

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!!!

AAUW Funds Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser
Saturday, December 3, 2016
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon Street, Portland



RSVP by November 26
See page 4 for
registration form

See page 8 for information
about PSU's *Winter Wonder* program.

Families Climb Together

***Making college count for student parents
and their children***

Monday, January 30, 2:00 pm
Community Room, University Park Condos
1500 SW Park Ave, Portland

Speakers: Lisa Dodson PhD and Lisa Wittorff LCSW

Our presenters will discuss national trends and share original research about the issues facing student parents and their children. They will describe how “families climb together” or as one mom told us, “My daughter *is* the reason I am in college...but I could use a little help to get through.” Turning to policy approaches, they will outline how states can and should support the success of student parents and their children. **For more information, see page 3.**

University Park Condos can easily be reached by public transportation. Metered parking is nearby. Please use the directory by the gate for the access code for Fleming (Suzanne).

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

It's difficult to believe, but we are fast approaching our Holiday Luncheon. You might want to take a look at the aaudpdx.org website where you are creatively and engagingly enticed to attend the event. Check it out! Joyce Kligman is doing her usual excellent job of organizing the event, and by popular demand, Jane Lancaster and her group of talented readers will be entertaining us. Gift baskets prepared by our study and interest groups promise to be enticing as well. Bids on the baskets and your generous donations to AAUW Funds are vital for advancing our mission. So, we look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Luncheon!

We hope you were able to attend the talk by PDX AAUW member Liz Estabrooks titled "Women Veterans – We are Not Invisible." Liz serves as the state's first Women's Veterans Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. We learned that many women vets don't answer "yes" when they are asked if they are vets but prefer to be asked whether they served in the military. This may seem like an interesting nuance to us, but not to the women who have served.

The Women's Foundation of Oregon recently published its findings about the status of Oregon's women and girls in a report, *Count Her In*. Among the set of profound inequities faced by Oregon's women was that while women vote at higher rates, perform over 2 billion hours of unpaid caregiving each year and give charitably and volunteer their time at higher rates than Oregon men, they also face childcare costs that are among the highest in the nation, they have the highest incidence of reported depression in the country, and nearly a third are in economically-fragile situations. These issues certainly provide us food for thought – and future Public Policy attention.

The challenges of college and university students who also have children will be explored at the January program. Our speaker is PDX AAUW member Lisa Dodson, PhD, who has dedicated her career to researching these and many other barriers that women face in trying to get ahead. Portland Branch is extremely fortunate to have so many knowledgeable and talented women among our membership!

While we're on the topic of Public Policy, don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for the AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Co-presidents Trish Garner and Ilga Ross

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Lisa Dodson holds a Doctorate in Sociology/Public Policy and a Masters in Public Health. She is a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy (Brandeis University) and is a Research Professor (Boston College). She publishes, teaches and conducts policy research in the area of low-wage work/family and women's opportunity for social mobility. Lisa is currently working with the PSU Resource Center for Students with Children. She is also a member of the Portland Branch.

Lisa Wittorff has been Director of Services for Students with Children at Portland State University since 2012. She received her Masters of Social Work degree from Sacramento State University, and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Prior to being in higher education, she worked as a Children's Protective Services social worker for 22 years. Lisa loves helping student families succeed, knowing that when parents obtain their degree, it changes that family for generations to come.

The 2016 **“COUNT HER IN”** REPORT ABOUT WOMEN AND GIRLS IN OREGON identified a set of eight profound inequities and startling challenges faced by Oregon's women and girls.

One of the **“Eight That Can't Wait”** **COST OF CAREGIVING**



WOMEN'S
FOUNDATION
of OREGON

Child care costs in Oregon are among the least affordable in the nation. A year of daycare is now more expensive than annual tuition at a state university in Oregon.

See womensfoundationoforegon.org
to view the full “Count Her In” Report

AAUW Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser Registration

Name _____

_____ Number attending

Check an entrée choice for each person attending:

_____ Squash Ravioli, or

_____ Chicken Marsala

_____ **Total amount enclosed (\$30 per person)**

I am unable to attend, but wish to make a contribution to **AAUW Funds**.

