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**The Challenges And Triumphs Of Being
A State Representative
Courtney Neron
Wednesday, November 11th
At 7 pm Via Zoom**



Courtney Neron is State Representative of House District 26, which includes Wilsonville, King City, Sherwood, South Hillsboro, half of Scholls, and parts of Aloha, Beaverton, Newberg, Tigard, and Tualatin. It will be interesting to hear her discuss what it has been like to run a campaign for reelection. She will tell us about the challenges and triumphs of her first term in office.

Much of the work in the legislature is done in committees, and Courtney keeps very busy since she serves on the House Education Committee, House Veterans & Emergency Preparedness Committee, and the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources.

She also works on local issues including the Sherwood Pedestrian Bridge, the I-5 Boone Bridge, and access to childcare, and much more.

As an educator and mother, she cares deeply about the importance of a strong public education, affordable housing, accessible health care, and environmental stewardship. For nearly a decade she taught French and Spanish in Yamhill-Carlton, Tualatin, and Tigard High Schools, resigning to run for the State Legislature in 2018.

Courtney grew up in Tigard and has been involved in service clubs, athletics, student government, political organizations, theater, and parent groups. She says that community involvement and communication have always been an important part of her life. Tigard Area Branch is now pleased that she joined our branch this year.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." Alice Walker

President's Message

The Tigard Area Branch has risen above the challenges of the last several months by continuing its outstanding programming on monthly Zoom meetings. If you have not attended, we encourage you to do so. They are easy to navigate and we are happy to help. Just click the link in the reminder each month and go from there. Feel free to give one of us call if you would like some coaching. They have been both inspirational and informative. While things are clearly different this year, it does not mean that they are bad. We are enjoying great interactions with our dynamic speakers with minor glitches.

In this crazy election year, there is so much going on that it is interesting to try to keep up with it all and to share relevant information. Suffice it to say that the clearest message this year was to VOTE EARLY. Hopefully, by now, you have all VOTED!

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country." -Franklin D. Roosevelt



As we look forward to the Fall and Holidays, we vow to stay connected, stay informed, and remain inspired. Thanks to our great speakers and to those of you who helped make the

arrangements. We look forward to hearing from State Representative (and Tigard Area AAUW member) Courtney Neron at our November 11th Zoom meeting.

Submitted by Marsha Brockmeyer

“In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman.” - Margaret Thatcher

AAUW Fund

Donate to AAUW Fund and Enter Drawing for a Prize!

For a bit of fun, we will hold a drawing at the December meeting as a reward for supporting AAUW. Make a donation to the AAUW Fund any time from now until the December branch meeting to be entered in the drawing for one of three prizes. In past years we put a contribution form in the November Update, but this year we'd like you to make your donation online. Have your credit card ready, click on the button below, and fill out the online information. AAUW National will send you an email receipt immediately. Forward your email receipt to branch Fund chair Ilga Ross <ilgaross@yahoo.com>. (If you chose to not donate online you can send a check to Ilga made out to AAUW). One ticket with your name will be placed in the jar for every \$25 donated, up to a maximum of 5 tickets per donor. The drawing will be held at the meeting on December 9th. We hope you'll be there, but it's not mandatory. Prizes will be ordered after the drawing and delivered directly to each winner's home.

Submitted by Ilga Ross

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AAUW Fund: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Years ago, Tigard Area Branch established and completed funding—endowing—an AAUW Career Development Grant. An endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization, which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. Most endowments are designed to keep the principal amount intact while using the investment income for charitable efforts.

AAUW Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education, health,

and medical sciences, or social sciences. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.



Every year the interest from fund #1795 Tigard (OR) Branch helps support a deserving woman post-graduate student. This year, our endowment is helping finance Debbie Padilla at Washington State University, Pullman. Debbie's field is biology and she is working toward a P.S.M. (Professional Science Masters) in Molecular Biosciences. She wants to reduce the educational barriers faced by underserved communities pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Debbie Padilla is only one of the exceptional recipients selected to pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. In the 2020–21 award year, AAUW announced more than 200 awards and \$3.5 million in funding for fellows and grantees.

Submitted by Ilga Ross, Tigard Area AAUW Fund Chair

Book Group

Our book selection for Tuesday, November 24th is our first mystery story and is titled *The Perfect Alibi* by Phillip Margolin. It was published in March of 2019 so it is available in hardcover, paperback, and on electronic

devices. It is the second of a series of murder mysteries set in Portland, OR. In this book, a University of Oregon football star is accused of sexual assault but adamantly denies he is guilty even though there is DNA evidence. A review from Fresh Fiction states the book is "Packed with surprises all the way to the end". Sounds like some good escapism from our current distressing world events! Marian Dunlap recommended this book and will lead our discussion.



If you want to read ahead for December our selection is Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware. Please note that due to the December holidays this book group is scheduled for earlier in the month on Tuesday, December 15th, and Ilga Ross will be leading the discussion.

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests for our book group please feel free to contact me by email at 19dorothy74@gmail.com or by text or phone call at 408-596-0403. As of the time I am submitting this for the November newsletter, we have not finalized a schedule of books for January thru June of 2021 so please send any suggestions to me asap.

Submitted by Dorothy Wilson

Tidbits

The next issue will be the December/January issue.

The **Clean Closets for College** items are being delivered on October 31st.

Linda said, "This should be a very profitable fundraiser, perhaps our best yet."

Future Branch Programs

December 9th - *Women's Suffrage Reader's Theater & AAUW Fund Drawing*

January 13th - *Pamoja House, Support for Recent Immigrants*

February 10th - *Christy Wilson, about Social Justice in the classroom*

**March 10th, April 14th, and
May 12th - TBA**

**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.**



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