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2013 - 2014*

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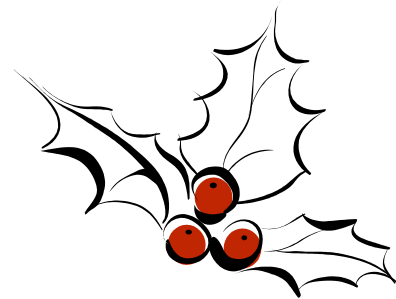
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Winter Fundraiser
AAUW Holiday Gala

Sunday, December 8, 2013
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At the home of
Ken and Susan Hornung at
27 Tanglewood Dr., Lake Oswego



Please join us for a festive holiday party with
food, drinks, and great company.
Start your holiday season out right!
Remember: Spouses and friends are welcome.

Cost: \$15 per person

Reservations and checks to:

Attn: Anne Redman
AAUW of Lake Oswego
P.O. Box 416
Marylhurst, OR 97036

Phone: (503) 684-1210

Email: aredman@montrose.net

PLEASE: Reservations are due by Wednesday, December 4

Note: If you make a reservation, but do not come, you will be expected to pay.



Judy Hale with dog, Ruby

Hale & Hearty

by Judy Hale, President

Happy Holidays to all of our members and your families!

We have our Holiday Gala on December 8th at the Hornung residence. I hope to see you there. Remember that the Gala is a fundraising event to help meet our goal of giving a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a student at Marylhurst University. If you cannot attend, you can still help by donating the \$15 you would spend to attend the Gala. Just fill out the form included in this newsletter or contact Lynn Rothert, our Funds Chair. She can send you a form.

We have many exciting things coming up in 2014. Pat Squire has planned some really interesting programs for January and February. We also have another Collectible Discoveries event in February. Our annual tea is back in the schedule, after a year hiatus. Penny Hansen has graciously agreed to act as lead organizer.

April is going to be an exciting month because it is also the month of the 2014 Oregon-Washington State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Portland.

Our branch is responsible for the table decorations and door prizes. If you want to help with this project, please contact me or Suzanne Kaveckis, our Inter-Branch Council representative.

There are many ways for you to participate in AAUW: become a two-minute activist, volunteer to help with the bi-state convention, attend one of the special events your Board has planned for this year, or invite a potential member to a meeting. One of the best ways to participate is to attend our monthly meetings. The last few months have been pretty crowded with lots of members enjoying a chance to visit, refreshments and the outstanding programs we have had. Please join us!

Editor's Note: Thanks to hard work and perseverance by Karen Rottink, our Public Information Officer, we have been receiving coverage of our programs in local newspapers. View the article about our November presentation by author Diana Abu-Jaber in the **Portland Tribune** at: <http://portlandtribune.com/lor/54-my-community/200119-diana-abu-jaber-to-discuss-women-characters-with-aauw->.

Various board members have also been placing flyers about the programs in public places including the library. You can help build attendance at our monthly meetings and possibly attract new members by inviting your friends to the programs.

We Care

If you know a branch member who would appreciate receiving congratulations, condolences, or just a get-well card, please let Carol Ficht know at carolficht@comcast.net or (503) 655-6527. She sends such remembrances for the branch.

Word Challenge

Name a 6-letter, a 7-letter, and two 8-letter words that contains "venue." One 8-letter word is a variation on the 7-letter word. None of these words are plural.

Invisible War Film Review

by Karen Rottink

We AAUW members can be very proud of the support our association provided for the development of the documentary film **The Invisible War**. We recently screened this film for our members, including a discussion with two former Navy personnel.

This powerful film depicts the impact of sexual assault in the military through interviews with people who were sexually assaulted while in the military. They felt victimized a second time by the process the military used to determine which cases would be prosecuted. The majority of cases are never prosecuted. The commanding officer is the one who decides which cases can be prosecuted. Even if a perpetrator is convicted by a jury, the commanding officer can reverse the conviction. This is still true today.

According to the film, when General Leon Panetta recently saw the film, he immediately ordered some changes in how the military handles sexual assault. This was a good step in reforming the military handling of sexual assault cases, but it is not sufficient.

AAUW helped the women bring the lawsuit described in the film. Unfortunately, the court ruled that sexual assault is a hazard of the job in the military.

Our two expert discussion leaders, Ms. Jennifer Carlson and Mr. John Young, indicated there have been recent changes in the military training regarding sexual assault. One of the changes is that the training includes victims' stories, a very effective method used throughout the film.

You can help change the federal law that governs how sexual assault is prosecuted in the military. There are two competing Pentagon policy bills about to be presented in the U.S. Senate. The legislation proposed by Sen. Kristen Gillibrand would require military prosecutors, not military chain of command personnel, to handle sexual assault cases. This is opposed by top Pentagon

officials. They support the Sen. Claire McCaskill proposal which would leave prosecution in the chain of command, mandate dishonorable discharge or dismissal for anyone convicted of sexual assault, and remove the power of the commanding officer to overturn a jury verdict.

We recommend that you contact Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley and urge them to support Sen. Kristen Gillibrand's proposal to remove the prosecution of sexual assault in the military from chain of command personnel and place it with military prosecutors. This is the fairest way for victims of sexual assault in the military to obtain justice and impartiality.

Let's continue our AAUW support for the victims of sexual assault in the military by helping them obtain fair and impartial justice!

Thank you for your support of AAUW and its mission of advancing equity for women through legislation.

Editor's Note: There were several programs on NPR during the month of November where these rival bills were discussed. One of them, "Rival Plans in Senate Aim to Change Military Rape Prosecutions," which aired on November 20th, may be found at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=246409434>.