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 26 to:*

Joyce Kligman, 10858 SE Richmond Ct., Happy Valley, OR 97086

Questions? Call 503-698-1583 or email – joyceslk@comcast.net

PCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

The PCC Foundation Scholarship Reception was held October 21, 2016 at the PCC Sylvania campus. Katie Raetz and Susan Marthens attended from the Branch. At our table we sat with one of our recipients, Danielle Cardona, and we chatted for a few minutes when there was an opportunity. She is extremely appreciative of our support and looks forward to being in a position to give back to deserving communities as a nurse—once she has her BS in Nursing. She currently works full time in the medical field as an administrator and a medical interpreter in a high-risk OB unit. We were very impressed with her drive and compassion. She is in school working on her prerequisites before enrolling in the Associates in Applied Science in Nursing program, with work at OHSU following that. Unfortunately, our other recipient, Elizabeth Perri, did not attend the Reception.

Study and Interest Groups December, 2016, and January, 2017

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)

The Art Enjoyment interest group is continuing on an informal basis this year. Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094 or jaswans@centurylink.net to be put on an e-mail list for activities

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated
Date: December 8
Besaw's, 1545 NW 21st Ave,
Contact: Diane Winn, 503-954-3976
Date: January 12
Harlow, 3632 SE Hawthorne
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 19
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
Hostess: Maxine McComas
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Date: December 8
"A Civil War Christmas" at Artists Rep
Date: January 20
Pablo Sainz Villegas, guitarist, with the Symphony Orchestra at the Newmark Theatre
Contact: Lisa Perrine, 503-648-1691 for both events

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: December 6
Holiday Radio Hour by Willamette Radio Workshop
Date: January 3
Fertile Ground: A Citywide Festival of New Works
The Sanctuary, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd.
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble
Date: December 8, 4:00 pm
Bar at Higgins Restaurant, 1239 SW Broadway
Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456
Date: January 26, 4:00 pm
Papa Haydn's East, 5829 SE Milwaukie Ave.
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 17
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Bachman
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Julie Donaldson
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms II

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: December 1
She's Not There by Jennifer Finney Bolan
Hostess: Petie Padden
Date: January 26
The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck
Hostess: Eileen Elliot

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 10
The Fixer by Bernard Malamud
Hostess: Julie Donaldson

Modern Fiction

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am
Date: No December meeting
Date: January 24
Only Time will Tell by Jeffrey Archer
Hostess: Ginny McQueen

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies
Second Friday, 1:30 pm
Date: December 9
Date: January 13
Hostess: Suzanne Fleming
Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456 or Karn Hill, 503-206-8444

Non-Fiction Book Group I (open)

Third Wednesday, 9:30 am
Date: December 14
Nothing Daunted by Dorothy Wickenden
Hostess: TBD
Date: January 18
The Three Year Swim Club by Julie Checkoway
Hostess: TBD
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm
Date: December 16
The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck
Date: January 20
Astoria by Peter Stark
Hostess for both meetings: Joyce Lew
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

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REVISIONS TO THE NATIONAL AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

This is a reminder that National AAUW's Bylaws and Public Policy Program are open for comment through **December 5**.

One **important revision** is to eliminate the ability of members to vote on the Public Policy Program. It is contained in Article XII, Meetings of the Membership, Section 4, Voting. Your Public Policy Chair, who is also a member of the National Public Policy Committee, opposes it. If you agree, **please send comments to National** by the closing date for comments, December 5.

