

May Program

Program – **Tuesday**, May 7 – 6:00 p.m.
Summerfield Club House
10650 SW Summerfield Dr., Tigard.



It's Party Time!

Tigard Branch is having a celebration dinner to mark our fortieth anniversary. That's something to celebrate, as I'm sure you all agree.

The festivities will include a pasta and salad buffet, beverages (think wine) and birthday cake to commemorate our branch's longevity. Yes, dinner will be provided – no potluck this time. Branch memorabilia will be on display. So, put on your party hat and join the fun!

Please RSVP your intention to attend to Marian Dunlap,

We will also have installation of officers. Nancy Dunis, from the Lake Oswego Branch, our new District Director, will be doing the honors.

Submitted by Marian Dunlap

Directions to the Summerfield Club House

PACIFIC HWY TO DURHAM RD.

- Take Durham 1 block to Summerfield Dr.
- Follow Summerfield Dr. to the Clubhouse (about 6 blocks).

FROM EAST

- Lower Boone's Ferry Rd. to Durham Rd.
- Go west on Durham Rd. to stop light at Summerfield Rd.
- Follow Summerfield Rd. to the Clubhouse.

Membership Reminder -- Dues

As your Membership V.P., I want to remind EVERYONE that we are coming into our Annual Renewal window for dues payment.

By far, the easiest way to renew is to follow the LINK in your email reminder from AAUW which you should expect soon, if you have not already received it. Have your favorite credit card handy, and your entire renewal will be completed in less than 10 minutes!!!

If you are not comfortable with online renewal, your option is equally simple; bring your checkbook with you to our May Celebration/Branch Meeting, and you can renew at that time.

My goal is to have 100% Branch renewal completed by 6/1/19. It took several months last year, and I know we can do better.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership Vice President

President's News

2018-2019 Year in Review

Tigard Area Branch had another good year by offering programs on economic security and pay equity, holding an innovative fundraiser for our local scholarship, attracting new members, and having a well-attended book group. The branch will celebrate its 40th birthday in May.

Regular monthly meetings were on weekday evenings at the Tualatin Public Library Community Room, a location that provides visibility and accessibility. Programs included a presentation on the Oregon Equal Pay Law, a panel of women business owners, and how to negotiate salary—this year's National Strategic Plan focuses. Prior to the election, we joined Lake Oswego branch for a presentation on the ballot measures. Every program attracted members of the public, including a community interest program on animal forensics by the Humane Society.

Our “dark months” meetings were held on Saturday. At the holiday luncheon, newer members shared what drew them to AAUW and longtime members told why they continued to be involved. It was a great “get acquainted” event, as our members range in age from 20 to 85 and include working professionals in their mid-years. In January we showed and discussed “RBG” in the Bonaventure Retirement Community theater. In February, we met at Symposium Coffee on Tigard's Main Street to hear about the Oregon Advocacy Commissions' liaison work between the government, women and communities of color.

For many of our members, funding our local scholarship is both a priority and point of pride. Under the leadership of our membership and finance vice presidents, we held a fundraiser called “Clean Closets for College.” Working with Value Village/ARC and their FUNdrive initiative, members picked up at least 100 bags of donated clothing and household goods, earning over \$600. The Oregon Special Projects Fund made this type of fundraising possible.

Ilga Ross, President

Program Planning Meeting

Save the date of June 11th at 7:00 p.m. for our program planning meeting at the home of Judy Silverforb, 23581 SW McLoughlin Ct., Sherwood.

Our programs come from the ideas of our members and have proven in the past to provide a variety of subjects. Our branch takes pride in the many fine programs that we have offered through the years. This past year, we had several programs that supported AAUW priorities, such as Pay Equity.

If you wish to submit an idea, but cannot attend, please send your idea with someone you know who is going, or call or email Judy

Cindy Frederickson has offered to work on programs with me. We had a very fruitful meeting and came up with topics that you may want to consider as you develop your ideas. Some of the topics are: Violence Against Women, Education, including STEM, Women's Health, and Leadership Development.

