



Brunch and Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10am-1pm

Mirabella Retirement Community 3550 SW Bond Avenue, Portland

Guest Speaker: Jessica Katz, Program Director, Center for Justice
Involved Families

Please join us at Mirabella on Saturday March 12th. 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 and hear from program officers and committee chairs.

Following the business meeting, we are honored to have Jessica Katz, MSW, speak to us about the Family Preservation Project (FPP), a program of the YWCA of Greater Portland.

Since 2000, the number of female inmates in Oregon has grown 86%. It is estimated that 80% of incarcerated women are mothers to children 0-18, most of whom resided with their children prior to their incarceration and will likely resume parenting roles once released. Informed by best practices, the FPP at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility has consistently provided intensive case management and wrap-around services to incarcerated mothers, their children, and the children's caregivers in the community. The program helps children and mothers keep, repair, and create healthy relationships, in order to ensure successful reentry and interrupt the cycle of intergenerational criminal justice involvement, poverty, and addiction.

Directions and Parking: Because of construction, only **limited street parking** is available. We strongly encourage you to take public transportation. The Portland Street Car North South Line (N/S) stop at SW Lowell & Bond at the South Waterfront District is one block from the Mirabella. The Orange MAX line South Waterfront/SW Moody station is about a half mile north of Mirabella.

RSVP by Friday, March 4, to Diane Winn, 503-954-3976 or dgwinn@uci.edu

Agenda for the Annual Meeting is on page 6.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

March is Women's History Month, and Oregon from its earliest days to the present has had a strong history of women who have worked for gender equality. Let's not forget the work of Abigail Scott Duniway, Betty Roberts and Avel Gordly, true pioneers for women's rights. We live in a state where the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, House Speaker, House Majority Leader and State Senate Pro Tempore are women who have labored hard to represent the citizens of Oregon. Research shows female politicians are not only more likely to prioritize issues that affect women, but are also more likely to make sure groups that are underrepresented are also heard. We are fortunate to have such strong role models for the next generation of girls and boys.

We invite you to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 12th, at the Mirabella. *(A special note for all who might drive to this event – the nearby parking lot is now a construction site, so please think about using public transit or carpooling.)* Come enjoy the potluck brunch and social time. Election of officers and a highlight of the year's key activities head the business agenda. The presentation on the Family Preservation Project at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility will be an important way to acknowledge efforts to uphold family rights for incarcerated women and children – another modern-day example for Women's History Month.

The State Convention is next month. This year the Oregon State Convention will be held in Medford, from April 22 – 24. Highlights include: a special keynote address, branch trainings, workshops and plenary sessions and the awarding of the Breaking Barriers Achievement Award to Brenda Tracy, nominated by the Gresham Branch for her work to protect the rights of victims of sexual assault in Oregon. More information is in the Spring AAUW Oregon News. If you would like to attend the convention and serve as a branch delegate for the business meeting, contact President Ilga Ross. Convention attendance is a worthwhile experience.

Finally as our bulbs begin to emerge from this wet winter's soil, let's hope that spring is near. We are all ready to "spring forward."

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

AAUW STEM Project Progress

On Thursday, March 3, Saturday Academy, the sponsor of our STEM Project, will be holding their annual fundraiser, a luncheon at the Portland Zoo. Sue Thomas has been appointed a “table captain” for the occasion. She is seeking members to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon, but donations are encouraged. Please contact Sue soon if you plan to attend.

Barbara Miner, our leader for the STEM project, recently gave a progress report on how the classes are going at this point. Over 215 young girls have attended the classes held so far this year. We have already surpassed our stated goal of teaching 200 girls in this school year! In addition, 15 teen-aged girls have been trained and have served as teachers for the classes. Barbara has requested future grant money to expand to Hispanic groups in Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

AAUW volunteers are critically important, according to Barbara, especially when a lot of girls are signed up and there is sufficient space. The Girl Scout Headquarters building at 9620 SW Barbur Blvd. in Portland is a very good location for the classes. Among the duties our volunteer AAUW members have participated in are: giving individual girls more attention; and collecting and organizing the paperwork (pre-and post- class surveys and registration forms). We can reach more girls by having those extra helpers available.

Future dates for which we need volunteers include: Sundays, March 13, April 10 and 24; classes on those dates are all scheduled for the G.S. Headquarters building, from 1 to 4 pm. In addition, there is a class scheduled for Monday, March 14, at the Bridlemile Elementary School Library in Portland. The location is 4300 SW 47th Drive. The time for that class is 2 to 4 pm.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, contact Sue Thomas, sueonoak@comcast.net or Lisa Perrine, lperrine65@comcast.net.

