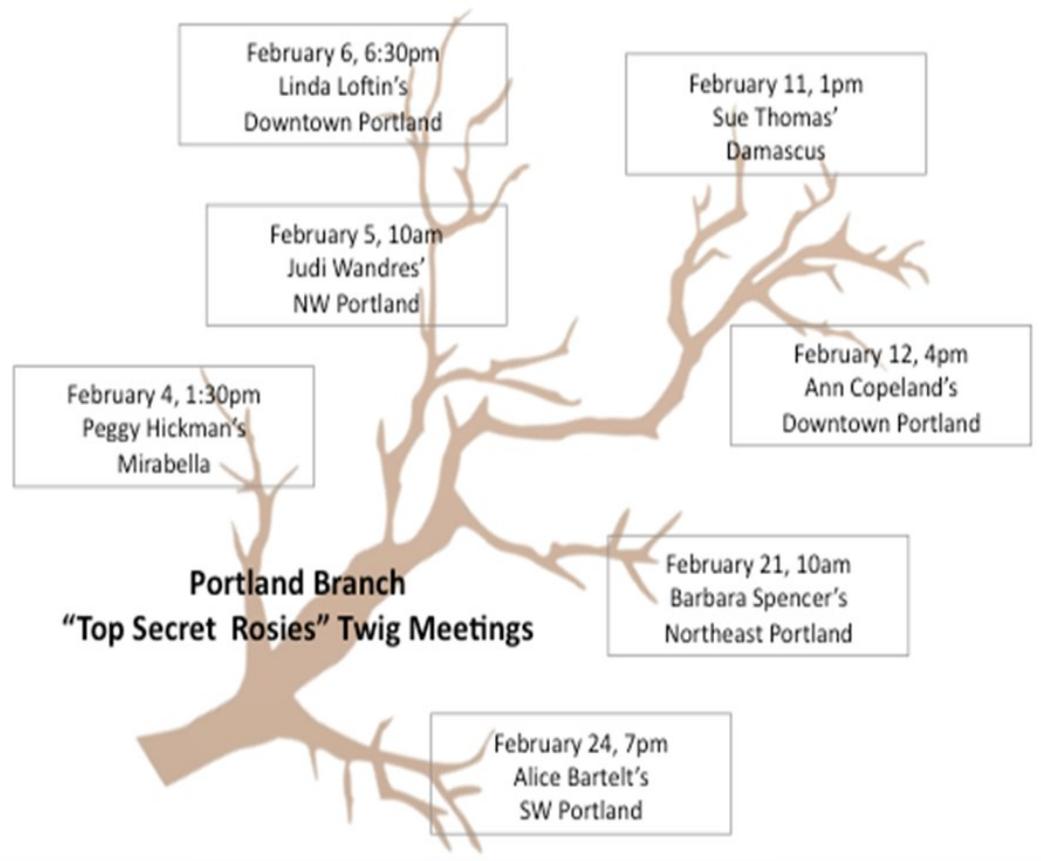


Top Secret Rosies The Female Computers of WWII

In 1942, when computers were human and women were underestimated, a group of female mathematicians helped win a war and usher in the modern computer age. Seventy years later, their story has finally been told. Join other AAUW members and guests in learning about this amazing story.

Schedule of Twig Meetings to view and discuss “Top Secret Rosies”

Twig - a small off-shoot of the Portland AAUW Branch



See page 5 for the complete story behind the documentary and the dates and locations of the showings.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

This month's message is very bittersweet. Over the holiday season, we lost our former president and friend, Gail Post. Just a year ago, in the February 2013 newsletter, Gail was prominently mentioned with a big thank you from all of us as she stepped down as the chair of the Holiday Luncheon and Auction after many years of service at this important branch function. In the same newsletter, Gail shared some thoughts with us. Her words are excerpted below:

I wanted to report that Wes and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at Black Butte Resort this past August with family, extended family and friends. I am certainly much too young to be married that long, but it has been a great adventure. Also I reached a milestone of 50 year membership in AAUW, a very rewarding organization. Thanks, Gail Post

Gail's message resonates with us a year later. She was a devoted wife and mother, as well as a devoted AAUW member who combined purpose and humor. She personified what our members are like – they are strong family members who enjoy their spouses, partners, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. All are eager to share stories and pictures of times well spent with family members. But our members are devoted to another family – the AAUW family. The Portland Branch offers an opportunity to have stimulating discussions, share life experiences and support a worthy cause with other like-minded women. In Gail's own words, AAUW is a very rewarding organization.

