

AAUW Honors Luncheon and Installation of Officers

Thursday, May 15, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Jake's Grill Tom Hardy Room
611 SW 10th Ave

Guest Speaker: Katherine Rodela
AAUW Dissertation Fellow, PhD candidate Stanford University

Katherine Rodela is an AAUW Dissertation Fellow and a doctoral candidate in the Anthropology of Education program at Stanford University's School of Education. She received a BA in Philosophy and History at Seattle University and is a former Fulbright Scholar in Peru, where she studied the social impacts of a nutritional program on indigenous women. Before starting her graduate studies, Katherine taught Spanish in an inner-city high school in Oregon. Her research interests include issues of culture, language, and equity in schools, particularly understanding the relationships between Latino immigrant communities and schools. Her PhD research involved an ethnographic study with Spanish-speaking Latino immigrant families in a preschool parent education program in Oregon. Katherine is currently working to translate her ethnographic research into initiatives to help diverse educational leaders promote equity and culturally responsive policies in and around schools.



The restaurant is located across the street from the streetcar stop at the corner of SW 10th Ave and Alder. It is near The Galleria parking structure located one block away across the street from the Galleria MAX stop at Morrison and SW 10th Ave.

The RSVP form for the luncheon is on page 3.

For further information contact:

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

March showers brought spring flowers for April and April showers brought even more spring flowers to show off their blooms in May. Summer will be here soon. This issue of AAUW Portland Branch's newsletter, the ***ROSE CITY REPORTER***, is the May/June issue, the last issue of our 2013-14 program year. Our newsletter editor, Linda Stern, will have a couple of months off. All of us certainly appreciate her. Our 2014-15 program year begins with the September newsletter.

If you plan to go to an AAUW Portland Branch meeting or an interest/study group meeting and you can't find your ***ROSE CITY REPORTER*** to learn the location and time of the meeting, do you know you can go to our website and learn these two things easily? Nancy Cheverton, who has been working to make this website easy to navigate, demonstrated how to do this at the recent Annual Meeting of the branch. The website is www.aauwpdx.org. If you have questions you want Nancy to answer, her email address is nancycheverton@me.com.

At the Annual Meeting of the branch, a brief introduction of ***Let's Read Math*** was presented. This will be a project of the STEM Committee. There will be opportunities for members to volunteer. Many of you and especially, former teachers will enjoy it. There are many visual aids to help elementary school children. They and you will learn how a triangle becomes a quadrilateral. If this interests you, contact Ilga Ross.

Saturday Academy has volunteer opportunities, too. This includes but not limited to young people. For more information, check April's newsletter. Technology is involved but it is the normal day to day activities. For example, most of us are involved with kitchen chemistry.

At the Honors Luncheon on May 15th, new officers of the branch will be installed. They are as follows: Co-presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer; Program Co-VPs, Suzanne Fleming and Rose Toufexis, Recording Secretary, Sue Thomas, Treasurer, Ann Copland and Director-at-Large, Diane Winn. Many thanks to the nominating committee: Kathe Hart, Barbara Gaines, Eleanor Krause and Donna Pregill. Included in this newsletter is more information about the Honors Luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Co -Presidents, Peggy Hickman and Barbara Spencer

AAUW Honors Luncheon
Thursday, May 15, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Jake's Grill Tom Hardy Room
611 SW 10th Ave

RSVP no later than Friday, May 9, 2013

Please choose and circle below one entrée and one dessert for each attendee:

Entrée

1. Jake's Chicken & Pear Salad (Bleu Cheese, Glazed Walnuts & Mixed Greens)
2. Parmesan Crusted Tilapia with Rice Pilaf, Capers and Lemon Beurre Blanc
3. Pasta Primavera with Sautéed Vegetables

Dessert

1. Mini Crème Brûlée
2. Mini Chocolate Pot de Crème

Name _____ Entrée 1 2 3 Dessert 1 2

Guest Name _____ Entrée 1 2 3 Dessert 1 2

Guest Name _____ Entrée 1 2 3 Dessert 1 2

Total Number of Attendees _____

Amount enclosed: _____ @ \$26 per person

Please complete this form and mail your check payable to Portland Branch AAUW to:

Diane Winn
1500 SW 11th Ave, #401
Portland, OR 97201

Study and Interest Groups May/June 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: May 14
Meet at 12:15 in the gift shop area of the Portland Art Museum
Date : June 11
Meet at 12:15 in the gift shop area of the Portland Art Museum
Contact; Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094 or jaswans@centurylink.net to RSVP or be added to the e-mal reminder list

