

Lake Oswego Branch Officers

2015-16

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Let's Celebrate!

It's a Celebration of Members

Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Oswego Heritage House

"A" Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

Installation of Officers

Recognition of Named Gift Honorees

Introduction of New Members

Brunch

Interest Group Options

Book Sale

This brunch replaces the spring luncheon of prior years. There is no charge, but we do need you to [RSVP by April 3](#). To RSVP, email Jane Taft at taft.jane@gmail.com or call her at (503) 742-1653.

Our branch has the pleasure of welcoming 15 new members at this brunch. We will have the opportunity to meet them and learn about their interests and experiences. Celebrating the energy and creativity they bring is just one of the highlights for this month's meeting.

Look for biographical sketches in future editions of the newsletter about these new members: Marty Bankhead, Lucille Beck, Diana Bower, Sharon Callen, Janice Evans, Lynn Hingson, Ann Koegen, Julie McDevitt, Donna Needham, Nancy Niland, Bonnie Nord, Marlene Orchard, Melody Rose, Judy Schaumburg and Victoria vonTagen.



Photo from left: Margaret Bowman Ricks with Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and Pat Squire.

Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

Hasn't our branch has had some fantastic programs and speakers this year?! We started with Alicia Temple from Planned Parenthood Advocates. She was followed by other excellent programs: State Representative Ann Lininger; Will Fuller talking about identify theft; Marylhurst President Melody Rose; Lake Oswego Reads speaker Dawn Boone on Edward Curtis; and, ending our program lineup in March, State Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. I know we learned a lot from all of our speakers, which is what our programs are about.

Attorney General Rosenblum, who oversees the Department of Justice, highlighted a number of key areas that she is proud of, and that relate directly to our work:

- She congratulated the legislature on passing a sexual assault privacy bill for our campuses. She said this legislation is one of the strongest confidentiality protections for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in our country.

- During the short 2016 session that began in January, she thanked the legislature for funding the first statewide elder abuse initiative. This bill will provide funding for a full time prosecutor and two investigators housed in the Department of Justice. This was her highest priority in this session.

- The Department of Justice assembled and published a list of the top 10 consumer complaints, and several of them are directly related to elder abuse, such as imposter scam calls and health care scams. She said more consumer education is necessary to keep people safe, especially seniors.

Our Saturday programs are a major branch asset, and they serve a number of educational, social and branch information needs. Margaret Bowman Ricks did an outstanding job as our Program VP. She and her colleagues, including our Public Information Officer, Karen Rottink, brought in the general public, educating them about what we do and who we are. We gained an unprecedented number of new members through programs and publicity.

However, a cautionary note about our meetings. One of our brand new members took me aside to share her disappointment about several conversations between individuals that were going on while our Attorney General was speaking. I was aware of this, and several of our members remarked about it as well. This is not the first time this has happened. I know quite a number of you were teachers. My question is, "How would you deal with students who were carrying on private conversations while you were trying to teach a lesson?"

We elected new officers at our March meeting who will be installed at our April meeting (see related article). That meeting will also provide an opportunity to socialize and to welcome our many new members. The Board will provide a tasty hot brunch. There is no cost to members for this brunch. Please plan to attend.

Also, note that our annual tea and fundraiser, will take place on Saturday, May 21, a new date. Remember to mark your calendars as this is not our regular meeting date.

New Officers to Be Installed

At our March branch meeting, members voted in three new officers who will be installed at our May brunch.

Margaret Bowman Ricks

Margaret Bowman Ricks, who has been serving as our Program VP, will succeed Anne Redman as Financial VP. She has a head start as she is already familiar with the program Anne has been using to keep the accounts.

Margaret joined our branch two years ago and immediately became an active member. Many years ago she was an AAUW member for a short time, but the demands of her family and other groups kept her from being active.

From 1980 until she retired in 2008, Margaret has been involved with independent schools - as a teacher, level coordinator and Head of School. In 1995 she founded a unique elementary school.

When asked to provide a surprising fact about herself she admitted, "My husband proposed on our second date and I accepted! Fifty two years later we are still having a good time together." Way to go Ted!