Have You Done it Yet?

Join the Fun; Help Win the Contest

Join Portland Branch members by participating in the State-sponsored Action Alert contest. It is really simple, and, if Portland wins, we get a \$150 prize that the board can apply to a worthy cause. Here is what you have to do...



Go to the AAUW Portland Branch website. Scroll down to “Links to Other Websites of Interest” and select either the National AAUW Two Minute Activist link or the more general National AAUW link. (The Two-Minute Activist will take you directly to where you need to be).

Follow the directions to join the Two Minute Activist Alert/AAUW Action Network and you will be enrolled as an active member of the network for the period of the contest which runs from January 1, 2016 –March 15, 2016. [Enrollment is time limited and unless your name is B. Spencer, B. Gaines, P. Garner, L. Hollomon, O. Howard, A. McKinney, L. Stern, D. Winn, L. Wood, you are NO longer registered as active in the national data base].

Once enrolled you will receive Two Minute Activist Alerts on a periodic basis from National asking you to email your Senators or Representatives on issues of importance to the Association.

Simply reply—at least once between January and March 15th— to the national request and contact the appropriate Congressperson(s). Hit the “Submit” button at the bottom of the letter and you will contribute to our percentage response and our chance to be the winning Branch. You may, of course, feel free to respond many times and support our Advocacy agenda, which is the real purpose of the contest.

Questions? Call Barbara Gaines, gainesbc@gmail.com

Elect Her Training at PSU



Picture from the February 9 workshop—PSU students, AAUW supporters, and Elect Her facilitator Susannah Wellford.

Study and Interest Groups March 2016. . . .

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: No meeting

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

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: March 10

Milk Glass Market, 2151 N. Killingsworth

Contact: Dorthea Petersen, 503-285-1935

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Date: March 17

The Mitfords: Letters Between Six Sisters, edited by Charlotte

Mosley and James Lee

Hostess: Doris Green

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Date: March 3

“Contigo Pan y Cebolla” at the Milagro Theatre

Contact: Joyce Lew, 503-243-5017

Digital Age (open)

Learn the technology you want to know

Third Wednesdays, every even month, 1-2:30 pm

Date: No March meeting

Contact: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Tuesday Reader’s Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

Date: March 1

“Betrayal” by Harold Pinter

Old Church, 1422 SW 11th (and Clay)

Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble

Date: March 24, 4:00 pm

Meriwether’s, 2691 NW Vaughn

Contact: Ann McKinney, 503-309-6579

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon

Date: March 15

Henna House by Naomi Eve

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Jane Lancaster

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: March 24

An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine

Hostess: Anna Elliott

Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: March 8

How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia by Mohsin Hamid

Hostess: Donna Pregill

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: March 22

On Kingdom Mountain by Howard Frank Mosher

Hostess: TBA

Contact: Rose Toufexis, 971 271-8980

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Second Friday, 1:30 pm

Date: March 11

Hostess: Suzanne Flemming

Contact: Kathryn Symmes, 503-422-5925

Non-Fiction Book Group I (open)

Third Wednesday, 9:30 am

Date: March 16

Portland in Three Centuries by Carl Abbott

Hostess: Diane Winn

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm

Date: March 18

The Tender Bar by J.R. Moehringer

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503 372-6338

Public Policy (open)

Third Wednesdays, every odd month, 1-2:30 pm

Date: March 16

Hostess: Lisa Perrine

Contact: Barbara Gaines, 503 688-6650

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch and discussion

Date: March 23, 12 noon at Albertina Kerr’s

Finding Nouf by Zoe Ferraris

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Saturday, March 5, 9:30 am

Walk: Tilikum Bridge/South Waterfront; lunch to follow

Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, for details and to RSVP

Portland Branch Annual Business Meeting Agenda

March 12th

(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
- * 2015 2016 Strategic Highlights – Barbara Spencer

Public Policy – Diane Winn

STEM – Sue Thomas

Fundraising and PCC Scholarships – Judy Holt and Susan Marthens

- * Branch Voting – Barbara Spencer

Members will be asked to vote for the following slate of officers for 2016-2018. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that the nominee has given prior acceptance in writing.