Breakfast in Bridgetown

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am unless otherwise stated
Date: May 8
Cadillac Café, 1801 NE Broadway
No breakfast in June
Contact: Sue Trotter, 503-659-5678

Classics: Past, Present and Future

Second Thursdays, 7:30 pm
Date: No May or June meetings
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts
Date: May 8
"Show Boat" at the Lakewood Theater
No June performance
Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403

First Tuesday Reader's Theater

Coffee 10:00 am, performance 10:30 am
Date: May 6
A Musical Treat directed by Adair Chappell
Old Church- 1422 SW 11th & Clay; \$ 8
No June performance
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387- 5602

Gourmet Lite Food for Thought

Dates and locations TBA (at capacity)
Contact: Julie Donaldson, 503-222-2071

AAUW Happy Hour

A time to relax, chat and nibble
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 4-6 pm
Bistro Marquee, 200 SW Market St.
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 4-6 pm
Tucci Restorante, 220 A Avenue, Lake Oswego
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am (at capacity)
Date: May 22

Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan

Hostesses: Peggy Hickman and Ellen Rice
Date: June 26
Book choosing and potluck lunch
Hostess: TBD

Literary Comments and Criticism II

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon (at capacity)
Date: May 20

The Human Stain by Philip Roth

Discussion leader/hostess: Sue Trotter
Date: June 17, 6:30 pm
Book choosing and potluck
Hostess: Maxine McComas

Literary Comments and Criticism III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am (at capacity)
Date: May 13

The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty

Hostess: Donna Pregill
No June meeting

Modern Fiction

A new group forming
If interested, call Judi Wandres, 971-279-5348

Movie Mavens (informal movie group)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies.
Time and place to be announced
If interested, call Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 9:30 am (at capacity)
Date: May 21

The Gifts of the Crow by John Marzluff

Hostess: Judi Wandres
Date: June 18
Choose books for next season
Hostess: TBD

Non-Fiction Book Group II

Third Fridays, 7:00 pm
Date: May 16

The Unwinding: An Inner History of a New America by George Packer

Hostess: Joyce Lew; Leader: Kathe Hart
Date: June 20

The Fiddler in the Subway by Gene Weingarten

Hostess: Joyce Lew; Leader: Ann McKinney
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Sleuth Sisters (mystery book club)

Fourth Wednesdays, 12:30 pm lunch and discussion
Date: May 28 at Albertina Kerr

The Doctor of Thessaly by Anne Zouroudi

Date: June 25
Book selection
TBD

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Introducing Ginny McQueen a new member of the Branch

My husband and I are both third generation San Franciscans who 10 years ago just “decided” to pull up anchor and move north. We landed in West Linn. We no longer had aging parents to share our lives, my sister and nephew lived in Washington and we decided that it was “never too late” to explore. I graduated from San Francisco State University in 1971 with a diploma signed by S.I. Hawakawa and Ronald Regan (I survived the riots). I was a stay at home mom and later an office assistant in a middle school. My volunteer hats included Assistant Cub Master, Girl Scout leader, PTA president, and docent at the California Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park. After 10 years in West Linn playing a retired “lady of leisure” with gardening, grandchildren and a volunteer position as a Conductor on the Willamette Shore Trolley, I decided it was time to expand my horizons, meet new people and experience Portland. AAUW came highly recommended by former neighbors and friends in the Bay Area. The Portland Branch offers many activities which are of interest to me...walking, the arts, breakfast in town, lectures, etc... I may even join my first book group. I firmly believe in the AAUW mission of encouraging and aiding young women in the pursuit of higher education and hope that I add my support and time to the AAUW mission.

Wimpy Walkers

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

Date: Saturday, May 3, 10 am

Audubon Sanctuaries Loop Hike

Meet at the Audubon Society, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.; lunch to follow; limited parking, please carpool

Contact: Linda Stern, 503 232-5637

Date: Friday, June 7, 9:30 am

Meet in front of the Beverly Cleary School, NE33rd & Hancock to explore Beverly Cleary’s neighborhood; lunch to follow

Contact: Sue Thomas 503 427-0403

Member Update

Anna Helm has a new address and phone #:

