goals have been placed in the order of importance to us, and philanthropy was removed because all the fundraising we do is for advancing our mission.

Ilgia Ross, President

Pre-Meeting Dinner

Before our September Branch meeting, members are invited to meet at a restaurant near our meeting space. Please meet at 5:30 at Sharky's Woodfired Mexican Grill, 7715 SW Nyberg St. – Suite D, across the parking lot to the south of the library.

The restaurant serves an innovative menu that "strives to use fresh, natural and organic ingredients combined with unique cooking styles." Menu at: <https://www.sharkys.com/assets/menus/sharkys-take-out-menu-OR.pdf>

Membership Matters

Shape the Future Campaign

I believe the Tigard Area AAUW is on the verge of a growth spurt and our partners at National AAUW are ready to help. Do you know someone who you think will be a good future member? Did you know that thanks to the Shape the Future Program:

- Your guest can join our Branch at any of our monthly **public meetings**.
- If they choose to join, they will get a **50% discount** on their National dues.
- For every two new members that join us; our Branch receives **1 FREE Membership** (up to 3 per year).

This program is available to benefit:

- **You**, because your friend will be here to share the AAUW experience.
- **Your friend** will enjoy her (or his) first year of membership for half-off.
- **Your Branch** will earn up to 3 FREE MEMBERSHIPS they can use to support our current and future members.

Please share this information with your guests, so they can take advantage of this program.

59+16+20 = \$95.00 regular membership.
29.50+16+20= \$65.5 (Shape the Future)

Thanks for your help growing our Branch.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership VP

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.



Let's do a little FUNdraising!

For many of our Tigard Area Branch members, funding our scholarship(s) for young women returning to college is both a priority and point of pride.

In order to continue and potentially expand our current giving we will be kicking off a new fundraising event at our September 11th meeting at the Tualatin Library.

Working with Value Village/ ARC and their FUNdrive initiative, we will introduce



CLEAN CLOSETS for COLLEGE

at our next meeting. Make sure you are there to find out what all the FUN is about!

Submitted by Linda Liebenstein

Hospitality

Due to the changes in venue and meeting dates, Hospitality will change. When we meet at the Tualatin Library, we will still need two people to bring refreshments, but will also need some people willing to set up the room for our meetings. I have a revised sign-up sheet which I will bring to the September meeting. I would appreciate volunteers to bring refreshments and set up for our first meeting on September 11. You can email me if you are willing to help out in September.

Submitted by Linda Talluto

Local Scholarship

At the June Board meeting, it was decided to continue the Local Scholarship at \$1500 for the 2019/2020 school year. On the member survey, Marlene Milliman reported that Local Scholarship was the first priority for members. PCC Foundation has been notified of our decision. Marsha Brockmeyer and Linda Liebenstein offered to work on a fund raiser to support the scholarship. Marsha and Diane Knudsen volunteered to join me in reading the applicant's essays. More information will follow.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

Public Policy

Take Action to Oppose Judge Kavanaugh's Confirmation to the Supreme Court

Last month, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court. The stakes are very high.

AAUW has carefully considered Judge Kavanaugh's record and one thing is clear: he would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission such as: upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproduction rights and access to contraception, seeking to delay a woman's right to an abortion, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. Here's what you can do and say.

Contact our senators, Ron Wyden (855) 973-0824 or (503) 326-7525 and Jeff Merkley (202) 224-3753 or (503) 326-3386. (Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent.)

Message example: *Judge Kavanaugh's record makes it clear that he won't support women's constitutional and civil rights. I urge you to oppose his confirmation and call for his full record to be released to the American public.*

*Lynette Sahnaw,
Tigard Area Branch Public Policy Chair*

Directory Updates

Please update your copy of the Tigard Area Branch Directory. You can cut this out. Please let Judy know about any changes in your information.



September and October Dates to Remember

September 6	Northwest Discoveries
September 11	September Program
September 25	Book Group
October 13	October Program (Saturday)
October 23	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, let me know so that I can send a card to reassure her that we care.

Diane Knudsen,



Lunch Bunch

Friday, September 21 at 12 noon

Our first lunch will be at Non La, a delightful Vietnamese restaurant at 18041 SW Lower Boone's Ferry Rd, Ste 1A, Tigard.

Please call or email **Marian** by Wednesday, the 19th so space can be reserved for us. She will provide directions to the restaurant. Marian is in charge of the lunch for September.

Contact: *Esther McAlpin*
and
Marian Dunlap

INTEREST GROUPS



• **Book Group**

AAUW Book Lovers,

I am really excited about this year's reading list. We have strong female character novels, highly praised historical novels, a contemporary memoir – good reads.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month and invite any interested members or guests to join in. Just give the event hostess a call so she can plan accordingly.

