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The final program for our unique 2020-21 year is the Honors ceremony in May where we celebrate our leaders and funding accomplishments as well as induct our newly elected Board members. It is sobering to plan a second Zoom Honors ceremony...what a long, strange year it's been!

So please "Save the Date" to join us May 20th for our business meeting but also to meet a very special guest that we will reveal in our May newsletter. We may shake things up a bit and have an afternoon event that day rather than midday, but we will let you know as soon as possible so that you can put it on your calendars.

I want to thank my amazing team: Anne Ashford, Diane Winn, and Rita Schlansky for your ideas and opinions throughout this crazy year, and to Nancy Cheverton for ensuring that our programs ran smoothly and effectively on Zoom. In June we will begin planning our 2021-22 programs. Dare we start with an in-person picnic in August? Stay tuned....

-Linda Loftin

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Spring is here—well, it is on the way! Dozens of miniature daffodils are brightening our back yard, and I see them and some crocuses or crocuses in other yards. The birds seem to be more active and vocal, and the ducks, in pairs, are paddling around the edges of the river (I walk daily along the Willamette with friends and dogs). This is bringing hope and optimism to our lives, inside and outside AAUW Portland. By the time you read this you will have voted for our new officers (happened at the Annual Meeting on March 10th) and that also brings optimism. Some very fine women in our branch have stepped up and taken on new-to-them positions and other fine women are switching responsibilities. It is a joy to know that we do have some members able and willing to support the AAUW mission and the activities of our branch. And...one of these days we will be able to have in-person meetings! Even though Zoom meetings have built-in convenience, seeing and talking to each other---somewhere down the road—will be delightful. We look forward to it!

Susan Marthens, Co-President

Katie Raetz, Co-President

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AAUW OF OREGON

THURS., MARCH 18, 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL LOBBY DAY

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET A BILL PASSED?"

WITH REP. KARIN POWER

6:30 p.m. Tips and discussion about how to communicate with legislators.

7:00 p.m. Representative Karin Power and her Chief of Staff, Carrie Leonard.

Rep. Power is committed to progress for our environment, for stronger communities and better schools, and for equity and equality. She is championing our bill to require publicly traded corporations to have a minimum number of women and people from underrepresented communities on their boards of directors (House Bill 3110).

Ms. Leonard is an earth scientist who finds great satisfaction in changing the status quo.

For information and registration contact Nancy Brown, Events Coordinator,
aauw.or.events@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2:00 PM

OREGON TOWN HALL

WITH

JULIA T. BROWN

AAUW BOARD CHAIR

AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown will discuss her work on the Board and will talk about the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to eliminate the degree requirement. The Board feels very strongly that, while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization. The AAUW membership will vote on the bylaw changes in April. A Question and Answer session will be included during the Town Hall.

Julia T. Brown, Esq., is a lawyer with extensive experience in executive management, financial management, nonprofit formation and governance, as well as compliance enforcement. She has served in the U.S. Army and worked in corporate America and at all levels of government in Oklahoma, the District of Columbia, California and New Mexico. Currently, she is the city manager of Sunland Park, New Mexico. She has held a variety of AAUW positions at the national, state and branch levels.

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AAUW of OR Public Policy Update - March 15, 2021

Job Well Done to Our Members!!!

When asked to submit testimony in support of the Age Discrimination Task Force bill (House Bill 2938) and the corporate board diversity bill (House Bill 3110), many of our members stepped up -- in true AAUW of OR tradition. Thanks to all of you !! Even though given very short notice, particularly for HB 3110, we came out in force and made our point. It was noticed by all, including legislators.

AAUW of OR Virtual Lobby Day - Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:30 pm.; "What Does It Take to Get A Bill Passed?"

After an initial kick-off at 6:30, we are fielding a great panel discussion about our topic. Representative Karin Power, who is our champion on the corporate board diversity bill, will participate in the panel, along with her Chief of Staff Carrie Leonard, and Alicia Temple, Legislative Advocate for the Oregon Law Center and co-Chair of the Human Services Coalition of OR.

Attending this Lobby Day will give you a real picture about how an idea can eventually become law. Even more importantly, the information will help AAUW of OR and yourself learn how to access and be successful in the legislative process. No guarantees that your idea will become law, but you'll be able to give it a great shot!!!

For registration information, please find the registration link in the email from AAUW OR Communications sent to you on March 3. You can also request access to registration at aauw.or.events@gmail.com if you can't find the email, or just let me know (Trish Garner, garner37@mac.com). Look forward to seeing you there.

Weigh in On Redistricting

An important issue that you may want to check out is the issue of redistricting. As you know, not only will voting boundaries likely be changed, but depending on the results of the census, we may have an additional US House member. Here is a link that tells you when you can express your thoughts about the topic: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting>. In case you have a question about your district, you can identify it with that link.

More soon!

Trish Garner
State Public Policy Chair

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Support PCC STEM Students

By now you will have received a virtual plea in support of our annual scholarships to Portland Community College STEM students. Please support these amazing students with a check made out to: **PCC Foundation 002,**

and mail it to: **Barbara Spencer, 3277 NE Skidmore, Portland, OR 97211.**

Your support allows these students to continue in their educational pursuits.

Judy Holt
AAUW Funds Chair

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Study and Interest Groups

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursday, 9 am, unless otherwise stated
Group on hiatus

Current Affairs (open)

Second Tuesdays, 12 noon
Date: April 13
Zoom meeting
Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, sueonoak@comcast.net

Curtain Call (open)

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

First Tuesday Reader's Theatre (open)

Group on hiatus
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-378-5602, jholt58@gmail.com

International Lunch Group (open)

Group on hiatus
Contact: Petie Padden, 503-235-0892, petiepad@icloud.com

Literary Comments and Criticism (open)

Fourth Thursday, 11:30 am
Date: April 22
Travels with Charlie by John Steinbeck
Zoom meeting
Contact: Petie Padden, 503-235-0892, petiepad@icloud.com

Mahjong (open)

Beginning mahjong lessons

Currently on hiatus

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

Modern Fiction (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 AM

Date: April 26

The Dressmaker's Gift by Fiona Valpy

Zoom meeting

Contact: Nancy Thomas, 503-201-4420, nmthomas@teleport.com

Movie Mavens (open)

Group on hiatus

Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456, multiteach@aol.com or

Karn Hill, 503-206-8444, karnbhill2@gmail.com

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesdays, 10 am

Date: April 21

A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Zoom meeting

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

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7pm

Date: April 18

The Great Influenza by John Barry

Zoom meeting

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

Overbooked

Second Tuesdays, 10 am

Date: April 13

Tightrope by Nicholas Kristof

Zoom meeting

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

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, 12 noon

Date: April 28

A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny

Zoom meeting

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

Wimpy Walkers (open)

First Saturdays, 10 am

Date: April 3, 10 am

Irvington: Explore a portion of William and Elizabeth Irving's 1851 Donation Land Claim.

Meet at NE 10th and Tillamook St. Street parking nearby.

NOTE: Each walk limited to 6 walkers; RSVP required

Contact: Joyce Kligman, 503-309-3185, joycekligman1@gmail.com

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UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

Portland Branch Directory page 22 – correction – *Priscilla Morehouse*