13021 SE River Road
Portland, OR 97222
503 652-6625

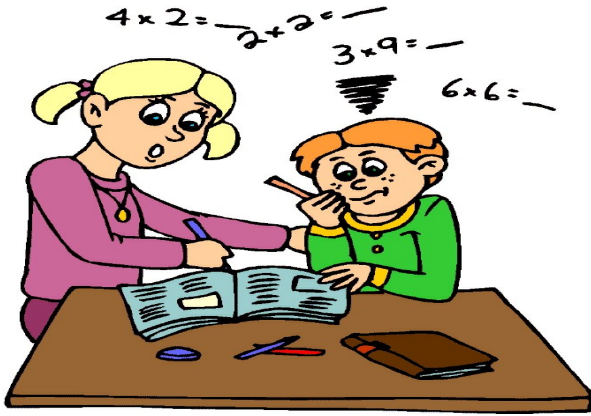
Vegetable Metaphor of the Month

“cool as a cucumber”

On a hot July day, ever thought to yourself, “Man, I wish I were literally inside a cucumber right now?” You should: A cuke’s interior is an average of 20 degrees colder than the air temperature. The phrase dates back to the 1730’s, from British poet John Gay’s A New Song of New Similies. Also possible explanation: Cucumbers look great in sunglasses.

Courtesy of Bon Appetit Magazine

STEM Committee Report



We are pleased to announce that the STEM Committee has decided to take on the ***Let's Read Math*** initiative as its future project for next year. At a recent committee meeting, Barbara Ternus of the AAUW Forest Grove Branch reviewed their branch's five year commitment to the program and curriculum issues related to the nuts and bolts of how to offer the Let's Read Math program to grades 1 to 3 school-age children.

What is ***Let's Read Math***? In October 2004, ***Let's Read Math*** began as a community outreach project of the AAUW Makefield Area (PA) Branch. The project was initiated by AAUW member Claire Passantino, an elementary school mathematics educator who was involved in evaluating large-scale efforts to reform math and science education across the United States. Passantino began doing parent-child workshops at the local library in Yardley, Pennsylvania. The workshops have been replicated by other AAUW groups in other communities and have become popular as family nights in schools. AAUW has adapted ***Let's Read Math*** as a Program in a Box to assist branches in helping elementary school children enjoy doing math.

What exactly will be the Portland Branch commitment? First, we have to find a school that will want us to offer the program as part of their after- school program. So far, through our contact with the YWCA, two of their after-school programs in the Portland school district are interested in offering the class. Next we need a curriculum review of the established lesson plans. We anticipate volunteers to serve as the lead instructor with four to five assistants in the classroom to help with activities. While we have some money in our STEM account, we will need additional donations to buy books and art supplies.

We are excited to be a part of this new branch opportunity. At the annual meeting, after a short presentation, volunteers signed up to join us. We will be back next fall with more details and requests. Stay tuned to learn more!

AAUW Oregon Lobby Day—February 21, 2014

Report to the Board

On page 7 of the March 2014 ***ROSE CITY REPORTER***, we were able to read a brief summary of a new and significant policy document, “Pay Inequality in Oregon”. Four members of the branch (Barbara Spencer, Julie Skinner, Alice Bartelt, Barbara Gaines and Nancy Thomas) attending the AAUW Lobby Day at the State Capital were privileged to hear a more complete report of the study findings by Sunny Petit, Chair of the Oregon Commission on Civil Rights, with additional commentary by Andrea Paluso, Executive Director of a partnering agency, Family Forward Oregon. Labor Commissioner Brad Aviakian, who sponsored the report, also joined us to stress the importance of the report to legislation that will be presented in the 2015 session and to remind us how important AAUW’s efforts to influence the legislation will be to positive resolution of pay inequalities in the state.

Findings that resonated with me and were not readily apparent in the report included the following:

- Regardless of measurement techniques, which provide differing sets of conclusions about data processed, pay inequality is real. That is to say, women and especially women of color experience inequalities in pay for both equal work and comparable work.

- While the wage gap is “only 7%” between men and women at one year post graduation, that 7% can be argued to be actual discrimination against women in a pay equity framework.

- It is legal in Oregon not to divulge salary information, making it very difficult to understand if pay inequality exists in a given workplace.

- The current poverty level for a family of three is \$19, 000/year

- Motherhood is the greatest predictor of poverty

- Full-time child care for an infant (up to 1 year of age) costs 60% more than a year of in-state tuition at a public college

The speakers also recommended that we read the new Maria Shriver report: “A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink.” Reading these two reports with a discussion might be a thought for a program next year?

We visited senators in the afternoon to ask them to consider sponsoring pay equity legislation during the next session. For fun, we attended the opening of the Senate where Senator Diane Rosenbaum had arranged a tribute to Pete Seeger. We had the pleasure of hearing a Reed music professor and Senator Rosenbaum’s husband play “If I Had a Hammer” and “Where Have All the Roses Gone”. And the weather was beautiful, making the drive to and from Salem pleasant.

