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September-October 2020 *UPDATE*

YOU and AAUW
Mardy Stevens, Past
AAUW National Director
Wednesday, September
9th at 7 pm via Zoom

Current Political
Situation & Local
Police Response
Kathy McAlpine, Tigard's
Chief of Police
Wednesday, October
14th at 7 pm via ZOOM



We are excited to welcome Mardy Stevens, as the presenter for our first

program of the year. Mardy will share what AAUW National does so that we can strengthen the connection between our Tigard Area Branch and AAUW National. Her

Kathy McAlpine was sworn in 3 years ago, following a nationwide search that brought the former assistant



police chief of the Tacoma Police Department to Tigard. She jumped quickly into the fray and she has engaged our community on a myriad of subjects ranging from social issues to the opioid crisis.

presentation will address the questions: What is done at the national level that contributes to our success? What does AAUW National do for me, the branch member?

Mardy has an amazing wealth of experience with AAUW. She had several positions in AAUW of Oregon, including Program VP, Resolutions and Bylaws Chair, and Historian. She was AAUW of Oregon President from 2006-2008. Her positions with AAUW National were also several. She was a member of the AAUW Leadership Corps for 3 years; then she was AAUW Branch Program Resources Committee Co-Chair – 6 years. Finally, she just completed her three-year term as an AAUW National Director.

Chief McAlpine developed a strategic plan that covers such issues as how to use resources, technology and communication. She has held meetings with the Latino and faith-based communities to dispel fears and to create trust.

She has pushed for a greater emphasis on community policing and the notion of moving away from a warrior mentality to that of a guardian in the community, tracking mental health and homelessness issues to determine how much time the department spends on those calls.

The head of the 60-member Tigard Police Officers Association, Detective Jeffrey Hering, said "We are thrilled with Chief McAlpine. She's compassionate and caring."

Overall, Hering said, she's exceeded expectations.

President's Message

There is always a sense of anticipation as we move from summer into fall, even now under these current circumstances. Maybe it is the idea of "back to school" or the start of a new AAUW program year. We are very enthusiastic about what we have ahead for us at AAUW Tigard Area Branch.

On behalf of co-president Marsha Brockmeyer and myself, we extend the warmest welcome to our new members. It is such a privilege to meet and interact with the many accomplished women in our group. We hope that we will all become more closely acquainted and make new friends in the coming months, using the Zoom platform for now.

Our planned programs and speakers truly embody the AAUW Mission: Advancement for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The monthly programs will educate and provoke us to thoughtful action, as will the book group discussions. "Clean Closets for College", our third annual fundraiser of its kind, will again provide a scholarship at Portland Community College to a worthy student; collection to be in October. Until then, there is

plenty of public policy excitement and opportunity to keep us engaged.

Here's to all of us, as we celebrate our adaptability, resilience, and persistence toward the goal of equity and equality!

Submitted by Ilga Ross

Membership News

I'm very happy to share that our membership is growing. In the last year, we have welcomed Sue Deeming, Charlotte Macey, Courtney Neron, Barbara Valdez, and this month's featured member, Jeri Mandelbaum.



Jeri's inspiration for joining our group is her mother.

Jean Mandelbaum was an active member of AAUW in southern California for over 55 years. Jeri lost her Mom earlier this year and said the one thing her Mom asked was that she continue her mother's legacy through AAUW. There were 82 members of AAUW at Jean's Celebration of Life and they sealed Jeri's decision to make her mother's wish a reality.

Growing up in southern California, she had originally planned to go to school there, but her Mom had other ideas and suggested Jeri leverage college to learn more about the world away from home. After a Christmas break trip to visit out of state schools with her Mom, she settled on the University of Oregon.

Jeri graduated from U of O in 1988 with a double major in Business Management and Marketing, and a minor in Spanish. She now owns and operates two businesses. One is a Real Estate Services company, working with builders and developers. The other is an independent representative working with OSHA in both Oregon and Washington.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Jeri to the Tigard Area Branch, she will be joining us via Zoom for now and we can all look forward to seeing one another in person sometime next year.

Submitted by Marsha Brockmeyer

Book Group

As part of our Summer Skills Camp, I was on a Zoom Call the other evening with Kim Churches, our National AAUW CEO.

She was sharing her vision and goals for how AAUW can adapt, grow, and stay relevant into the future. That includes being part of the conversations and supporting Black Lives Matter, voting in 2020, and the social and economic realities of COVID.

When she was asked, what can a regular member do to make a difference? She said, "Read *How to be an Antiracist* and talk to people about it."

When she said this, I felt good about the titles our book group had already chosen. Lifelong learning is a value we share and not just reading, but more importantly, opening ourselves up to the interpretations and opinions of others is a great way to continue to grow.

I look forward to seeing our regulars and hope to welcome new readers who are ready to share their thoughts.

Click [HERE](#) for the book group schedule.

Submitted by Linda Liebenstein

Clean Closets for College

We are partnering with ARC & Value Village to hold our third "FunDrive."

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 a personal relationship to you that will inspire them.

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer. Please share them with your friends and family.

Submitted by Linda Liebenstein

Upcoming Programs

September 9, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

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Mardy Stevens, Gresham Branch

January 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

Pamoja House, Resources and

Support for Recent Immigrants,

Cynthia Kenyan

October 14, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

Current Political Situation and Local

February 10, via Zoom

Police Response, Kathy McAlpine,
Tigard Police Chief

*An Author/Teacher Speaks about
Social Justice*,

Christy Wilson, an author and
teacher

November 11, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
Legislative Issues, Courtney Neron

December 9, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
Women's Suffrage Readers' Theater,
Linda Talluto; AAUW Fund Raffle &
Drawing

March 10,
Annual Meeting—Election of
Officers, Delegates

April 14 & May 12, TBA



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