

Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans

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WOMEN AND STUDENT LOANS

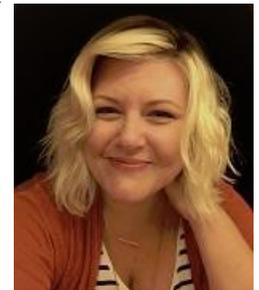


Monday, February 19, 10 am
Community Room,
University Park Condos,
1500 SW Park Ave

**Speaker: Shawna Chambers, Manager,
PSU Financial Wellness Center**

*Women hold almost two-thirds (\$833 billion) of the country's \$1.3-trillion student debt. Women now earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees and repay their loans more slowly than do men, in part because of the gender pay gap. Thirty-four percent of all women, 42% of Hispanic women, and 57% of black women who were repaying student loans said they had been unable to meet essential expenses within the past year. This isn't just a student problem, it's a gender inequity problem. These are just a few of the findings in the 2017 AAUW report, **Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans**.*

We will briefly discuss the above report and also hear from Shawna Chambers, Manager of the recently established Financial Wellness Center at PSU. Shawna is on the Advisory Board for the Higher Education Financial Wellness Summit that will be held at PSU this summer. An alumna of PSU and a single mother who is still paying off her student loans, Shawna has both a personal and a professional commitment to working with parents, students and departments in addressing the issue of student costs and debt.



University Park Condos can easily be reached by public transportation. The closest stops for the A, B and NS streetcars are Park SW Park and Market, or SW Park and Mill St stops. Metered parking is nearby. Please use the directory by the gate for the access code for Fleming (Suzanne).

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE for January 30 AAUW Movie Night. The event will now be held in the Community Room of University Park Condos, **1500 SW Park**. See paragraph above for more information on the location.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

Hard to believe half of this AAUW year is behind us. We have been treated to great programs, most recently the festive Holiday Luncheon at the MAC. The decorations were lovely, the food plentiful, the silent auction baskets creative, and your donations phenomenal! The talk by PSU Professor Miriam Abelson (AAUW American Fellowship Recipient) on gender identity was eye-opening, offering more understanding of a complex issue.

There are two events on our Public Policy docket. One is Lobby Day which takes place at the State Capitol on February 9th, with check-in at 8:30. We will be hearing from legislators and a panel of experts and officials talking about whether Oregon is doing enough to deal with sexual harassment and bullying in our schools. A Lobby Day registration form is attached to this newsletter (p. 3). On January 26th, beginning at 1:00 pm, interested members from Portland, Lake Oswego and Tigard branches will be meeting at the Heritage House in Lake Oswego in order to discuss how we might collaborate about important issues, particularly those on the local scene.

AAUW-OR is also interested in your feedback about state conventions, retreats, and officer training, in order to improve them and meet our members' needs. A survey is online at our website aauwpdx.org and printed in this newsletter (p.). Please take a few minutes to answer the survey. Your responses are important!

The 2018 state convention will be held April 20-22 at the Hillsboro Embassy Suites. Because it is in the metro area, we encourage everyone to think about attending—for at least one day, if not all. The branch has been asked to organize the silent auction. If you would like to help, don't hesitate to volunteer.

Our new CEO, Kim Churches, has reorganized the National AAUW staff and is setting priorities with an eye to what we can afford and accomplish. She also articulates the importance of relying on measurable outcomes. Pay equity, education, STEM, leadership and Title IX have been selected as focus issues for AAUW's public policy program. She has appointed a task force to draft a national strategic plan by March. At that time, it will be open for review and comment.

A quick reminder to attend our January 30th Branch Program, when you can view and discuss the movie "The Eagle Huntress." In February our program will focus on the crisis of ever-increasing women's student debt. We will be hearing from Shawna Chambers, Manager of the recently established Financial Wellness Center at PSU. As you can see, we are enthusiastic about our upcoming activities and what we in AAUW can achieve in going forward in 2018.

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Trish Garner

It's Not Too Late! Sign Up Now for Lobby Day 2018

AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day February 9, 2018 Room 50, Capitol Building, Salem

In case you haven't already sent in your Registration Form to join with a number of fellow AAUW of OR members at Lobby Day, there is still time! Lobby Day will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018, with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 50 in the State Capitol Building in Salem. We will be hearing from legislators, plus there will be a panel of experts and officials to address the question: *Oregon's Policy on Sexual Harassment, Bullying and Assault in our Schools: Is it Enough?*

If you wish, Trish Garner will make an appointment with your Representative and/or a Legislative Aide following the program and lunch. A Registration Form is below. The deadline for signing up is February 1. Please send the forms and your checks to Trish Garner, 2017 N Skidmore Terrace, Portland OR 97217.

2018 AAUW OF OREGON LOBBY DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.
Registration Fee is \$21.00 and includes lunch.

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

AAUW Branch _____

Lunch Options Meat Vegan

At the conclusion of the Lobby Day Program: I wish to:

meet with my Senator or House Representative, OR Not Meet with a Legislator, OR
 Meet with this Legislator _____

We will do our very best to honor these requests, but legislators' calendars are moving targets!

