



Brunch and Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10-1pm

Guest speaker- Kimberly Jensen
Professor of History and Gender Studies
Western Oregon University

Mirabella Portland Retirement Community
3550 SW Bond Avenue, Portland

Please join us in the lovely Park View Room of the Mirabella on Saturday March 7th. Enjoy delicious food and catch up with old and new members. During the Annual Meeting, members will have the opportunity to elect officers and convention delegates.

Following the business meeting, we are honored to have Kimberly Jensen, Professor of History and Gender Studies at Western Oregon University, speak about Esther Pohl Lovejoy and her contributions as an advocate for women's issues. Lovejoy, who lived from 1869 to 1967, advocated for some of the most important issues of our time: feminism, universal suffrage, labor rights, public health and global citizenship, among others.

Professor Jensen, who has authored a book on Lovejoy called "Oregon's Doctor to the World: Esther Pohl Lovejoy and a Life in Activism", will provide insight into the life of one of Oregon's important citizens.

Parking is free on Saturdays in the OHSU 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 Street Car North South Line (N/S) that runs about every 15 minutes on weekends. The stop at SW Lowell & Bond at the South Waterfront District is one block from the Mirabella.

Please **RSVP** to Rose Toufexis, rtoufex@yahoo.com or 971-271-8980

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

We invite you to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Mirabella. Come enjoy the potluck brunch and social time. Election of officers and a review of the year's activities top the business agenda. No doubt speaker Kimberly Jensen's presentation will be a great way to acknowledge Women's History Month.

Founders of our organization met in 1881 to organize "for practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education..." The first research was issued in 1885 to establish that, contrary to popular belief, women's health is not adversely affected by attending college. The study of equal pay began in 1907, and urged "that where women of college training are concerned ... they should receive recompense equal to that of any other similarly engaged." In 1913, a study found that women in civil service jobs were paid about 78 percent of what men earned who were similarly employed. Notably, the 78 percent recurs in AAUW's 2015 The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap as the rate that full-time, year-round working women are paid compared to men.

As part of our two year branch plan, we want to provide you with information on current AAUW research and to connect that research to branch programs. Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation, issued in 2012, explores the earnings difference between female and male college graduates who are working full time one year after graduation. In response, AAUW acquired the \$start \$mart workshops to empower college women to negotiate better salaries and benefits; branch members Jane Lancaster and Nancy Thomas have presented at PSU and elsewhere.

In 2013, AAUW released Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success that made it clear that community colleges are critical pathways to higher learning. The report outlined steps to increase women's participation and success in nontraditional fields and highlighted the importance of community college for student mothers. Branch member and state public policy chair Trish Garner informs us that the Childcare Financial Assistance for Students bill is an AAUW of Oregon priority during this legislative session.

Solving the Equation: Women in Engineering and Computing, AAUW's upcoming research report, will feature the latest data on girls' achievement in subjects related to these fields, how few women are working in them, and what can be done. Our branch's STEM committee has been very active, presenting Let's Read Math and exploring collaborations to benefit high school girls.

There is much to do and many opportunities to work toward making a difference for women and girls. And as an AAUW member, you are in the right place!

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

Portland Branch Annual Business Meeting Agenda March 7th

(See page 1 for Annual Meeting information)

Before our special presentation, the Branch business meeting will be conducted and include the following agenda items:

Welcome – Ilga Ross

2014 – 2015 Strategic Business Plan – Barbara Spencer

Branch Finances – Ann Copeland

Membership – Kathe Hart

Upcoming programs and events – Rose Toufexis and Suzanne Fleming

Members will be asked to vote for the following slate of officers for 2015-2017. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that the nominee has been given prior acceptance in writing.

Program Co- Vice President– Diane Winn (2015-2016 only)

Membership Vice President – Virginia McQueen

Study Group Vice President - Donna Pregill

Treasurer - Ann Copeland

Director-at-Large – Karn Hill (2015-2016 only)

Members will be asked to approve the slate of delegates to the 2015 Oregon Annual Convention.

Special AAUW State program reports

Member Question and Answer Period

Member Update

Jan Dilg has a new e-mail address:

jan@historybuilt.com

Elect Her Training Comes Back to PSU for the Third Year

On Friday, February 6th, students from PSU and PCC attended **Elect Her**, a training program sponsored by AAUW and Running Smart, which prepares college women to run for student government offices at their colleges. AAUW sent Katie Shorey, a trained consultant, to facilitate the session.

Participants heard about the nuts and bolts of running for office from Kali Thorne Ladd, a member of the PCC board of directors, and about student government from past and existing student leaders. Leadership skills for networking, communication and fundraising were taught and simulated during the day-long session. The training culminated in individual student election speeches to the larger group.

This year's students expressed concerns over such issues as child care, housing, tuition and campus security. The 2015 program was run by PSU's Women's Resource Center, the Student Government Advisory Office and the AAUW Portland Branch.



Study and Interest Groups March 2015. . . .