You may read more about Margaret in the September 2015 branch newsletter.

Donna Needham

Donna Needham, an even newer member than Margaret, will serve as Program VP in the coming year.

She says the position is not unlike her position as a Protocol Officer with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs back in the 1980s. She says, "Most exciting is the fact that I will quickly get to know Oregon, Portland and the Lake Oswego areas as I become involved in finding interesting speakers for our monthly meetings."

Donna arrived in Oregon last May, and is so glad to have settled here. She came from the East Coast in order to be close to her daughter and family after

her husband passed away. She believes it is fortunate that they decided to settle in Portland.

Donna returned to college to finish her undergraduate degree after retiring at age 60. She then earned a Master's degree soon after, making her a rather recent college graduate and, therefore, a brand new member of AAUW. Donna looks forward with excitement to the coming AAUW sessions.

You may learn more about Donna in the November 2015 newsletter.

Dixie Kroupa

Long-time member Dixie Kroupa will succeed JoAnn Siebe as Membership VP. Dixie joined the our branch about 15 years ago after moving here from Forest Grove where she was also a member.

Membership in our branch provided her with a great way to get to know wonderful women in the community as well as participating in some of the activities. Dixie has been a long time member of the 4th Tuesday book group and also a sub for bridge.

Being a member of an organization that promotes education for women as well as providing academic assistance is important to her as well. Dixie says, "Due to the members and all the knowledgeable speakers our organization has had enables us to stay abreast of a variety of issues and to act on them when possible."

Dixie has been retired for about 10 years and enjoys taking art classes, being a docent at the Oregon Historical Society Museum and playing duplicate bridge with her newly retired husband.

Dixie looks forward to taking a more active part in AAUW.

Editor's note: We've been adding members so fast over the past few months that I, for one, can't keep up with all the new faces. I look forward to learning about the experiences and talents these ladies will bring to our branch. We try to include a profile of each new member in the newsletter. If you would be interested in befriending a new member and writing her profile, please let Dixie know and she will match you up!

Equal Pay Day is April 12, 2016

by Karen Rottink, Public Information

Equal Pay Day is April 12, 2016. This refers to the number of hours a woman must work to earn the same amount a man would earn for the same job. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, in 2013 women who worked full time only earned 78 cents on average for every dollar men earned. The inequity is far worse for African American women and Latinas. According to the White House Press Office, today the median wage of a woman working full-time year-round in the U.S. is approximately \$39,600. This is only 79 percent of a man's median earnings of \$50,400.

In 1963 President John F. Kennedy signed The Equal Pay Act into law. Overall the law prohibits employers from paying different rates of pay based on an employee's gender. Unfortunately, although 53 years have passed since that law was enacted, we have still not achieved gender equity in pay.

Further legislation is necessary to provide more effective enforcement tools and adequate

remedies to close this gender pay gap. On March 25, 2015, fair pay champions Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill which AAUW strongly supports. This bill, when enacted into law, would help bring pay equity to women. In part it would prohibit retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages or inquire about their employer's wage practices. It would also help employers collect wage-related data and require employers to show that wage discrepancies are based on factors other than gender.

Fifty-three years is far too long to wait for fairness! Please contact your U.S. Representatives and Senators and urge them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Also urge your Oregon legislators to enact paycheck fairness legislation at the state level, which several states have already done. Equal Pay Day reminds all of us that we need fair pay now!

You can contact legislators through the 2-minute activist site: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/46/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=17786&killorg=True



Annual Tea and Fundraiser

It's time to mark your calendars for our branch's biggest fundraiser -- our annual tea.

Penny Hansen is coordinating the Tea again this year. This fundraising event can't happen without your able assistance. Penny needs help from members to prepare food, set up and serve. Please contact Penny to volunteer by calling (503) 636-7255 or emailing her at pennyhansen@comcast.net.

If you aren't able to assist with cooking or actions that require physical effort, then please help by inviting friends and family. Members and visitors always enjoy this event that feeds the soul as well as the body.