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM and FEE (check made out to OR AAUW) by February 1 to Trish Garner, 2017 N. Skidmore Terrace, Portland OR 97217; garner37@mac.com

Driving: Exit 256/N. Market Street from I5, left on Summer. After you pass Marion Street, there is a parking lot to the right (\$6.00 a day). Metered parking can be paid by credit card or coin. Several of our members have already made reservations at the Grand Hotel the night before. Let us know if you will be staying there so we can all get together.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!



AAUW-OR holds state conventions, retreats, and officer training, and they are interested in hearing your feedback about these events in order to keep improving them and meeting the members' needs. With that in mind, a survey has been created to gather this feedback from members across the state. You may or may not have attended any of these events and that's OK - they would still like to hear your ideas or suggestions on what you think is the best way to proceed.

You can take the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLV5CTY> or you can print the survey on the following page (page 5), complete, and mail back to the address listed at the end of the survey. Either way, we encourage you to have your voice heard - your feedback is important!

Please complete/return your survey responses no later than February 24th - and thanks in advance!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Academy is having their Discovery Luncheon, celebrating 35 years of STEM education, on Thursday, March 1, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the Oregon Zoo. Come together with other friends of Saturday Academy to enjoy a fun-filled luncheon that provides a glimpse into the joys and discoveries students experience when they participate in science and technology classes. This event raises critical funds for scholarships and program activities. You can reserve one spot (\$50) or a table of 10 (\$500). For more information, go to www.saturdayacademy.org.

After-Holiday Half-Price Membership New member dues paid between January 1 and March 15 are only \$40, good through June 20, 2018. Encourage your friends to join. Contact Ginny McQueen for a membership form or go to our website.

AAUW-OR STATE MEETINGS SURVEY

PORTLAND BRANCH AAUW

MEMBER NAME (optional) _____

STATE CONVENTIONS

1. What are the three most important factors that determine whether you will attend? (Please select three.)
 education about new programming recent research reports by national
 networking and sharing ideas leadership/officer training
 total cost interaction with state/national officers
 input into future direction of AAUW State/National public policy action
2. What month would you like the convention to be scheduled? Choose one.
 April May September October
3. Regardless of which month, how frequent should the convention be held?
 once a year every other year

STATE RETREATS (traditionally in July)

4. What are the three most important factors that determine whether you will attend? (Please select three.)
 education on topics identified by state networking and sharing ideas
 leadership/officer training total cost and geographic location
 interaction with state officers input into future direction of AAUW
 State public policy dialogue recent research reports by national
5. What month would you like the retreat to be scheduled? Choose one.
 April May June July August

OFFICER TRAINING

6. When is the most useful time for this support?
 sometime between March through May sometime between June through August
 sometime in October or November

CONNECTION VIA COMPUTER

7. Would you be interested in meetings/trainings/webinars on a topic of your interest done with your computer?
 Yes No Maybe
8. How do you hear about state meetings? _____
9. Further Comments/Questions/Feedback/Remarks (optional):

THANK YOU!

Please return this survey to Ilga Ross by February 24, 2018
ilgaross@yahoo.com or mail to
8275 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, OR 97062

Study and Interest Groups February, 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, 503-456145 or carla.huegli@yahoo.com.

Art Enjoyment is inactive.

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: February 8

Cadillac Café, 1801 NE Broadway

RSVP to: Petie Padden, 503-235-0892 or petiepad@icloud.com

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm, at Willamette View,

12705 SE River Road, 3rd floor meeting room

Date: February 22

Finding Fontainebleau by Thad Carhart

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162 or earthdogs@msn.com

Curtain Call (open)

Date: February 1

Portland Center Stage, 128 NW 11th Ave.

Astoria, Part 2

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338 or kathhart@hotmail.com

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30

The Sanctuary, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd.

Date: February 6

Vincent in Brixton by Nicholas Wright

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

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble

Fourth Thursday except for holiday event(s)

Date: February 22, 3 pm

Pearl Tavern, 231 NW 11th Ave.

Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423 or babverty@comcast.net

International Lunch Group (open)

Second Monday, 11:30 am

Date: February 12

Love Belizean, 1503 SW Broadway

RSVP to: Judi Wandres by February 8, 503-746-4718 or

judiwandres1@gmail.com

Literary Comments and Criticism I

Third Tuesdays, 12 noon

Date: February 20

Let Me be Frank with You by Richard Ford

Discussion Leader/Hostess: Sue Trotter

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: February 22

Nutshell by Ian McEwan

Hostess: Petie Padden, 4604 NE Irving

Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140 or inthebaumont@comcast.net

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Date: February 13

A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark

Hostess: Donna Pregill

Mah Jongg is inactive.