As we begin 2014, we thank those members, present and past, who have laid a strong foundation for AAUW within the Portland area. Many joined AAUW as young mothers who wanted a social and intellectual connection with other women. With their efforts, the branch has become a solid organization with an important history of promoting reading good books, meeting for discussions and supporting AAUW financially. For those of us who are new to AAUW or to the Portland area, we owe a debt of gratitude to these women. Gail and her peers have led the way for us and it is now our turn to carry on with the mission of AAUW.

We hope to see and work with you in 2014.

Barbara Spencer and Peggy Hickman
Co-presidents

Slate of Officers for 2014-16

The nominating committee, headed by Kathe Hart, is pleased to put forth the following slate of officers for the Portland Branch of AAUW for the period 2014 to 2016.

Co-Presidents: Ilga Ross

Barbara Spencer

Co-Program Vice Presidents: Rose Toufexis

Suzanne Fleming

Recording Secretary: Sue Thomas

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Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting on April 5, provided that the nominee has given prior acceptance in writing. Many thanks to the members of the nominating committee—besides Kathe Hart, Barbara Gaines, Kate Skelton, Donna Pregill and Eleanor Krause.

Word of the Month

jeremiad

Noun: 1. A prolonged lamentation or complaint; also a cautionary or angry harangue

Origin: French jeremiade, from Jeremie Jeremiah (who lamented the decline of morals), from Late Latin Jeremias. First used in 1780.

Study and Interest Groups February 2014

Except for the few groups that are at capacity, all interest groups are open to all members. 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

Second Wednesdays

Date: February 12

Meeting place : TBA

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503 762-1094 or jas-wan@centurylink.net to RSVP and/or added to the e-mail reminder list

Breakfast in Bridgetown

Second Thurs 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: February 13

Meet at: Jam on Hawthorne, 2229 SE Hawthorne

Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Classics: Past, Present and Future

Second Thursdays, at 7:30 pm

Date: No February meeting

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts

Date: February 6

“Chinglish” at Portland Center Stage

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

First Tuesday Reader’s Theater

Coffee at 10:00; performance at 10:30 am

Date: February 4

The Diaries of Adam and Eve by Mark Twain

Old Church-1422 SW 11th & Clay; \$8

Contact: Judy Holt, 503 387-5602

Gourmet Lite Food For Thought

Date and location: TBA (at capacity)

Contact: Julie Donaldson, 503 222-2071

AAUW Happy Hour

A time to relax, chat, and nibble

Date: February 25, 4-6pm

Papa Hayden, 5829 SE Milwaukie Ave

Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am (at capacity)

Date: February 27

The Light Between the Ocean by M.L. Stedman

Hostess: Kate Skelton

Literary Comments and Criticism II

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon (at capacity)

Date: February 18

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Discussion Leader: Doris Green

Hostess: Maxine McComas

Literary Comments and Criticism III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am (at capacity)

Date: February 11

A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway

Hostess: Donna Pregill

Movie Mavens (informal movie group)

No set dates or times

If interested, call Kathe Hart, 503 372-6338

Non- Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 9:30 am (at capacity)

Date: February 19

Loot by Sharon Waxman

Hostess: Diane Winn

Non-Fiction Book Group II

Second Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Date: February 21

Book: TBD

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503 372-6338

Sleuth Sisters (mystery book club)

Fourth Wednesdays, 1 pm lunch and discussion

Date: February 28 at Ernesto’s, 8544 SW Apple Way,

Bootlegger’s Daughter by Margaret Maron

Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

Wimpy Walkers

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

Date: Saturday, February 1, 10 am

Walk in the Oregon City—McLoughlin Historic District, lunch to follow

Meet at the Carnegie Center, 606 John Adams Street

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503 762-1094

Top Secret Rosies (continued from page 1)

In 1942, a secret US military program was launched to recruit women to the war effort. But unlike the efforts to recruit Rosie to the factory, this search targeted female mathematicians who would become human 'computers' for the Army. From the bombing of Axis Europe to the assaults on Japanese strongholds, women worked round-the-clock shifts creating ballistics tables for every weapon in the US arsenal. Rosie made the weapons, but the female computers made them accurate. When the first electronic computer (ENIAC) was developed to aid the Army's calculation efforts, six of these women were tapped to become its first programmers.