The Memory Weaver by Jane Kirkpatrick

- September 25th at 7:00 pm
- 11295 SW Lynnvale Dr., Portland
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Marsha Brockmeyer

The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan

- October 23rd at 7:00 pm
- 17025 SW Versailles Lane, Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Diane Knudsen

The Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

- November 27th at 7:00 pm
- 8275 SW Seneca St., Tualatin
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Ilga Ross

December - **Happy Holidays !**

The Last Train to Paradise by Les Standiford

- January 22nd at 7:00 pm
- 15870 SW Oak Meadow Lane, Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Marlene Milliman

The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman

- February 26th at 7:00 pm.
- 15657 SW Summerfield Lane, Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Marion Dunlap

The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel

- March 26th @ 7:00 pm
- 23581 SW McLoughlin Ct., Sherwood
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Judy Silverforb

Less by Andrew Sean Greer

- **April 23rd @ 6:00 pm *** Annual Potluck**
- 5997 SW Hergert Road, Cornelius
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Lynn Patterson

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

- May 28 at 7:00 pm
- 11410 SW Gallo Ave., Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Linda Liebenstein

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



• **Northwest Discoveries**

Our tours are on the first Thursday of the month. There will be one tour every other month, and I hope we will have more join us for this interesting, enjoyable interest group.

Thursday, September 6: We are going to the Old Aurora Colony Museum. We will have a docent to conduct a tour and tell us fascinating stories about the colony that settled this area while the Civil War was raging in other parts of the USA. Several well-preserved structures from early settlers are available for viewing, along with all the tools, furniture and clothing they made or fashioned by hand, such as a huge spinning wheel for wool. We will get a clear view of how they lived and built this very successful community and the hardships they met
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 2018 – 2019

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Meeting with LO-AAUW & LWV
Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th St, LO

November 14, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Women Business Owners Panel

Tualatin Public Library

December 8, (Saturday) 12 noon

Holiday Luncheon

Stockpot Restaurant, Beaverton

January 12, (Saturday) 1 p.m.

Movie & Discussion: "RBG"

Bonaventure of Tigard

February 9, (Saturday) 1 p.m.

Oregon Advocacy Commissions

Symposium Coffee
12345 SW Main St, Tigard

March 13, (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Oregon Humane Society:

Animal Forensics

Tualatin Public Library

April 10, (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Empowering Women: Negotiating

Your Salary

Tualatin Public Library.

May 8, (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Branch Awards & Birthday Celebration

Branch Officers and Board

President	Ilga Ross
Program VP	Diane Knudsen
Membership VP	Linda Liebenstein
Finance VP	Marsha Brockmeyer
Recording Secretary	Linda Talluto
Immediate Past Pres.	Mona St. Clair & Marlene Milliman
AAUW Funds Chair	Joni Whalin
Local Scholarship	Linda Talluto
Public Policy	Lynette Sahnaw
Communication	Judy Silverforb
Bylaws	Ilga Ross
Parliamentarian	Donna Talus
Historian	Pat Schlueter
Directory	Marsha Brockmeyer
I.B.C. Rep.	Ilga Ross
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 & Marian Dunlap

AAUW Organizational Statements

Mission Statement – To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy

Vision Statement – Equity for all

Value promise – Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

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



Oregon Summer Leadership Conference August 10, 11, and 12 OSU Cascade Campus Bend, Oregon By Marsha Brockmeyer, V.P. Finance

Linda Liebenstein and I were invited to attend the summer leadership conference and were delighted to represent the Tigard Area Branch. We had the unique “opportunity” to stay in the dorm rooms on the OSU Cascade Campus. When is the last time you stayed in a dorm room with no air conditioning on a 100-degree week-end? However, the opportunity to meet wonderful and passionate women combined with lots of laughter got us through the two nights in the dorm.

There were 44 women from all over the state in attendance and our new State President, Georgia Applegate, was introduced. The Saturday agenda was action packed with several break-out groups, guest speakers, and a thorough and timely Finance presentation by Gini Dideum from Gearhart. One of the most inspirational sessions was the “Idea Swap”. All 44 attendees were given time to share an “Idea” that has or could make a difference for their branch. We all left with a complete list by person and branch of fabulous ideas. Linda and I left inspired as well as fired up. We got ideas for recruiting, retention, fund-raising for scholarships, and even ideas for the interest groups.

We came away from the conference with the two main motivations:

- 1) To ensure that our scholarship fund was fortified annually and that the Tigard Area Branch continued its ability to provide a scholarship each year without undue demands on each member for donations.
- 2) To share some of the ideas from the “Idea Swap” session and to move forward on executing the ideas that the branch embraces.

Linda is anxious to share the idea she brought to the conference. She explained it at our board meeting and will be launching the details at our September 11th meeting. Our goal is to raise \$400 for our scholarship fund but we believe we can all easily participate and blow that goal out of the water. If you aren’t able to attend the meeting, be sure to contact Linda for details.

We are excited and motivated to start this new year as your V.P. of Finance and Membership.