

AAUW Funds

Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser

Saturday, **December 6, 2014**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Multnomah Athletic Club

1849 SW Salmon Street

\$28 per ticket

RSVP by November 29

(See November newsletter or our website for more information; the registration form is on page 4.)

Tour of Powell's City Of Books Rare Book Room

Thursday, **January 15**, 11:00am to 12:00pm

1005 W Burnside St. between 10th and 11th Ave

(lunch after tour for those who are interested)

Dehlia McCobb, a rare books used book buyer, will give our group a private tour of Powell's Rare Book Room. It houses several thousand of Powell's most valuable—and beautiful—books, including an extensive library of reference works about antiquarian books. We will learn what factors make a book “rare” (must be scarce relative to demand) and how a “rare” book is priced (first edition, author's signature, artwork, typesetting, binding, condition closest to its original state).

One of the most expensive books in the collection is the two-volume “History of the Expedition Under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark to the Sources of the Missouri, Thence Across the Rocky Mountains and Down the River Columbia to the Pacific Ocean,” published in Philadelphia in 1814. This set is the first public description of the journey of Lewis and Clark and has a fascinating history. It is priced at \$350,000. One of the oldest books currently is “De Bello Judaica (With) De Antiquitate Judaeorum Contra Apionem” (The Jewish War) published in Verona in 1480. Powell's total collection of books is more than 9000 volumes, worth about \$1,800,000.

For questions, please call Rose Toufexis at 703-731-9666 or Suzanne Fleming at 714-898-6456

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

This is our December/January issue of The Rose City Reporter. As you are reading this issue, we are now officially in the holiday season, with everyone looking forward to wonderful times with family and friends over the next few months. A highlight of this season is the Holiday Luncheon and Fund-raiser at the festive Multnomah Athletic Club on December 6th. In addition to meeting new members, catching up with friends, eating a delicious lunch and hearing a special holiday program, this event provides special fundraising for AAUW funds, the branch operating funds and for future STEM activities. This luncheon is always fun, so be sure to RSVP if you haven't already done so. Finally, do think about carpooling or taking the MAX to the luncheon to make the day even more enjoyable for you.

As we continue to work on our strategic plan, we want to give you more information on our efforts to promote the branch goal to maintain and strengthen college and university (C/U) partnerships with local Portland schools of higher education. As the leading voice in promoting equity and education for women and girls since 1881, AAUW has deep roots in the academic community. When a college or university becomes a partner member, it opens doors to grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development, educational resources and advocacy tools for students, faculty and staff. Portland State University is a C/U member and has benefited from the Elect Her and \$tart \$mart training programs. A PSU graduate student joined the AAUW student advisory council and participated in the Clinton Global Initiatives. PSU hosted a talk by Lilly Ledbetter, as well as had Holly Kearl, a former staff member, spend two days with students and faculty discussing school and street harassment. Lastly, over 70 students belong to AAUW as e-student affiliate members, entitling them to AAUW resources and special programs. It is a win-win for all. As a strategic initiative, the Portland branch is working on strengthening the relationship with PSU and seeing if this model can be expanded to other schools in the Portland area. If this is an interest of yours and you would like to help out, please let us know. There are lots of opportunities for future relationship building.

In closing, as we come to the end of 2014, we wish Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to our members and their families. Let's raise our glasses and toast women's and girls' equality for the New Year!

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

EMBRACE AAUW ADVOCACY FROM YOUR CHAIR: NO DOOR KNOCKING OR TELEPHONING REQUIRED

As co-chairs of the Portland Branch, AAUW Public Policy committee, we ask all of our members to help us meet our branch strategic plan goal for public policy. Please sign up for the 2-minute activist at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/publicpolicy/two-minute-activist/> or go to the branch website and sign up there. Our branch Webmaster, Nancy Cheverton, has created a simple link for your use under the “Links to Other Websites of Interest” information bar. To subscribe through this route go to <http://www.aauwpdx.org/>.

Becoming a 2-minute activist means you will receive national information by email from the AAUW Action Network or from Lisa M. Maatz, our national policy advisor. You can use the information provided directly as sent or as a framework to formulate comments to your legislators about matters of interest to you and to AAUW. It really is easy and very important; the NW needs to be heard. So please sign up today and email Barbara, gainesbc@gmail.com, with your enrollment. Our goal is 80 percent of our members enrolled as activists by the end of 2014!

We would also like to remind you that as a second strategic maneuver, we will be starting a public policy interest group in the spring of 2015. We have a beginning list of interested participants and would welcome more of you if you would like to join us. Just email Barbara of your interest.

Let either of us know if you have questions. Happy holidays to all from Diane (dgwinnuci@gmail.com) and Barbara (gainesbc@gmail.com).

Word of the Month

inanition

Meaning: noun, (1) the quality or state of being empty; (2) exhaustion, as from lack of nourishment.

Origin: Middle English *in-anisioun*, from Late Latin *inanitio*, from *inanire*, to make empty

First use: 14th century

Member Update

Maxine McComas has a new address:
12705 SE River Road, #404E
Portland, OR 97222

AAUW Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser Registration

Name _____

_____ Number attending

_____ Check here to request a vegetarian meal. (The entrée will be chicken.)

_____ I am unable to attend, but wish to make a contribution.

_____ **Total amount enclosed (\$28 per person)**

If you are paying for the luncheon and also want to make a contribution to *AAUW Funds*, please write separate checks. This helps us track the contributions.

