

## Branch General Meeting, 2018

September 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TaborSpace Dining Room, 5441 SE Belmont St., Portland



Are you ready to begin a new year with our Portland Branch? Please join us for our General Meeting and Brunch. Our special guest speaker is Georgia Applegate, Oregon AAUW President, who will discuss AAUW activities and priorities at the state level and how they relate to national goals and objectives.

We will also highlight the Interest and Study Groups available to our members and invite participants to review each groups' history of activities before signing up for 2018-19.

As always, guests and prospective members are welcome. Please **RSVP by August 31st** with the names and number of people attending to Linda Loftin at [linloftin@msn.com](mailto:linloftin@msn.com) or by phone 917-660-1368. You can also register through our website, [www.aauwpdx.org](http://www.aauwpdx.org).



**See you in  
September**

**Directions and Parking:** The #15 bus stops in front of TaborSpace on Belmont St. Free parking is available in the TaborSpace lot on SE 54th. The sidewalk leading to the dining room is located directly across the street from the parking lot on 54th St.

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## A Message from Our President

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Dear Members,

Welcome back to our new program year! And a special welcome to our new members. I am excited to be working with all of you and look forward to your feedback. I would like for all of you to enjoy the Branch and its many activities!

### **AAUW of Portland Branch and General Meeting is September 8.**

Georgia Applegate, the President of AAUW Oregon, will be our guest speaker. I'm sure you will enjoy hearing her, and I look forward to seeing you there. I attended the Oregon AAUW Leadership in Bend this last weekend and was very impressed with our State leadership and with Georgia.

At our August Board meeting this month, we chose a theme for the year, **"Rising UP Women's Voices."** The Board will have a session at each Board meeting to discuss an issue relating to this theme. It is my hope that you will attend our Board meetings, enjoy the discussion, and learn what important work our Board members do for the Branch and for Portland. Linda Loftin and her Program committee have chosen programs this year that will also speak to this theme.

Our next Board meeting is **September 5, 2018**, at Linda Loftin's Community Room, 1500 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 10 AM. On October 6, we will have a Saturday Board meeting for those of you who work during the week. We have planned another Saturday meeting in February. Please come and meet us! You will receive email reminders for the Board meetings.

I have heard multiple times that our members do not know what the Board members do, so in each newsletter, one of them will write a brief description. This month Susan Marthens has written about the Scholarship Committee. Thank you, Susan.

President, Sue Thomas

## Get to Know Our Board...

Susan Marthens  
Scholarship Committee Chair

The chairmanship of the AAUW Portland Branch Scholarship Committee is a voting position on the branch board (though not an elected person). The current chairman (chairwoman, chairperson?) is Susan Marthens, who has had this position for the last four years. Our branch has been collecting funds and donating to PCC (Portland Community College) at the Sylvania campus since at least 2010. The scholarships are awarded to women pursuing an associate's degree at PCC with the intention of completing a four-year degree program in STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Each year the branch raises money for these scholarships either from donations from branch members at an event or by a “virtual fund raising” appeal. Initially, the branch raised about \$500/year and donated it to PCC. In the last few years, people have been very generous, and we have been able to provide up to \$1,500 each for two scholarships. We currently have three other members on the committee: Margaret Hickman; Linda Woods; and Marika Williams.

Working with PCC, whose point person reviews **all** scholarship applications for PCC students no matter the field of study or goals, the committee reviews the selected STEM related applicants who meet the branch's requirements (in addition to the above criteria--second year student, 3.0 GPA, in Portland area). This generally occurs in March or April each year. During the review, the committee, with PCC's guidance, ranks the applicants. This ranking allows PCC to consider these applicants, and PCC makes the decision about which one or two applicants will be awarded a scholarship from AAUW Portland Branch.

As soon as we know how much we have collected in funds, we advise PCC the size and number of scholarships the branch chooses to award. By fall of the academic year PCC provides the names of our recipients, and we then try to include them in events to allow branch members to get to know them—and see where their money went—and for the students to have the opportunity to learn about AAUW Portland Branch.

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### Announcements

The Portland City Club is holding its Ballotpalooza on Wednesday, August 22, from 6 to 9 pm at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St., Portland. The cost is on a sliding scale (\$5-\$20). Tickets at <https://public.ticketbiscuit.com/AlbertaRoseTheatre/Events/348620>. The event will showcase the City Club research committee's findings on Ballot Measure 106, as well as other issues.

## Study and Interest Groups September, 2018

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 Carla Huegli, 503-456145 or [carla.huegli@yahoo.com](mailto:carla.huegli@yahoo.com).

### **Breakfast in Bridgetown** (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: September 13

Gigi's Café, 6320 SW Capitol Hwy

RSVP by September 10 to Diane Winn, 714-470-4528/[dgwinn@uci.edu](mailto:dgwinn@uci.edu)

### **Classics: Past, Present and Future** (open)

Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm,

Date and place: TBD

Book: TBD

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162 or [earthdogs@msn.com](mailto:earthdogs@msn.com)

### **Curtain Call** (open)

Date: TBD

Performance: TBD

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/[kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

### **First Tuesday Reader's Theater** (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

The Sanctuary, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd.