To hit some other high spots:

- 1- Gun violence is specifically recognized as a public health crisis.
- 2 - Instead of calling for a "clean and healthful environment," the new AAUW Program would refer to a "clean, healthy and sustainable environment."
- 3 - The new Public Policy Program calls for comprehensive sexual health education in schools.
- 4 - Pay equity is not only sought regarding compensation but benefits as well.
- 5 – A specific reference to quality and affordable dependent care is made when describing the availability and access to benefits and policies that promote work-life balance.
- 6 – Instead of "choice in the determination of one's reproductive life," the Program refers to "self determination of one's reproductive health decisions"

Study and Interest Groups (continued)

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion

Date: December 21, 12:30 pm, holiday luncheon, TBD

The Water's Edge by Karen Fossum

Date: January 25

Wild Lake by Laura Lippman, 12:00 pm, Albertina Kerr

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Saturday, December 10, 9:30 am

Portland Fountain Tour; meet on SW Yamhill between 5th and 6th Ave.; lunch to follow

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Date: January 7, 9:30 am

Walk through Old Town and Tom McCall Riverfront Park; lunch to follow

Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, for more information

By-Laws Report

Members can now review our recently-amended Bylaws on the Branch website in the “Members Only” section. The Bylaws were amended by the Board of Directors at their November 2, 2016, meeting to include a number of changes in the parts mandated by National AAUW.

Articles I through VII are the AAUW mandated part of our Bylaws. AAUW national leadership made these changes based on legal advice due to problems with the existing AAUW Bylaws. Once the changes are uniformly adopted by all state and local branches, they say that the framework of AAUW will be stabilized, future amendments will be minimal, and the integrity of AAUW as an organization will be protected.

One of the changes which AAUW made is to eliminate the distinction between state, branch, and multi-state organizations. All are referred to as “affiliates.” The use of the terms “branch” and “organization” are discontinued in bylaws, and all references to our organization are to “the Affiliate.” We are continuing to use “Branch” in our name, however.

Another significant change which AAUW made is to eliminate the distinction between national and branch members. In the mandated language all are now “Individual Members.” For this reason we have a separate article about branch membership, Article VIII, which begins the local part of our Bylaws. This article defines our branch membership, our dues and our members’ privileges. There are no changes in any of these subjects, but the wording about them has been relocated within our Bylaws, since it could no longer be combined with AAUW’s article on membership.

We also found an inaccuracy in the AAUW-mandated language, which uses “RN” as an example of an equivalent to an associate’s degree, which it is not. The Board authorized our Co-Presidents to send a letter to AAUW pointing this out and suggesting more accurate language. You may notice that “e.g. RN” is lined through in our Bylaws which indicates our expectation that AAUW will correct this soon.

Any member with questions about the amendments or the Bylaws in general is welcome to contact Linda Wood, Chair, Bylaws Committee.

PLEASE JOIN IN AND SUPPORT THE PSU WINTER WONDER PROGRAM

The Portland State Resource Center for Students with Children has invited us to participate in their *Winter Wonder* Program by donating items for student families. The Center offers integrated services that support students' goals to be effective parents while succeeding in their academic pursuits.

You can join in by bringing:

- (1) gift cards – Fred Meyer and Target being the most helpful, and/or
- (2) generic items such as hats, scarves, etc. in adult and children's sizes



to the Portland Branch's Holiday Luncheon on December 3rd. These items will then be delivered to the Resource Center for distribution to their student families.

Your generosity at this holiday season will be appreciated by the PSU student families.

Study Group Close Up—Modern Fiction

The Modern Fiction book group is comprised of friendly, congenial women, and our brown bag lunch meetings at members' houses are fun and spirited. What is especially nice is that our members genuinely applaud each other's love of modern literature. As a result, it's simply evolved that when books are chosen for the next year, almost everyone has seen their favorite approved by the group. This has resulted in a great choice and diversity in our selections, which echos what is so wonderful about book groups generally. We get to read great books that we otherwise might not read.

Member Update/Information

Welcome to the following new members:

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Ginny McQueen's e-mail address on page 3 of the Directory (Portland Branch AAUW Elected Officers) should be joe.ginny.mcqueen@comcast.net.



IMPORTANT FAIR PAY REQUEST FROM AAUW OF OR PUBLIC POLICY

It looks as if it likely that a Fair Pay bill will be introduced in the upcoming Session. You can help it become law! Were you ever paid less than your male counterparts for the same work?
What impact did that have on you and your earning power?

