



AAUW Portland Branch Meeting

April 11th - 10 to 11:30 am
Eliot Tower, Community Room
1221 SW 10th Ave, Portland
Guest Speaker: Marianne McClure,
Habitat for Humanity

Marianne McClure has been a part of Habitat for Humanity for ten years. She began her Habitat career serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for two years. She now holds the position of Manager of Volunteer Programs at the Portland/Metro East affiliate, overseeing individual volunteers and the Women Build program.

Marianne also serves on the board of the Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrators Association.

Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East serves low-income families earning 35% to 60% of the Portland area's median family income (MFI) or approximately \$25,865 – \$44,340 for a family of four.

Habitat is the only program in the Portland area that offers homeownership opportunities to families in the 35% bracket.

Habitat homes are built with a volunteer labor force, utilizing building materials and services that are donated by local business as well as individual and corporate donations. Working in partnership with individuals, businesses, neighborhood groups, and organizations, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East has built over 300 homes since 1981.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

As you read this, you have just elected a new slate of officers at the Annual Meeting who will serve next year. First, we would like to thank this year's officers who made it such an excellent and productive one. Special thanks go to Sue Thomas, who served two terms as secretary, and to Suzanne Fleming, program vice president, who arranged many interesting mission-based programs. New to the board are Patricia "Trish" Garner, co-president, and Linda Wood, director-at-large. And, of course, we are grateful to the many officers and committee chairs who continue to give their time, effort and support to keep the branch going. If you want to serve on a committee or just contribute in some small way, do not hesitate to step forward.

Perhaps you belonged to AAUW elsewhere and are wondering where those monthly business meetings went that usually followed the program. Except for the annual all-member meeting, Portland branch business is conducted at separate monthly board meetings. They are open to all members, and you are sincerely invited to attend. Generally, they are on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon.

Thanks to bylaws chair Sue Trotter, the biennial mandatory branch bylaws revisions have been made and approved. The bylaws, as well as other documents, are available online at our website www.aauwpdx.org at the "Members Only" tab. The password is *pdxaauw*. Please explore the branch website. If you haven't already been accessing it, you will be surprised at how useful and informative it is.

Now is the time to start sending in renewal dues for 2016-2017. Don't worry that you might be charged twice, as all the records are now online and easily accessible. Why so early? Because we are on a fiscal year for finances, and the due date is June 30. In this edition there are instructions on how to renew using your credit card or, if you prefer, print the included form and mail in with your check.

There are still many exciting programs and events to attend this spring. We encourage you to go to the AAUW of Oregon State Convention in Medford, April 22-24. There may still be openings for branch delegate, which has a small stipend attached. In this newsletter you will find the year's branch review that we submitted for the convention book.

Do attend the April program on Habitat for Humanity, a very informative presentation and an upcoming opportunity for "hands on" involvement. AAUW is a great organization in which to pursue whatever inspires you!

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

“Listen to Her” Comes to Portland: A Statewide Listening Tour to Hear from Women and Girls

Your voice matters. Join the Women’s Foundation of Oregon for an interactive town hall meeting to share what it’s like to be a woman in Portland. What the Women’s Foundation hears from us on the state-wide "Listen to Her" tour will become a major part of the upcoming Comprehensive Report on Women and Girls in Oregon, and that report will be shared with decision-makers all over the state.

The town hall will be fun and interactive. At the event, you’ll be able to share your experiences in different ways—through real-time polling, anonymous write-in sheets, break-out discussion groups and a storytelling booth.

Please join the Women’s Foundation of Oregon and tell them what needs to happen to make Oregon a great place for women and girls. All women and girls are invited to attend, so please invite your family, friends and coworkers to come too! Childcare, refreshments and Spanish translation services will be provided.

Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for:

- * Downtown Portland, **March 31st, 5:30 pm at Portland State University**
- * North Portland, **April 23rd, 12:30 pm, at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus.**

To register go to: <https://womensfoundationoforegon.org/events>



This spring in Bend, Burns, Eugene, Newport, Medford, Ontario, Pendleton, Portland, Salem. www.womensfoundationoforegon.org

CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

You are cordially invited to attend this year's AAUW of Oregon State Convention, to be held April 22-24, at the Inn at the Commons, Medford, Oregon. The theme is "Full STEaM Ahead." We are familiar with the STEM acronym—the "a" has been added to include the arts. A docudrama will be presented, written by Gloria Holland of Salem Branch, entitled "Breaking Barriers III—the Unsung Heroes of STEM." It explores the lives of American women who have made exceptional strides in these fields, yet who remain relatively unknown. An opportunity to attend an Ashland stage production has also been included in the schedule.

