

Lake Oswego Branch Officers

2016-17

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Brunch Celebration

Saturday, April 8

9:30 a.m.

Brunch

Installation of Officers

Honoring Members

Oswego Heritage House

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

We are all looking forward to seeing you for a very special brunch, prepared by the Board. This brunch is in honor of our many new members this year, and will help introduce them to each other, and to other branch members. This is also the occasion of the installation of our officers by a state and national AAUW officer, Penney Hoodenpyle. We also will be giving special honors to two of our branch members as Named Gift Honorees. This is a fun affair, with a delicious hot brunch, information about interest groups, and a chance to get to know each other and our branch officers better.

We ask new members to RSVP to Dixie Kroupa (Dixie.kroupa@comcast.net) and other members to RSVP to Margaret Ricks (margaretbowmanricks@comcast.net).



Photo: Pat explores a small town in Brittany.

Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

Our March speaker, Prof. Mary King of Portland State University, did a terrific job describing the pitfalls of the women's pay gap. This well-regarded economist and former AAUW fellow engaged the full audience at a high level, especially with her points about the effects of pay differences on lower income women.

Prof. King's talk is an example of the power of our AAUW branch. We have extremely relevant and engaging programs, including some very dynamic book groups with deep discussions, and many dealing with current relevant issues. The non-fiction group recently re-read Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nickel and Dimed*, about low-income and hourly wage workers in America (specifically women in this case) and how they barely get by. After reading this book, Prof. King's remarks really hit the mark. Other fantastic books read by different groups include *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor, *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, and *A Man Called Ove*, by Frederik Backman, to name just a few. If you haven't already, join a book group!

I am looking forward to our April 8 branch meeting, a brunch hosted by the Board, where we will celebrate our new members, and introduce them to our various interest groups. We will also install

our new officers to the Board, thank our former officers, and give some special recognition. We are pleased to welcome new officers (see below). Thanks to all of you for your confidence in me and for electing me for a second term as president. I truly enjoy working with all of you.

May 13 is our annual Tea/Luncheon fundraiser, which is always a festive occasion. Penny Hansen and the other organizers plan a delicious traditional tea, complete with scones and pastries, and a wonderful light luncheon of dishes made by members. It is our last official event and a great way to end our year!

New Board Members Will Be Installed

by Jane Taft



Two new officers will be installed at our April brunch. Nancy Dunis, the new Program VP, is a native of Lake Oswego. Her long involvement in community affairs has given her an extensive knowledge of potential speakers. Nancy currently is on the board of the Lakewood Associates.

She also is the chair of this year's Lake Oswego Historic Home Tour, which will take place in May. She was a member of the cast for our Readers' Theater production in February.



Cindy Regier, the new Secretary, is happily employed at the Independent Electrical Contractors of Oregon. Her major focus has been in the area of workforce development and developing apprenticeship training programs. Cindy

loves dogs and has been interested in training techniques for them. Cindy has become very active in the branch, belonging to Thursday Night Books and Delightful Dining. Her daughter Lauren lives locally.

Meet Susan Rectenwald: Focus on Family and Fun in Nature

By Karen Rottink



Susan Rectenwald's focus is on her family and having fun in nature. Born and raised in California, Susan became an avid Oregonian twelve years ago. She and her husband, Harry, moved to Astoria, OR, when their son was stationed there in the Coast Guard and their two daughters were living in the Portland area. About a year ago, she and Harry moved to Lake Oswego because her son and his family moved to Portland where one daughter's family still lives.

The couple has five grandchildren. A year ago three granddaughters were born, two in Portland and one in Hawaii. Susan and Harry decided to share childcare for the grand babies for their first year. They alternate spending a month in Hawaii with a month in Portland.

Susan graduated from UCLA with a degree in kinesiology and became a physical education and biology teacher in Sacramento. She taught in a new, year-round high school at the time Title IX was instituted. Susan and the other teachers enthusiastically implemented sports programs for female students that matched the program for males, mostly by reallocating the existing funding.

When Susan moved to Astoria, she enjoyed teaching at St. Mary's Star of the Sea school.

Susan and Harry, a fisheries ecologist, love the beauty of nature in Oregon. Camping, hiking and fishing are all frequent family pastimes.

Susan has many other interests. She recently finished making three pink quilts, one for each of her granddaughters. She also enjoys cooking. Susan and Harry enjoy the symphony and Portland Center Stage productions. Susan is looking forward to helping with the branch tea in May.

Meet Susan Shea: Breaking Barriers

By Barbara McDonald



New member Susan Shea has an east coast background. She was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Connecticut. Her father built one of the first nuclear submarines. Susan was educated in a private school for girls. When it came time for college she opted for a city and a co-ed environment. She received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in economics. She then went on to Columbia University for an M.A. in accounting. She was one of four women and over 300 men with this major.

Susan passed the CPA examination on the first try and was hired by Arthur Andersen -- the only woman accountant among 101. It was not the happiest environment so she moved on to Johnson and Johnson, where she had a successful career in a pleasant environment. She was able to help a number of women move up the corporate ladder.

