

September Program

Program – Wednesday September 11th – 7:00 p.m.
Tualatin Library Community Room



Planned Parenthood: Important Issues in Women's Healthcare

Planned Parenthood is an important organization that does significant work in the area of health care for women, men, and young people. Leadership and Advocacy Team representatives, Lisa Gilham and Ivette Pantoja will be talking about issues in women's healthcare and the significant work of Planned Parenthood.

They will talk about the work that the organization does locally, which includes birth control, STD testing and cancer screenings. Much of this medical care is extremely important to people who don't have health insurance or the funds to pay for it.

Lisa and Ivette will discuss the challenges Planned Parenthood is currently facing regarding choice, particularly the Title X gag rule. It will be interesting to learn about what is currently happening and what's next.

Submitted by Mona St. Clair

October Program

Program – Wednesday October 9th – 7:00 p.m.
Tualatin Library Community Room



Coffee Creek Quilters: Changing Women's Lives in Prison and Beyond

Coffee Creek Quilters teach quilting classes to women incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon. Since 2002, they have provided a positive, hands-on program that gives students an opportunity to learn and practice many life-enhancing skills.

Quilting teaches patience, perseverance, problem-solving and the importance of quality work. CCQ is an all-volunteer organization for which our speaker, Diane Campbell, has volunteered for 13 years. The goal is to nurture students' self-esteem, so that they will be more successful living in the community after release from prison.

Submitted by Ilga Ross

September Pre-Meeting Dinner

Before our September branch meeting, members are invited to meet at 5:30 p.m. at Claim Jumper, 1800 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd. in Tualatin.

Directions to Tualatin Public Library

18878 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin, OR 97062

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.

President's News

Our branch was well represented at the AAUW-OR Summer Leadership Conference at Western Oregon University in July. Attending were Linda Liebenstein, Judy Silverforb, Ally Yoshioka, Madison Yoshioka and Ilga Ross. The keynote presentation, "How to Identify and Work with Different Leadership Styles", was given by Judge Mary Mertens James who presides over criminal and civil bench and jury trials in Marion County. The featured presentation by Kelli Matthews of the School of Journalism & Communications at UO was on "Using Social Media to Recruit, Retain and Support Members." Kelli has worked in public relations for nearly two decades with digital strategy as a major area of focus and gave excellent ideas for enhancing our social media presence.

Our second annual "Clean Closets for College" fundraising effort has been launched. Working with Value Village/ ARC and their FUNdrive initiative, we encourage you to again gather clothing and

household discards on behalf of our local scholarship at Portland Community College. In this clever fundraising idea, we collect and donate used goods to The ARC Charity and receive money back for our scholarship. The goal is to annually provide \$1500 to a returning woman student at PCC who is enrolled in a transfer program.

Program VP Judy Silverforb and her committee are finalizing a wonderful array of programs, all related to the AAUW Mission. Thank you to all of our hard-working members for taking on jobs, whether large or small, that support our branch activities. Marsha and I are honored to be your co-presidents and we anticipate another outstanding year for Tigard Area Branch!

Ilga Ross, Co-President

Membership Update

As we begin another year, I want to thank everyone who has taken the time and made the commitment to renew their memberships. Your ongoing support is the foundation for all we do and accomplish together. On a sad note, Marlene Milliman, after many years and many positions within our Branch has decided it is time to retire from AAUW Tigard. She and her husband moved to Portland late last year and are enjoying their retirement community and its activities. I know we all thank her for her contributions and wish her well.

On a happier note, Esther McAlpin is feeling much improved after a year of consistent rehab and recovery. She is looking forward to returning to the group this fall.

I am looking forward to introducing new members at our upcoming meeting and I'm sure you are going to want to get to know these interesting and engaging ladies.

As always, I look forward to your partnership in continuing to grow our branch in the year ahead.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership Vice President

September and October Dates

Hospitality

When we meet at the Tualatin Library, we will need two people to bring refreshments, and 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 in September.

Linda Talluto, Hospitality Chair

Local Scholarship

We have received notice from the PCC Foundation that our Local Scholarship recipient is Donna Hostler. She was our first choice, and in the words of Jennifer McBratney, Foundation Scholarship Program Officer, "Donna is an amazing student, mom, and human. I am so glad she was the chosen recipient of your award."

Donna is working toward an Associate of Science degree at PCC. After graduation from PCC, she plans to transfer to PSU for a BA/BS in Community Development. In order to be a successful Urban Planner, she hopes to attend the Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning at PSU for a master's degree.

Donna has overcome a traumatic marriage and is now successfully raising her two children alone. Her story is one of courage, resilience, bravery, and love. I hope she will share more of the details of her journey with you when she attends our meeting. She is one of the most deserving recipients we have ever helped. A bright, selfless, and amazing human being.

It is because of people like Donna, that we continue our support of our Local Scholarship. I hope you will all participate in our fundraiser **Clean Closets for College**, which is discussed in another part of the *UPDATE*, to continue this important mission.