When: May 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Heritage House

Cost: \$18.00 (RSVP and pre-pay)

This event is still in the planning stage. We have not yet decided what, if any, additional fundraising activity will take place at the tea.

Look for more information in the May newsletter.



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

Please print. Highlight any additions, 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(s) _____

College/University _____ Major _____ State _____ Degree(s) _____

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: [Anne Redman, LOAAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036](#)

\$49 National Association Dues

\$16 State Dues

\$17 Branch Dues

\$82 Total Dues*

\$25 Student Affiliate Dues**

Amount enclosed _____

Check # _____

*\$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.

Participate! Share your skills and talents.

SKILLS

____ Computer
____ Design/Graphics
____ 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 Wednesday - Mystery - noon
____ 3rd Thursday - morning
____ 4th Tuesday - morning
____ 4th Thursday - evening
____ 4th Friday - morning
Bridge Groups
____ Laffalot, 2nd, 4th Monday
____ 3rd Wednesday
Other
____ Delightful Dining
____ Explore Northwest
____ Lunch Bunch - 3rd Tuesday
____ Portland Center Stage

2016 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

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

Date: April 26

Book: *On Gold Mountain* by Lisa SeeLocation: 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: April 13

Book: *The Rope* by Nevada BarrLocation: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 400, Lake
Oswego

Leader: Stephanie Carter

Bring your lunch, refreshments provided.

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503)
742-1653, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie
Carter, (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com**Interpretive Books
3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**

Date: April 21

Book: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

Leader: Heather Hall

Hostess: Donna Saffir

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 7:30 p.m.**

Date: April 28

Book: *Life From Scratch* by Sasha Martin

Introduction & Hostess: Vicki Clark

For more information, contact Sandra Hoover,
(503) 707-2984, sandraleehoover@comcast.net or
Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641,
smkaveckis@icloud.com**Friday Books
4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.**

Date: April 22

Book: *Hard Choices* by Hilary Rodham Clinton

Location: West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room)

Leader: Barbara McDonald

For more information, contact Irene Romero,
(503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com**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.**

Date: April 11 & 25

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: April 20

If you would like to be added to the substitute list,
or for more information, contact Penny Hansen,
(503) 636-7255, pennyhansen@comcast.net**Lunch Bunch
3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.**

Date: April 19

Location: La Provence Restaurant, 16350 Boones
Ferry Rd, Lake OswegoAll are welcome to this new lunch group. 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.**Delightful Dining
Date Varies**

Date: June 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy Lebanese cuisine at the home of Stephanie
Carter.Delightful Dining is the group where members share
the cooking and the costs. For more information,
contact Jane Taft, (503) 742-1653, taft.jane@
gmail.com

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9 Branch Meeting
10	11 Laffalot Bridge	12	13 Murder by the Book	14	15	16
17	18	19 Lunch Bunch	20 Third Wednesday Bridge	21 Interpretive Books	22 Friday Books	23
24	25 Laffalot Bridge	26 Fourth Tuesday Books	27	28 Thursday Evening Books	29	30

AAUW'S Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, 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.

Portland Center Stage

by Betty Barber, Group Coordinator

If anybody is interested in joining our Portland Center Stage theater group that attends performances which occur on Thursday noon at the downtown Gerding Theater, please contact me by phone at (503) 675-0594 or by email at barberbc@yahoo.com.

The 2016-7 season begins in September with "Little Shop of Horrors". Other offerings on the Main Stage include a mixture of drama, musicals and comedy such as "Irving Berlin" and "Astoria". This year there is a total of seven shows on the Main Stage and three in the smaller studio theater downstairs.

The cost for season tickets for the seven Main Stage is \$318. If you want to attend all ten shows, the cost would be \$417. We have excellent seats in the second and third rows.

I must reserve the seats by the end of April and will collect the money at that time.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	HOLD THESE TRUTHS
THE OREGON TRAIL	HERSHEY FELDER AS IRVING BERLIN
ASTORIA	HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
LAUREN WEEDMAN DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE	WILD AND RECKLESS
MARY'S WEDDING	CONSTELLATIONS
and our holiday special THE SANTALAND DIARIES	



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