"Top Secret Rosies" incorporates the stories of four very different women who worked as human computers at the University of Pennsylvania from 1942-1946, but it does more than simply document the factual lives of a literally 'dying breed'- the participants of the WWII era. Through image and sound, the project attempts to capture the opportunities and exhilaration of the times as well as the moral dilemma inherent in this work, as these human 'computers' labored night and day to create the mathematical computations that made every Allied bomb and bullet more deadly.

The Portland Branch February program will be the viewing and discussion of the movie, "Top Secret Rosies." To facilitate discussion, small group meetings will be held at several members' homes. The following members have graciously offered to host a viewing at their home. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. The dates, times and addresses of the Twig "Top Secret Rosies" meetings are listed below:

February 4 (Tues), 1:30-3:30 pm
Peggy Hickman
3550 SW Bond St (Mirabella) #503, Portland

February 12 (Wed), 4:00-6:00 pm
Ann Copeland
1221 SW 10th Ave., Portland

February 5 (Wed), 10:00am-12:00pm
Judi Wandres
1225 NW 93rd Ave, Portland

February 21 (Fri), 10:00-12:00 pm
Barbara Spencer
3277 NE Skidmore St., Portland

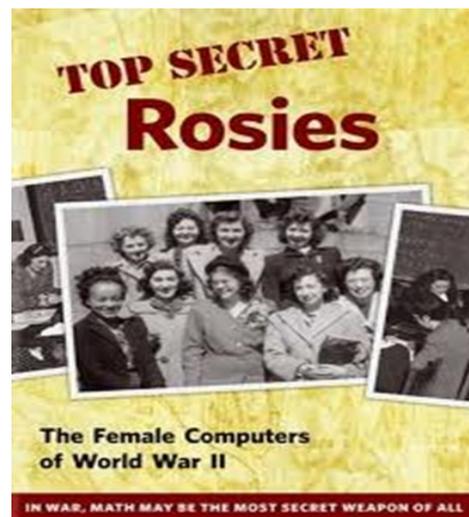
February 6 (Thurs), 6:30-8:30pm
Linda Loftin
1525 SW Park Ave, Ste B304, Portland

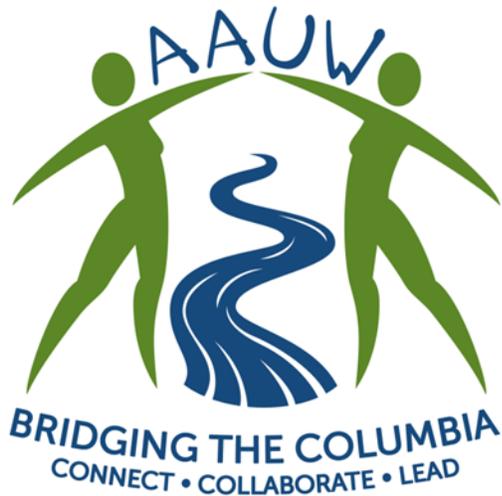
February 24 (Mon), 7:00-9:00 pm
Alice Bartelt
6690 SW Dover St, Portland

February 11 (Tues), 1:00-3:00pm
Sue Thomas
16550 SE Orchard View Ln, Damascus

We encourage you to invite non-members to attend this very interesting event. To assist us in planning, please notify us at least one week in advance of your choice of date and location and the number of guests you will be bringing. Thank you.

Joyce Kligman, joyceslk@comcast.net, 503-698-1583
Diane Winn, dgwinn@uci.edu, 503-954-3976
Program Co - Vice Presidents





CONVENTION IS COMING

Mark your 2014 calendars for the first ever Oregon/Washington Joint Convention on April 25-27 at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport. Great speakers, workshops and connections abound!

Be sure to look for convention details and registration information in your next state newsletter.

Holiday Luncheon Recap

The annual Funds Luncheon at the Multnomah Athletic Club was a success thanks to our members.

Thank you all for attending, bidding, and donating. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with organizing, selling raffle tickets, checking bids, welcoming guests, and entertainment – the list goes on. I would name you all, but there's only so much space.

