



Brunch and General Meeting
Saturday, September 20, 2014

10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Mirabella Portland Retirement Community at South Waterfront

Park View Room, 1st Floor

3550 SW Bond Avenue

Portland

Please join us as we begin an exciting new year in the lovely garden room of the Mirabella! Enjoy delicious food, catch up with old and new members, and hear about the special program events that the Portland Branch has planned for the upcoming year. We will discuss our goals and how our activities will strengthen our branch's connection to the mission of AAUW.

Also, at this kick-off meeting, the facilitator for each of our branch's numerous study and interest groups will give a brief talk discussing the activity, highlights of the past, future events to come, the current schedule and how to get involved. Our groups span a wide range and include book, theater, art, food and walking groups. Members, both recent and old, may discover a new interest group that appeals greatly to them. Also, please bring any ideas that you may have for a new interest group that you would like to see formed!! Guests and prospective members are welcome.

Parking is free on Saturdays in the OSHU Whitaker Parking Lot across the street from the Mirabella. The lot is located on Bond Ave. between SW Curry St. and SW Whitaker St. Two entrances to the lot are on Whitaker. We also encourage you to take the Portland Streetcar which runs about every 15 minutes on weekends.

RSVP to Suzanne Fleming, multiteach@aol.com, 714-898-6456, or Diane Winn, dgwinn@uci.edu, 503-954-3976, by Friday, September 12 with the number of people that will be attending.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

As the newly installed Co-Presidents of the AAUW Portland Branch, we are honored to join you in helping to advance the AAUW mission toward breaking down the educational and economic barriers that hinder all women and girls from achieving personal, academic and professional equality. As we look toward this goal, we also want to advance the personal interests of our members.

This branch is fortunate to have dedicated members who volunteer their time and expertise to serve as officers or committee chairs. A hearty thanks to last year's out-going members for their hard work, and a big welcome to the incoming members who are taking on these new responsibilities and challenges. Take a look at the side-bar of the board and officer directory to see the names for this program year. Be sure to thank them for all they do for the Portland branch!

This past June both out-going and incoming officers and chairs met to work on a branch strategic plan based on AAUW National priorities which will guide our activities for the 2014-2016 program years. Some of the questions we grappled with were: *How do we strengthen the branch's connection to AAUW's mission? And how do we encourage member engagement and collaboration across all branch activities?* We spent two hours at a session facilitated by Nancy Thomas, branch member and consultant, where we reviewed the National goals, discussed their appropriateness for the branch, and, in small groups across branch/officer responsibility areas, adapted the goals to specific action areas. During the next month (July), we worked on developing practical, measurable plans that contain objectives, action plans, team lead/members and timelines. Each goal has one or more "owners", working with a team, who is responsible for its implementation. This is a hard and tough task for all involved but one which helps meet our AAUW commitment, as well as member engagement.

Come hear more about the Portland Branch strategic plans at our Saturday, September 20th kick-off meeting at the Mirabella. A general orientation to the plan will be presented, as well as an introduction to our study/interest groups so you can learn more about them and see what interests you. Watch for more discussion later on public policy, STEM and college/university relationships. During the year, materials relating to the strategic plans will be posted on the website to help us track the progress toward our goals.

This is an exciting year for the Portland Branch. We want to engage all members in branch programs, activities and groups, and hearing from you is very important to the branch's success. Please feel free to bring your guests and prospective members to this important meeting. We look forward to seeing you on September 20th!

Co –Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

Public Policy Opportunities for Portland Branch Members

This is a legislative year in Oregon, with the long session beginning on February 15, 2015. The state policy leadership group is providing us with several opportunities to participate meaningfully in Oregon's legislative process. Of particular interest to Oregon AAUW will be bills related to Pay Equity and Paid Sick Leave, as well as a bill targeting Student Assistance for Child Care.

The opportunities include becoming a member of the ongoing Lobby Corps, as well as participation on a more limited basis at our scheduled AAUW Lobby Day (May 12 or 14, 2015). Training for the Lobby Corps is scheduled in Salem at the Capitol on September 29 or 30, 2014, with Alice Bartelt as leader. Training for general lobbying is scheduled for January 13, 2015, at the Capitol with leaders from the League of Women Voters. More detail on Lobby Day and the general training will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

If you are interested in the Lobby Corps training in late September, please contact Barbara Gaines (gainesbc@gmail.com, 503.688.6650) or Diane Winn (dgwinn@uci.edu, 503-954-3976), Branch Public Policy Co-chairs, for details.