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: February 27

Elizabeth the First Wife by Lian Dolan

Hostess: Donna Pregill

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies

Second Fridays, 1:30 pm

Dates: February 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: February 21

Daughters of the Samurai by Janice Nimura

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338 or

kathhart@hotmail.com

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm, at Joyce Lew's

Date: February 16

Dark Money by Jane Mayer

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338 or

kathhart@hotmail.com

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion

Date: February 28 at Albertina Kerr

The Cemetery Yew by Cynthia Riggs

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am

Meet at SE 7th and Taylor for a street mural art crawl through

the Industrial Eastside; lunch to follow

RSVP to: Joyce Kligman, 503-309-3185 or [joyc-](mailto:joyc-eslk@comcast.net)

eslk@comcast.net

Holiday Brunch Funds Results

Thanks to the generous members of the Portland Branch of AAUW, we contributed **\$3750 to AAUW Funds**. This amount includes \$500.00 in sales of interest group baskets. Our speaker, Prof. Miriam Abelson, inspired us, informed us, and reminded us of the ways the national funds are used to support promising women in furthering the mission of AAUW. Congratulations to all of us for contributing to the future generations.

Member Update/Information

Welcome to New Members of the Branch

Anne Ashford

6151 SW Virginia Ave.
Portland, OR 97239
annenashford@gmail.com
808-382-2663

Cathy Roe

4262 SE Belmont St.
Portland, OR 97215
cathyroe.wa@gmail.com
206-419-3393

See short bios on each of our new members on page 8.

Introducing New Members of the Branch

Anne Ashford

Anne is a retired teacher from the Hawaii Department of Education. She taught mostly middle school, but also at the high school and university levels. Anne enjoys hiking, kayaking, camping, RVing, dancing hula, reading, volunteering, and traveling. She appreciates living in beautiful Oregon—near family, changing seasons, and intelligent Portland.

Cathy Roe

Cathy relocated to Portland from Seattle, where she was a member of the Seattle AAUW branch. She was particularly impressed with our large number of interest groups, which were just getting off the ground in Seattle. Cathy doesn't drive after dark but is working to become acquainted with Portland's public transportation system. She has attended a few Portland branch programs and is looking forward to being a part of AAUW again.

STEM—Girls Engage Technology

Our involvement with Saturday Academy's Girls Engage Technology is continuing into the new year, with some new days of the week and some new locations. With this expansion, more Branch members may be able to get involved.

Several members have already signed up for Sunday dates in January, February and March. However, additional AAUW volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Friday dates (in Beaverton)

January 12
January 19
January 26
February 9
February 16
February 23

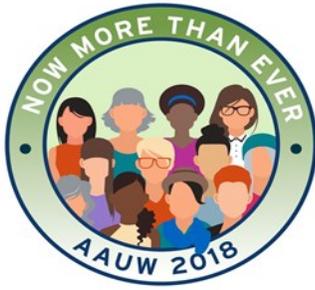
Sunday dates (at Girl Scout Headquarters in Portland)

April 8
April 22
May 6
May 20

Saturday dates (at Girl Scout Headquarters in Portland)

January 13
January 27
February 10

Please consider taking a few hours to help young girls get involved in technology by volunteering for one or more of these dates. Contact Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403 or sueonoak@comcast.net for information and to sign up.



2018 Oregon AAUW Convention

“Now More Than Ever”

The 2018 Oregon AAUW Convention, **April 20-22 at the Embassy Suites in Hillsboro**, features top quality speakers and topics, and we urge all branch members to attend. The keynote speaker is Dr. Melody Rose, President of CU partner campus Marylhurst University. She is a nationally recognized authority on elections, campaigns and women candidates.

A sampling of programs includes topics on sexual assault in schools, mentoring the next generations to run for public office, women in the armed services, equity and inclusion and millennials, and a legislator’s panel. We will also hear from two outstanding women who have received AAUW fellowships speaking on their related topics. There will also be good opportunities for interaction with counterparts and other branches.

Following is some information on the silent auction and showcase of success/slide show of success..

Silent Auction: The silent auction will be similar to last year, with a limit of two items (or baskets) per branch. The form and further instructions will be in the Oregon News, coming out in early February.

Slide Show of Success: This new idea will share branch successes through photos of branches in action – it will replace the traditional Showcase of Success tri-folds. The slide show will be shown on the big screen! Each branch will select 10-15 branch activity photos from the past year or two, and list the branch name and a caption (if any) for each photo file. Digital photos in .jpg format are preferred and 600 dpi is good. Further details will be in the next Oregon News.

Plan now to be part of the event! See you at the Embassy Suites Tanasbourne in Hillsboro. Early registration materials will be available soon!!!

AAUW Program Schedule 2018

January 30 - AAUW Movie Night (**NOTE change of venue from Dec-Jan newsletter**)

February

9 - AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day
19 - Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans

March

1 - Saturday Academy luncheon
10 - Annual Meeting and Brunch

April 20-22 - AAUW of Oregon State Convention in Hillsboro

May 17 - Honors Luncheon



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www.aauw.org

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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



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