Linda Talluto, Local Scholarship Chair

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October 9	October Program
October 17	Movie Group
October 22	Book Group

INTEREST GROUPS



- **Movie Group**

You are Invited for the first Tigard AAUW Movie Interest Group to be held monthly on the third Thursday, 3:00-5:00 PM. Carol Brenneman has agreed to lead this group by hosting the first meeting, October 17 at her home in Summerfield. Carol has previously started a movie group as a member of Seaside AAUW where it quickly became a favorite of members.

The first meeting will feature a discussion of the movie "Rocketman," which participants should arrange to see prior to that Thursday. This movie is about Elton John, his life and his music and was featured in theaters this summer. This movie is now available on Prime Video as well as a DVD rental. Carol will lead the discussion (this time), much like a book group.

The social aspect of the event includes cold refreshments (think wine and nonalcoholic refreshments) and appetizers, and we will need to figure out movies for the following 3 months. So, consider contemporary movies that would provide for some lively discussions and bring your suggestions.

If interested, please RSVP Carol. We look forward to good movies and fun times. So, join us.

Contact: Carol Brenneman, Movie Group Chair,



• **Book Group**

It is time to start reading. Our first meeting of the year will be a kick-off potluck at Lynn Patterson's home. I will be happy to drive carpool, we can meet at my house at 5:15 p.m.. We would love to invite anyone interested in joining our group to attend (finishing the book is not required).

Here are the first three month's selections.

September

The Sympathizer: A Novel (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)

Nguyen, Viet Thanh

- When – **September 24th @ 6:00 pm *** - Annual Kick-off**
- Where – 5997 SW Hergert Rd., Cornelius, OR 97113
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is **Lynn Patterson**

October

A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel

Towles, Amor

- When – **October 22nd at 7:00 pm**
- Where - 10880 SW Davies Rd. #1023, Beaverton, OR 97008
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is **Janet Bruno**

November

The Invention of Wings

Kidd, Sue Monk

- When – **November 19th at 7:00 pm**
- Where - 17025 SW Versailles Lane, Tigard, OR 97224
- Hostess and Discussion Leader is **Diane Knudsen**

We hope to see you in September!

Contact: *Linda Liebenstein*



• **Northwest Discoveries**

NW Discoveries meets the first Thursday in alternating months, beginning October. Stay tuned for our first excursion.

Contact: *Janet Bruno (503) 521-3171*
janhorse1@frontier.com



• **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch has been discontinued until we have a contact person.

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>

Did you know the following are on our website?

- Past *Updates*,
- Dates for future programs,
- Links for other websites such as AAUW National and AAUW Oregon.

Check it out!

Contact: *Randa Blanding*

Branch Programs 2019-2020

September 11, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Women's Reproductive Healthcare
Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

October 9, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
**Coffee Creek Quilters: Changing Women's Lives
in Prison and Beyond**
Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

November 13, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Women Needing Support: Victims' Advocates
Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

December 7, (Saturday) 12 noon
Holiday Luncheon
Lee's Kitchen
8147 SW Nyberg Rd., Tualatin

January 11, (Saturday) 1:00 p.m.
Mind/Body Medicine
Bonaventure of Tigard Theater
15000 SW Hall Ave., Tigard

February 8, (Saturday) 1:00 p.m.
Girls Becoming Women: Education Panel
Bonaventure of Tigard Theater
15000 SW Hall Ave., Tigard

March 11, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Pay to Play: Sexual Harassment
Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

April 8, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
How Low Can Your Garbage Go?
Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

May 13, (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Supporting Arts in Education
Branch Awards & Birthday Celebration
12850 SW Grant Ave, Tigard

Directory Updates

The new Directory will be available at the October meeting. Please let Randa know about any changes in your information.

Branch Officers and Board

Co-Presidents	Ilga Ross & Marsha Brockmeyer
Program VP	Judy Silverforb
Membership VP	Linda Liebenstein
Finance VP	Marsha Brockmeyer
Recording Secretary	Madison Yoshioka
AAUW Funds Chair	<i>vacant</i>
Local Scholarship	Linda Talluto
Public Policy	<i>vacant</i>
Communications	Randa Blanding
Historian	<i>vacant</i>
Directory	Ilga Ross
I.B.C. Rep.	Ilga Ross
Website	Randa Blanding
Facebook	Mona St. Clair
Hospitality	Linda Talluto
Sunshine Chair	Diane Knudsen

Interest Groups

Book Group	Linda Liebenstein
NW Discoveries	Janet Bruno
Movie Group	Carol Brenneman

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

Fund Raising News



Announcing the 2nd Annual Clean Closets for College FunDrive

Last year we partnered with ARC & Value Village to hold our first ever “FunDrive”. It was a success, but I am confident we can do better this year, because we learned a couple of things the first time around.

1. Participation is the key. We need you, every one of you, to be a part of the effort. The more bags of clothing, shoes, accessories, towels, blankets, and other linens we collect, the more money we earn to help young women return to college and achieve their degree goals.
2. We cannot / do not want other items. Pots & Pans, dinnerware, books and furniture are all heavy and difficult to collect. They also only earn us 5 cents on the \$ dollar compared to clothing/ fabric items.
3. We need to be brave. We need to ask. Our neighbors, friends and relatives are likely to help. It's a pretty simple request, but it's the personal relationship to you that will inspire them.

I would love to see us collect at least 25% more this second year. Can you help?

Contact: *Linda Liebenstein*