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**Women's Suffrage Readers' Theater**  
**December 9th**  
**7 pm via Zoom**



The December program features a Zoom reading of the play, “The Hour Has Come”, a story about the fight for women’s right to vote and the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. We will meet Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sarah Grimke, Susan B. Anthony, and many others, who were leaders in the movement. We will also meet some men, who saw no reason that women would want, nor need, a say in government.

Linda Talluto is a member of our branch and a director with many years of experience. She retired as a teacher and director in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. In recent years she has directed many performances in local theater. Linda will be directing five actors, plus herself, to portray the various characters and hopefully bring these stories to life. They will be performing, via Zoom, live from their homes to your home.

At the December 9th meeting there will be a drawing for one of three prizes. To enter the drawing make at least a \$25 donation to AAUW Fund any time until the meeting. Click [HERE](#) to make your donation online. Have your credit card ready, 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. (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 December 9th meeting. 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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## Resources and Support for Recent Immigrants

### January 13, 2021

### 7 pm via Zoom



Cynthia Kenyan, a volunteer at [Pamoja House](#), is a retired PPS middle school science teacher. She has volunteered with Pamoja for 13 years, teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) Pre-Literacy Level. Cynthia will be sharing information about this organization that has been established to see immigrants in SW Portland becoming successful and contributing members of the community. Pamoja" is the Swahili word for "Together". The hope is that all people will "come together" to truly serve and care for one another through the Pamoja House.

This is a multicultural organization serving the diverse immigrant community in the SW Portland area through education, counseling, and vocational services. The organization specializes in ESL, driver's education, tutoring, and citizenship classes. With the high level of personal interaction, small class size, and caring volunteer staff, Pamoja House prides itself on its community building and support, through focusing on the personal needs of their individual students.

Cynthia got involved when she first met the director and her husband as a young couple moving into the neighborhood in SW Portland, where her church and school are located with lots of apartments around a new mosque just off Capital Highway. She shared their vision of reaching out to immigrants and refugees so they would be welcomed into the neighborhood, and it would not become a ghetto, like has happened with disastrous results in France. Cynthia said, "Now I see Hasna or Aisha walking on Capitol Highway. They are my friends, not unknown women

dressed in black or strange clothing. And, they are learning English and making friends with Americans and with fellow students from a variety of backgrounds.”

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## President's Message



Now that the elections are mostly behind us, we can start focusing on looking forward to the holidays and giving thanks. This year, the holidays are going to be different.....some will not gather in person, others may be mourning a loved one. This year is about keeping people healthy. Many of us share what we are grateful for when sitting down at the holiday table. This year, try continuing the tradition on Zoom or even just over the phone. Just give your loved ones fair warning and let them get their thoughts prepared. Start a new tradition by focusing on gratitude. In addition to being grateful for loved ones, have some much-needed fun. For example: “I am grateful for my dog’s unconditional love, for being able to sleep in, for morning coffee, for being able to wear sweats all day. But seriously, I am most grateful for the front-line workers and for those working on vaccines. I am especially grateful for those who wear masks consistently and for those not traveling this holiday season. Another “new” tradition option I read about recently is to challenge each other to put what you are grateful for in just 6 words. A clever and creative challenge.



Most of us are involved in a variety of causes and/or non-profits. Many of them are struggling with how to continue to provide their much needed and valued services during this pandemic. I am thankful to be a member of this wonderful organization but also recognize that it needs financial help to keep the mission alive and well. If you are able, please be sure to show your beloved groups how grateful you are by donating during this critical fund-raising time of year. It is easy to donate to AAUW on-line, just click [HERE](#) or you can always send Ilga Ross a check. Be sure to get one raffle ticket for each \$25 you donate to the AAUW Fund. Our December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is on Zoom at 7 pm. The Women's Suffrage Readers' Theater is presented by Linda Talluto and friends. Watch for a reminder. Stay safe and warm this Holiday season.

**Submitted by Marsha Brockmeyer**

## Board Meeting, all members are invited

Wednesday, December 2nd via Zoom

Key issues on the agenda:

- Report on local scholarship recipient selection,
- Election of nominating committee members, and
- Branch finances and the AAUW National dues increase.

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and Zoom invitation

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## Book Group

Hello, my fellow bibliophiles! Click [HERE](#) to read the Book Group schedule including information about each book through March. If you would like to have your name and email address added to the Book Group mailing list please contact me by email at [19dorothy74@gmail.com](mailto:19dorothy74@gmail.com) or by text or phone call at 408-596-0403.

**Submitted by Dorothy Wilson**

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**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.**