Use the Membership Services Database (MSD)

The Membership Services Database (MSD) on the national AAUW website provides contact information at your fingertips. Go to the home page at aauw.org and scroll down. Near the bottom left you will see the link to MSD. Establish an account with your member number (listed in your branch directory) so that you can log in. There you'll find contact information for the AAUW Board of Directors, all committees and task forces, and State and Branch officer listings. The Branch Member Roster is also located at the site, listing mailing addresses, email, and telephone numbers for all branch members. Your individual data, profile, date of joining and fund contribution amounts can also be found at MSD. Search no more for that misplaced Branch Directory!

Study and Interest Groups September 2014

Interest groups that are not at capacity welcome new members. They are indicated by an "(open)" below. Call the contact person for more information and to RSVP. And to start a new group, just contact Donna Pregill, 503 292-8659 or dmp503@gmail.com.

Art Enjoyment (open)

Second Wednesdays

Date: September 10th

Meet at 12:00 noon in the cafe of the Portland Art Museum

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094 or jaswans@centurylink.net

to RSVP or be added to the e-mail reminder list

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: September 11th

Milo's, 1325 N.E. Fremont

Contact: Barbara Spencer, 503-477-7372

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Date: September 18th

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Hostess/Leader: Jean Messick

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts

Date: September 4

One Act Plays by Sam Shepherd

Profile Theatre

Contact: Sue Trotter, 503-659-5678

Digital Age (open) *Additional information on page 5.*

Learn the technology you want to know

Usually fourth Tuesdays

Date: September 23, 10 am to noon (organizational meeting)

Location Barbara Gaines, 3550 SW Bond Ave., #307

Contact Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Thursday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

Old Church, 1422 SW 11th & Clay; \$8

Date: No September performance

Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble

Date: September 25th, 4:00 pm

Meriwether's, 2601 NW Vaughn

Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2071

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: September 25th

Homer and Langley by E.L. Doctorow

Hostess: Ellen Rice

Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon

Date: September 16th

Transatlantic by Colum McCann

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Jane Lancaster

Contact Linda Stern, 503-2320-5637

Literary Comments and Criticism III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: September 9th

The Straight Man by Richard Russo

Hostess: Barbara Gaines

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 12:00 noon

Date: September 25th

The Silver Star by J. Walls

Hostess: Suzanne Fleming

Contact: Judi Wandres, 971-279-5348

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Date: TBA

If interested, call Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Date: September 17th

The Oath by Jeffery Tobin

Hostess: Anna Helm

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7:00 pm

Date: September 19th

Freedom Summer by Bruce Watson

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch and discussion

Date: September 24th, 12:30 pm at Albertina Kerr

I, the Jury by Mickey Spillane

Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

Wimpy Walkers (open)

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch

Date: Saturday, September 6, 9:30 am

Walk and explore the architecturally interesting Irvington neighborhood. Lunch to follow.

Meet at the outdoor benches in front of Foster & Dobbs Authentic Food, 2518 N.E. 15th

Contact Diane Winn, 714-470-4528

New Study Group Forming: “Digital Age”*

Did your son or daughter give you a smart phone that is smarter than you are? Want to learn Excel or just look up a webpage? Want to Skype?—take digital photos?—post to Facebook? This study group will be geared to what you want to know. Nothing will be considered too low tech or simplistic, and no one will be turned away. Learn what you want about technology in a safe, friendly, collegial atmosphere. At the organizational meeting we will take a poll of interests and then plan to make it happen, by teaching each other or by having a specialist come to us. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the home of Barbara Gaines, 3550 SW Bond Ave, #307, Portland. Contact Ilga Ross, ilgaross@yahoo.com or 503-692-6602.

**The digital age, also called the information age, is defined as the time period starting in the 1970s with the introduction of the personal computer with subsequent technology introduced providing the ability to transfer information freely and quickly.*

From www.yourdictionary.com.

Vegetable Metaphor of the Month

“two peas in a pod”

This phrase is meant to signify that two people are so similar, they’re almost identical. And although now it’s typically used to describe best friends, writer and poet John Lyly penned the phrase in Euphues and His England in 1580: “Wherein I am not unlike unto the unskilfull Painter, who having drawn the Twinnes of Hippocrates, (who wer as lyke as one pease is to another”. The word “pease” was used as the singular form of “pea” in Tudor England.

Courtesy of Bon Appetit Magazine

Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership *within two years of graduation* (AA degree and above), at no cost to you or them. Is there a daughter, granddaughter, grandniece, other family member or neighbor whom you would like to know more about AAUW and its mission?

With a gift of AAUW membership, you will...

- Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.
- Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

How do you sign-up the grad?

Go to the AAUW website (<https://ww2.aauw.org/grad-gift>) and enter the following:

- Information about your gift recipient
- Recipient's college/university information
- Your information

Let's share AAUW with the next generation of women!



You've gotten her this far...

Now give your grad the gift of AAUW membership.
(It's free!)



