



The Women's Voting Brunch,

October 28,
12:00—3:00 pm
Lagunita Pub,
237 NE Broadway

Sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Portland,
Portland Branch of AAUW, and the League of Women
Voters of Portland

Join us for an engaging presentation and lively discussion about initiatives that will appear on Oregon ballots in November. On the agenda this year:

- *Measure 106 (to prohibit public funding for abortion)
- *Measure 105 (to repeal Oregon's sanctuary status)
- *Measure 103 (to ban taxing groceries)
- *Measure 104 (defines revenue for the 3/5th vote requirement)
- *State and regional housing initiatives

Brunch and drinks will be served.



Space is limited.

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A Message from Our President

Dear Members,

If you attended our Brunch and General Meeting on September 8, I'm sure you enjoyed hearing Georgia Applegate, AAUW of Oregon President, talk about the National AAUW Strategic Plan and how it relates to the State. The Plan, she explained, has four pillars: education and training; economic security; leadership; and governance & sustainability.

For education goals, she outlined the legislative priorities, including strengthening protection against sexual harassment, bullying and violence and vigorous enforcement of Title IV. Goals for economic security include: pay equity by 2030; inclusive career pathways for women, free of systemic barriers and biases; and enhancement of women's retirement security and quality of life.

Leadership goals include efforts to bolster the participation of girls and women in leadership roles throughout their lives, and to advance the number of women in leadership, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations. She announced that over the next two years, AAUW of Oregon will provide leadership training and resources to branches in the state. Finally, the goals for governance & sustainability are aimed at improving and enhancing our ability to communicate, share, and store documents and various files effectively by utilizing current technology.

It was an interesting, educational, and thoughtful speech. I am pleased she came to our meeting and hope she will visit again soon.

My special thanks also to Linda Loftin, her program committee and to the Interest Group leaders. It was a terrific meeting with lots of great food!

Our next Board meeting is **Saturday, October 6 at 10 AM- 12 noon at Linda Loftin's Community Room, 1500 SW 5th Ave.** Our meetings are open to all, and I encourage you to attend. We spend the last part of the meeting talking about issues and topics you might find interesting. You could also join me for a no-host lunch after the meeting.

As part of my efforts for you to get to know our Board and their various duties, I asked Barbara Spencer, as chair of the College/University Relations Committee, to write this month's article. Thank you, Barbara.

President, Sue Thomas

Get to Know Our Leaders

Barbara Spencer
College & University Relations Committee Chair

What is the AAUW College and University Relations Committee?

The college/university (C/U) relations committee helps increase AAUW's visibility by building relationships in the campus community, collaborating on programs, and introducing AAUW's mission to new audiences. The committee serves as the local branch link between AAUW, the on-campus C/U representative, and student leaders.

Since 2012, the Portland Branch has served as the AAUW liaison for Portland State University (PSU), an AAUW college and university member. In its role as liaison, the Portland Branch has worked to bring the AAUW mission, values and programs to PSU students, faculty and administrators. What are some examples of collaboration over the last six years?

Examples of PSU and Portland AAUW collaboration include:

Elect Her, in collaboration with Student Affairs and the Women's Resource Center (WRC), was offered to female students to train them in leadership skills for running for student government offices, as well as future election races.

Start Smart (a three-year license between AAUW and PSU's Student Career Center), permitted salary and benefit negotiation training on campus. Portland Branch trainers offered sessions to New Leadership Oregon participants and campus women students.

Portland Branch provided a \$400 scholarship to an NLO graduate to attend AAUW's ***National College Women's Student Leadership Conference (NCWSSL)*** in Washington, DC.

PSU's Center for Parents with Children presented their research on women students and children at a monthly program for the Portland Branch. The Branch co-sponsored their national symposium in June, 2018, with a \$150 contribution.

Portland Branch donated \$400 to PSU's Center for Parents with Children.

PSU's New Leadership Oregon (NLO), a leadership training program for college students from all over the state, participated in a leadership panel at last year's Branch Annual Meeting. The Branch donated a \$250 scholarship to New Leadership Oregon.

PSU and the Portland Branch have submitted grants to AAUW's community action program.

Portland Branch invited PSU faculty and administrators to serve as the Holiday Luncheon speakers and to review their work at monthly meetings.

Portland Branch and PSU observed Women's History Month with a special program for capstone students and branch members.

Portland Branch received an Oregon AAUW grant of \$500 to co-sponsor the Brenda Tracy event on the PSU campus and worked with student groups and faculty to plan and run the day's activities.

Portland Branch promoted AAUW e-student affiliation membership (available to all undergraduate students regardless of gender) to 30 PSU students, the highest number in any Oregon University.

Portland Branch implemented Give a Grad a Gift (free AAUW membership) for NLO college graduates.

This year's plan includes reaching out to the Southeast Campus of Portland Community College through their women's resource center to see what College/AAUW collaboration might be appropriate for their student population. If you would like to join the C/U committee to further this work, contact Barbara Spencer, C/U Relations Chair, baspen013@earthlink.net.