The keynote address will be given by Carrie Hull, last year's AAUW *Breaking Barriers Award* winner. Carrie is a detective with the Ashland Police Department who implemented change in how sexual assault cases are handled. She teaches best practices in sexual assault investigations to law enforcement officers across the nation. This year's winner of the award, nominated by the Gresham Branch, is Brenda Tracy, who works to protect the rights of victims of sexual assault in Oregon.

The Convention program includes three branch trainings, five workshops and two plenary sessions. There will be a Legacy Circle reception and a Funds Banquet, as well as a silent auction. Our branch will display the historical panels from our 110th Anniversary celebration at the "Showcase of Success."

If you enjoy attending programs that are interesting and educational and meeting AAUW members from around the state, you should attend convention. Detailed information is in the spring edition of the Oregon News. The registration deadline is April 4th. Please let Co-president Ilga Ross know if you plan to attend.

Study and Interest Groups April 2016. . . .

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: April 13

Meet at 12:15 in the café of the Portland Art Museum

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094 or jaswans@centurylink.net

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: April 14

Broder Nord, 2240 N. Interstate

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Date: No April meeting

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Date: April 5

Jupiter Quartet at PSU, Lincoln Hall

Contact: Anna Helm, 503-652-6625

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

Date: April 5

"Lettice and Lovage" by Peter Shaffer

Old Church, 1422 SW 11th (and Clay)

Contact: Barbara Spencer, 503-477-7372

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble

Date: April 28, 4pm

South Park, 901 SW Salmon

Contact: Ann McKinney, 503-309-6579

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon

Date: April 19

Dead Wake by Eric Larson

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Sue Trotter

Literary Comments and Criticisms II

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: April 28

The Woman Behind the New Deal by Kirsten Downey

Hostess: Eileen Elliott

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: No April meeting

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: April 26

Emma: A Modern Retelling by Alexander McCall Smith

Hostess: Ruth Robinson

Contact: Rose Toufexis, 971 271-8980

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Second Friday, 1:30 pm

Date: April 8

Hostess: Suzanne Flemming

Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456 or Karn Hill, 503-206-8444

Non-Fiction Book Group I (open)

Third Wednesday, 9:30 am

Date: April 20

Hidden History of Portland by J.D. Chandler

Hostess: Linda Stern

Contact: Kath Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm

Date: April 15

Soldier Girls by Helen Thorpe

Hostess: Joyce Lew

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503 372-6338

Public Policy (open)

Third Wednesdays, every odd month, 1-2:30 pm

Date: No April meeting

Contact: Barbara Gaines, 503 688-6650

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch and discussion

Date: April 27, 1 pm at Ernesto's

White Heat by M.J. McGrath

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Saturday, April 2, 9:30 am

Walk Peninsula Park

Meet at Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way

Contact: Linda Loftin, 917-660-1368

Public Policy—Two Minute Activist

Sometimes you might wonder why we promote joining the AAUW Two Minute Activist program.. These days you may be tired of politicians. But then you receive the e-mail below from your Senator, and you are reassured that it is important to make this connection on an important issue for women.



Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for contacting me to share your support for equal pay and your opposition to the Workplace Advancement Act (S.2200). I share your concerns and I appreciate hearing from you.

Because I believe all Americans deserve equal pay for equal work, I am a cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.862). This legislation would strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to help ensure the basic principle that women should get paid the same as men for doing the same work. Specifically, this bill would protect against sex-based pay discrimination by providing women the same remedies in court to fight pay discrimination as those subjected to discrimination based on their race or national origin.

The Workplace Advancement Act prohibits employers from punishing employees who discuss their salaries with coworkers, but it only allows this discussion under the narrow circumstance of confirming they are receiving equal pay for equal work. This legislation could do more harm than good, since the legal burden would then be placed on employees to prove they were discussing wages for this purpose.

Furthermore, it does not provide many other necessary protections: It does not close loopholes that employers use to justify pay disparities, it does not incentivize employers to self-evaluate and remedy disparities and it does not ensure that victims of discrimination can seek remedies under the law.

It is unacceptable that in the 21st century, American women still earn only 78 cents, on average, for every dollar that men earn. While we have narrowed the wage gap over the last few decades, wage discrimination remains a major issue that must be addressed. Please know that I am committed to working with my Senate colleagues to end wage discrimination.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I hope you will continue to send your observations and thoughts my way.

All my best,

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

Member Update/Information

Welcome to four new members of the Branch:

Traci Fordham

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Beaverton 97007

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971-722-4365

Carla Huegli

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Portland 97239

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503-457-6145

Lisa Dodson

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Portland 97204

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617-894-6858

Congratulations to **Joyce Kligman** on the opening of a new exhibit, *Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Chinatowns*, at the Oregon Historical Society. Joyce is the Chinese Docents coordinator and wrote some of the captions for the vignettes. Note: admission to the Historical Society is free for Multnomah County residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Digital Age study group has disbanded.

