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SEPTEMBER 2021

**The Portland Branch General Meeting
Saturday, September 25th, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

We had planned to open our year of programs with an in-person General Meeting and brunch. However, given Governor Brown's new mask mandate, we realize that it would not be responsible or prudent for us to gather at this time.

Please watch for emails announcing the General Meeting and how to access the Zoom link. In addition to information about our study groups, future programs, fundraising goals, scholarship awards, and the STEM programs we support, you will also be introduced to the 2021-22 Board of Directors.

Our guest speaker is Senator Deb Patterson, District 10, who will update us on legislative progress related to health care, age discrimination and the corporate board diversity bill.

We look forward to your participation. Thank you for checking in for updates.

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Presidents' Corner

For being a usually quiet summer period, this has been anything but! Extra high temperatures in the Pacific Northwest, Fourth of July (with most fireworks banned—hooray), and dealing with the departure of Barbara Spencer, our hardworking Scholarship Chair, also College and University Relations, past branch president, and a mover and shaker in many activities here in Portland. She has added so much to AAUW Portland since she joined shortly after moving to Portland from New York! Katie and I are pleased that Barbara's efforts to find a replacement were successful—Jacquelyn Wheeler will take on handling the PCC Scholarship Program.

We will hear more from Jacquie when she is given the names of the recipients and plan to include them in one or more meetings/function in the 2021-2022 academic year so that we have the opportunity to get to know them and wish them well—and they will be able to meet the generous AAUW Portland members who are making it possible for them to continue their studies.

And, our new year began with an in-person board meeting in August which we will do in September also. Monthly meetings and/or programs will follow, thanks to Linda Loftin and her committee, but the venue and MO (in person or viral) will depend on CDC and OHA guidelines for meetings.

We did have the annual Summer Picnic, again at Linda Loftin's beautiful patio so no masks required, and had a chance to chat, get acquainted, eat good food, maybe some wine...and three husbands joined us! (I know that one of them had a good time and the others looked like they were.)

Look forward to actually seeing you all soon!

Susan and Katie

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AAUW of Oregon

Summer Skills Camp 2.1 Sessions
August 16-19, August 23-26, 2021

Registration Links have been sent via Email

Recordings of these training sessions will be available for viewing on the
[AAUW of Oregon YouTube channel.](#)

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WHERE DID AAUW FUNDS DONATIONS GO IN 2020?

- **\$3.6 million awarded to more than 200** recipients for the 2020-21 academic year with the goal of advancing educational opportunities for women around the globe!
- **30,000 people reached** by our 35 free webinars featuring career tips, advice on activism, interviews with thought leaders and other educational offerings!
- **4 research reports or updates** undertaken this year, exploring the plight of Latina essential workers, women in manufacturing, how college debt disproportionately burdens women and the effect of the gender wage gap on women of color!
- **227 women trained** in salary-negotiation skills through our Work Smart and Start Smart programs to date!
- **62,000 letters sent** to elected officials urging immediate action on COVID relief, paid leave benefits, voter access and other key AAUW public policy priorities!
- **227 media outlets** have featured AAUW's work in 2020, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, NBC News and more!

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Membership Happenings

Portland Branch is heading into Fall strong with 93 paid members - including 9 Honorary Life Members. Sadly we are saying “goodbye” to Arlene Giordano, Trish Reading, Ellen Rice and Barbara Spencer. We are welcoming Jeanne Miller, Eva Holguin, Marian Drake and Jennifer Kass. Please remember – **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!!**

We would like to introduce to you three of our newest members!

Eva Holguin -

Eva has been a member of the Saddleback/Mission Viejo branch in California for 20 years. She recently moved to Portland to be near her son and grandchildren. Eva is retired from the banking business. She is looking into joining some of our interest/study groups – Movie Mavens, a book group or two and our Current Affairs group. Eva enjoys swimming and reading. Eva does miss driving and is looking forward to learning our TriMet System and maybe being able to find rides with branch members.

