

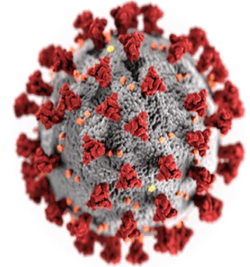


UPDATE

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From President Ilga Ross:

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) unfolds, it affects us not only from a health standpoint but also socially, financially, politically and culturally. All of us must adjust as the pandemic moves through our community. The Tigard Area AAUW Branch will play our role in “flattening the curve” by following the advice of the pandemic and health department.



Tigard Area Branch Cancellations:

One of the strongest messages has been to avoid gatherings of people, especially older people, in order to reduce the spread of the disease.

Based on that advice, the **April 2nd NW Discoveries visit to Mahonia Hall and the April 8th branch meeting are canceled.** The branch Executive Committee will continue to evaluate beyond those dates and keep you informed. We are fortunate that all of our branch officers are elected for next year and can carry on without interruption.

The Book and Movie Interest Group leaders will be working with their own groups to determine their course of action through this period and will be reaching out to you with those decisions.

AAUW of Oregon Cancellations:

AAUW of Oregon has also been making decisions about programs and events. The AAUW of Oregon and Washington Dual Convention that was scheduled for April 17-19 has been canceled. The governors of both Oregon and Washington have declared states of emergency and have banned meetings of over 250 people. The Dual Convention was expected to draw about 200.

The AAUW of Oregon Executive Committee discussed the situation, and the full Board of Directors at their meeting on March 19th (held virtually via Zoom) voted to cancel outright. An option offered by Washington State AAUW to postpone until August was rejected. No decisions have been made yet about the Summer Workshop or the 2021 State Meeting.

Costs for the convention and hotel are fairly high this year and an attorney is being consulted regarding AAUW of Oregon’s financial obligations to the hotel. Registration refunds are being issued to those individuals who have already registered for the convention. Those who have hotel reservations must cancel them on their own.

Conducting State Business:

Meanwhile, the business of the state organization must be conducted to meet legal requirements:

1. At the branch meeting, we elected Ilga Ross and Marsha Brockmeyer as our branch delegates, with Judy Silverforb as alternate. As requested, the credentials chair has been sent the names and email addresses of our voting delegates.
2. The business meeting will be accomplished by a Zoom meeting and e-mail.
3. Documents of import will be e-mailed to delegates prior to any Zoom meeting.
4. Instructions for what to do will be included with each e-mail.
5. The Delegate Assembly and Annual Business Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, April 19th, at 1 p.m. PDT. (Same day as originally scheduled at the convention.)
6. Each delegate must use their own computer or tablet.
7. A Zoom practice session will be scheduled prior to the meeting for those who are unfamiliar.
8. Agenda items will include the election of state officers and the nominating committee members and adoption of the new Public Policy Statement and State Strategic Plan.
9. Attendance at this meeting is limited to delegates only, but the proceedings will be recorded for all members to view thereafter.

A Final Word:

Please take care of yourselves and rely on good, solid information sources such as

- [Multnomah County COVID-19 website](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 website](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus website](#)
- [Oregon Coronavirus Information & Resources](#)

Submitted by Ilga Ross & Marsha Brockmeyer, Co-Presidents



PAY TO PLAY: SEXUAL HARASSMENT AMERICAN STYLE

We were looking forward to hearing Tootie Smith speak about sexual harassment on April 8th. This event has been postponed due to COVID-19. Tootie has said that she would be happy to present her program at a meeting next fall.

We have much to look forward to if we can keep healthy during this pandemic by “sheltering in place” as many of us are doing at this time.

We are very appreciative of Cheri Fredrickson, for having the valuable connections that have resulted in giving us our March speaker, Betty Shelley, and our future speaker, Tootie Smith. As Program VP, I am grateful for all the ideas and sourcing of speakers that has been done by our membership. Without you, we wouldn't be able to have the program schedule of which our branch is so justifiably proud.