As the incoming Program Vice President, I am looking forward to hearing all your ideas and developing another exciting year.

Judy Silverforb, Incoming Program V.P.

Membership Update

As I begin my tenth month as your Membership V.P., it seems an update and several thank you's are in order.

First I would like to ask each of you to look at these names: Cheri Fredrickson, Allyson Swecker, Madison Yoshioka, DLynn Seaburg, Ally Yoshioka, Samantha Szynskie, Sara Nogueira, Lucy Balas, Jean Peich, Susan Deeming, Roxanne Blanding, Chantelle Sims, Kelly Carmoday, Rachel Marks, Myla Sepulveda, Stephanie Leighter, Constance Owens, and Joan Edgel. This is a list of the 18 guests and new members we have had attend one or more of our program meetings this year.

To date, we have welcomed seven new members in our branch during the same ten months and I am very happy to say some of those new members invited others later in the year.

I want to personally thank Marsha Brockmeyer, Allyson Swecker and Madison & Ally Yoshioka for inviting several guests each, along with everyone who reached out to introduce new people to AAUW.

Working together, we will continue to grow and thrive within our community, state and AAUW nationally. Thanks for your support.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership Vice President

Hospitality

A big thank you to everyone who helped this year with refreshments and setting up. We couldn't do it without the help of each of you.

For the May meeting, Diane Knudsen has graciously volunteered to bring our birthday cake, as we celebrate the birthday of our Branch. Thanks, Diane.

Linda Talluto, Hospitality Chair

Public Policy

A Look Backwards

Since AAUW's founding, our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed.

In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW's Public Policy connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, and national levels to advance our work to empower women and girls.

With the member endorsed Public Policy Priorities as our guide, AAUW continues to lobby and make grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for all women and girls.

Lynette Sahnaw, Public Policy Chair

Local Scholarship

I want to thank the women who so generously donated to the Local Scholarship. My only concern is that only six women chose to donate, and some reached very deeply into their funds to help us. It will take a larger response from the membership if we are to continue our support of a PCC student in the future. Our fundraiser helped tremendously, but we need to all share in the support of this wonderful mission. Any donation, large or small, helps the future of a deserving woman at Portland Community College.

Checks can be sent to me, as I need to mail them all in at the first of May. Thanks so much for your support of this worthy cause.

Christina Kline, the Donor Engagement Manager for the PCC Foundation, will be at our May meeting to share the impact of our scholarship on women returning to college to further their careers.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair



May and June Dates

May 2	Northwest Discoveries
May 7	May Program (Tuesday)
May 28	Book Group
June 11	Program Planning Meeting

INTEREST GROUPS



• Book Group

Here we are at the end of another season of great reads! We have only one book left on our list, Pulitzer Prize winning novel, Less, by Andrew Sean Greer.

As is our custom, our May meeting will be a potluck at Lynn Patterson's lovely home on the hill. For those who may be new to the group, you will enjoy great food, great friends and great views.

This is also the meeting where we choose our initial slate of books for next year. There are so many fantastic and inspiring titles to consider. So come prepared.

The May book is Less – by **Andrew Sean Greer**

- When: May 28 at **6:00 pm** ** (Time Change)
- ***Annual Potluck**
- Where: Cornelius, OR 97113
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is Lynn Patterson.

Contact: *Linda Liebenstein*

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,



• Northwest Discoveries

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

Thursday, May. 2: We are going to the Oregon Historical Society. We will see the Oregon Experience, including an exhibit about a black man who comes in second place even though he was the winner. It was 1911 at the Pendleton Roundup. It is also about the Corp of Discovery, etc. We hope to have a docent, and the cost for seniors is \$8.

Since the tour starts at 1:00 p.m., we will leave at 11:00 a.m. and have lunch first. Please let me know if you are going.

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

Contact: *Janet Bruno*



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.

