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**Ally's Virtual Adventure – NCCWSL**  
**Wednesday, September 8th**  
**6:45 pm Social Time - 7 pm Program via Zoom**



We were so looking forward to meeting in person for our September branch meeting. In fact, Marian Dunlap had arranged the perfect place for us to be together. However, with the emergence of the Delta variant, we knew that it would not be prudent for us to gather at this time. Once again, we will be meeting via Zoom in the comfort of our own homes.

We are delighted to have our very own member and branch co-president, Ally Yoshioka, tell us about The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Ally was supported with a scholarship by AAUW of Oregon to attend NCCWSL in 2020, but that conference was canceled due to the pandemic. This year, it occurred virtually in May 2021. With over 400 online participants and a diverse panel of speakers and workshop leaders, the opportunities were grand. NCCWSL topics focused on leadership, networking, heading into the workforce, and more. The speakers were passionate and incredibly inspirational. Ally will speak to her experience at our September 8th AAUW meeting, having attended the 2-day conference.

Ally Yoshioka graduated in 2020 from Portland State University (PSU) with bachelor's degrees in Public Health and General Science with minors in Psychology and Aging Services. Since her graduation, Ally has joined the workforce in scientific research. She has plans to apply to continue her education in the coming years.

***Submitted by Judy Silverforb***

**Topic: Tigard Area General Meeting**  
**Time: Sep 8, 2021 6:45 PM Social - 07:00 PM Program**

Click [HERE](#) to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81500462023>

Meeting ID: 815 0046 2023

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## Co-President's Message

Program planning has certainly encountered some bumps and detours since we met in mid-July. Out of necessity, locations and delivery methods have had to constantly change to adapt to the Covid situation. Therefore, the September and October meetings will both be held by Zoom.

Be sure to tune in on September 8th as Ally Yoshioka talks about her NCCWSL experience and we roll out the branch [Strategic Plan FY22](#). The newly crafted plan includes the ambitious goal of achieving National's Five Star Program. On October 9th, we will have a blockbuster of a Zoom meeting together with Lake Oswego Branch to hear from several State Representatives.

Interest groups are an important part of our branch program too, wherein we have the opportunity to expand our knowledge and horizons. Of course, only the book group can be active right now. Under Dorothy Wilson's leadership, an exciting array of books has been selected. Branch members are invited to read and participate in any of the monthly book discussions during the year.

The Fourth Annual Clean Closets for College is well underway. We hope you are collecting many bags of castoff clothing and soft goods.

Volunteers are needed to help gather up the bags on September 16th under Linda Liebenstein's experienced guidance. Our scholarship recipients are always extremely grateful for the help we give them toward their education.

**Submitted by Ilga Ross, co-president**

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The *4th Annual Clean Closets for College FUNDrive* will be held Saturday, September 18th. Linda Liebenstein will be heading up the team to deliver our donations at 8 am.

Linda needs helpers!! If you can help on September 18th please text Linda at (503) 686-5597. (Linda promises to provide donuts.)

Please deliver your donations to Linda's house by September 16th.

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## **The Book Group**

On **Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm** our book discussion group resumes. For the time being, we will continue to meet on Zoom only. Please watch your email a couple of days prior to the meeting

when the Zoom link will be sent out.



The book for September is ***The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah and the discussion will be led by Linda Liebenstein. It is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this group please feel free to contact Dorothy Wilson by phone, text, or email at 408-596-0403 [19dorothy74@gmail.com](mailto:19dorothy74@gmail.com).

***Submitted by Dorothy Wilson***

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and girls through research, education, and advocacy**

**Vision Statement – Equity for all**

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