Submitted by Judy Silverforb, Program VP



Tigard AAUW Attends Lobby Day

Randa Blanding, Carol Brenneman, and Ilga Ross recently spent an informative day at the Capitol Building listening to and talking with state legislators, listening to lobbyists, and interacting with other staff members and AAUW members from throughout the state.



The annual event was held on February 24th, the day that the Republican senators first walked out of the sessions in protest of voting on a controversial environmental bill under consideration. It was interesting and insightful to get a glimpse of what and how our legislature works (or in this case, doesn't work.)

Pictured above is Trish Garner, a lobbyist for AAUW, who was the chief moderator of the day for panels and the introduction of various capital figures. One of the pictures here features Pat Lehman, president-elect looking over her shoulder as she explains how to follow a bill on the website. Another picture shows Cheri Felt, a Republican representative from the Bend area who explained how she comes to a decision regarding the positions she supports.

A panel featuring Dave Hunt, Barbara Ross (both former OR legislators) and Amanda Hess, lobbyists, discussed the changing role of women. Hunt said that he was never asked about child care issues while female officeholders often are. All indicated that it takes hard work to accomplish bi-partisan support and women are proving a greater presence all of the time.



Our delegates definitely felt it was productive time and appreciated being able to meet with the staff of Ginny Burdick and Margaret Doherty, representatives in our area.

Submitted by Carol Brenneman, Public Policy

Book Group

Contact: Linda Liebenstein



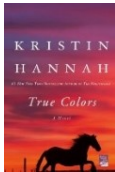
Can you believe it? Just when you are given some extra reading time (one way to look at the COVID crisis) Book Group is on hold!

Our March meeting was clearly canceled and in all likelihood, April's will be as well.

That said, I don't want to leave you high and dry for good reads.

True Colors

by Kristin Hannah



There There

by Tommy Orange

Nine Perfect Strangers

by Liane Moriarty

The Mars Room: A Novel

by Rachel Kushner

Olive Again

by Elizabeth Strout

Where the Crawdad Sings

by Delia Owens

Are all selections recommended by our AAUW book group members. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy at home and I look forward to seeing you in May??

Future Branch Programs 2019-2020

April 8

CANCELED

May 13, (Wednesday) 7:00 pm

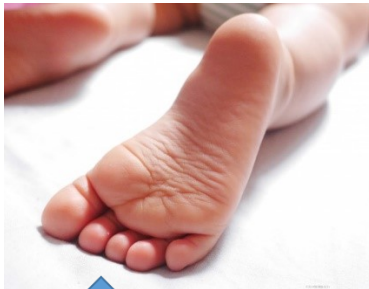
Supporting Arts in Education

Branch Awards & Birthday Celebration
12850 SW Grant Ave, Tigard

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.



Be like this little piggy.....

STAY HOME!

Contact : Dorothy Wilson



There will not be a NW Discoveries outing in April.

(If possible) 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 May/June *Update*.

Membership News

I trust we are all staying home and healthy! I am also hoping we are all able to stay in touch with people and causes we care about.

I want to thank all of our current Tigard Area AAUW members for their ongoing support during the last year and remind you to be on the lookout for your AAUW Renewal email. It's coming soon!

Renewing is easier than ever!

DO NOT delete your renewal email.

Grab your credit or debit card of choice.

In the body of your email, **CLICK** on the link to RENEW.

Check pre-entered information for accuracy – adjust if needed.

Select payment and fill in your Credit Card information.

Hit submit.

You are RENEWED thru 2021!

Now that you renewed let everyone know... I will start a reply all email... just send it along.

With the renewal season upon us we are planning to welcome several more new members.

Look for more information about:

Susan Deeming

Karen Aube

Christy Wilson

Connie Ramackus

Barbara Valdez

Katherine Wiley

Cheryl Digman

Submitted by Linda Liebenstein, Membership VP