Co-Presidents – Trish Garner and Ilga Ross

Program Vice President– Diane Winn

Secretary – Karn Hill

Director-at-Large – Linda Wood (one-year term)

Members will also be asked to approve the slate of delegates to the 2016 Oregon Annual Convention.

- * Special AAUW State program reports
- * Members' Question and Answer Period

Consider Hosting a Scholarship Fundraising Event

As most (if not all) of you know, 2015-16 is the second year we are having small events in members' homes to raise funds for our PCC Scholarship. Last year's events were varied and impressive, but WE NEED YOU to consider hosting a small gathering to support this effort in the coming year.

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.

Member Update/Information

It is with sadness that we report the death in January of a member of the Branch, Susan Whereat. Susan was a member of the Philadelphia Branch of AAUW until she moved to Portland two years ago and joined us. She was a member of two study groups—Movie Mavens and Nonfiction Book Group II. Susan was a retired school teacher and a respected and published poet. We send our condolences to Susan's family.

We also send condolences to Julie Skinner and her family on the death of her mother, Hazel Swanson.

Congratulations to Diane and Rodger Winn on the birth of their first grandchild, Leighton, born on December 2, 2015. Enjoy!

Study Group Close Up—Curtain Call

How does dinner and the theater with friends sound to you? Well, that is what the “Curtail Call” group enjoys every month. We get together for an evening out to see a play, dance or music, usually with dinner at a nearby restaurant.

We like to attend a variety of performances at various venues in Portland. For example, this season we saw Lily Tomlin in January and will be seeing the Jupiter Quartet in April and Thornton Wilder’s “Skin of Your Teeth” in June.

The group meets in the fall to choose which productions we are interested in for the upcoming year, and a contact person is assigned to buy tickets in advance for those wanting to attend. A group member may choose as few or as many performances to attend as she wants, and, of course, you don’t need to be a Curtail Call member in order to join us. The full year’s schedule is printed in the fall newsletter, so you can just call the contact person if you want her to purchase a ticket for you. Or if you decide at the last minute to join us, you can buy your own ticket, which probably won’t be with the whole group, but at least you can join us for dinner beforehand.

Word of the Month

cavil

Meaning: verb, make petty or unnecessary objections
noun, an objection seen as petty or unnecessary

Origin: Latin *cavillari* to jest, cavil, from *cavilla* raillery; akin to Latin *calvi* to deceive

First use: 1542

Synonyms: carp, quibble, fuss, niggle, nitpick

Public Policy Interest Group Update

Over the last few months, the Public Policy group has been studying the issue of human trafficking as it is experienced by young people in Oregon-especially young women and girls. Our general summary statement of what we have learned so far is that human trafficking, whether sexual or labor, is a huge problem in the Portland and I5 corridor area. Many of the structural and personal, causal- factors are fairly well understood by the social and legal systems, but the tools to stop trafficking are difficult if not impossible to put in place. A most recent example is the entry of gangs into the trafficking arena. It seems that gangs have realized that once your drugs are gone, they are gone, but a young woman or child prostitute is a reusable commodity.

In particular we were interested in the research presented by Professor Christopher Carey at the joint AAUW/YWCA program on human trafficking. His findings support a direct relationship between foster care and human trafficking. Specifically, CAS Research and Education shows that the relationship is as follows:

Foster care children are targeted by traffickers because of their need for love, affirmation, and protection.

Victims are trained to call sex traffickers “daddies” and themselves “wifies” – a perverted reflection of the family unit that these children are seeking. These children long for a family...even if it means being subjected to extreme violence and abuse.

We personally and as a group are overwhelmed by our recognition of the complexity of issues involved. We do, however believe there are small strides toward positive outcomes that we can make even at this early point in our work. Based on our work-to-date, the board has authorized branch support for the “The Family Stability & Kinship Care Act,” introduced by Senator Ron Wyden, D-OR, with seven co-sponsors, which gives states the option of providing certain time-limited family services, including parenting and family-skills training and counseling, to a child meeting certain criteria or the child's parents or kin caregivers. We plan to email the Senator’s office to express our support and request a meeting to learn more about this proposed bill and other efforts in this area. As a follow-up to this meeting, we anticipate further advocacy work with National AAUW on this topic.

AAUW Program Schedule 2015-16

March

- 2 Board Meeting
12 Branch Annual Meeting

April 22-24 AAUW Oregon State Convention
Medford, OR

May 19 Honor's Luncheon & Installation
of Officers



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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



Beware the Ides of March



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