Barbara Gaines, Public Policy Chair

Second Annual Walk of the Heroines Lecture

Sponsored by PSU Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department

"Engendering Food Justice: A Conversation with Patricia Allen and Lisa Weasel"

May 1, 2014

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Portland State University Smith Student Union, Rooms 296/8



What does the food system look like through a feminist lens? Although gender relations are at the heart of the food system, both materially and emotionally, feminist principles and perspectives are rarely asserted in the food movement. When they are, the results could be powerful. Join us for a conversation on food and feminism between Professor Patricia Allen, chair of the Department of Food Systems and Society at Marylhurst University, and WGSS Professor Lisa Weasel for a discussion of gender and food justice.

Portland's Walk of the Heroines, opened in 2009, is an innovative educational park designed to give artistic recognition to women's vital contributions to our society and to daily life. Located on the Portland State University campus, the Walk is a collaboration between Portland State University and the city of Portland that pays tribute to the rich spectrum of women's activities, honoring women from diverse backgrounds and giving visibility to their achievements. The Walk project also supports a permanent fund for student scholarships and community programming through the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program at Portland State University. For more information on the Walk of Heroines, visit <http://www.woh.pdx.edu>.

Portland Branch AAUW Membership Form 2014-2015

New Renewal

Renewals due by June 30, 2014

NAME _____

Member # (if known) _____

Preferred method of contact (for special events): email telephone

New members, please fill in information. Renewing members, fill in any fields that have changed.

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Occupation: (Retired? List previous occupation) _____

Degree(s) and School(s): _____

Financial assistance up to one-half (\$40) is available in order to join/renew. For eligibility criteria, contact Treasurer Ilga Ross at ilgaross@yahoo.com or 503-692-6602.

Dues Category:

Amount

REGULAR MEMBER \$49 National + \$16 State + \$15 Branch <i>(\$46 is tax deductible)</i>	= \$80	
PAID LIFE MEMBER \$0 National + \$16 State + \$15 Branch	= \$31	
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER 50+ years in AAUW	= \$0	
DUAL MEMBER State and National paid to primary branch	= \$15	
STUDENT AFFILIATE \$17 National + \$3 State + \$2 Branch	= \$22	

Contributions:

“STEM” BRANCH ACTION PROJECT <i>(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)</i>	
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP Donated to a student at PCC. <i>For tax deduction, make separate check to “PCC Foundation.”</i>	
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Make check payable to AAUW Portland Branch.

Total enclosed: _____

Mail this form and check(s) to: AAUW, P.O. Box 8975, Portland, OR 97207

I am interested in:

_____ Fundraising Committee

_____ Scholarship Committee

_____ Holiday Luncheon Committee

_____ STEM Committee

_____ Program Committee

_____ Study Groups

_____ PSU Partnership

_____ Welcoming Committee

I would be willing to:

_____ Host events in my home

_____ Assist someone else who is hosting

_____ Phone members re: meetings

_____ Bring refreshments to events (these don't have to be homemade)

_____ Help organize events

_____ Just call me when you need something

USE A CREDIT CARD TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Renewals due by June 30, 2014

Membership renewal for 2014-2015 can be done using your credit card by accessing the Member Services Database (MSD) on the National website.

To renew by credit card:

Go to the national website at www.aauw.org

Scroll down to Member Services Database (MSD) near the bottom left and click on it.

At that page, click on the green button "Enter the MSD".

Now you are on the "Login" page. **If it is your first time at this site, follow the prompts on how to register.** Log in with your member number and the password you created. Member numbers can be found in your Branch Directory. There are prompts to help you find your member number and your password, if you have forgotten.

The next page shows a button "Enter Member Services Database"; click on it.

Next, your branch is displayed; click on it.

At the lower left, find "Renew my Membership" and select it. Follow the instructions as requested for entering your credit card information. Your dues go to National first, and then are distributed back to State and Branch by electronic bank deposit. A Confirmation/Receipt is generated immediately and an email confirmation is sent to you.

Last year, Portland Branch used MSD for reporting and several members used MPP for renewal. It is efficient and accurate. Of course, you can still mail in your renewal form along with your check, as always. Deadline for renewal is June 30, as that is the end of the fiscal year. Contact Ilga Ross, Treasurer, at ilgaross@yahoo.com, if you have questions. NOTE: If you are requesting financial assistance, do not renew through the national AAUW website.

AAUW Program Schedule 2013-14

May 1

Walk of the Heroines Lecture, PSU

May 15

Honors Luncheon and Installation of Officers

June 30

Membership renewals due

Summer

Branch picnic (info to follow)



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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



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