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Photo: Dr. Kim-Heim Dao

## Learn About a Newly Discovered Risk Factor for Blood Cancer and Heart Disease

Saturday, January 14

9:30 a.m. — Social Time

10:00 a.m. — Program

Oswego Heritage House

“A” Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

We are privileged to have Dr. Kim-Hien Dao, D.O., Ph.D., speak to us about her current research at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute -- Clonal Hematopoiesis. Her research focusses on diseases of the heart and blood cancers which appear late in life and are the result of a gene mutation. Her main concern is the occurrence of hematologic malignancies which develop into Leukemia.

Dr. Dao earned her Bachelor’s degree as well as her D.O. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University; she completed a residency in internal medicine at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California, and a Fellowship in Hematology/Oncology. She is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, Center for Hematologic Malignancies, at OHSU and is a member of the Knight Cancer Institute. Although Dr. Dao’s specialty is the study of blood cancers, her research team includes a cardiologist who looks specifically at diseases of the heart.

Dr. Dao hopes her research will eventually uncover treatments to stop the development of leukemia and heart disease. She will talk to us in “layman’s” terms, explaining how her research came to be, and will tell us how we can help by joining the many women who are participating in her research.



Photo: Penny Hansen and Pat Squire at the Holiday Gala.

## Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

Happy new year to all! It's hard to know what this year is going to bring, but my resolution is to greet it with optimism, and to do my best and focus on the areas where I think I can make a difference. Here at AAUW Lake Oswego we have some great things to look forward to.

Our increased membership has brought some different energy to our branch. A number of people are interested in exploring a new opportunity for community involvement and support and will be kicking off the new year researching ways they can make an impact as part of our mission. If you are interested in being part of a community service project, contact Marty Maharg at [martymaharg@hotmail.com](mailto:martymaharg@hotmail.com) to inquire and get involved.

We have some terrific programs coming in the next few months. At some of our interest groups we occasionally talk about women's health issues. On January 14 we have a woman scientist and researcher who will be talking about a newly

discovered risk factor for heart disease and blood cancers. Dr. Dao is a member of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute and is engaged in a research study of women who do not have a history of cancer or heart disease to check for these risk factors.

Every year our branch participates in Lake Oswego Reads, and this year's community-wide book is *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars* by Nathalia Holt. On February 11 our branch will be presenting a reader's theatre in conjunction with Lake Oswego Reads, continuing the theme of women scientists you may never have heard of. The play was produced and written by Gloria Holland of the Salem branch of AAUW. The script, with Gloria's permission, is being adapted by our own expert director and producer, Barbara McDonald, with LO branch members as the cast. This is an exciting new endeavor for our branch and should be a lot of fun, as well as educational. Learn how you can help by referring to the final page of this newsletter. **Please note: This program will be held on February 11 at the Lakewood Theatre downstairs. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and social time and refreshments are at 9:30 a.m.**

On February 15 I hope that many of you will join me in Salem for the statewide AAUW Lobby Day at the Capitol. Details and car-pooling information to come, but please mark your calendars now. This day is what our mission is all about.

Our March 11 program will feature Dr. Mary King, Professor Emerita of Economics at Portland State University. Dr. King will speak about women's pay gap around the world and discuss the impact of student debt. These are hot topics today and will make for an interesting session.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

## Meet Becky Hein

by JoAnn Siebe

When I first heard about Becky Hein, I was struck by the stories of connections she already had with several members of our LO branch. Read on . . .

Becky grew up in western Pennsylvania where her father was a sociology professor. This is the first connection she found with our branch: Member Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis knew Becky's dad from serving on a committee of Quakers in Maryland, where he now lives!

Becky received her B.A. in English Literature at Grinnell College in Iowa. Her roommate at Grinnell had a sister who worked at Timberline Lodge in the summer of 1977. Becky decided to travel with her to find summer work and got her first taste of Oregon.

After graduating, she moved to Portland to seek employment. It was during a recession and the demand for English Lit majors was not high. She began accounting classes at Clackamas Community College and continued at Portland State University (PSU), where she earned her accounting degree and became a CPA. She began working at Coopers & Lybrand and even worked on the audit of the City of Lake Oswego for a time.

By 1988 she was at the PSU Foundation, where she met Clarence Hein. They married in 1990. Here is the second connection with our LO branch: Her husband served on the PSU hiring committee that hired Pat Squire as Alumni Director!

