



October Program Meeting “Update on ERA in Oregon”

**Monday, October 13, 11:30 am to 1 pm
South Park Square Community Room
1525 SW Park Ave., Portland**

Guest Speaker: Representative from VoteERA.org

Brown bag lunch (dessert and coffee will be provided)

The Equal Rights Amendment has a long history. It was first written in 1921. In 1923, the National Women’s Party proposed a federal equal rights amendment. The House approved the amendment in 1970 and the Senate followed in 1972. The strongest efforts to pass the amendment came in the 1960’s and 1970’s with support from various women’s rights groups.

In 1971, AAUW announced official support for the rewritten Equal Rights Amendment. After investing 50 years of study in the topic, the ERA became a top AAUW priority. And yet, in 1973, only 30 of the 38 states needed to ratify it had done so. However, opposition to the proposed amendment increased and by 1982, it was 3 states shy of being ratified. Legislation has since been introduced in congress to extend the 1982 ERA ratification deadline. In the meantime, many states have opted to place ERA-like rights in their state constitutions. Will Oregon be next? Come to the meeting and find out! Guests are welcome.

Directions: South Park Square is located in the same complex as McMenemy’s Market Street Pub on SW 10th and Market, across the courtyard from McMenemy’s. Both street car lines run adjacent to the complex, with stops at SW 10th and Clay (CL line) and SW Park and Market (NS Line) Pay parking is available on the street and at the Old Church parking lot. For questions, please call Suzanne Fleming at 714 898-6456 or Linda Loftin, 917-660-1368.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

Every year Portland Branch has the privilege of welcoming new members. You bring an amazing wealth of education and experience that enriches us all. Regardless of whether we move geographically or enter new phases in our lives, AAUW always offers the opportunity to interact with like-minded women and to form enduring friendships. As a branch, we pride ourselves in our openness and strive to be welcoming and inclusive. If you have joined recently, please don't hesitate to reach out, offer your knowledge and skills, and immerse yourself in branch activities. The cement that holds us together is our belief in the overarching mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

Portland Branch was the first one in the state, founded in 1905 as the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. The mission was twofold: to provide a place where women with college degrees could socialize and to raise money for a scholarship. Those goals still remain in place. Over the years the branch has studied and taken positions and action on issues of the day--educational, social, economic and political. For details on the early years, go to the link on our website www.aauwpx.org for a branch history from 1905 to 1980.

While activities speed up in the fall, the summer was not without events. Several members attended Senator Merkley's press conference held at PSU's Walk of the Heroines. He spoke on the Supreme Court's decision regarding Hobby Lobby that impacts women's reproductive health care, and the bill he submitted to counter its effects. It is AAUW's position that we "will continue to fight to protect basic preventive health care access for all women, no matter where they work."

The Summer Picnic was a purely social event. Thanks to our gracious hostesses, we once again enjoyed the luxurious setting and beautiful view from the 5th floor terrace at the Mirabella. We're grateful to Messrs. Hickman and Gaines for braving the heat of the grills and serving up hamburgers and hot dogs, while the rest of us relaxed under the awnings with conversation and drinks.

The previous newsletter shared with you the development of the branch's Strategic Plans. The categories are college/university partner relationships, fundraising, public policy, research, STEM and study/interest groups. Our branch is noted for our many (16 at last count) study/interest groups, including books, art, theater, movies, walking, technology and food (breakfast to happy hour!). If any or many appeal to you, please take part in them, in addition to attending our educational and stimulating programs.

Welcome to a new and exciting AAUW year!

Co -Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

Are You Ready for November 4?



Nationally, AAUW is focusing on GOTV - Get Out the Vote and voter registration for the up-coming fall elections. Although this is a mid-term election, there are several key races and important ballot initiatives here in Oregon that will have an impact on women and their families. There are several opportunities to learn about initiatives and candidates' positions through forums, debates, and events sponsored by groups like the YWCA's Women's Voting Brunch.