For the *Luncheon* ~ make checks payable to *AAUW Portland Branch*. For *Contributions to AAUW Funds*~ make checks payable to *AAUW Funds*.

Please send this form and your check(s) *by Saturday, November 29 to:*

Joyce Kligman, 10858 SE Richmond Ct, Happy Valley, OR 97086~Questions? Call 503-698-1583 or email – joyceslk@comcast.net

Doris R. Thoen, AAUW Lifetime Member

It is with sincere condolences that we announce that Doris Read Thoen, an AAUW Lifetime Member, passed away on November 3, 2014 at the age of 89. A native Oregonian, Doris was born and raised in Corvallis, graduating from Corvallis High School, as well as Oregon State University. Doris was a very active woman who in addition to belonging to AAUW, also belonged to the Beaverton-Hillsboro Republican Women's Club, Washington County Extension Club, Delta Zeta Sorority and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, Portland Art Museum and Pacific Northwest Truck Museum, to name a few. Doris and her husband, Monte, were owners of Thoen Truck Rentals for over 50 years and made their home in Cedar Mill. She is survived by her husband, Monte, and son, Rick, as well as by many other family members. A service was held on November 8, at Cedar Mill Bible Church in Portland. Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society or Washington County Humane Society.



To One and All!

May the new year bring us peace and contentment.

Study and Interest Groups November 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: December 10, 11:30 am
Meet at Oregon College of Art and Craft, 8245 SW Barnes Rd.
Date: January 14, 12:15 pm
Meet 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: December 11, Zell's, 1300 SE Morrison
Contact: Anna Helm, 503-652-6625, if attending by 12/8
Date: January 8, Zeppo's, 345 1st St., #105, Lake Oswego
Contact: Ginny McQueen, 503-650-9933

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Date: No meeting in December
Date: January 15
My Beloved World by Sonja Sotomayor
Hostess: Maxine McComas
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts
Date: No December event
Date: January date and event TBD
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Digital Age (open)

Learn the technology you want to know
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 1-2 pm
Topic: Scanning and photos to documents
Hostess: Sybilla Cook
Date: Friday, January 23, 10 am
Topic: Digitalizing, organizing and displaying photos
Hostess: Ilga Ross
Contact: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: December 2
Over the River and Through the Woods by Joe DiPrietro
Date: No January performance
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: December 10, 5 pm
Giorgio's, 1131 NW Hoyt
Date: January 22, 4 pm
Small Wares, 4605 NE Fremont
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: December 4
Secret Rooms by Katherine Bailey
Hostess: Peggy Hickman
Date: January 22
Iron and Silk by Mark Saltzman
Hostess: Susan Marthens
Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 20
A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Linda Stern
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 13
Americanah by C. Ngozi Adichie
Hostess: Kate Skelton

Modern Fiction

Last Tuesday of the month, 12:00 noon
Date: December 30
Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan
Hostess: Barbara Alberty
Date: January 27
The Husband's Secret by Liani Moriarty
Hostess: Ginny McQueen

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies
Second Fridays, 1 pm
Date: December 12
Date: January 9
Hostess: Suzanne Fleming
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Date: December 17
The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan
Hostess: Judi Wandres
Date: January 21
Justinian's Flea by William Rosen
Hostess: Sue Thomas

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Girls: Oregon, Action, Leadership, Service

PSU's Center for Women's Leadership sponsored the first Girls Summit: Oregon, Action, Leadership, Service in late October of this year – a one-day leadership program for high school girls which featured special sessions on: How to Become an Entrepreneur; Girls in the World; Girls and Media; Creativity and Technology; and Surviving and Thriving in College. The special luncheon speaker was Amber Starks of Conscious Coils, a 2014 recipient of the City of Portland Spirit Award. Over 180 girls, from all across the Portland Metro area, as well as from Woodburn and Wilsonville, attended and participated in small group discussions and exercises. Girls' reviews on the day were great. During the up-coming year, the girls will participate in monthly leadership challenges on a specially-designed website for them and attend special gatherings sponsored by Rock 'N Roll Camp for Girls, Girls' Inc., the YWCA, Chick Teck and others. The ultimate plan is to roll out this leadership development model to young girls in Southern and Eastern Oregon in collaboration with local universities. The Portland Branch supports this important work.

Study and Interest Groups November 2014 (continued)

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7:00 pm

Date: December 19

Lawrence in Arabia by Scott Anderson

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Date: January 23

Flash Boys by Michael Lewis

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Friday, December 5, 9:30 am

Meet at the Nature Center for a walk through Tryon Creek,

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.; lunch at Chez Jose West,

8502 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Contact: Anna Helm, 503-652-6625, if attending by 12/1

Date: No January walk

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch and discussion

Date: December 17, 12:30 pm at Jane Lancaster's

Blood and Money by Thomas Thompson

Date: January 28, 1 pm at Ernesto's

Spider Woman's Daughter by Ann Hillerman

Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

AAUW Program Schedule 2014-15

December 6

Holiday Luncheon at the MAC Club

January 15

Powell's Rare Book Room tour

March 7

General membership meeting



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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

In principle and practice, **AAUW** values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.