Becky then worked for some interesting organizations, including serving as the Finance Director for the City of Silverton and for the Portland Rose Festival Association. For seven years she was the Controller for OHSU Foundation. She liked the technical accounting and being part of an organization that was doing important research-focused work.

The Foundation at PSU reached out to her and she was hired as the CFO, where she served from 2007 until her retirement in 2015.

Becky walks her Springer Spaniel, Jackson, in nearby Tryon Creek State Park. She enjoys golf, volunteering, reading and travel. And, finally, the third connection with our LO branch: She and Clarence have traveled with Pat and Fred Squire several times to Italy and France.



Becky currently has one client, the Hillsdale Farmers' Market, for which she does payroll, accounting, and financial reporting to the Board. Her current volunteering commitments include the Hillsdale Farmers' Market on Sundays and

volunteering with SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) at Hayhurst Elementary School. Over the holidays she will be a host at the Pittock Mansion. In the spring she serves on a scholarship committee for PSU.

Becky attended several of our branch programs and liked our speakers and connecting with stimulating activities like a book club and the lunch group. She joined our branch and has already offered to assist Dixie Kroupa with our membership spreadsheet. Thank you!

Retirement has given Becky opportunities to expand her horizons and pursue a variety of activities. As you can see, she is taking advantage of every minute to give generously of her time and expertise.

## Meet the Reverend Lynda Bigler

by Karen Rottink

Reverend Lynda Bigler recently returned to Lake Oswego after graduating from seminary at Yale Divinity School and serving as pastor for a United Church of Christ Congregational Church in Iowa. Lynda was a member of our branch from 1998 to 2004. The Fourth Tuesday Book Group, which she had joined in 1998, gladly welcomed her back.

Meet the Reverend Lynda Bigler continued from page 3.

Born in Connecticut, Lynda became the first legally blind child mainstreamed in her public school. She endured bullying and being “different.”

It was a very difficult situation which led her to focus on studying very hard so she could finish



school and get away from her classmates. The difficult childhood experiences helped shape her desire to spend her life serving others.

While attending Brown University in Rhode Island, Lynda met Bob Bigler who was attending medical school. She graduated in 1973 and entered a successful banking career which included work in the Pittsburgh Mellon Bank Trust Department and in New York City. Bob became a researcher and medical oncologist. After they married, the couple had two children, Sheryl, a pediatric oncology nurse in the Portland area, and Scott, a Formula One race engineer in Switzerland.

When her children were younger, the family would make gingerbread houses together and give them to others. Lynda has done many volunteer jobs over the years and has received several important awards. The volunteer organizations Lynda has helped include the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brown University Alumni Association, and the students of a poor community who attended a mentoring program Lynda created.

Lynda worked with a group on campus at Yale Divinity School called Beyond the Ramp. The group offered suggestions to make navigating the campus easier for people with disabilities. She created the term “diverseability” and encouraged its use at Yale. Here Lynda heads the Disability Ministry at the United Church of Christ and encourages the use of the term diverseability.

Service to others and leadership are hallmarks of Lynda’s life. She plans to become involved with our branch leadership, especially when she retires in the coming year. You will enjoy getting to know lovely, friendly Lynda!

## Holiday Gala

Dear Members and Guests,

Thank you all for your donations of money, food, wine and paper goods which supported the Holiday Gala scholarship fundraiser! We had a great time getting together at this festive season! It was wonderful to meet and get to know you better. Thank you for your generous hearts! Enjoy the photos that follow.

Karen Rottink and Pat Squire



Photo: Sharon Hawley and Susan Shea



Photo: Ted Ricks and Dave Hansen



Holiday Gala photos continued from page 4.



Photo: Dixie Kroupa and Mary Pat Silveira



Photo: Stephanie Carter, Jeanne-Marie and Claude Pierrelouis



Photo: Susan Hornung and Jackie Magner



Photo: Ken and Susan Hornung



Photo: Doug Hawley and Karen Rottink



Photo: Melody Hoener

AAUW Lake Oswego Branch  
Membership Application and Dues Statement 2016-17

Please print. Renewing members need only indicate changes or corrections.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Degree/Yr \_\_\_\_  
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 Please put additional degrees on back of page or add note.

