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2013 - 2014

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*Perspectives from the Archives: African American
and Japanese American Women in Oregon History*

Saturday, February 8

9:30 a.m. — Business Meeting

10:00 a.m. — Program

Oswego Heritage House

“A” Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

Dr. Patricia Schechter, Professor of History at Portland State University, and two of her students, Ms. Marti Clemmons and Ms. Meg Langford will give a visual presentation of their findings on how African American and Japanese American women have impacted Oregon and how history regards them.

Professor Schechter specializes in U.S. women’s history. She is the coordinator of the Office for Public and Oral History at Portland State University. With her students and community partners, she has coordinated several community projects such as a visual history for the centennial of the Portland YWCA. Dr. Schechter, Melody Rose and Avel Louise Gordly co-authored Gordly’s memoir, *Remembering the Power of Words: The Life of an Oregon Activist, State Legislator and Community Leader*. This memoir of the first African American woman elected to the Oregon State Senate is an important example of a Black woman making history in Oregon. It highlights the politics associated with being an African American woman.



Judy Hale with dog, Ruby

Hale & Hearty

by Judy Hale, President

Dear Members,

My column this month is the report that I submitted to the state about our branch. It will appear in the Oregon/Washington convention book.

Lake Oswego AAUW branch is having a good year. Last June, the board had a planning meeting to decide the direction we wanted to take for our upcoming year. We decided to focus on Mission Based programs. That was a change from the previous two years. This decision to stick to mission based programs has been our best achievement of the year. Our program chair has invited many excellent community and education experts to speak to our group. Our publicity chair has really worked to get publicity for our meetings. All of our meetings have been open to the public. There have been articles in the local papers and the *Oregonian* inviting anyone who is interested to attend. We have everyone sign in and then our membership chair follows-up by sending information about AAUW to potential members. Our meetings have been full of our members and guests. The only meeting that was not open to the

general public was our showing of *The Invisible War* due to the prohibitive cost of a public showing of the film. It was open to our members, members of other AAUW branches and guests. This meeting had a tremendous impact on all who attended and was our best AAUW Mission Based program.

Our September program was a town hall meeting with Senator Devlin and Representative Garrett. It was well attended and informative and was partially funded with our state Public Policy Impact Grant.

Our best fundraiser idea was simply changing how our members thought about our fundraisers. We now emphasize the fact that any event we have is a fundraiser and if members cannot attend, it is still important that they consider contributing. We started putting a form in our newsletter each month to make it easy for members to contribute. In December, we held a “Gala” event and several people who were not going to attend still contributed.

Lake Oswego AAUW branch has over 75 members. We have 11 interest groups that include 5 book groups, 2 bridge groups, 2 dining groups, 1 theatre group and 1 Exploring the Northwest group. We are committed to AAUW’s mission.

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.

Recap of the "Going Global" January Branch Meeting

by Karen Rottink

"Going Global: International Women Students in the U.S." was the very interesting program for our January meeting. Judy Van Dyck, Director of International Student and Scholar Services at PSU, introduced the program and three of the young, international women studying at Portland State spoke.

They are recipients of the coveted and highly selective PSU International Cultural Service Program (ICSP) scholarship. Junqi Li, an Accounting major and Coordinator of PSU's International Women's Group from China; Anika Amin, a Pre-med student from Bangladesh; and Salma Elsaid, a Women's Studies and International Affairs student from Egypt were all very open and frank about their cultures, religious beliefs, practices, roles of women, and manner of dress.

These three international students enjoy the freedom that study at PSU allows them. They also appreciate the warm welcome and multicultural activities they experience in Portland. Word of mouth was important to them when selecting PSU for their studies.

One significant topic for each student was marriage. While living in Portland, one student was presented the opportunity of an arranged marriage with a third cousin whom she had never met. When she declined, that part of the family cut off contact with her part of the family. When asked what would happen if she decided to pursue her dreams, work, and not marry, she clearly stated that she would be a social outcast. She plans to continue her education and then work in a poor part of the world.

All three students agreed that husbands do not want to marry wives who have more education or make more money than they do. That is a big consideration for the women in deciding whether or not to go to graduate school. Also, many families do not want their daughters to marry outside their culture or religion.

The women indicated that employment opportunities in their own countries are limited and having a degree from a U.S. university is no longer enough to guarantee a job in their home countries.

Other interesting points include the fact that most international students in the U.S. pay their own tuition and expenses. Some receive scholarships from their own governments. (Saudi Arabia is a big provider of scholarships to its citizens to study abroad.) International students pay three times the amount that Oregon students pay to attend PSU. Student aid from the U.S. government is not usually available to international students.

The ICSP scholarship program these women are on requires each recipient to perform thirty hours of cultural service per term. The students are available to talk to community groups about their cultures, experiences studying in the U.S. and plans for their futures. To learn more about having international students speak to your school group, civic or social club, or community organization, contact Judy Van Dyck at vandydj@pdx.edu.



Members at Play

Attendees enjoy themselves at December Gala.

The Gala raised \$390 and an additional \$55 was contributed by members who could not attend.



From left to right: Dixie Kroupa, Karen Rottink, Carol Ficht, Susan Hornung, Ken Hornung and Bruce Rottink.

Members explore Pittock Mansion.

On December 2nd, our Exploring the Northwest group made what has become an annual visit to the heavily holiday-decorated Pittock Mansion.



From left to right: Bettirae Willis, Karen Rottink, Irene Romero, Diana Gough and Barbara McDonald.