Find us on Facebook: Our Portland Branch now has its own Facebook page. You can link to the page by clicking on the Facebook icon at the top of any AAUW Portland Branch website page you are on. Please take a minute to check it out and don't forget to "like" us once you're there.

Consider Hosting a Scholarship Fundraising Event

As most (if not all) of you know, 2015-16 is the second year we are having small events in members' homes to raise funds for our PCC Scholarship. Last year's events were varied and impressive, but WE NEED YOU to consider hosting a small gathering to support this effort in the coming year.

You can host (or co-host) a picnic, dinner, lunch, brunch, movie night . . . Let your imagination run wild! Whatever you can imagine would make a fun/enlightening/pleasant event and help provide women at PCC who plan to continue their education with necessary funds to do so. There is no minimum number of guests required for you to host an event. Any number—from 4 to 400—would be great!!



For further information, contact Judy Holt, jholt58@gmail.com or 503-387-5602.

Word of the Month

susurratio

Meaning: noun, a soft, whispering or rustling sound; a murmur; a whisper

Origin: Middle English, from Late Latin *susurratio*, from Latin *susurare*, to whisper, from *susurrus*, whisper

First use: 14th century

Study Group Close Up—First Tuesday Readers’ Theatre

First Tuesday Readers’ Theatre pretty much describes this interest group. On the first Tuesday of each month— October through May—we meet at the Old Church on 11th and Main in Portland to hear plays. These readings are produced by the Portland Civic Theatre Guild and usually star well-known local actors. It’s easy to forget that they’re reading the script, as they are so well rehearsed. The group is open, we meet at the church, enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies, sit together and listen to the production.

Individual tickets are \$8 (\$10 for the musical in May). Coffee and cookies at 10:00 AM followed by the reading at 10:30. All you need to do to join us is contact Judy Holt jholt58@gmail.com, get on the e-mail list and let us know you’re coming so we can save you a seat.

The Portland Civic Theatre Guild supports local theatres through grants and awards. So join us, hear great theatre and support our local thespians and live theatre. It’s a win – win situation.

Introducing New Members of the Branch

Lisa Dodson

Dr. Lisa Dodson is a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy at Brandeis University, focused on low-income women and their families. She is currently working with 9to5, National Association of Working Women, on work and income support policies and recently received an Advanced Scholar award from the National Center for Student Parents to examine the relationship between parents’ college efforts and children’s schooling and wellbeing, called *Families Climb Together*. Her recent articles include, “We don’t fight poverty anymore” *The Conversation* (2015) and “The high cost of cheap care” in *The American Prospect* (2014). Dodson’s most recent book is *The Moral Underground: How Ordinary People Subvert an Unfair Economy*

Portland Branch AAUW Membership Form 2016-2017

New Renewal

Name (Please print carefully) _____ Member # (if known) _____

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

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

Address _____ Phone No.: home _____ cell _____

Email _____ Occupation: (Retired? List previous occupation) _____

Degree(s)/School(s)/Year graduated _____

Financial assistance up to one-half (\$40) is available in order to join/renew.
For eligibility criteria, contact Treasurer Ann Copeland, copelandann@comcast.net or 503-560-3867

Dues Category: Amount

REGULAR MEMBER \$49 National Assn. + \$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 a tax deduction, please make a separate check to the “PCC Foundation.”</i>	
AAUW FUNDS (formerly called Educational Foundation or “EF”) <i>For a tax deduction, please make a separate check to “AAUW Funds.”</i>	

Make check payable to AAUW Portland Branch. Total enclosed: _____

Mail this form and check(s) to: Portland AAUW, P.O. Box 8933, Portland, OR 97207

I am interested in:

Fundraising Committee Stem Committee
 Holiday Luncheon Committee Study Groups
 Program Committee PSU Partnership

I would be willing to:

Host events in my home Assist Someone else who is hosting
 Help organize events Bring refreshments to events (doesn't have to be homemade)
 Just call me when you need some help

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY CREDIT CARD

Prefer to pay your renewal membership dues by credit card? No need to print the paper form or write a check. Due date is June 30. Follow these easy internet steps:

Go to the branch website at www.aauwpdx.org. Click on the “Renew Now” link.

Check off the interest survey and submit.

Fill out any portion of your contact information that may have changed (leave blank if there are no changes).

Click on the “Pay Here” link, which takes you to the national website. Click on the green button to “Enter the MSD”. Now you are asked to “Login”. * Then “Enter Member Services Database”. 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. A Confirmation/Receipt is generated immediately and sent to you by email.

*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.

AAUW Program Schedule 2015-16

March 31	“Listen to Her” town hall meeting
April	
11	Habitat for Humanity program
23	“Listen to Her” town hall meeting
22-24	AAUW Oregon State Convention, Medford, OR
May 19	Honor’s Luncheon & Installation of Officers
June 30	Membership renewal due
August 4	Branch picnic



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**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
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April 
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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.