

Nevertheless, They Persisted!



The Nineteenth Amendment and Women’s Voting Rights.

Join us for a special tour with our very own Jan Dilg to see this celebration of one hundred years since the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. The exhibit shows the many ways that Oregon history connects to the national history of women suffrage and to the complex history of democracy in the United States.

The Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave.

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!



Consider extending your visit to the Oregon Historical Society by visiting the exhibit:

DREAMs Deferred,

an original exhibition by the Immigrant Story, a Portland nonprofit whose vision is to provide curated and relevant content to enhance empathy and to create a more inclusive community. DREAMs Deferred shares narrative accounts of six undocumented immigrants and their resilience in the face of unique obstacles. Our speaker at the 2019 Annual Meeting, Liliana Luna will also be featured in the exhibit.

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A Message from Our President

Dear Members,

The coronavirus seems to be taking its toll everywhere these days! Our Annual meeting has been postponed and now our Dual State Convention has been cancelled for this year. I hope all of you are staying healthy and taking care of yourselves.

I want to write to you about the serious situation of our Branch. We have no candidates for president or president-elect despite the tireless work of your nominating committee and your Board of Directors. National AAUW requires that we have a president and a treasurer in order to maintain our non-profit status. We have a great treasurer in Joyce Kligman, but no president! I am currently serving as president a second time but technically this is against our By-laws. I do not feel that continuing to do this is in the Branch's best interest. We need a membership that is involved in the leadership of the Branch. The president can reduce the number of Board meetings, change dates and times. She can work with a partner as co-president and delegate tasks she does not enjoy.

We have over 100 members in 14 interest groups. Our programs have been both educational and entertaining. Our STEM program is a huge success. We gave three scholarships to women students at PCC. As president I have enjoyed the strong support of the membership.

We will hold our election in May at the Honors Luncheon. At that time, we can take nominations from the floor. I urge you to consider stepping up so that our Branch continues to exist. I am always open to talking to you about this if you have questions/concerns. My phone number is (503)427-0403 and my email is sueonoak@comcast.net

Please let me hear from you.

Sue Thomas

Past President

Lobby Day Report

The 2020 AAUW of OR Lobby Day was a great success! Over 40 members from throughout the state participated. The Ashland Branch did a great job of organizing the event.

We heard from Senator Kathleen Taylor (Milwaukie), who had championed the Pay Equity bill in 2017. Representative Cheri Helt (Bend), a moderate Republican, spoke about issues that were important to her and how she tried to determine her support or opposition to legislation based on the merits. Both of our speakers talked about the challenges of being a woman legislator. While running for office, no one asked their male counterparts how they would take care of their children if they got elected!

Our panel was fabulous and included 3 of the best lobbyists working in the Capitol building: Barbara Ross, Dave Hunt and Amanda Hess. From 1995 to 2001 Barbara served as a Representative for Corvallis in the Oregon Legislature and is now very active lobbying on behalf of the Oregon League of Women Voters. Dave Hunt is the Senior VP for Government Affairs at Strategies 360 which represents a diverse group of clients. For over 10 years he represented Clackamas County in the House of Representatives, and while there, served as Democratic Leader, Majority Leader and Speaker of the House. Amanda Hess is the Government Relations Consultant with NorthWest Public Affairs. She was also the Chief of Staff for Senator Chip Shields for 4 years.

Interestingly enough, the very day that the Lobby Day was held turned out to be the day the Republicans walked out of the legislature. Luckily, most of us were able to complete our constituent visits to legislators.

See you next year!

-- Trish Garner

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AAUW 2020 Dual Oregon/Washington Convention

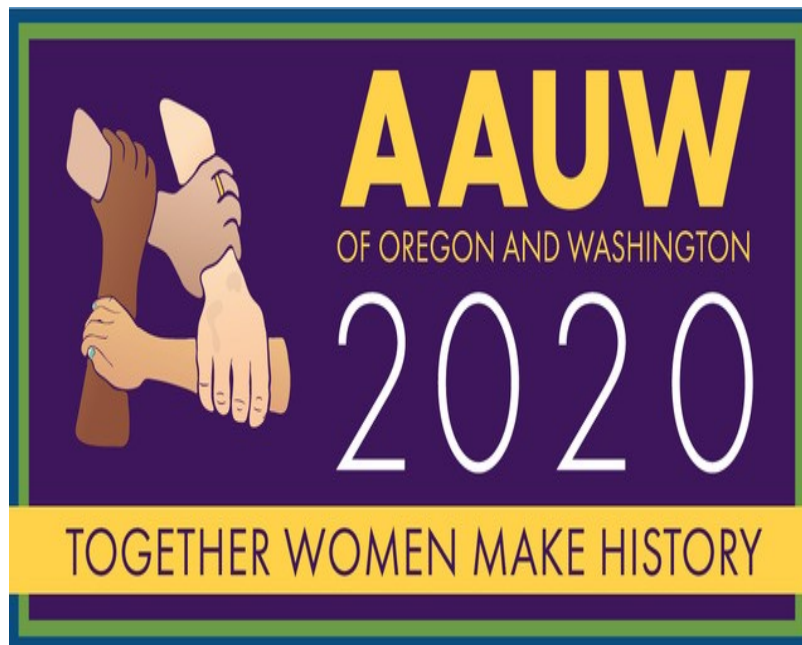
Mark your calendars for April 17-19 in Vancouver, WA for the 2020 Dual Oregon/Washington Convention. Celebrate women's suffrage with like-minded friends. Dress in white for "Suffrage Night" at Saturday's dinner and enjoy a festive evening of historical entertainment.