New       Renewing       Life       Honorary Life       Dual       Student

Please make checks payable to: AAUW Lake Oswego Branch

Send checks to: [Margaret Bowman Ricks, LOAAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036](#)

\$49 National Association Dues  
 \$16 State Dues  
\$17 Branch Dues  
 \$82 Total Dues\*

\*\$46 of your annual dues is tax deductible.  
 \$3 supports our lobby efforts and \$1 is for the Oregon Newsletter. Your dues may be deductible as a business expense.  
 \*\*Student dues (undergraduate only) \$16 is tax deductible.  
 \*\*\*\$25 Student Affiliate Dues

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Participate! Share your skills and talents

### SKILLS

\_\_\_\_ Design/Graphics  
 \_\_\_\_ Computer  
 \_\_\_\_ Database Management  
 \_\_\_\_ Website Maintenance  
 \_\_\_\_ Desktop Publishing  
 \_\_\_\_ Newsletter Editor  
 \_\_\_\_ Photography  
 \_\_\_\_ Writing/Editing  
 \_\_\_\_ Table Decoration  
 \_\_\_\_ Food Preparation  
 \_\_\_\_ Fund Raising

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### BRANCH SUPPORT

#### *Monthly programs & Events*

\_\_\_\_ Set up/Take Down  
 \_\_\_\_ Greeter at Events  
 \_\_\_\_ Program Ideas  
 \_\_\_\_ Newsletter Distribution  
 \_\_\_\_ Publicity Distribution  
 \_\_\_\_ Directory Management  
 \_\_\_\_ Food Preparation  
 \_\_\_\_ Holiday Gala  
 \_\_\_\_ New Member Friend

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### INTEREST GROUPS

#### *Book Groups*

\_\_\_\_ 2nd Wed. - Mystery - noon  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Tuesday - morning  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Thursday - evening  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Friday - morning  
 \_\_\_\_ 2nd Monday - morning

#### *Bridge Groups*

\_\_\_\_ Laffalot, 2nd, 4th Monday  
 \_\_\_\_ 3rd Wednesday

#### *Other Groups*

\_\_\_\_ Lunch Bunch-3rd Tuesday  
 \_\_\_\_ Delightful Dining  
 \_\_\_\_ Explore Northwest  
 \_\_\_\_ Portland Center Stage

2017 LO AAUW Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount – Write check to *Lake Oswego AAUW*  
PLEASE NOTE: THIS DONATION IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**NATIONAL AAUW FUNDS DONATION:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount – Write check to *AAUW Funds*

ALL NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Giving unrestricted gifts to AAUW FUNDS (#9110) provides support where needed most, but you can choose a specific fund:

- #9110 General Foundation Support – Allocated where most needed
- #9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund – Supports AAUW research studies
- #4337 Public Policy Fund – Supports advocacy for laws fair to women
- #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund – Supports legal rights for those facing discrimination
- #4339 Leadership Programs Fund – Supports programs like NCCWSL
- AAUW National Tech Trek Program

Gifts of \$100-\$174 confer membership in the Oregon Century Club  
Gifts of \$175 or above confer membership in the Oregon Century Club Plus

Gifts of \$25 or more to either local scholarship or AAUW Funds may be designated to honor a friend or loved one.

This gift is a memorial (deceased) to \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is a tribute (living) to \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement should be sent to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and check to: LO AAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7
8 Delightful Dining	9 Non-Fiction Books  Laffalot Bridge	10	11 Murder by the Book	12	13	14 Branch Meeting
15	16	17 Lunch Bunch	18 Third Wednesday Bridge	19 Interpretive Books	20	21
22	23 Laffalot Bridge	24 Fourth Tuesday Books	25	26 Fourth Thursday Books	27 Fourth Friday Books	28
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## Delightful Dining Date Varies

Date: January 8 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Location: Home of Martha Schrader  
 Join us for a meal based upon the recipes of great Chef Edna Lewis, best known for her Southern cuisine. Please RSVP to Jane Taft.  
 Delightful Dining is the group where members share the cooking and the costs. For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com

## Lunch Bunch 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Date: January 17  
 Location: Five Spice (315 First Street, Suite 201, Lake Oswego, OR 97035). Menu viewable online.  
 To be added to the email list or to RSVP please send an email to Terry Hyland at twh20eagle@comcast.net. For other questions contact Connie Irwin at 503-459-3070.