AAUW does not endorse individual candidates or parties but can and does take a position on issues and initiatives. At the Summer Retreat, the AAUW of Oregon Board reviewed the Oregon November ballot measures. The only ballot measure the Board endorsed was the Oregon ERA Initiative - Measure 89. Be sure to attend our October 13th program to learn of the history of the ERA and why it is important to place the Equal Rights Amendment in the Oregon Constitution. See page 1 for more details about the October program.

It is easy to vote in Oregon. As many of you know, Oregon has one of the easiest voting systems in the country with on-line voter registration and vote by mail. Make sure your registration is current, and mail in your ballot and encourage your friends and family to do the same. The last day to register to vote is October 14, and ballots will be mailed to voters October 14-21. For more information on voting in Oregon, go to OregonVotes.gov.

Study and Interest Groups October 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: October 8th
Meet at 12:15 for the Midday Art Break at 12:30
Tickets are required (free to members); get them in advance
Contact: Donna Pregill, 503-292-8659

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated
Date: October 9th
The Original Pancake House, 8601 SW 24th Ave.
Contact: Diane Winn, 503-954-3976

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Date: No October meeting
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts
Date: October 14th
Philharmonia Quartet of Berlin
Friends of Chamber Music, Lincoln Hall, PSU
Contact: Anna Helm, 503-652-6625

Digital Age (open)

Learn the technology you want to know
Usually fourth Tuesdays
Date: **September 23**, 10:00 am to noon
Location: Barbara Gaines, 3550 SW Bond Ave., # 307
Contact: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: October 7th
The Gin Game by D.L. Colburn;
Old Church-1422 SW 11th and Clay \$8
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble
Date: October 23rd, 4pm
Equinox, 830 North Shaver
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: October 23rd
Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann
Hostess: Eleanor Krause
Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon
Date: October 21st
The Barbarian Nurseries by Hector Tobar
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Julie Donaldson
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: October 14th
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
Hostess: Linda Stern

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 12:00 noon
Date: October 28th
And the Mountains Echoed by K. Hossein
Hostess: Ellen Rice
Contact: Judi Wandres, 971-279-5348

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies
TBA
If interested, call Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Date: October 15th
Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher by Timothy Egan
Hostess: Diane Winn

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

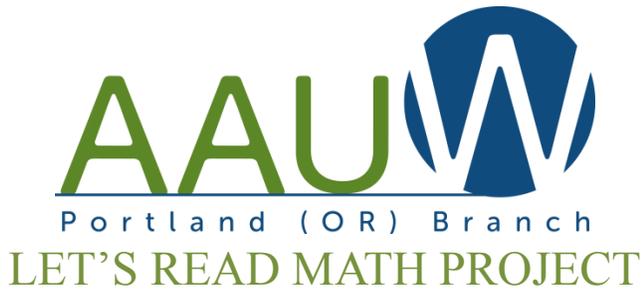
Third Fridays, 7:00 pm
Date: October 17th
Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore
Hostess: Joyce Lew
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch and discussion
Date: October 29th, 1pm at Ernesto's
The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith
Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

Wimpy Walkers (open)

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch
Date: October 11, 10 am (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Meet at the Powell Butte Nature Park visitor's center; wear sturdy shoes
Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094



“Let’s Read Math” to Begin in October at Buckman School

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. The goal of “Let’s Read Math” is to help elementary school children talk about and enjoy doing math. It began as a community outreach project of the AAUW Makefield Area (PA) and has been successfully replicated by other AAUW groups.

On Thursday, October 16, STEM committee members and branch volunteers will hold the first of eight one-hour after-school sessions at Buckman School in southeast Portland. During the hour, a math-related storybook will be read to students in K-2, followed by hands-on activities and construction of a project to take home. The sessions are planned for every Thursday until winter break. If you are interested in participating, contact Joyce Kligman, 503-698-1583, or Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602.

Vegetable Metaphor of the Month

“couch potato”

This phrase is so well-loved that it has a specific birthday: July 15, 1976, in Pasadena, CA. Legend has it that in a phone conversation, an ordinary man named Tom Iacino used the term to describe his loafing habits. In fact, Iacino was such a proponent of the sedentary lifestyle that he led a movement of like-minded people eager to give up their healthy California lifestyles in favor of hanging out, tuber-like, in front of the boob tube. The movement, however, never gained much ground.

