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2014-15*

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**Winter Scholarship Fundraiser
AAUW Holiday Gala**

**Sunday, December 14, 2013
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

At the home of
Penny and Dave Hansen, 1491 Skye Parkway, West Linn



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: \$17 per person

Donations of food will be gratefully accepted, please let Penny
know if you plan on bringing food and beverages to share:
pennyhansen@comcast.net or (503) 636-7255.

Reservations and checks to:

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

Email: aredman@montrose.net

PLEASE: Reserve by Friday, December 5
*Note: If you make a reservation, but do not come,
you will be expected to pay.*



Hale & Hearty

by Judy Hale, President

Happy Holidays to all of you! I hope your holidays are filled with love and friends. And I hope your holiday schedule includes some time for AAUW.

On December 14 we will enjoy the Holiday Gala at the Hansen residence. The Gala is one of our two big fundraisers for the year. It provides an opportunity to visit with other AAUW members and their guests and to eat a wonderful dinner. Please think about adding this event to your calendar and attending. If you are not able to attend, please remember that this is a fundraiser so consider sending in a check anyway.

Every year, our branch seems to raise just enough money to send in \$1,000 to AAUW Funds and to give a \$1,000 scholarship. This seems like a lot of money but the reality is school is very expensive. Books can cost \$500 each and, in many cases, the books cannot be resold at the end of the term.

The day is not too far in the future that we will need to reevaluate the amount of our scholarship to match the dramatic increase in the cost of a college education. Our belief in, and support for, education is one of the foundations of AAUW. Let's make this fundraiser a success. Wouldn't it be great if we exceeded our goal this year and we were able to consider an increase in our scholarship or our Funds donation?

Feral Cat Coalition

by Judy Hale

I recently became involved with a great organization: Feral Cat Coalition. It all started this summer. Every morning I take my Golden Retriever, Ruby, for a walk along the river and through the park. We walk a path along the Tualatin River until we reach the park where the Tualatin River joins the Willamette River.

I kept getting glimpses of three cats hiding in the bushes. They were young cats, not very big, but not kittens. I finally decided that it was bothering me enough that I needed to do something about it. I started feeding them every day. Then I went to talk to PAWS, which is a local cat adoption agency. The woman there said the cats were probably not adoptable since they were feral cats and she referred me to Feral Cat Coalition.

The Coalition's procedure is to furnish traps for you to trap the cats and take them in to their center. Their veterinarians spay or neuter the cats, give them all necessary shots, and any other necessary medical treatment. They ask for a donation of \$30 per cat. After treatment, you take the cats and release them back where they were trapped. You have to promise to feed the cats for the rest of their lives.

The whole process took about a week. It was not easy to trap the cats, and I only caught two of the three. I ended up making five trips to the center in Portland. When you pick the cats up, they require you to attend a meeting to tell you what to watch for. When I arrived, there were about twelve people who were also picking up one to eight cats; they process a lot of cats. You have to keep the cats overnight then release them the next day and clean and return the traps.

The cats will still have a hard life, but they have found a dry place to live under the bridge and they wait for me to feed them every morning.

Exploring the Japanese Garden

Members of the Exploring the Northwest interest group visited the Portland Japanese Garden on November 5, 2014. After viewing the lovely fall colors throughout the gardens, the group went to lunch.

Photo, left to right: Karen Rottink, Connie Irwin, Anne Redman, Irene Romero, Laura Eyer, Sue Kingzett, Barbara McDonald, Bettirae Willis, Ann Keddie.



State Rep. Ann Lininger Believes in Cooperation

By Karen Rottink

State Rep. Ann Lininger, who represents House District 38 which includes Lake Oswego as well as other nearby areas, spoke to branch members at the November 8 meeting. She demonstrated a very inclusive view of her politics and personal perspective.

Doing the right thing for her consists of focusing on funding the fundamentals of society, especially public schools. Both of her children attend Lake Oswego Public Schools. She talked about her mother taking risks to become a school administrator at a time when women were not prevalent in that role.

She also talked about sharing and not excluding people who do not fully agree with your point of view. Cooperation pays off in the long run. This is a refreshing attitude in light of the Federal gridlock due to partisan politics.