## Interest Group Activities

**Fourth Tuesday Books**  
4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Date: January 24  
 Book: *Fates and Furies* by Laura Groff  
 Leader: Colleen Gekler  
 Location: Szechuan Kitchen, Lake Oswego  
 For more information, contact Dixie Kroupa,  
 (503) 697-8028, dixie.kroupa@comcast.net

**Murder by the Book**  
2nd Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Date: January 11  
 Book: *Girl in the Ice* by Lotte and Soren Hammer  
 Leader: Cackie Kyle (December book)  
 Book: *Ripped from the Pages* by Kate Carlisle  
 Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis (January book)  
 Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 200, Lake Oswego  
 Bring your lunch, refreshments provided.  
 For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie Carter, (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com

**Interpretive Books**  
3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Date: January 19  
 Book: *The Mare* by Mary Gaitskill  
 Leader: Carol Cooper  
 Hostess: Judy Schaumburg  
 For more information, contact Laura Eyer, (503) 982-3522, eyerlaura@gmail.com or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com

**Thursday Evening Books**  
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 26  
 Book: *The Rigious Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt  
 Leader: Eleanor Kurtus  
 Hostess: Judy Hale  
 For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis,  
 (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

**Friday Books**  
4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 27  
 Book: *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow  
 Leader: Betty Hittle  
 This group meets at the West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room).  
 For more information, contact Irene Romero,  
 (503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com

**Non-Fiction Books**  
2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 9  
 Book: *Nickeled and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich  
 Leader: Pat Squire  
 Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table  
 For more information, contact Eleanor Kurtus at  
 Eleanor@livingbluesky.com or (503) 699-4139

**Portland Center Stage**  
Date and Time Vary

Season ticket holders for the Portland Center Stage's Thursday matinees will enjoy a year of musicals, dramas and comedies. For more information, contact Betty Barber, (503) 675-0594, barberbc@yahoo.com

**Laffalot Bridge**  
2nd & 4th Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

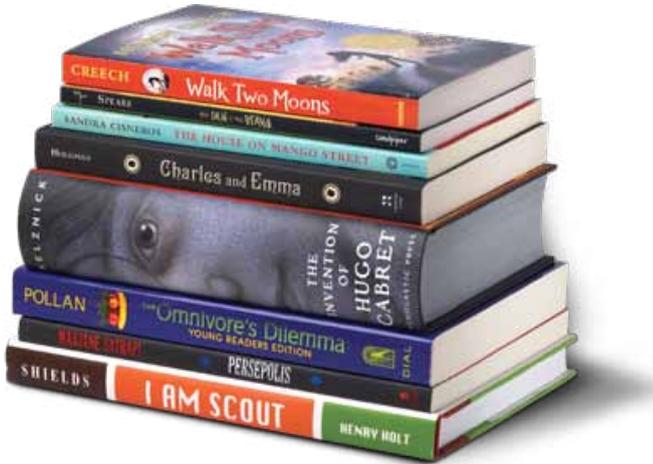
Dates: January 9 & 23  
 Location: Home of Betty Barber  
 If you would like to join or be added to the substitute list or for more information, contact Bettirae Willis, (503) 891-6232 (cell), bewillis@easystreet.net

**Third Wednesday Bridge**  
3rd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Date: January 18  
 If you would like to be added to the substitute list, or for more information, contact Penny Hansen, (503) 636-7255, pennyhansen@comcast.net

## Bring Your Book Donations!

Please bring your gently used (or new) fairly recent or classic hardcover books and trade paperbacks (the larger, more expensive paperbacks) to the January 14 branch meeting. If you are unable to attend or have so many books you can't bring them all, call Melinda McCaslin (503) 989-5389 to arrange for pick up. Our book sale will be at our February 11 Lake Oswego Reads program and we need your donations! Thank you!



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Newsletter

## Props/Volunteers Needed for Reader's Theatre

Urgent! Your help needed! Break the Sound Barrier!

Our branch has needs for props for our Reader's Theatre program on February 11 (see Pat's column on page 2). Props needed:

- ♦ Alphabet blocks
- ♦ Can of scotch guard
- ♦ Old fashioned iron (sad iron)
- ♦ Old windshield wiper
- ♦ Microscope
- ♦ Toilet seat

Contact Barbara McDonald at (503) 694-1144 to volunteer your talents or loan your props.

Volunteer help is also needed for Reader's Theatre. We need a volunteer to do lettering and artwork on nine introductory boards and a volunteer to create printed programs.