Be part of a wonderful weekend at the beautiful and rustic Heathman Lodge.

Network with old friends and make new ones from other branches.

Learn from a diverse group of experts on AAUW's major themes of education and training; economic security; and leadership.

Explore the Vancouver area with a number of guided tours on Friday afternoon.



Welcome New Members

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Meet the New Members of AAUW Portland Branch

Lisa Perrine

Our membership has grown to 102 members as of March 2020. Fifteen individuals have joined our group since September 2019.

As Membership VP of the Portland Branch I would like to welcome the following two new members to our group. Please look for them at meetings and activities, introduce yourself and get to know them.

Beth Gebstad

Beth brings more than twenty years of professional and volunteer experience working with children, women, families, students and communities. She currently teaches community college health courses and has a consulting practice. She has managed a large public health grant, convened and facilitated statewide health promotion coalitions, conducted environmental scans and strategic planning, and taught and chaired at a community college health department. She has earned two master's degrees that have provided the foundation for a profession built upon research and analysis.

Laurel Heifetz

Laurel's education includes a B. A. in Psychology at the University of Michigan and a M.A. in Psychology from the University of Chicago. Early in her career she worked in advertising and government. Later Laurel was a managing director of a boutique management consulting company, Heifetz, Hallle Consulting Group. The group was dedicated to helping organizations manage the challenges of complex change. Their clients ranged from Fortune 100 companies to small startups. Laurel specialized in personal coaching, team building, organizational assessments, partnering initiatives, customer satisfaction, and planning for cultural change.

Laurel is now retired. Her personal interests include hiking, writing poetry and tapestry weaving. She is enjoying her AAUW book group and is very glad to have found the organization.

Please contact your group's contact person for updated information.

Study and Interest Groups April 2020

Interest groups that are not at capacity (indicated by "(open)") welcome new members. Check the Calendar on the Branch website for up-to-date information. Call the contact person for more information or to be put on the Group mailing (or wait) list. To start a new group, contact Kathy Moyd, 503-206-8310 or kmoyd@earthblink.net.

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: April 9

Restaurant: Hesler's, 1538 NE Alberta

RSVP by April 5 to Linda Stern, 503-232-5637,

lindamstern@comcast.net

Contact: Diane Winn, 503-954-3976, dgwinn@uci.edu

Current Affairs (open)

First Tuesdays at 1pm (come early for lunch)

Date: April 7

Elephant's Deli on NW 22nd, Garden Room

Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, sueonoak@comcast.net

Curtain Call (open)

Date: April 23, 7:30 pm

Thurgood

Portland Playhouse

RSVP to Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, sueonoak@comcast.net

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: April 7

Play: *Apologia* by Alexi Kaye Campbell

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

International Lunch Group (open)

Fourth Mondays, 11:30 am

Date: April 27

Restaurant: Kachka Restaurant, 960 SE 11th

RSVP by April 24 to Petie Padden, 503-235-0892,

petiepad@icloud.com

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Literary Comments and Criticism (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: April 23

Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne

Hostess: Jeri Rauh

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

Mahjong (open)

Beginning Mahjong Lessons

Hostess: Mary Shaw, 1500 SW 5th Ave #2106

Contact: Mary Shaw, 503-939-4589 or docsu@hotmail.com

Modern Fiction (closed)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Date: April 28

Milkman by Anna Burns

Location: Albertina's

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: April 10

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 (closed)

Third Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Elephant's Deli on NW 22nd, Garden Room

Date: April 15

Isabella: The Warrior Queen by Kirstin Downey

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

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7 pm

Date: April 17

Brothers of the Gun: A Memoir of the Syrian War by Marwan Hisham

Hostess: Joyce Lew, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd. #1207

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

Overbooked (closed)

Second Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Date: April 14

Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev

Hostess: Donna Pregill

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

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, lunch & discussion, 12 noon

The Old Spaghetti Factory, 0715 SW Bancroft St.

Date: April 22

The Blood Royal (Joe Sandilands #9) by Barbara Cleverly

Hostess: Donna

Contact: Carla Huegli, 503-457-6145, cshuegli27@gmail.com

Wimpy Walkers (open)

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

Date: April 4, 10:00 am

Meet at Mother's Bistro, 121 SW 3rd Ave.

RSVP by April 1 to Linda Loftin, 917-600-1368,

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Contact: Joyce Kligman, 503-309-3185, joyceslk@comcast.net

AAUW Program Schedule 2020

April 19-21 Dual State Convention, Vancouver

May 21 Honor's Luncheon, Jake's Grill



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