Rep. Lininger indicated that funding the required necessities for the next legislative period will be a challenge. For example, full-day kindergarten for all Oregon public schools has been mandated but no funding source has been attached. This mandate will need to be funded in the next legislative session and will cost a substantial amount. As always, there are many other commitments on the General Fund for the state. She is also interested in restructuring state revenues to help deliver services to Oregonians.

Rep. Jennifer Williamson, of House District 36, was scheduled to speak, but had an unexpected family medical obligation at the last minute.

Photo: Rep. Ann Lininger



2014-15 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

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

Date: No meeting in December
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: December 10 (book group & cookies)
Books: *Murder with Peacocks* by Donna Andrews
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

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

Date: December 18 (starting at 10:00 a.m.)
Book: *Amazing Peace* by Maya Angelou
Leader: Donna Saffir
Hostess: Linda Watkins and Ann Keddie
For more information, contact Laura Eyer, (503)
982-3522, eyerfamily@wbcable.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 4 (note date change)
Book: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by
Rachel Joyce
Hostess: Jane Taft
For more information, contact Sandra Hoover,
(503) 635-0952, sandraleehoover@comcast.net or
Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@
centurytel.net

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

Date: No meeting in December
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: December 8
If you would like to be added to the substitute list,
or for more information, contact Bettirae Willis,
(503) 891-6232 (cell), bewillis@easystreet.net

**Second Thursday Bridge
2nd Thursday at 1:00 p.m.**

Date: December 12
If you would like to be added to the substitute list,
or for more information, contact Penny Hansen,
(971) 221-7765 (cell), pennyhansen@comcast.net

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

Date: No meeting in December
For more information or to be added to the
email list, contact Susan Hornung, susanhornung@
hotmail.com

**Delightful Dining
Date Varies**

Date: December 6 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Home of Martha Schrader
Join us for a Downton Abbey banquet. Delightful
Dining is the group where members share the
cooking and the costs. For reservations or more
information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 742-1653,
taft.jane@gmail.com

**Exploring the Northwest
Date Varies**

Date: December 2 (10:30 a.m. meeting at Sue's
house; 11:15 a.m. lunch at Meriwether's
Restaurant followed by tour of Pittock Mansion. For
more information, contact Sue Kingzett, (503) 706-
8184 (cell), sezett@msn.com

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Exploring the Northwest	3	4 Thursday Evening Books	5	6 Delightful Dining
7	8 Laffalot Bridge	9	10 Murder by the Book	11	12 Second Thursday Bridge (former Third Wednesday)	13
14 Holiday Gala	15	16	17	18 Interpretive Books	19	20
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10

*December Is the Time to Donate
to the AAUW Funds*

The AAUW Fund year ends on December 31st. Save on your taxes by making your tax-deductible donation this month. Remember: For each \$500 donated by our branch members, we can select an additional Named Gift Honoree.

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.

Wanted: Bridge Players

Do you play bridge? If yes, we would like to invite you to join the bridge group that meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is a new meeting time for us. (The 3rd Wednesday time slot had too many conflicts.)

Here is some more information to tempt you. We are a two table bridge group that uses Chicago Scoring. We rotate serving as hostess. There are usually light snacks provided by the hostess.

We enjoy playing bridge and have fun doing it. The stress level is not high! Check us out. We need another person who can attend regularly.

Even if you would just like to be a substitute, please call the new chairperson Penny Hansen at (503) 636-7255. We will add you to our roster.

Exploring the Northwest

Do you want to learn while having fun and then dine out for lunch? Consider joining the Exploring the Northwest interest group.

Among the places we have visited are the Pendleton Woolen Mills, the Coffee Creek Women's Prison, Bob's Red Mill, the Pittock Mansion and, most recently, the Japanese Garden.

Generally, there are only three or four excursions each year. They are held during the morning and are followed by a lunch at a nearby location.

Sue Kingzett, our intrepid leader, arranges the trips. Contact Sue at (503) 706-8184 (cell) to find out about our next adventure at the Pittock Mansion. You will be happy that you did. Please join us.

Books, Books, Got Any Books?

At our February branch meeting, we will hold a book sale. Please contact Susan Hornung, susanhornung@hotmail.com, or Stephanie Carter, secarter1@gmail.com about donating books.



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