

February Meeting
Saturday, February 8th, 1 pm
Bonaventure of Tigard Theater
15000 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard



Girls to Women: An Education Panel

We have many questions and concerns about education in our schools, especially in regard to girls and to the diverse student populations. To address these concerns, we will have the opportunity to hear a panel of women who have an active involvement in education. Connie Ramaekers is a prevention specialist for Tigard-Tualatin School District; Courtney Neron is State Representative for this area and a former high school teacher; Karen Hall Aube is an elementary teacher in Tigard.

One question asked of the panel will be about diversity in the Tigard-Tualatin School District – ethnicity of both students and faculty. Does this present any particular problems, and what services are provided?

The panel will be asked what we should know about our female students and how they are doing compared to times past, particularly in the academic areas of math and science and equity in sports. We will be interested to learn about the District's compliance with Title IX.

We will hear about how the District accommodates at-risk students. The panel will be asked about special alternative programs for tutoring, making up credits, addiction, pregnancy and if childcare is available. This will include how mental health issues, as well as other health concerns, are being addressed.

While special education services have long been provided in public schools, we sometimes hear concerns about mainstreaming to the detriment of the general school population. We will hope to hear about the experiences that members of the panel have had.

Since the panel includes the legislator representing our local area and she serves on the Education Committee, we can hear from her about new provisions regarding funding for schools as well as vocational education. Rep. Neron can fill us in on what is happening at the state level.

Education is so important to our community and our nation. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear this panel of knowledgeable, dedicated women.

Submitted by Carol Brenneman and Linda Talluto



March Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th, 7 pm
Tualatin Library Community Room
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin



Curb Climate Change Instead of Your Trash

We are very concerned with our environment – climate change, how to recycle, and the future of our planet. Betty Shelley and her husband, Jon, have produced just one 32-gallon can of garbage per year since 2006. She finds waste reduction to be a creative and empowering way to reduce her impact on the planet's climate and resources.

Betty is a Master Recycler and a former Recycling Information Specialist for Metro Regional Government in Portland, Oregon. For her position with Metro, she was often featured on AM/Northwest, addressing Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. Betty also uses her knowledge and passion to inspire others to live a lighter impact lifestyle through the "Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage a Year" courses that she offers.

There is so much that we can learn about how to reduce how much we contribute to landfills and the problems with recycling. It's hard to believe how much trash Americans generate. The average American generates 7.1 pounds of garbage a day!

Even though most of us may not reduce our garbage to the degree that Betty and her husband have, there is much we can learn about helping to Curb Climate Change, by decreasing the amount of trash that we take to the curb. Betty's website is: <https://reduceyourwasteproject.com/> It is fascinating!

Submitted by Cheri Frederickson

President's News

It was so nice to see so many of you and your guests at our December Holiday Luncheon. The room was just perfect, and the food was wonderful. Thanks again to Ilga for making the arrangements.

We were pleased that our state President Georgia Applegate and her husband were able to travel from Grants Pass to join us. We had the opportunity to hear about the state's priorities from Georgia. Since one of the state's priorities and focus is to **"further leadership development for young women,"** we asked Georgia about the opportunity of submitting a scholarship request for our very own member, Ally Yoshioka. Ally is very interested in attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) which is being held at the University of Maryland in May. We also want to make sure that our branch and the state do everything we can to ensure her trip and registration are off-set through scholarships. We have since learned that the state is offering to provide two \$1200 scholarships to deserving candidates and we feel that no one is more deserving than Ally.



At the risk of slightly embarrassing Ally, I thought it might be nice to share with you a little more about the many activities in which she is involved. Ally is studying pre-med. That alone is a big responsibility. She is a senior at Portland State University where she is also President of the PSU Chapter of the American Medical Women's Association. She is a research assistant doing cancer research in the Estes Lab as well as a medical scribe for the emergency department and an oncology health care volunteer. She is also a member of the PREMSA Emerging Leaders program. In my estimation, those huge responsibilities would completely exhaust most of us.

But, as you know, she is still able to manage being an active member of our AAUW branch and loyally attends programs, luncheons, and volunteers in our fundraising efforts.