Member Update

Eileen Elliot has a new address and phone number as of Sept. 1:
2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd., #1114
Portland, OR 97201
503 808-7495



Volunteers Wanted for Portland Branch's STEM Project: "Let's Read Math"

Under the leadership of Joyce Kligman, Curriculum Specialist, and Ilga Ross, Math Specialist, planning for the launch of "Let's Read Math" is well underway. The STEM committee selected the project in the spring, and partnering with ImpactNW yielded a school match and dates for our activity.

The "Let's Read Math" program consists of one-hour after-school sessions during which a math-related storybook is read to students in K-2, followed by hands-on activities and construction of a project to take home. We have been placed at Buckman School, 320 SE 16th Ave, Portland, from 3:25 to 4:30 p.m., on the dates of October 16 and 23, November 6, 13 and 20, and December 4, 11 and 18.

We are looking for AAUW volunteers to assist in the program. Joyce is in charge of the curriculum and training. Ilga will do the scheduling, so please contact her if you want to participate or have questions. It will require a simple background check for all volunteers. **Please join us—we need you!**

"Let's Read Math" began as a community outreach project of the AAUW Makefield Area (PA) Branch in October 2004. The project has been replicated by other AAUW groups in other communities, including Forest Grove, where it has been successful for over five years. The program goal is to help elementary school children talk about and enjoy doing math. AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in STEM and encourages members to work from their own communities to ensure that we reach equity in these important fields.

Introducing Jeri Janowsky a new member of the Branch

I'd begun to interact with AAUW through my work with Saturday Academy, an education nonprofit in Portland, and those interactions made me feel this was a great group of women to begin to interact with. As an academic, I've always known about AAUW, but I don't believe I joined previously- shame on me! I've been in Portland for +20 years.

I am the executive director of Saturday Academy, an education nonprofit in Portland. We provide opportunities to get kids engaged in learning with a focus on science, technology, engineering and math. We currently serve over 6000 students through a variety of classes, camps, afterschool programs and internships (www.saturdayacademy.org). Previously I was a professor of neuroscience at Oregon Health and Science University for ~20 years and 3 years ago decided to shift from doing science to insuring we have a next generation of motivated, inspired scientists!

I am particularly interested in AAUW's interest in girls in science and pay equity.

Introducing Mary Karr a new member of the Branch

I was born and raised in Portland. I got a rather late start in higher education since I married early and had four children. Two were still at home when, at age 40, I entered Portland State University. I loved my classes and found that I was good at "doing school". I graduated with majors in both psychology and communication and went on to graduate school in communication studies as a teaching assistant. At this time I started working with adult returning students at Marylhurst University, and continued as an instructor at PSU. After my second husband retired, I gave up my teaching at PSU, but I still am involved with the Prior Learning Assessment program at Marylhurst. Although officially retired, I can't seem to give up my Marylhurst work. As for activities, I did all the usual parent things while my children were in school. Today, besides symphony, plays, reading and walking, I love to travel and my husband and I have spent many a vacation traveling the globe. As much as I have enjoyed traveling for pleasure, the most rewarding trips are the three times I have gone to Cambodia with a dental group from Medical Teams International. My most recent time there was this past January. Having the volunteer bug, I am also working with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) locally. We are called by first responders to be with people during the first hours of a traumatic event. Of course, the joy of my life comes with family: husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I look forward to meeting others in AAUW and learning about all the great activities that AAUW supports.

Oregon Humanities Project: Dear Stranger



Want to be part of a unique Oregonian experience? Miss writing letter? Fondly remember past pen pals? If so, the Dear Stranger project of the Oregon Humanities might interest you.

Here's how it works:

Write a letter. Address it "Dear Stranger." Fill a page, maybe two. Write about whatever interests you. Sign your letter and include your address. (If you don't include your address, your Stranger can't write back.)

Print and sign the Dear Stranger release form. Found on this link: <http://oregonhumanities.org/whats-new/dear-stranger/dear-stranger-start/756>. Letters cannot be exchanged without a signed release.

Mail your letter, the signed release, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope by **September 5, 2014**, to Dear Stranger, Oregon Humanities, 813 SW Alder St., Suite 702, Portland, OR 97205. When we receive your letter, the Oregon Humanities will exchange it with a letter from another writer. They will get your letter; you will get theirs. Read the letter; what happens next is up to you. Maybe you will write back to your new pen pal.

Questions? Email Ben Waterhouse at b.waterhouse@oregonhumanities.org

AAUW Program Schedule 2014-15

September 20

Branch brunch and general meeting

September 29 or 30

Lobby Corps training

Oct. 16, 23; Nov 6, 13, 20; Dec 4, 11, 18

“Lets Read Math” program



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Oregon:

<http://aauw-or.aauw.net/>

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www.aauwpx.org

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