Jennifer Kass -

Jennifer Kass has lived in Portland for seven years and this is the eighth state she has called home. She recently retired from her position as Director of Career Services at Oregon Tech and is now a career coach in private practice. Feminista Careers helps women find jobs by authentically sharing their strengths in resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn and interviews, so joining AAUW was a natural fit. Jennifer has a BA in Economics from the University of Michigan, an MBA from New York University, and an MA in Counseling from The College of New Jersey. Jennifer joined AAUW to enjoy the company of like-minded women. She enjoys cooking and hiking in her spare time.

Marian Drake -

Marian is new to AAUW and looks forward to joining in some of our social/interest groups. She has been a piano teacher and has taught learning and study skill classes at Linfield University School of Nursing. Marian has a sister in Vancouver, WA and a brother in Grants Pass. Marian is a musician and plays the mandolin, guitar and other instruments. She is hoping to meet branch members interested in practicing Spanish and members who enjoy chamber music. She is also an AAUW 2 Minute Activist! Marian has a You Tube Channel, Marian Drake68. Check it out!

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In Memorium

***Bernice K. Severson* ~ July 26, 1924 – June 13, 2021**

Bernice, “Bernie” “Bea,” K. Severson passed away June 13, 2021 at the age of 96 in her home in Portland, Oregon. Bea was born July 26, 1924 on a farm in Wausa, Nebraska. She graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, and later pursued a Master’s Degree at Portland State University and career as a High School English teacher with Portland Public Schools. Bea was active in AAUW, serving as Portland Branch President from 1990-1992.

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STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS

*Study and interest groups are a great way to get involved in the Portland Branch of AAUW. Interesting conversations occur in smaller group settings with like-minded women, and fast friendships can be made. Study/ Interest groups enjoy the arts and culture, reading and study, food and fun. Non-members may attend a maximum of three Study/Interest group meetings prior to joining AAUW. If you would like more information about any of the Study/ Interest groups, please reach out to Study Group VP Ellen K. Silverman. If you have an idea for a new group that might appeal to other members, send Ellen an email ellenksilver@att.net to discuss. For the most up-to-date information about the Study/Interest groups, please check out our monthly newsletter or this website's home page **calendar**.*

There is a request to form a **new study group** to practice conversational Spanish. If there are several people interested in getting together on Zoom or in-person, we have an enthusiastic leader in Marian Drake. Contact Marian Drake on her land line: 503-236-1736.

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Study and Interest Groups

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9 am, unless otherwise stated

Group on hiatus

Current Affairs (open)

Second Tuesdays, 12 noon

Group on hiatus

Contact: Nadyne Rosin, 302-519-3715, nadgerro@gmail.com

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, 503-8652-6524, 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 Thursdays, 11:30 am

Date: September 23

Tightrope by Nicholas Kristoff

Hostess: Ellen Silverman, 865 NE Jarrett St.

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: September 28

Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

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

Movie Mavens (open)

Group on hiatus

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

Non-Fiction Book Group I (closed)

Third Wednesdays, 10 am, Elephant Deli on NW 22nd Ave.

Date: September 15

Personal History by Katherine Graham

Leader: Donna

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

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Fridays, 7pm, Joyce Lew's, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Date: September 17

Personal History by Katherine Graham

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

Overbooked (closed)

Second Tuesdays, 10 am

Date: September 14

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

Zoom meeting

Contact: Linda Stern, 503-473-3616, lindamstern@comcast.net

Sleuth Sisters (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, 12 noon

Date: September 22

The Less Dead by Denise Mina

Leader: Suzanne Fleming

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

Wimpy Walkers (open)

First Saturdays, 10 am

Date: September 4

A walking tour to discover Portland Public Art with a visit to Art in the Pearl. Lunch to follow.

Meet at SW 6th and SW Yamhill

RSVP required

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