We were able to send \$2436.00 to the AAUW Funds as a result of the auction (\$836), raffle(\$147), and direct donations (\$1453).

Judy Holt
Portland Branch Funds Chair

Scholarship Fundraiser

Please keep watch in the Newsletter for future developments for the annual Scholarship Fundraiser. We look forward to supporting a student at PCC as she advances her career goals.

Judy Holt
Portland Branch Funds Chair

GOINGS ON

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to sharing the goings on of our branch members—special birthdays, travels, recognitions, etc. Send your information to Linda Stern (lindamstern@comcast.net), and don't be shy. We all could use a pat on the back or a "wow! You did that?" once in awhile.

It is with sadness that we share the news that Sue Albert lost her husband to cancer in December. We send our condolences to her and her family.

We are also sad to share the news that Ruth Robinson's husband also passed away recently. Our condolences to Ruth and her family.

Diane Winn took a pre-Christmas trip to Mexico (San Miguel d'Allende) and then spent Christmas in southern California with family.

Linda Stern spent her birthday in January in Mexico (she followed Diane to San Miguel), visiting old friends who live there half of the year.

Also in January, Barbara Gaines spent two weeks in Cuba.

In February, Peggy Hickman and her husband travel to Chile to visit a former exchange student who lived with them. After the visit, they will travel by boat around Cape Horn.

Elect Her Comes to PSU

Portland State University's Center for Women, Politics and Policy (CWPP) has been renewed as a training site for Elect Her – Campus Women Win, a joint offering between AAUW and Running Start that encourages and trains college women to run for student government on their campuses. The Elect Her workshop acknowledges the necessity to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap. Two training programs will be offered: one on February 18th from 5 to 8 pm for PSU students and another during the summer offering of New Leadership Oregon, a nationally recognized program to find, mentor and train women leaders. The AAUW grant also pays for a PSU student involved with the training to attend NCCWSL, AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

If you would like to learn more about the collaboration between the branch and PSU, contact Barbara Spencer.

In Memory of Gail Doty Post

Honorary Life Member, Gail Doty Post, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 27, 2013. Gail became a member of AAUW following her graduation from Oregon State University in 1961. She joined the Portland Branch as a recent graduate, participated in study groups and held many branch offices, including President from 2008-2010. She also coordinated registration for the AAUW State Convention held in Portland in 2008 and chaired the Funds Holiday Luncheon at the Multnomah Club for several years. Gail was a member of the Literary Comments and Criticism study group for over 40 years. She was a strong believer in and supporter of the mission of AAUW.

In addition to several volunteer activities, Gail and her husband Wes liked to spend time with family and to travel. They had just completed a very enjoyable Eastern Mediterranean cruise a few weeks before her death and had celebrated Christmas with daughter Laurie and her two boys. Gail is survived by her husband, daughters Lisa and Laurie and two grandsons, Nathan and Owen.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, January 18, at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church on SW 12th and Alder. Memorial contributions can be made to Friends of Menucha Foundation, PO Box 8, Corbett, OR 97019-0008 (www.friendsofmenuchafoundation.org).

Gail and her peers have led the way for us, and it is now our turn to carry on with the mission of AAUW. Another way to remember Gail is to donate to the AAUW Funds in her memory.

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center

Menucha is a sacred sanctuary held in stewardship as an ecumenical, community-based mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR. Its mission is to offer the finest retreat and conference center experience possible by providing opportunities for reflection, spiritual discovery, renewal, education and enrichments for individuals, families and communities.





The Wimpy Walkers group enjoys the holiday decorations at downtown hotel lobbies in December.

Member Updates

Elinor Wiley—new address

Loving Care Home
10425 SW Walker Rd.
Beaverton, OR 97005

Rose Toufexis—new e-mail address

rtoufex@gmail.com

Angela Fouquette—new member

6812 SE 72nd Ave., #12
Portland, OR 97206
503 260-0336
fangela@pdx.edu



AAUW Program Schedule 2013-14

February 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 21 and 24
TWIG meetings

March 4
Food Innovation Center Tour

April 5
Branch annual meeting

April 8
Equal Pay Day event with PSU

April 24-27
Oregon/Washington joint State Convention
(in Portland)

May 15
Honors Luncheon and Installation of Officers



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