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.

*Diana Abu-Jaber -
An Author With a Big Heart*

by Karen Rottink

The record breaking number of attendees had a great time with Diana Abu-Jaber at our November 9th meeting. Ms. Abu-Jaber, award winning author and Portland State University Writer in Residence, delighted us with her personal stories about family relationships. She discussed the importance of cooking, baking, and eating together for family bonding. The audience was very responsive to her heart-felt stories and how she sees her own family experiences influencing her writing as well as her parenting. The most significant relationship in Ms. Abu-Jaber's upbringing was the one between her Jordanian-born father and her American-born grandmother who called her father "The Dictator." Grandmother would take Diana and her three younger sisters to the grocery store and let them buy whatever candy they wanted, all the while muttering, "He can't control me now!" The chaos of that relationship provided the backdrop for the author's upbringing. Her quiet, agreeable mother was a stabilizing influence in Ms. Abu-Jaber's life. All of these family interactions provide the author with insights and stories in the many books she has written and continues to write.

Upcoming Programs

by Pat Squire

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Ms. Judy Van Dyck, director of International Student and Scholar Services in the Office of International Affairs at Portland State, will bring two of her female international students to talk about why they came to the United States to study, and what their experiences are like. They will also reflect on what they will do when they return to their home countries.

Ms. Van Dyck has a BA in the Japanese and French languages and has studied in both Japan and France. She has been a study abroad advisor,

director of English as a Second Language programs, and director of International Special Programs at PSU during her 30+ year career in international student work. PSU has over 2000 international students from nearly 100 countries.

Saturday, February 8, 2014

"Perspectives from the Archives: African American and Japanese American Women in Oregon History." Patricia Schechter, Professor of History at Portland State, will bring two of her star history majors to give a visual presentation of their findings on this fascinating topic of local interest.

*AAUW Members Will Sing in
Holiday Choir*

Our members bring to our branch wonderfully unique talents. Two of our members, Betty Barber and Susan Hornung are in the West Linn Community Choir. The Choir will present a concert called "December Lights" at the Holy Names Chapel in Mary's Woods on two dates this year: Saturday, December 14 at 7:00pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2:00pm. Selections include sacred, madrigal, Christmas, Hanukkah, doo wop, and even a piece for the winter solstice. Tickets are \$10 for seniors 60+ and \$12 for other adults and can be purchased at the door.

Interest Group Activities

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

No December meeting.

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

Date: December 11

Books: *The Virgin in the Ice* by Ellis Peters

Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 400, Lake Oswego

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

2014 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
- #4336 Educational Opportunities Fund – Supports fellowships and grants
- #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
- #4363 Oregon's Betsy McDowell Research & Projects Fund

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

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

Date: December 19 (Note: Starts at 10:00 a.m.)
 Book: *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* by Jean Shepherd
 Hostesses: Susan Hornung (Hostess for Discussion),
 Diana Gough (Hostess for Luncheon)
 Leader: Louise Weiss
 For more information, contact Carol Zinsli, (503) 694-6181, czinsli@comcast.net or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com

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

Date: December 5
 Book: *War Brides* by Helen Bryan
 Hostess & Introduction: Judy Hale
 For more information, contact Sandra Hoover, (503) 635-0952, sandraleehoover@comcast.net or Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, ctn75492@centurytel.net

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

No December meeting.

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

Exploring the Northwest
Date and Time Vary

Date: December 2, 10:45 a.m.
 Event: Lunch at Meriwether's Restaurant & Tour of Pittock Mansion
 Details: The Pittock Mansion holiday theme this year is "A Locally Crafted Christmas." The group will meet at Sue Kingzett's house (1811 Barnes Cir., West Linn) at 10:45 a.m., and will drive to Meriwether's Restaurant for an 11:30 a.m. lunch. The restaurant is located at 2001 NW Vaughn St., Portland, and the phone number is (503) 228-1250.

There is parking right next door. Sue suggests that attendees bring change or credit cards. The group will receive one check with 20% gratuity. After lunch the group will drive to The Pittock Mansion at 3229 NW Pittock Dr., Portland. The number is (503) 823-3624. The site has parking too. Prices are Adults: \$8.50, and Seniors: \$7.50. Your AAA membership may allow added discount. Please RSVP to Sue Kingzett to tell her if you are meeting at her house or at the restaurant. (503) 656-5970, (503) 706-8184 cell, sezett@msn.com

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

No December meetings.

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

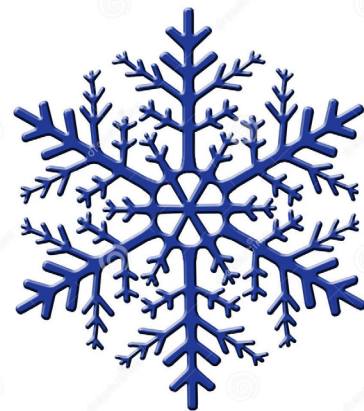
No December meeting.

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

No December meeting.

Delightful Dining
Date and Time Vary

Please mark your calendars for January 18, when we will enjoy a Mexican Fiesta. For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 742-1653, taft.jane@gmail.com



Fun Fact: Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley perfected the art of catching individual snowflakes on a piece of black velvet. He photographed over 5,000 snowflakes in his lifetime. He was also the first scientist to measure snowflakes, raindrops, and hailstones.

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Exploring the Northwest	3	4 Board Meeting	5 Thursday Evening Books	6	7
8 Holiday Gala	9	10	11 Murder by the Book	12	13	14
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