Date: No performance in September

Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602 or [jholt58@gmail.com](mailto:jholt58@gmail.com)

### **International Lunch Group** (open)

Second Monday, 11:30 am

Date: September 10

Broder Soder, 8800 SW Olson Rd., Portland

RSVP by Sept. 6 to Judi Wandres, 503-746-4718

or [judiwandres1@gmail.com](mailto:judiwandres1@gmail.com)

### **Literary Comments and Criticism I**

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon

Date: September 18

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Linda Stern

### **Literary Comments and Criticisms II** (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: September 27

The Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford

Hostess: Katy Raetz, 4795 N Amerst St.

Contact: Katie Raetz, 503-720-8188/[kmraetz@yahoo.com](mailto:kmraetz@yahoo.com)

### **Literary Comments and Criticisms III** (open)

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: September 11

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Hostess: Barbara Gaines

Contact: Sue Trotter, 503-652-6414/[dstrotter@msn.com](mailto:dstrotter@msn.com)

### **Mah Jongg** (open)

Mah Jongg will not be resuming until next year.

For information in the meantime, contact: Mary Shaw,

503-939-4589/[docsu@hotmail.com](mailto:docsu@hotmail.com)

### **Modern Fiction** (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: September 25

Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig

Hostess: Carli Huegli

Contact: Donna Pregill, 503-292-8659/

[dmp503@gmail.com](mailto:dmp503@gmail.com)

### **Movie Mavens** (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Second Fridays, 1:30 pm

Date: September 14

Hostess: Suzanne Fleming

Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456/

[multiteach@aol.com](mailto:multiteach@aol.com) or Karn Hill, 503-206-8444/

[karnhill@gmail.com](mailto:karnhill@gmail.com)

### **Non-Fiction Book Group I** (open)

Third Wednesdays, 10:00 am, at Elephant's Deli

Date: September 19

The Second Coming of the KKK by Linda Gordon

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/

[kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

### **Non-Fiction Book Group II** (open)

Third Fridays, 6 pm, at Joyce Lew's

Date: September 21

Grant by Ron Chernow or American Ulysses by

Ronald White

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/

[kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

### **Sleuth Sisters**

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion

Date: September 26, 12 noon, at The Old Spaghetti

Factory, 0715 SW Bancroft St.

Over My Dead Body by Rex Stout

Contact Jane Lancaster, 971-270-8369/

[mamayoyo@q.com](mailto:mamayoyo@q.com)

### **Wimpy Walkers** (open)

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

Date: Friday, September 7, 10 am

Gresham and Gresham Butte Walk

Meet at Main City Park (south of Powell at Main

Street in Gresham), near the entrance to the

Japanese Garden

Leader: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094

Contact: Joyce Kligman, 503-309-3185 or

[joyceslk@comcast.net](mailto:joyceslk@comcast.net)

## **A Message from Our Interest/Study Group VP**

I'd like to invite all of you, and especially our new members, to take a look at the interest/study groups in our newsletters. Many of them are still open and welcoming new members. The contact person for each group is listed.

We currently have 14 different groups, including: breakfast and an International lunch group; exercise plus breakfast/lunch with the Wimpy Walkers; lots of book clubs; movie and theatre groups; and we are hoping to increase that number this year.

If you have a special talent or a particular interest that you don't see listed, please contact me, and we'll see what we can do to promote your ideas. The suggestions for new groups have ranged from a study of current events to pinochle to wine tastings to gardening to photography, and additional book clubs at times differing from our current ones.

These groups are a great way to meet other members with the same interests that you have in a smaller, more social venue. So if you'd like more information, please see me after a meeting or email me or just give me a call.

Carla Huegli. Study/Interest Group VP

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## **Member Information and Updates**

### **Welcome to our 2 new members:**

#### **Shilpi Banerjee**

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Portland, OR 97209

952-215-1863

[shilpi\\_banerjee@hotmail.com](mailto:shilpi_banerjee@hotmail.com)

#### **Liz Lippoff**

104 NW Pittock Ave.

Portland, OR 97210

971-235-0461

[lizrl@rabiner.com](mailto:lizrl@rabiner.com)

**Alyda Gilkey** has a new address and phone number.

Courtyard Village, Apt 329

Portland, OR 97225

971-867-2118

## Get to Know Our New Members

**Shilpi Banerjee** is currently the Vice-Chair of Public Policy for AAUW of Oregon. By profession and training, she is an audiologist, researcher and educator. Much of her career has involved developing products and tools for persons with hearing loss. Shilpi has also worked with students for many years, teaching undergraduate- and graduate-level audiology courses in the US and around the world. Advocacy and policy are relatively recent interests of hers.

**Liz Rabiner Lippoff** has a BA from the University of Oregon and an MAT from Lewis and Clark. She began as an English and journalism teacher in Beaverton, but when her husband's job took the family to a new state every few years, she shifted, spending time with her children, volunteering and learning new skills. When she was ready, she created Liz, ink Public Relations and Marketing. When the family returned to Portland in 2002, Liz continued her company but also began freelance writing and became active on nonprofit boards. Liz enjoys reading, family and friends, traveling and exercise.

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### SAVE THE DATE!



### The Women's Voting Brunch,

Sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Portland,  
Portland Branch of AAUW, and the League of Women  
Voters of Portland

October 28, 12:00—3:00 pm  
Lagunita Pub, 237 NE Broadway

Speakers will address the pros and cons of five ballot  
Initiatives on the ballot this November.

## AAUW Program Schedule 2018-19

August 19 Branch picnic

September 8 Branch General Meeting

October 28 The Women's Voting Brunch



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Oregon:

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

Portland:

[www.aauwpx.org](http://www.aauwpx.org)

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## NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



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