We are proud to know her and share a little more about her with you. We look forward to hearing more from Ally when she returns from the conference if all goes as planned! Registration for the conference which includes lodging is \$485. We hope the state scholarship will also cover her travel expenses.

The following is a little more information regarding the details of the National Conference and the five core learning objectives for its attendees.

“Challenge yourself. Inspire others. Create impact.”

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland from Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday, May 30, 2020.



Our 2020 program is shaping up to be the biggest, boldest NCCWSL yet! At NCCWSL, you will build your leadership skills across our five core learning objectives:

- Leadership development: Develop and strengthen a voice, skill set, and mind-set for leadership
- Professional development: Build a professional tool kit for postgraduate life
- Activism: Learn how, why, and when to take action and be a changemaker
- Women’s issues: Gain a better understanding of local, national, and global issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women
- Identity and Diversity: Own your personal identities and roles

Our Story

NCCWSL was born in 1983, when representatives from national gender equity organizations saw the need for a leadership space dedicated to empowering collegiate women. Since then [AAUW](#) has taken the helm of the conference and NCCWSL has transformed into an essential experience for any woman serious about creating meaningful impact on her campus, mobilizing her community, and preparing for personal and professional success after graduation.

Since the conference’s beginnings one highlight has been our [Women of Distinction Awards](#) ceremony and reception. This event is a night to honor women who have made indelible marks in their fields and in their communities. We have awarded a legacy of trailblazing women in our three-decade history, including Emmy-winning journalist Connie Chung; NASA astronaut Mae Jemison, Ph.D.; 43rd Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios; Olympic medalist and member of the 1996 Magnificent Seven Olympic gymnastics team Dominique Dawes; and the late civil rights activist Dorothy Height.

NCCWSL is the place to educate yourself about today’s most pressing issues, develop new leadership skills while expanding on the skills in your current arsenal, and make lifelong connections with peers across the country.

Submitted by Marsha Brockmeyer

Membership Update

I want to thank everyone who got the word out about our January program meeting. We had 12 non-member guests attend and two have expressed interest in joining at some time in the future. Way to go!

I also want to thank Ally Yoshioka and Marion Dunlap for agreeing to serve on the nominating committee. If you are interested in either Membership or Finance leadership opportunities contact one of our committee members to learn more.

Linda Liebenstein, Membership VP
503-686-5597

Please note: Diane Knudsen’s phone number and email are wrong in the directory.
Email dfklh1@gmail.com
Phone # 971-717-5231

Future Branch Programs 2019-2020

April 8, (Wednesday) 7:00 pm
Pay to Play: Sexual Harassment

Tualatin Public Library,
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

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



February

February 8	Branch Meeting
February 20	Movie Group
February 24	Lobby Day
February 25	Book Group

March

March 6	NW Discoveries
March 11	Branch Meeting
March 24	Book Group

INTEREST GROUPS

Movie Group

Contact: Carol Brenneman



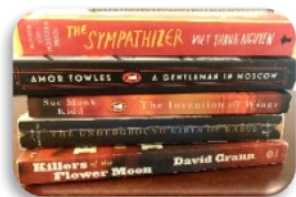
Movie Group met in December to watch and review “Booksmart” a coming of age movie featuring two young girls who always followed “the rules” deciding perhaps they had missed out on something. Our group rated it A-/B+ feeling that there were some real issues to discuss regarding young women growing up. We agreed that the movie was designed to appeal to a larger age range than we represented...i.e. language and social interactions.

Next showing will be “The Wife” starring Glen Close whose husband of many years wins the Nobel prize. And we are about to find out what role she played in that encounter. The showing will start at 1 pm, February 20th at Marian Dunlap’s. Participants should either bring a refreshment or appetizer to share with others. We will also be picking our next movie. Come prepared to support your choice. Everyone is welcome. This movie provides a very real examination of why history is so oriented to the male and hasn’t always given the female the credit she deserves. If you choose to view the movie prior to then, the discussion should occur sometime after 2 pm.

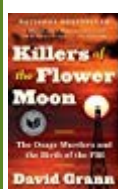


Book Group

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



This month we will be selecting our titles for the last (Mar/Apr/May) three months of our year. Please come prepared to share suggestions and ideas.



