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AAUW'S MISSION ADVANCING EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH. AAUW'S VALUE PROMISE BY JOINING AAUW, YOU BELONG TO A COMMUNITY THAT BREAKS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC BARRIERS SO THAT ALL WOMEN HAVE A FAIR CHANCE.

Power of One

Susan Stoltenberg, Guest Speaker Executive Director, Impact NW

Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m.

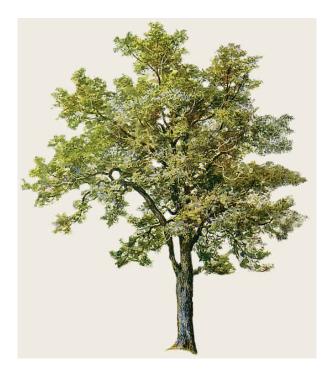
Oswego Heritage House at "A" Ave and 10th St, Lake Oswego



Susan Stoltenberg, the Executive Director of Impact NW, will be discussing the difference you can make in the lives of others, either children, families, or neighborhoods. She is most passionate about understanding the root causes of poverty and helping to provide complex solutions through programs and services.

Impact NW's mission is to help people achieve and maintain selfsufficiency and to prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty. Impact NW is one of the premier social service providers in Multhomah and Clark Counties, serving over 70,000 children, families, seniors, and adults with disabilities.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. If the parking lot at Heritage House is full, additional parking is available across the street at the church.



BRANCH BUZZ MaryJo Radosevich, Co-President

STAR THROWERS

In my recent Senior Seminar class a student reminded me of the Star Thrower story. Perhaps you are familiar with it? The story was inspired by one of my favorite authors, scientist and poet, Loren Eiseley.

It seems to me that Eiseley offers a reflective and beautiful lesson for all of us in AAUW as we work toward our mission of affecting educational change for women and girls. Joel Barker's version of the story goes like this:

"Once upon a time, there was a wise man, much like Eiseley himself, who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer, he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young man paused, looked up and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, *Why* are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die."

"But young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves. "It made a difference for that one!"

I believe that sometimes we can look upon the educational challenges that surround us as if they are insurmountable. What can we really *do* to help improve educational opportunities for girls and women? We read about the cuts in educational funding, the increasing numbers of young people dropping out of high school, the millions of children and adults who can not even read.

The challenges for sure can seem overwhelming. Yet, we are like the young star thrower. Through our individual and collective AAUW efforts we have so many opportunities to make a difference for one child, or one woman struggling to become educated. I invite you to make a donation in memory of your favorite teacher or that special person who helped you learn to read or told you your first story. Participate in your local SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program. Or, make a commitment to attend our Branch Tea and Talent program in April where the proceeds will again provide a \$1,000. scholarship to a Marylhurst University woman who is striving toward her educational goals. We will indeed be making a difference for her!

We can affect change within our schools, within our communities and our world, one 'starfish' at a time. Each of us is called to nothing less.

Deadline for April Newsletter March 18 <u>mdivine@aol.com</u>

Next Board Meetings Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m. Marylhurst Schoen Library

3rd Annual Tea Luncheon, and Art & Talent Event April 9, 2011, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.



Enjoy the 3rd Annual Lake Oswego AAUW Tea and Talent spring event at the Heritage House on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 12:00 to 2:00pm, as the Lake Oswego Branch sponsors our annual fund raiser for an educational scholarship at Marylhurst University.

A wonderful luncheon of salads, breads, desserts, and tea has been planned for each of you, and the guests you invite. The talent portion of the afternoon will feature the sewing, quilting, needlepoint, photography, paintings, special food items, and other talents of our many members who have given their time and talent to create the lovely items.

The cost of attending the luncheon will be \$15.00 each. Take time to make your reservations before April 1st by calling Sandra Hoover at 503-635-0952 or by sending a check made payable "AAUW Lake Oswego Branch" to Sandra Hoover, 17440 Holy Names Drive #318, Lake Oswego 97034. It is a wonderful event to bring potential members and friends.

Member Updates

By Terry Hyland and Lynn Brown

Directory Changes

Phone Number Correction: Lori Lauber, 503-419-8364

New Members

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In an interest to promote AAUW on the Marylhurst Campus, Lynn Brown has stocked two kiosks with AAUW brochures, magazines and membership information. One is located in the student services lobby in Marian Hall, and the other is located in the new student advising center in BP John Administration Building. As we approach graduation, we intend to have a visible presence at all the graduation events to let women know about the organization to encourage membership.

Interest Groups March 2011

Tuesday Morning Books 4th Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

March 22: 11:30 a.m.

Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry, LO Leader: TBD

Book: *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay For more information about this group, contact Dixie Kroupa, 503-697-8028

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

March 17: 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Sue Kingzett Leader: Heather Hall Book: *Theme for English B*, Langston Hughes For more information, please contact Ann Keddie, 503-694-2245 or Rlkavk50@centurytel.net

Thursday Evening Books 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

March 24: 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Robi Ingram-Rich Introduction: Suzanne Kaveckis Book: *The Lost Painting* by Jonathon Harr For more information, contact co-chairs Sandra Hoover, 503-635-0952, or Suzanne Kaveckis, 503-678-1641.

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

March 25: 10:00 a.m.

Hostess: Jeanne Keevil Presenter: Jeanne Keevil

Book: *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, by Aimee Bender

New members are most welcome to join this book group that meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Call Irene Romero, 503-657-6159, if you would like more information.

Movie Group 2nd Tuesday, times vary

Meets second Tuesdays of the month. Contact Stephanie Carter, 360-520-7711 or <u>secarter@gmail.com</u>. for more information.

Portland Center Stage

For more information, please call Betty Barber, 503-675-0594, or <u>barberbc@yahoo.com</u>.

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

For more information, or if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact JoAnn Frost, 503-624-0871, or <u>ldfrost@spiritone.com</u>.

Fourth Wednesday Bridge 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Call Betty Hittle, 503-636-7034 for more information about this bridge group which meets at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Eat Ethnic 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Our March 15th meal will be at San Blas 21450 Salamo Rd, West Lynn, at 6:30pm. Tasty Mexican food for rainy weather. If you are interested in joining this casual group to eat interesting cuisine once a month, please contact Susan Hornung at <u>susanhornung@hotmail.com</u>.

Delightful Dining

In honor of St. Patrick's day, join us at a heartwarming Irish pub dinner on Saturday March 19th at 6:00 p.m. On the menu will be appetizers such as stuffed mushrooms, a rustic paté, and good Irish cheese. The main course will feature a Beef and Guinness Stew accompanied with colcannon, salad and Irish soda bread. For dessert, think holiday green ice cream (mint chocolate chip, perhaps) and decorative cookies or cupcakes.

As always, Delightful Diners share the cooking and cost. Joan and Jane will be your co-hostesses. Susan and Ken Hornung have graciously offered their home at 27 Tanglewood Drive, Lake Oswego, for the evening. Please make reservations with Joan Waldron (503-344-4679 or spirit.waldron@gmail.com) before February 24 or between March 1 and March 12, since Joan will be traveling in the middle. Contact Jane (503-742-165 or janetaft@aol.com) if you want help with recipes.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Board Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Movie Group				Branch Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Laffalot Bridge	Eat Ethnic		Interpretive Books		Delightful Dining
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Tuesday Morning Books	Wednesday Bridge	Thursday Evening Books	Friday Books	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Laffalot Bridge					



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