The State Public Policy Chair Trish Garner (garner37@mac.com) and the AAUW-OR Public Policy Committee is compiling a “Story Book” about these experiences. Then, when Fair Pay is being heard in a Committee or a Legislator is wavering on support, we may call on you to communicate in person or by email/letter to your Legislator about your experience. Knowing your story in advance will make this effort possible. There is absolutely nothing as persuasive as a genuine personal story in persuading a Legislator about the importance of doing something about a problem. Remember, the watchword of AAUW of OR Public Policy is:

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Great Decisions Study Group

This new study group will meet on Mondays at the home of Mitsy Dunlap, 8465 SW Schiller Rd., Portland, from January 16 to March 13th, 1-4 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mitsy at 503-206-4612 or mitsydunlap@gmail.com.

The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country. Participants buy a booklet, \$25.00, with information on the topics and pay a share of the DVD, which is \$40.00 but divided between those who come. The group will listen to the DVD and then discuss the following topics:

Shifting Alliances in the Middle East
The Future of Kurdistan
Korean Choices
Climate Geopolitics

The Rise of ISIS
International Migration
The United Nations Post-2015
Cuba and the U.S.

For those who can not make it to the study group, PSU has a speaker’s series on the 2016 Great Decisions Lecture Series. It takes place Fridays, January 13 - March 3, 12 p.m. at PSU’s Academic and Student Recreation Center (ASRC), Room 001 (1800 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201). Free and open to the public; no registration required.

Introducing New Members of the Branch

Gail Hamilton

I moved here from the Washington, D.C, area in the middle of July. Previously, I lived in Fairfax, VA, where I worked for the NIH (National Institutes of Health). I was a Grants Management Officer/Specialist for the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, better known as NIAMS. I was awarded a 20 year plaque from the Federal Government.

Prior to working for the Federal Government, I worked as an Interior Designer and had my own business, Delightful Expressions, in Cleveland, Ohio. I also worked at Corporate in Akron, Ohio, for Physician's Weight Loss Centers, teaching new Franchisees how to do a business plan, order supplies, learn about weight loss, etc. I taught nursery school thru upper elementary school for 15 years in Cleveland and Rochester, NY (where I still hold a Permanent Teaching Certificate). I grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts, and graduated from Northeastern University.

During my school years, I danced for the New England Ballet Company and was an assistant buyer in the toddler department of Filenes Department Store in downtown Boston. I moved to Portland because my son and his two daughters, ages 14 and 12, are here. Since all the rest of our family is located on the East coast, I decided to help my son with my grandchildren by moving to Portland. After the renovation is finished, I am hoping to find another interesting career.

Mary Cusick

I just moved to the Portland area from the San Francisco Bay Area a couple of months ago. I'm originally from Los Gatos, CA, just south of San Jose in the South Bay, and spent the last 20 years in Cupertino as my two daughters were growing up. I worked in various Information Technology roles at Hewlett Packard and Adobe Systems, and I was fortunate to be able to take a 7 year hiatus during those years to be a stay-at-home mom when my daughters were very young.

Two years ago I moved out of high tech and began working in IT at Kaiser Permanente while beginning to plan an exit from the busy Bay Area, as my daughters were reaching college age. My personal dream and work opportunity intersected perfectly as I transferred my job to Kaiser's Hillsboro office and landed myself in Beaverton. I'm enjoying the time outside of work to get to know the community and beautiful Oregon, including finding meaningful associations, events or clubs with like-minded people. I love classical and jazz music, reading, travel, and hiking in the hills - and the Portland area promises to offer many ways to enjoy it all!

AAUW Program Schedule 2016-17

Dec. 3	Holiday Luncheon
January 30	Families Climb Together program
February 15	TWIG meetings Lobby Day
March 18	Annual Meeting and Brunch
April 21-23	AAUW State Convention
May 18	Honors Luncheon



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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



The Rose City Reporter is a publication of the Portland Branch of AAUW, a non-profit organization, published eight times a year (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec./Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May/June) as a membership service.

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.