February

[Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI](#)

David Grann

When: **February 25th @ 7:00 pm**

Where: 23581 SW McLoughlin Ct., Sherwood, 97140

Hostess and Discussion Leader: **Judy Silverforb**

Contact : Dorothy Wilson



There will not be a NW Discoveries outing in February but mark your calendar for **Friday, March 6th at 11:30 am** if you would like to join the group for lunch at the Murrayhill Cafe located at 14500 SW Murray Scholls Drive, Beaverton, 97007. If the weather is not too cold and wet we could also go for a walk around the lake after lunch. Please **RSVP** to Dorothy Wilson by Tuesday, March 3rd so a table can be reserved that will seat all those who wish to attend.

On **Thursday, April 2nd** we will be traveling (carpool) to Salem for the day. Leaving at about 9 am we will drive to Salem Riverfront Park to ride the Carousel followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. After lunch we will proceed to Mahonia Hall (the Governor's residence) for a 1 pm tour led by members of the AAUW Salem Branch. The Hall is ADA accessible and we will be allowed to drive thru the gates and park close to the entrance. The Tudor-style home, was built in the 1920's but refurbishments have included an elevator to the upper floors if needed. We will complete the tour by 2:30 pm and then head home.

****PLEASE NOTE** - it is **mandatory** that anyone who wishes to go on this trip **RSVP to Dorothy by Tuesday, March 24th** because the security team at Mahonia Hall requires the names of all visitors one week prior to arrival. To RSVP and to ask any questions please contact Dorothy Wilson by email at 19dorothy74@gmail.com or by phone/text at 408-596-0403.

Friday, May 1st a visit to the Portland Rhododendron Garden followed by lunch will our last outing until the Fall. Further details on this will be in the April/May *Update*.



REGISTRATION LOBBY DAY 2020 | Keynote Speaker Senator Kathleen Taylor

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Theme: Women Legislators in Salem: Getting There and Staying There

Location: Capitol Building, Room 50, 900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

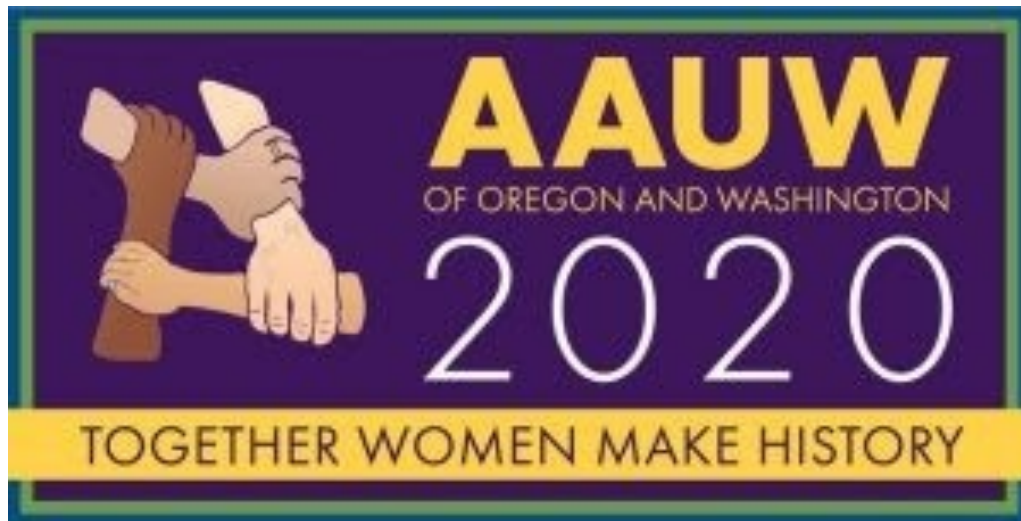
AAUW of Oregon is providing an opportunity to meet our legislators and discuss AAUW priorities happening during the 2020 legislative short session occurring this spring. Registration is possible online at the state website, or you can download a registration sheet with a check for \$25 to cover costs including lunch. The all-day conference located in the Capitol Building promises to be very interesting and informative.