Study and Interest Groups October, 2018

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 Carla Huegli, 503-457-6145 or carla.huegli@yahoo.com.

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: October 11

Babica Hen Café, 15964 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego

RSVP by October 8 to Judy Holt, 503-387-5602 or

jholt58@gmail.com

Curtain Call (open)

Date: October 11, 7:30 pm

The Color Purple at Portland Center Stage

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/kathehart@hotmail.com

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

The Sanctuary, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd.

Date: October 2

Foxfire by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn

Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602 or jholt58@gmail.com

International Lunch Group (open)

Second Monday, 11:30 am

Date: October 8

Dorio Café & Taverna, 1037 NW 23rd, #200

RSVP by Oct. 3 to Anne Ashford, 808-382-2663

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon

Date: October 16

Janesville by Amy Goldstein

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Ellie Albert

Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637/lindamstern@comcast.net

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: October 25

American Nations: History of the Eleven Regional Cultures of

North America Colin Woodward

Hostess: Petie Padden, 4604 NE Irving

Contact: Katie Raetz, 503-720-8188/kmraetz@yahoo.com

Literary Comments and Criticisms III (open)

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: October 8

The House of Wittgenstein by Alexander Waugh

Hostess: Judy Holt, 18650 Old River Dr., West Linn

Contact: Sue Trotter, 503-652-6414/dstrotter@msn.com

Mah Jongg (open)

Mah Jongg will not be resuming until next year.

For information in the meantime, contact: Mary Shaw,

503-939-4589/docsu@hotmail.com

Modern Fiction

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: October 23

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

Hostess: Carli Huegli

Contact: Donna Pregill, 503-292-8659/

dmp503@gmail.com

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Second Fridays, 1:30 pm

Date: October 12

Hostess: Suzanne Fleming

Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456/

multiteach@aol.com or Karn Hill, 503-206-8444/

karnhill@gmail.com

Non-Fiction Book Group I (open)

Third Wednesdays, 10:00 am, at Elephant's Deli

Date: October 17

Educated by Tara Westover

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/

kathehart@hotmail.com

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 6 pm, at Joyce Lew's

Date: October 19

The Lady in Gold by Anne-Marie O'Connor

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338/

kathehart@hotmail.com

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion

Date: October 24, 12 noon, at The Old Spaghetti

Factory, 0715 SW Bancroft St.

One Good Turn by Kate Atkinson

Contact Jane Lancaster, 971-270-8369/

mamayoyo@q.com

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Friday, October 5, 10 am

South Waterfront Parks walk

Meet at the River Place Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor

Way

Leader: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403/925-699-7880/

sueonoak@comcast.net

Contact: Joyce Kligman, 503-309-3185 or

joyceslk@comcast.net

The AAUW – sponsored STEM Project, 2018 - 2019

Beginning in September, the STEM project resumed its activities. For the new members unfamiliar with the term, STEM is an acronym for “science, technology, engineering and math”. The goal of our project is to encourage interest in and inspire young girls to consider further study in computer technology and science. The leader of this effort is one of our members, Barbara Miner, a now-retired scientist and engineer, who is currently working with the Saturday Academy in Portland and offering classes through their sponsorship. She has made a connection with the Girl Scouts of Portland and SW Washington to offer classes for young girls. The program is called “Girls Engage Technology”. We began by offering a class teaching the girls to do elementary computer programming. A new type of class was added this past year. It involves teaching the young girls how to set up an electric circuit, and then allowing them to do what we call “Product Design”, choosing to make their own unique decorative and often wearable pieces, including tiny LED lights. The Girls Scouts will earn a badge when they complete either class.

Lisa Perrine has agreed to continue to head up AAUW’s supportive connection to this project. We are looking for our volunteers from this past school year to again offer their support. We also are seeking additional new volunteers to help. We will need two volunteers per teaching session. There are approximately four sessions per month, with classes continuing through May 2019. Our commitment is to have two volunteers attend each scheduled teaching sessions, offered now on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Girl Scout Headquarters building, which is located at 9620 SW Barbur Blvd. The volunteers assist Barbara through record-keeping, adult supervision of the attendees, and help with the teaching process as you become more familiar with what is being offered. Barbara leads the sessions, with the assistance of high school aged young women who have been trained by Barbara to do the teaching.

Our participation will enable the program to be offered to many additional participants. According to Barbara Miner, there is far more interest in the program than she can accommodate without additional help. Please consider this article as an invitation to help expand a program vital to inspiring young girls to seek careers in science and math. Please call Lisa at (503) 648-1691 for more information or to offer your assistance.



SAVE THE DATE

AAUW Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser
Saturday, December 1, 10am – 1pm
Multnomah Athletic Club

Member Information and Updates

Welcome to our new member:

Maureen McGlone
6358 SE 77th Ave.
Portland, OR 97206
5030875-3300
mrmnak@gmail.com



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