



Brunch and General Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Portland Plaza, 1500 SW 5th Ave.

(Between SW Clay and SW Market)

Please join us as we begin an exciting new year in the lovely community room of the Portland Plaza! Enjoy delicious food, catch up with old and new members and hear about the special activities and programs that the Portland Branch has planned for the upcoming year. We will discuss our goals and how our activities will strengthen our branch's connection to the mission of AAUW.

Also, at this kick-off meeting, representatives of our branch's numerous study and interest groups which are not at capacity will give a brief, amusing presentation about their groups and encourage you to get involved. Our groups span a wide range and include book, theater, art, food and walking groups. Members, both recent and old, may discover a new interest group that appeals to them. Also, please bring any ideas that you may have for new interest groups that you would like to see formed! In addition, you are encouraged to bring your laptop for a special group activity.

As always, guests and prospective members are welcome.

Please **RSVP by Friday, September 16th**, with the names and number of people that will be attending to Diane Winn at dgwinn@uci.edu or 503-954-3976. Information about the September meeting, including an RSVP link, can also be found on the Home page of our website <http://www.aauwpx.org> under Upcoming Events.

For [directions to Portland Plaza](#), see page 7.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

Welcome to another exciting AAUW year! When September arrives we all look forward to seeing long-time AAUW friends again and to making new ones. Together we are re-energized to work toward the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls in the company of like-minded colleagues.

Several fun events were held during the summer, including two fundraisers and the annual branch picnic. Hosted by Barbara Alberty, “In the Pink” raised funds for our local PCC scholarship and featured pink champagne and a fascinating talk on the history of Oregon wines. Ann Copeland hosted the movie “Iron Jawed Angels” to commemorate the anniversary of women’s suffrage; its pass-the-hat proceeds will go to our STEM project. The picnic once again featured Diane Winn’s delicious barbecued beef sandwiches and a great variety of potluck dishes that were enjoyed in the beautiful park setting near the Tualatin River.

At the branch board meeting earlier this month, program vice president Diane Winn shared the schedule she and her committee have already developed to make this coming year an exceptional one for the Portland Branch. Working in collaboration with the YWCA, the League of Women Voters, and the Oregon Women’s Foundation, several outstanding programs and speakers are being arranged. Watch for them monthly in the newsletter and use the website aauwpdx.org and Facebook for up-to-date information. This will be another exciting year for Portland Branch. We have long been known for our many study/interest groups—twelve at last count. At the Brunch & Orientation on September 24th leaders will present information about their group in an entertaining way. If your special interest does not yet have a group, vice president Donna Pregill will help encourage its formation.

Invite your non-member friends to attend the brunch and share what you love about AAUW!

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Trish Garner

AAUW of Oregon Summer Retreat

In July, branch members who serve on the state board—Julie Skinner, Secretary; Trish Garner, Public Policy Chair; and Ilga Ross, AAUW of OR Funds Chair—attended the state Summer Retreat at Willamette University. Attendees received tips on branch publicity and online tools to organize volunteers and meeting times. Sessions focused on setting state goals and priorities. Public policy will again have highest priority, with sexual violence, civics in schools and caregiver discrimination added to the perennial pay equity emphasis. Also selected for state-level strategic plans were college/university relations and membership/leadership. The Retreat is open to all members and we encourage more of our members to go next year.

“In the Pink” Fundraiser

On July 17th, Barbara Alberty hosted an afternoon fundraiser to support our PCC scholarship. Members enjoyed blush wine and pink champagne, accompanied by chocolate-covered strawberries, French champagne biscuits (cookies) and crackers and cheese. The “star” of the event was Barbara’s son Michael, who shared his knowledge of the history of wine in Oregon. It was a lovely afternoon. Thanks, Barbara.



**SPECIAL REPORT FROM TRISH GARNER,
STATE PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR**

CALL TO ACTION !! SAVE THE DATE !!

On Wednesday, September 21st, 11:45 at the Capitol steps in Salem, the Women’s Foundation of Oregon will be officially presenting its Report on the Status of Women in Oregon. Some of you may have heard about this Report at our last state Lobby Day, but it’s the first of its kind since 1998. Data for the Report was taken from a variety of sources, including a “Listen to Her” statewide tour where Foundation representatives met with women and girls in the various communities. The Report was professionally done and I anticipate that it will have a significant impact on legislation relating to the women and girls of Oregon for years to come.

So – let me know if you want to join me in going to Salem on September 21st. It should be fun! My email address is garner37@mac.com and my phone number is 503-407-2341.

Word of the Month

tenebrous

Meaning: adjective, shut off from the light; hard to understand; causing gloom

Origin: Middle English, from Anglo-French *tenebrous*, from Latin *tenebrosus*, from *Tenebrae*.