One of the highlights will be a panel discussing how we can encourage women to run for public office and get elected. Specific topics will include making the decision, running a campaign, winning the race, finding your place and bipartisan collaboration. We are fortunate at our local branch as Courtney Neron, State Representative will be on our February panel, "Girls Becoming Women."

There will be a group going from our area including myself as I had volunteered earlier to serve in the public policy position for our branch. If you are interested in joining me, please let me know at carolbrenneman350@gmail.com. Having been to Lobby Day previously, I can attest to it being a worthwhile day spent learning about how our branches of government work in Oregon and how we can be effective in making change happen.

Submitted by Carol Brenneman

AAUW 2020 Dual Oregon/Washington Convention



Mark your calendars for April 17-19 in Vancouver, WA for the 2020 Dual Oregon/Washington Convention.

Celebrate women's suffrage with like-minded friends. Dress in white for "Suffrage Night" at Saturday's dinner and enjoy a festive evening of historical entertainment.

- ◆ **Be part of a wonderful weekend at the beautiful and rustic Heathman Lodge.**
- ◆ **Network with old friends and make new ones from other branches.**
- ◆ **Learn from a diverse group of experts on AAUW's major themes of education and training; economic security; and leadership.**
- ◆ **Explore the Vancouver area with a number of guided tours on Friday afternoon.**
- ◆ **Watch for details of the convention in the Winter state newsletter, including hotel information, registration form and meeting agenda.**

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.

Thanks to dedicated supporters like you, AAUW is leading the fight for equity for women and girls. And because of you, we are standing strong. Here are some examples of our successes this year:

11 STATES PASSED FAIR-PAY LAWS IN 2019, thanks to the advocacy of AAUW members throughout the country. This is a significant uptick from 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, when **six states** passed laws in each year. There is now **only one state** (Mississippi) with no fair-pay protections.



AAUW MEMBER ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT was pivotal in the passage of the **Paycheck Fairness Act** by the U.S. House of Representatives in March. Throughout the year, AAUW's policy team partnered with legislators, advocates, athletes and actors to push federal fair-pay legislation, including legendary activist Lilly Ledbetter; actors Natalie Portman, America Ferrera and Brie Larson; and the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team.



WE'VE REGISTERED MORE THAN **102,000 WOMEN** in our Work Smart salary-negotiation training, either through our online course or in-person workshops, exceeding the goal for our grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation. 98% of those surveyed after taking Work Smart found the information useful and relevant. 72% reported feeling **more confident** in salary negotiation after taking the course.

AAUW IS PARTNERING WITH THE NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NYCEDC) to train 10,000 women in the Big Apple in how to negotiate for higher salaries and advocate for themselves at work. We also launched critical partnerships with Starbucks Global Academy, the Junior League of Wichita, the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and many others.

"I learned so much, I barely had enough ink in my pen when it was over by the number of notes I took!"

—Attendee at AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS at the University of Maryland was the fourth largest in the conference's 34-year history with more than 800 participants.

AAUW REACHED AN AUDIENCE OF 14 MILLION PEOPLE IN OVER 1,200 MEDIA ARTICLES. Some mentions of AAUW's work are included in Bloomberg, Fortune, Good Morning America, Money, The New York Times, Time, U.S. News & World Report and The Washington Post.

WE EXPANDED OUR SERIES OF EMPOWER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS with events in Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere. The Chicago workshop was our largest ever with more than 150 participants.



FOR THE 2019–20 ACADEMIC YEAR, AAUW is awarding \$4 million in **fellowships and grants** to 259 women and community projects. Thanks to you, we now have sufficient support to continue this wonderful program well into the future.

"Being a part of the AAUW network has given me the confidence to understand my values and voice my opinion as a double-minority in a male-dominated profession (biodefense), a critical trait for success that I did not have before."

—Janet Marroquin, AAUW Career Development Grantee

"SINCE JOINING AAUW, I HAVE MET SO MANY WONDERFUL, PASSIONATE AND HONEST WOMEN, MANY OF WHOM WILL BE LIFELONG FRIENDS. AAUW'S MISSION HAS FUELED MY PASSION FOR PAYING IT FORWARD."

—AAUW ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR DALE SATAKE