Courtesy of Bon Appetit Magazine

Introducing New Members of the Branch

Lisa Perrine

I am a new member of the Portland AAUW, although I have been a member of the organization in the past, many years ago. I lived in New England, in the Boston area, when my kids were growing up. I joined AAUW then and now as well because I enjoyed the stimulation of getting to know many interesting women, many of whom became good friends. I have lived in Beaverton for almost eight years, having moved to the Portland area near the end of 2005. My husband and I moved to the Northwest from Texas, a huge change in weather, politics and outlook. It's been a positive change for both of us.

Although I am now retired, I formerly worked in the medical profession doing medical lab work. In 1990 I went back to school for a masters degree at Tufts University in the Boston area. The degree was in the Civil and Environmental Engineering school and entitled "Environmental Health", a combination of my background in the medical world and my strong interest in the environment. Other than supporting various environmental causes, my interests include playing tennis, hiking, reading, and gardening.

Dee Brookshire

I am new to the Portland area but not to AAUW. I am a long-time member and past President of the Sacramento, California Branch. I have held various posts within the Branch, including Treasurer for several years, Public Policy and AAUW Funds.

I have come to Portland after accepting the position of Executive Director of Finance and Administration for TriMet, and I am very excited to be here. As I work, I am only available for AAUW activities in the evening and on weekends and will look for those opportunities to participate with the branch as they present. I am very interested in all programs that advance opportunities for women and girls.

Kathryn Symmes

I am very pleased to be a first-time member of AAUW. I am new to Portland, Oregon, and wanted to find a group of women as a source of friends and of community involvement opportunities.

My husband and I retired and sold everything we owned to live in Montevideo, Uruguay, South America. Because of an unexpected medical emergency (my husband), we had to return to the States, and Portland was always "Plan B." Before Uruguay, I lived in Fort Collins, Colorado, for 25 years. And before that, for 36 years in Southern California, primarily in beach towns (Hermosa, Laguna, Santa Monica) as an adult, and in Orange County as a child.

I am a retired high school literature and writing teacher and part-time college instructor. In the late 1970's and early '80's, I worked as a production assistant on television commercials, a documentary, and a film (with Richard Gere, "Breathless"—not a box office success....).

I am a reader. I enjoy travel and using my Spanish (going to Bogota, Colombia, for month of October). My shelves are filled with art books. I like to garden, but have no garden now. I like to work with young people. I would like to be part of a community volunteer program. I don't know too much about the AAUW programs, but am eager to learn how I might contribute to the success of the organization.



SAVE THE DATE – December 6

Holiday Luncheon at the Multnomah Athletic Club

More information in the November newsletter

Did you know?

National AAUW publishes their research reports for downloading at www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research. The latest reports are The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap and Women in Community Colleges, Access to Success. Other reports include such topics as sexual harassment at school and sexual discrimination in Academia. We will be talking more about these latest reports this coming year, so why not log on and get acquainted with the interesting results of this research?

Board Appointments

Two members have agreed to take important roles for the branch. **Eleanor Krause** has agreed to be **Photographer** at our events. So if Eleanor points her lens in your direction, smile and look your best for the pictures. Photos may appear in the newsletter, and the website at www.aauwpdx.org/photos.html has a great photo gallery. Take a look at branch activities from previous years, including programs, fundraisers and conventions.

Eileen Elliot has been appointed branch **Corresponding Secretary**. Eileen will be writing thank you notes, get well cards, congratulations and condolences on behalf of Portland Branch. She cannot do this without your help. If you hear of a branch member who has just received an honor, who is ill, or who has suffered a loss, please let Eileen know. Her contact information is 503-808-7495 and twoeez@gmail.com. Thank you Eleanor and Eileen for accepting these appointments.

AAUW Program Schedule 2014-15

September 29 or 30

Lobby Corps training

Oct. 13

Update on ERA in Oregon

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

“Lets Read Math” program

November 4

Election Day—*don't forget to vote!*

December 6

Holiday Luncheon at the MAC Club



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