Susan finally quit working full time because of a typical problem: day care. This was before the time of nannies and preschools. There were lots of other things she could do; she began volunteering. She could take her two girls with her before they entered school. She sat on the Board of Education, volunteered in a hospital, held many offices in AAUW, League of Women Voters, etc.

Why did she and her husband, Tom, move to Oregon? The usual "grandchildren tug," of course. One of her daughters lives in Lake Oswego with her two children and has a busy career as an oncologist. Susan and Tom love it here, but not enough to stay put. She loves to travel and was gone five months of last year. In fact, the day after our interview she flew to New York to see musical theater. She has shared tickets with a long-time friend. Susan also enjoys gardening and acted in the LOAAUW Readers' Theater presentation in February.

Meet Sharon Hawley: At Home With Nature

By Dixie Kroupa



Sharon Hawley and her husband, Doug, took early retirement and moved to Lake Oswego from the Bay Area twenty years ago.

Sharon grew up in Michigan where she received her teaching degree from Kalamazoo College. Both she

and her husband were teachers who decided to take a different path by becoming actuaries. They owned their own business. They lived in Atlanta, Louisville, Denver, Los Angeles and the Bay Area prior to coming to Lake Oswego.

Their love of the outdoors motivated them to join several hiking groups and they now participate in and lead two different groups through the Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Department. Sharon also volunteers at Tryon Creek State Park as a nature guide and is on the Friends of Tryon Board.

As well as completing her degree in education, she also studied biology in college and has been doing research on the banana slug. This picture shows her with the slug. She has presented slide shows to elementary school children about this subject.

Sharon also enjoys playing the bass clarinet and plays in the Lake Oswego Millenium Concert Band.

She and Doug have visited many countries in their travels, often as part of a cruise. Susan is hoping to join a book group when she can fit it into her busy schedule.

Coming Soon! Renew Your Membership Online

It's time to renew your membership! Dues for the 2017-2018 year will remain the same as this current year - \$82.00.

This year you have two options for renewing your membership. Our branch has enrolled in AAUW MPP (Membership Payment Option). You will be able to pay by credit card through that site. Alternatively, you may renew using the form on page five of this newsletter and pay by check written to LO AAUW.

In either case the money will be divided appropriately among National AAUW, OR AAUW, and LO AAUW. Remember that \$46.00 of your dues is tax deductible!

AAUW Lake Oswego Branch

Membership Application and Dues Statement 2017-18

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 _____

College/University _____ Major _____ State _____ Degree/Yr _____

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

Interest Group Activities

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

Date: April 25

Book: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

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: April 12

Book: *Princess Elizabeth's Spy* by Susan MacNeal

Leader: Barbara Buckley

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: April 20

Book: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

Leader: Ann Keddle

Hostesses: Carol Cooper & Diana Gough (co-host)

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: April 27

Book: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

Leader: Vicki Clark

Hostess: Vicki Clark

For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis,
(503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

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

Date: April 28

Book: *Miller's Valley* by Anna Quindlen

Leader: Joan Waldron

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: April 12

Book: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

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.

If you are interested in joining this Thursday noon group, please contact Betty. There are two options for season tickets, six shows on the Main Stage for around \$310-315 or nine shows including three in the Ellyn Bye Studio downstairs for around \$440-450. The shows are a combination of musicals (e.g., "Fun Home", "Major Barbara" and "Astoria"). Betty needs to reserve seats at beginning of May. Betty Barber's contact information is: (503) 675-0594, barberbc@yahoo.com

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

Dates: April 10 & 24

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: April 19

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

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 Brunch
9	10 Non-Fiction Books Laffalot Bridge	11	12 Murder by the Book	13	14	15
17	17	18 Lunch Bunch	19 Third Wednesday Bridge	20 Interpretive Books	21	22
23	24 Laffalot Bridge	25 Fourth Tuesday Books	26	27 Fourth Thursday Books	28 Fourth Friday Books	29
30	<p style="text-align: right;">Lunch Bunch 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Date: April 18 Location: Twigs Restaurant in Bridgeport Village, 17003 SW 72nd Ave, Portland, OR 97224. Twigs is an upscale chain serving pizza, sandwiches, New American entrees and martinis in a chic space. 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 irwinconnie44@gmail.com.</p>					

Delightful Dining Date Varies

Date: April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Location: 17199 Warren Court, Lake Oswego

We will celebrate Passover with a Seder dinner at the Lake Grove home of Nancy Dunis.

Nancy says:

Passover is a Jewish religious holiday that occurs in the spring, often at the same time as Easter. The eight-day festival commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. Observance of Passover includes certain rituals such as not eating anything with a leavening agent in it - bread, cookies, cake - and it is highlighted by two Seder meals that include wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus from Egypt. At our Delightful Dining dinner, you will experience a Seder meal and enjoy many of my

favorite family Passover recipes. I look forward to seeing you on April 9th.

Nancy has put together a delicious menu from matzah ball soup to apple pudding. If you'd like to take part, please let Jane Taft know (taft.jane@gmail.com or (503) 709-3185) by Wednesday, April 1, so we can assign you a dish to bring.



Photo, from left: Anne Redman and Penny Hansen at the February Delightful Dining celebrating recipes of Chef Edna Lewis.



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