First use: 15th century

Study and Interest Groups September 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)

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: September 8
Cameo Café, 8111 NE Sandy
Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Date: September 15
The Painted House by John Grisham
Hostess: Maxine McComas, 12705 SE River Rd. Apt.404-E
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Date: No September event
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338, or Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: No September event
The Sanctuary, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd.
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble
Date: September 22, 4 pm
Bar Mingo, 811 NW 21st St.
Contact: Judi Wandres, 732-236-1969 (c)

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon
Date: September 20
The Daughters of Mars by Thomas Keneally
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Barbara Gaines
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms II

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: September 22
Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow
Hostess: Jeri Rauh

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: September 13
The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich
Hostess: Barbara Gaines

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am
Date: September 27
The Girl with No Shadow by Joanne Harris
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: September 16
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: September 21
On the Map by Simon Garfield
Hostess: Linda Stern
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm
Date: September 16
Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow
Hostess: Joyce Lew
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Public Policy (open)

Third Wednesdays, every odd month, 1-2:30 pm
Date: May 18
Hostess: Barbara Spencer
Contact: Barbara Gaines, 503-688-6650

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion
Date: September 28, 1:00 pm at Ernesto's
A Venture Into Murder by Henry Kisor

Wimpy Walkers (open)

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch
Date: No September walk
Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403

Study Group Close Up— Literary Comments and Criticism II

Our interest group meets the 4th Thursday of each month for a brown bag lunch and book discussion. The hostess provides coffee and dessert.

Our book list is an eclectic one. We've read historical biographies (Alexander Hamilton), historical fiction (Vanessa and Her Sister), non-fiction (Astoria) and fiction (All the Light You Cannot See). Our June meeting is a potluck and book choosing for the next year.

We welcome new members to our study group.

Doris Green In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the death of Doris Green, who died on June 28th at the age of 79. She was a graduate of the University of Oregon and a retired medical insurance coder.

Doris was a long-time member of the AAUW Portland Branch. She belonged to three book groups and was famous for her carmelitas, which were always a hit at the Holiday Luncheon auction.

Music was another passion of Doris'. She held season tickets to the Oregon Symphony, the Portland Opera and the piano series. She was the house manager for Chamber Music Northwest for many years at both Reed College and Catlin Gabel.

She will be missed.

GOINGS ON

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to sharing the goings on of our branch members—special birthdays, travels, recognitions, new grandchildren, 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.

Suzanne Fleming will become a grandmother in December. Congratulations, Suzanne! Being a grandmother is such fun!!

Congratulations to Diane Winn and her husband on the marriage of their son Cody in July.

Ginny McQueen spent time in Spain in June, and Lisa Perrine and her daughter were in the Galapagos at the same time.

Congratulations to Linda Stern on the graduation from Union College of her second granddaughter, Erin.

Nancy Cheverton is busy these days. She is the event director for the Best Friends Animal Society's "Strut Your Mutt" fundraiser on September 10.

This summer found Peggy Hickman and her husband on a Baltic Sea cruise.

Directions to Portland Plaza (See page 1)

We encourage you to take public transportation with stops located one to two blocks from the Portland Plaza.

Max: Northbound Orange stop: PSU Urban Center/SW 6th & Montgomery MAX Station

Southbound Yellow and Green stop: City Hall/SW 5th & Jefferson MAX Station

Streetcar: A Loop and NS Line North stop: PSU Urban Center

B loop and NS Line South stop: SW 5th and Market

If you plan to drive, metered street parking and a parking garage on SW Clay between SW 3rd and 4th Aves are available.

Member Update/Information

The Branch was two new Life Members: **Priscilla Morehouse** and **Sue Trotter**. They both joined AAUW in 1966.

Welcome to the following new members:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The League of Women Voters of Portland is hosting a Ballot Measure Forum (including State ballot measures and a corporate tax debate) on Monday, September 12th, from noon to 2:30 pm. The Forum will be held at the Multnomah County Bldg., 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland.

The PSU Center for Women's Leadership and the Portland Branch of AAUW are co-sponsoring a free screening of the HBO Emmy-nominated film, *Confirmation*, on September 21, 7 pm, at the Hollywood Theater, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. The movie is about Anita Hill's confirmation hearings. Following the film, there will be a Q&A with the film's Executive Producer, Janice Williams.

REMINDER: For those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2015-16, this will be the last Rose City Reporter that you receive. Don't miss the October newsletter. Renew now. For those who have already renewed, please disregard this notice.

AAUW Program Schedule 2016-17

Sept.	
12	Ballot Measure Forum (see p. 9)
21	Release of the Report on the Status of Women (see p. 4)
21	Screening of film <i>Confirmation</i> (see p. 9)
24	Brunch & General Meeting (see page 1)
Oct. 30	Legislative Brunch with YWCA and the League of Women Voters
Dec. 3	Holiday Luncheon
April 21-23	AAUW State Convention
May 18	Honors Luncheon



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goodbye, august
hello, september



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