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: March 11
Meet at 12:15 in the café of the Portland Art Museum
Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated
Date: March 12
The Country Cat, 7937 SE Stark St.
Contact: Sue Trotter, 503 659-5678

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Date: March 19

Midnight in Peking by Paul French
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts
Date: March 22, 2:00 pm
The Other Place
Portland Playhouse, 602 NE Prescott St.
Contact: Linda Stern, 503 232-5637

Digital Age (open)

Learn the technology you want to know
Usually fourth Friday, 10 am
Date: February 27, 10 am
Topic: iPad Tips and Tricks
Hostess: Susan Offerdal, 503 853-5533
Date: March 27, 10 am
Topic: Corraling Photos, Part II
Hostess: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602
Contact: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: March 3
Sorry, Wrong Number by Lucille Fletcher AND
Mystery at Twickham Vicarage by David Ives
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: March 26, 4 pm
Cibo, 3539 SE Division
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: March 26
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
Hostess: Eileen Elliott
Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon
Date: March 17—NOTE CHANGES
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Doris Green
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: March 10
The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald
Hostess: Mary Shaw

Modern Fiction (open)

Last Tuesday of the month, 12:00 noon
Date: March 31
Sally Hemmings by Barbara Chase-Riboud
Hostess: Ginny McQueen
Contact: Rose Toufexis, 971 271-8980

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies
Second Friday, 1 pm
Date: March 20
Hostess: Suzanne Fleming
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesday, 9:30 am
Date: March 18
The Tiger by John Vaillant
Hostess: Judi Wandres

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Friday, 7 pm
Date: March 20
Bolivar by Marie Arana
Hostess: Joyce Lew
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesday, lunch and discussion
Date: March 25, 1 pm at Ernesto's
The Bricklayer by Noah Boyd
Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

Wimpy Walkers Eager Eaters (open)

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch
Date: THURSDAY, March 12, 10 am
We will participate in the Monumental Women Senior Capstone Project's Walk of the Heroines. The walk begins at the PSU Multicultural Center on the PSU campus.
Contact: Sue Trotter, 503 659-5678

Consider Hosting a Scholarship Fundraising Event

As described in last month's newsletter, this year we are having small events in members' homes to raise funds for our PCC Scholarship. Although our current "line-up" of events to date is varied and impressive, WE NEED YOU to consider hosting a small gathering to support this effort.

You can host (or co-host) a picnic, dinner, lunch, brunch, movie night . . . Let your imagination run wild! Whatever you can imagine would make a fun/enlightening/pleasant event and help provide women at PCC who plan to continue their education with necessary funds to do so. There is no minimum number of guests required for you to host an event. Any number—from 4 to 400—would be great!!



For further information, contact Judy Holt jholt58@gmail.com or 503-387-5602

Word of the Month

Smalt

Meaning: noun, a deep blue pigment consisting of a powdered glass that contains oxide of cobalt

Origin: Middle French, from Old Italian *smalto*, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *smelzan*, to melt

First use: 1558

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Policy Interest Group Kick-Off Meeting

The first meeting of the Public Policy Interest Group is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the home of Barbara Gaines, 3550 SW Bond Ave, #307, Portland.** We want this Interest Group to be interesting and satisfying for members so we encourage you to come with your ideas and suggestions. At the organizational meeting, we will discuss what public policy topics and issues to address, how we want the group to function, leadership and participation and meeting schedules.

If you are interested or have questions, please email or call us. We would also appreciate it if you would **let us know if you plan to attend** the meeting on March 18 so we know how many to expect.

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Diane Winn, dgwinn@uci.edu, 503-954-3976
Public Policy Co-chairs

January Program Tour of Powell's City of Books Rare Book Room



The manager of the Rare Book Room (at left) gave an interesting overview of the books in the collection, how they were obtained and how they are priced.



Introducing New Members of the Branch

SUSAN OFFERDAL

My family and I moved to Portland, OR, in 2008, and, as a relative “newcomer”, I thought AAUW would be a great source for meeting people and getting involved with the community. My mother had belonged to AAUW in the Washington, D.C., area, where I grew up, and she also encouraged me to join.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a Masters in Public Administration, and my most recent job was with Bonneville Power Administration in environmental public outreach and as a fish and wildlife project manager. Prior to that, I had a long career in the federal government, with the Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and in between shorter stints in a non-governmental organization and the private sector. My career, and that of my husband’s, gave us the opportunity to work and live both in Washington, D.C., and abroad in places as varied as the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Vietnam, Norway and Germany.

Since I retired (in 2012) and our daughter went off to college (U of O), I now have more time to devote to design, art (plein air oil painting), films, theater, cooking, outdoor activities, travel, and new adventures. We recently had a teardrop trailer made to explore the Northwest beauty.

SUE KARSTAD

I have been aware of AAUW, and I was looking for a way to meet interesting people. My interest was sparked while volunteering with Judi Wandres at the library thrift store. We moved from Corvallis to the Hillsboro-Portland area in 1973.

My undergraduate work was in Medical Technology, and I worked at Good Samaritan and Tuality Hospitals for several years before taking time off to be a stay-home mom. I then went to PSU for an MBA. I retired from Intel finance 12 years ago.

I love the Movie Mavens, (we have not been big movie goers and need an incentive), and am interested in the STEM efforts.

DR/REV. FREDI JACKSON

I was a previous member of AAUW years ago, both in Portland, OR, and in Anchorage, AK. I used to travel; not too much anymore. I just wanted to know how much had changed with this group. I am "new" once again for the 3rd time back to Portland, Oregon; this will always be my home. I have traveled to Anchorage, Alaska, Abilene, Texas, Glen Burnie, Maryland, to Walla Walla, WA. Now I'm home again at last!

I have a PhD in Religious Sociology. I am a retired Educator/Counselor. Presently, I attend PCC Cascade in the Paralegal Dept.; I want to help seniors with foreclosures and the many scams that people run on us daily! I am not totally sure of what your goals and interests are at this time. However, if it is attempting to help others, to be concerned and to share when you can, then this is my type of organization!

AAUW Program Schedule 2014-15

February 28

High Tea fundraiser

March

7—General membership meeting
18—Public Policy kick-off meeting

April

11—Moroccan dinner fundraiser

17-19—AAUW of Oregon Convention at
Eagle Crest



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