

January Program

Program – **Saturday**, January 12 – 1:00 p.m.
Bonaventure of Tigard Theater
15000 SW Hall Ave., Tigard



The Amazing RBG

Our program will be a movie and discussion of “RBG”, a jaunty assemblage of interviews, public appearances and archival material, organized to illuminate the temperament of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her accomplishments so far.

Joe Morgenstern, in the Wall Street Journal, said: “This riveting, surprisingly touching documentary reveals how the quiet, intense Ginsburg became one the most iconic Supreme Court justices in American history.”

Sandie Angulo Chen, in Common Sense Media, said: “Rather than focusing on personality, the bulk of “RBG” has to do with its subject’s lifelong fight against gender discrimination.”

How appropriate it is for AAUW to view this movie about such an amazing woman who has worked for our organization’s important policies and goals.

Submitted by Randa Blanding

February Program

Program – **Saturday**, February 9 – 1:00 p.m.
Symposium Coffee Shop
12345 SW Main Street, Tigard (Downtown)



The Oregon Advocacy Commissions

Our guest speaker is Lucy Baker, Administrator for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OACs), four governor-appointed commissions that exist statutorily to provide a voice within the state for policy decisions that affect underrepresented communities and groups in Oregon. The OACs include the Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Black Affairs, Hispanic Affairs and the Oregon Commission for Women.

Lucy will be discussing the important work of the OACs in promoting economic, social, legal and political equality for communities of color and women in Oregon. She has a 30-year career building equity into policy and implementation, leading non-profits, and working for county or state government.

Parking is available behind the building. We will meet in “The Back Room”, which has an entrance from the parking lot. Coffee and refreshments are available for purchase at the front counter.

Submitted by: Ilga Ross

Directions to Bonaventure

The location for the January meeting 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 291 (Carmen Drive) heading west.
- Turn left at Lower Boones Ferry Rd.
- Turn right onto SW Durham Rd.
- Turn right onto SW Hall Blvd.
- Go thru one light to 15000 SW Hall on the right.



January and February Dates

January 3	Northwest Discoveries
January 9	Board Meeting
January 12	January Program (Saturday)
January 18	Lunch Bunch
January 22	Book Group
February 9	February Program (Saturday)
February 26	Book Group

President's News

I was delighted to see so many of us at the holiday luncheon. Several members shared their AAUW experiences with the group. We heard from Donna Talus, who has been in AAUW since 1956 and, after 50 years, became an Honorary Life Member. Donna first joined AAUW at the John Day (OR) branch and has served in many leadership positions, including AAUW Oregon State President.

Dorothy Wilson and Joni Whalen, who both transferred in from other branches, mentioned the opportunities for new friendships and community involvement. Our newest members told us about their current work and future goals. Thank you all for sharing! We are a remarkably interesting group, and the diversity in our branch is truly exemplary: "In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership."

In my last message, I mentioned the recently-issued AAUW Strategic Plan and its four "pillars": education and training, economic security, leadership, and governance and sustainability. While this year's branch programs have focused on economic security, I'd like to say a bit about the leadership pillar. The plan's goals for women are to increase our number in leadership positions, and to assist in attaining and advancing leadership roles throughout our lives. At the luncheon, several of us said that AAUW was instrumental in helping us learn and practice leadership, which then translated to other settings. Start out by volunteering when you see a need—assist in setting up for a meeting; participate in a fundraiser, recruit a speaker, lead an interest group, attend workshops and meetings, and express your ideas. Just imagine the possibilities!

In March we will be electing a branch president, a program vice president and a secretary. Working together, we can continue to be an active and vital group that advances the AAUW Mission.

Ilga Ross, President

Meet Our New Members

We are so delighted to welcome our new members! I will introduce two of them in this issue. You can look forward to learning about Samantha Szynskie and Sara Nogueira in the next issue of our newsletter.

Meet Dorothy Wilson

Interestingly, like her fellow new members, Dorothy (aka Dorie) was also born away from where she grew up. Born in San Jose California, where her father worked at UC, she quickly relocated to up-state New York, where her dad worked at Cornell and Dorie went to primary school.

When she was 15 her dad took a position at Yale and the family moved to Connecticut, where Dorie finished high school, then attended the University of Connecticut. She graduated from the school of nursing and began her 45-year career as a nurse, specializing in psychiatry and mental health.

About this time, she met her husband and together they moved back to the Bay Area. Together they raised two daughters. In the early eighties the family moved to Oregon where they lived for 19 years, returning to California in the nineties.

Recently retired, Dorothy is currently settling into her new home in Oregon. Both daughters and a sister live here in the Pacific Northwest. Dorie joined AAUW in San Jose in 2014 and enjoyed the book group and special project work. She has already jumped in with our book group and plans to take advantage of Lunch Bunch and NW Discoveries soon.

Meet Ally Yoshioka

Ally tells us:

I am from Portland, Oregon and currently live in Beaverton. I am a current Portland State University and Portland Community College co-enrolled student. At PSU, I am Marketing and Outreach Director with the American Medical Women's Association, and a part of a mentor program to high school students. Additionally, I volunteer with American Cancer Society and OHSU at the Knight Cancer Institute.

I am employed as a Medical Scribe in the Emergency Department at Providence. My aspirations are to become a doctor, and I am currently finishing my prerequisites for applying to medical school.

I am very excited to be a part of AAUW! It seems like a wonderful community that I would enjoy being more involved in. My current schedule is a bit hectic, but I hope to become more involved in AAUW soon.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership VP

Public Policy

Title IX Proposed Changes

The Department of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights. Specifically, the proposed rule would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students.

From now through January 28, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes. With students' safety under threat, we all must make our voices heard. Become a Two-Minute Activist to join with AAUW in urging the Department of Education to keep Title IX strong. The link is easy to find when you click on: <https://www.aauw.org/>

Lynette Sahnou, Public Policy Chair

INTEREST GROUPS



• Book Group

AAUW Book Lovers,

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.

January Book is **The Last Train to Paradise - by: Les Standiford**

- When - January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Where – 11410 SW Gallo Ave., Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Linda Liebenstein

February Book is **The Home for Unwanted Girls - by: Joanna Goodman**

- When - February 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- Where - 15657 SW Summerfield Lane, Tigard
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Marian Dunlap,

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



Lunch Bunch

Friday, January 18 at 12 noon

Happy New Year!

We will meet at Olive Garden Restaurant, 6455 SW Meadows Rd., Lake Oswego. If you want to carpool, meet at the usual McDonalds on the corner of 99 & Durham at 11:30.

Please let me know by Wednesday, 16th if you will be joining us for lunch.

Contact: Marian Dunlap



• Northwest Discoveries

Our tours are on the first Thursday of the month. There will be one tour every other month.

Thursday, January 3: We are going to the Portland Art Museum. A current exhibit features Modern American Realism from 1910 to 1980. We will have a docent as part of a public tour. Because we will have lunch first, our departure time will be 11:00 a.m.

We will leave from McDonalds at **11:00 a.m.** It is at the corner of Pacific Hwy. and Durham Rd.

Contact: Janet Bruno

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



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.

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

