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## **OCTOBER 2021 UPDATE**

**Legislators' Panel  
Tigard Area & Lake Oswego Branches of AAUW  
Joint Meeting**

**Saturday, October 9th**

**9:30 Social Time and 10 Meeting via Zoom**



We are fortunate to have a panel of Oregon State Legislature Representatives for the presentation at our joint meeting with Lake Oswego. Courtney Neron, Dacia Graber, and Rachel Prusak will be participating in a discussion regarding the last legislative session. They will also speak about what is happening with redistricting. In addition, they will share their thoughts about women in leadership and give us suggestions on how we can be helpful or involved.

Tigard Area Branch member, Courtney Neron, was a teacher prior to becoming a State Representative. As an educator and mother of school-aged children, she has particular interests in education policies and funding, access to affordable healthcare, and protecting our environment. Courtney serves on the House Education Committee, House Committee on Early Childhood, and the House Committee on Housing.

Dacia Graber is a firefighter. She says, "I have spent my life serving the community, one call at a time. I have had the incredible privilege of being called to people's most desperate and vulnerable moments and experienced the beauty of trying to make things better." Her committees include House Interim Committee On Business and Labor (Vice-Chair), Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means, Interim Subcommittee on Public Safety, House Interim Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management, and House Interim Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery.

Rachel Prusak is a nurse practitioner, who was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2018. She chairs the House Health Care Committee, serves as a member of the Economic Recovery & Prosperity Committee and is Vice-Chair of House Interim Special Committee on COVID-19 Response. She states, "It is my goal to make the legislative process as open and friendly to input as possible."

This joint meeting will certainly be thought-provoking and important for us to hear. It is an opportunity to learn about how our Oregon State Representatives are working for us. **Please note the date and time are different than our normal General Meeting because we are holding a joint meeting with Lake Oswego.**

**Zoom Invitation**

**Legislators' Panel - Joint Meeting of Tigard Area and Lake Oswego AAUW  
Branches**

**Time: Saturday, Oct 9, 2021 9:30 am Social Time and 10 am Meeting**

**Click [here](#) to Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84727337408>

**Meeting ID: 847 2733 7408**



Women's March 2021 is happening across the country Saturday, October 2nd to demand the Supreme Court protect a women's reproductive rights and to counter the abortion extremists, who have passed legislation basically outlawing abortions in Texas. Now other state legislators are following suit.

We are fortunate to have 3 rallies within driving distance: Tigard, West Linn, and Sherwood. More information and registration can be found on the website

[Women's March 2021.](#) Time for each is 2 pm and they begin either at the city hall or public works building (Tigard). It's time to make your voice heard.

Women will be carrying supportive signs. So, get busy and let your passion show. Hope to find you out on the streets next Saturday.

***Submitted by Carol Brenneman, Public Policy Chair***

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Here is the recap of the drive. Another **\$825.60** for the cause. (the total weight was 3753 lbs.)

Thanks to everyone who donated and especially Ally Yoshioka for volunteering to help me get everything loaded, delivered, and weighed. It was a rainy, but productive morning!

***Submitted by Linda Liebenstein.***

We owe Linda a huge debt of gratitude as so many of these pounds were because she asked her clients if she could take their leftovers for our FUNDrive. She also provided the space for housing our bags. **THANKS, LINDA!!**

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## **Branch Bylaws Revision**

The branch bylaws were last updated in 2016. Since then, our members and conditions have changed so much that these bylaws no longer fit and we are not able to adhere to many of the branch governance sections. The bylaws of an AAUW affiliate include required sections and sections where the branch may set its own structure. In the draft that is attached, the mandatory sections are

first, Articles I-VII, and the branch discretionary sections begin with Article VIII, Affiliate Members. Your review and discussion of the revisions are encouraged. A vote for adoption will be held at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Key revision points in branch governance:

- Shorten the term of office to one year.
- Eliminate term limits.
- Eliminate the requirement to stay on in an office after a term ends if no replacement is elected.
- Make communications an elected office.
- Allow officers to hold more than one office.
- Reduce the number of required branch meetings from seven to four per year.
- Eliminate the required minimum of three board meetings per year.

Click [HERE](#) for the draft bylaws.

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

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## Book Club



On **Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm** Marian Dunlap will lead our book group discussion of ***Great Circle*** by Maggie Shipstead.

The flyleaf on the cover of this book states "*Great Circle* ranges from Prohibition-era Montana to the wilds of Alaska to wartime London to modern Los Angeles in an epic tale of two extraordinary women

whose fates collide across geographies and centuries." The story is about the lives of Marian Graves with her passion for being an aviator who dreams of circumnavigating the globe in the first half of the 20th century and Hadley Baxter who was cast to play Marian in a film in the early 21st century. The women's "destinies intersect in astonishing ways" as they struggle "for self-determination in vastly different places and times".

*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.**