Front: Susan Kingzett and Pat Filip
Back: Irene Romero and Barbara McDonald



From left to right: Bettirae Willis and Joan Waldron.

Annual Luncheon Features Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

Save the Date: Saturday, May 10th

We are very fortunate to have Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, who represented the 5th Oregon Congressional District, as our Lake Oswego Branch Annual Luncheon speaker. She is now a consultant with Portlander Lisa Naito offering strategic planning and advocacy services. The Annual Luncheon will be on Saturday, May 10. Please save the date!

Mark these upcoming events on your calendar! Invite friends!



Benefitting Lake Oswego AAUW Branch Marylhurst University Scholarship

Antiques Appraisal Day

Sunday, February 16, 2014 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Heritage House

398 10th St.
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Tickets Sold at Door: \$10 each
(3 item per person maximum)

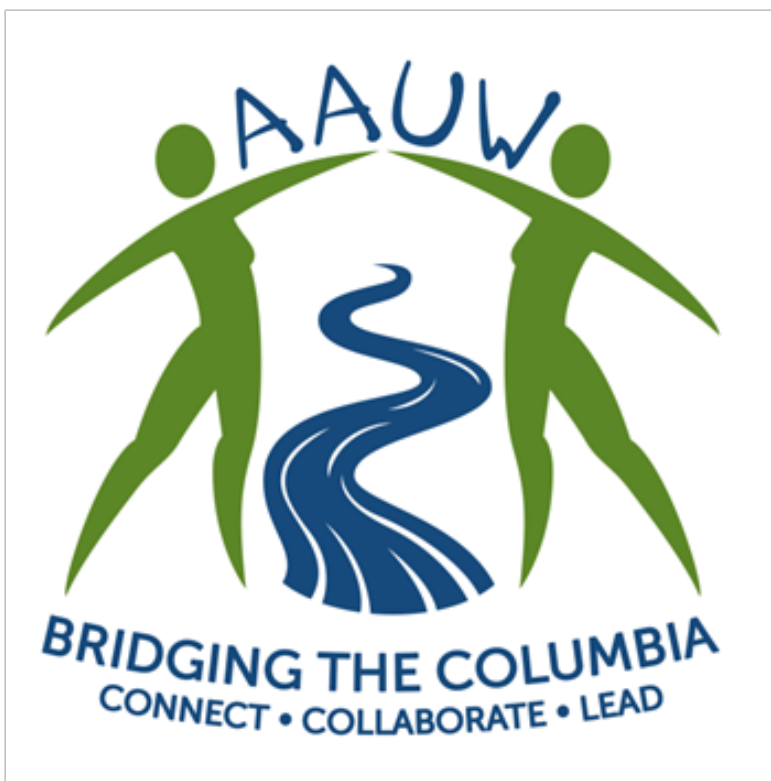
Fred Squire of Frederick Squire III Antiques in Lake Oswego will provide fair market evaluations of your antique collectible items: silver, china, folk art, vases, paintings, small furniture and "Orientalia." Please no toys, books, carpets or jewelry. For more information call (503) 636-9755.

CONVENTION IS COMING!

Mark your 2014 calendars for the first ever Oregon/Washington Joint Convention April 25-27 at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport.

Great speakers, workshops and connections abound!

Be sure to look for all the details and registration information in the convention issue of your state newsletter.



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

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- #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 _____

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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: February 25
Book: *Favored Daughter* by Fawazia Koofi
Location: Szechuan Kitchen, Lake Oswego
Leader: Karen Rottink
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: February 12
Books: *The Last Kashmiri Rose* by Barbara Cleverly
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

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

Date: February 20
Book: *Home* by Toni Morrison
Leader: Candace Newland-Holley
Hostess: Linda Watkins
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: February 27
Book: *100 Tricks Every Boy Can Do: How My Brother Disappeared* and *Wind on the Waves* both by Kim Stafford
Hostess: Susan Hornung
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.**

Date: February 28
Book: *The Black Count* by Tom Reiss
Location: Market of Choice, Conf Rm, West Linn
Leader: Janice Biggerstaff
For more information, contact Irene Romero, (503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com or Marie Ryan, (503) 274-7917, mpresq@q.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: February 10 & 24
If you would like to be added to the substitute list, or for more information, contact: Susan Hornung, susanhornung@hotmail.com

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

Date: February 19
For more information, contact Betty Hittle, (503) 636-7034, blhittle@comcast.net

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

Date: February 18
Location: TBA
Hostess: Susan Hornung
Spouses and guests are welcome.
For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Susan Hornung, susanhornung@hotmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 General Meeting
9	10 Laffalot Bridge	11	12 Murder by the Book	13	14	15
16 Antiques Appraisal Day	17	18 Eat Ethnic	19 Third Wednesday Bridge	20 Interpretive Books	21	22
23	24 Laffalot Bridge	25 Tuesday Morning Books	26	27 Thursday Evening Books	28 Friday Books	

New York Author Speaks at the Louvonne Clubhouse at Charbonneau

by Linda Watkins and Carol Zinsli

Stephanie Lehmann, New York author of *Astor Place Vintage*, spoke to the Lake Oswego Branch's Interpretive Book Group's tea at the Louvonne Clubhouse in Charbonneau on January 21, 2014. She discussed her research and writing process which contrasts the lives of two New York saleswomen, one working at a department store in 1907, and the other in a vintage clothing store in 2007. Charbonneau residents who are AAUW members organized and hosted the fun event where many dressed in vintage clothing.



Stephanie Lehmann (on left) and Linda Watkins



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