

### *Lake Oswego Branch Officers*

*2016-17  
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### *New Interest Groups Anyone?*

by Marty Maharg, Interest Group Coordinator

A number of members have expressed an interest in a nonfiction book group. I will be hosting an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 9, at 10 a.m., at my home, 1756 Regency St., West Linn. Please R.S.V.P. by email ([martymaharg@hotmail.com](mailto:martymaharg@hotmail.com)) if you plan to attend or would like to join but are unable to attend.

Other interest groups that were suggested in the member survey include: a crafts group, a Tuesday or Sunday matinee movie group, and a wine tasting group.

If you find any of these ideas appealing or if you have some ideas of your own for a new interest group, please e mail me! If you want to start a group, but need a co-leader, I may be able to help you find a partner. Hope to be hearing from you!



Members of Murder by the Book interest group enjoy visiting during their book selection/luncheon meeting.

Above: Laura Eyer, Cackie Kyle, Barbara McDonald and Anne Redman.

Right: Jane Taft, Karen Rottink and Lynn Rothert.





Photo: Pat in Tallinn, Estonia, where she and Fred especially enjoyed the history and the old town.

### *Squire's Scribblings*

by Pat Squire, President

Summertime . . .

And while the living may be easy, many of our branch members are continuing to work on behalf of AAUW, even though we are not having branch meetings. Our Board had a planning session in early June where we welcomed new officers, reviewed the member survey, and strategized for activities and actions for next year. Here are a few things in the works:

- Donna Needham, our Program VP, is busy contacting potential speakers for next year. Look for a dynamite program starting in September!
- Since our spring survey indicated members are very enthusiastic about interest groups, Marty Maharg, our new Interest Group Coordinator, is working on a couple of potential new groups - more about that in this issue.
- Dixie Kroupa, our new Membership VP, is working on ways to integrate our newer members. Look for news of possible neighborhood parties, volunteer opportunities, and a summer potluck/picnic.

- Our newly formed Fundraising Task Force is studying several possible fundraisers that will involve the general public, and possibly other branches. Watch for an announcement soon, and please jump on the bandwagon - it will be easy to help out, and fun besides. We will also continue our activities from the past several years, including the holiday "gala", the book sale, and the Annual Friendship Tea.

- We want to expand our information about what AAUW is doing nationally, and ways that we can be involved. Watch for short announcements about issues and things that you may want to support through advocacy.

If you are a new member and haven't joined an interest group, be sure to check out the listing in this newsletter, and feel welcome to join in. We look forward to seeing you! Also, expect a call from me sometime this summer. I'd like to get to know you better, and find out where your interests will connect with AAUW.

Have a wonderful summer, and hope to see you soon,

Pat



Lake Oswego Branch members attended the Oregon State Convention in Medford. Pictured: Newly elected state co-program chair Judy Hale with Jane Taft, Donna Needham, and Margaret Ricks.

## *Your Membership Committee at Work!*

by JoAnn Siebe

Since January your membership committee has been busy finding creative ways to attract new members and to actively engage our current members in building our branch.

In April our Board hosted a **New Member Luncheon** to welcome and honor our 15 new members. We want to thank all who helped make that event a success. Specifically our team printed invitations and hand-addressed envelopes to send to all new members. We also contacted each new member to get to know them and are in the process of writing member profiles to print in our branch newsletter so all of you can get to know them, too.

In May our branch earned **five free national memberships** for 2017, because we attracted 15 new members this year. Our team decided on a drawing to award them. We wanted to link it to “on time” membership dues payments to reduce the increased work late payments require. So, on June 15, we held a drawing to award the five free national memberships. The success of this program is that we only have 13% of our members who still need to pay their dues. This is a laudable decrease from previous years at this time when we still had 60% unpaid dues.

On August 13 our branch will once again host a table at the **Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market**. The process for us to be selected for the Market begins in January. The last pieces of planning are unfolding now. If you haven’t already signed up to work our table, please contact Dixie Kroupa to learn which hourly slots we still need to fill.

Each slot of time is two hours long and includes two members. The tasks include greeting individuals who stop by the table, offering brochures and information, and keeping track of visitors/those who choose to leave contact information with us. The Membership Committee will take care of arranging for all of the materials needed for the table.

Throughout the year your membership committee greets members and visitors at the door of our program meetings. They engage with visitors and give them information about AAUW. If visitors become new members, our team becomes a “mentor” and writes a profile about each of them for newsletter publication. Prior to each meeting, this team posts flyers about our speaker in many places throughout the area, from West Linn to Charbonneau. Once quarterly we meet to plan our next quarter’s activities. If you are interested in becoming involved with this active, creative team please contact Dixie Kroupa, our new Membership VP.

As retiring Membership VP, I want to personally thank Barbara McDonald, Ann Keddie, Marty Maharg, Carol Cooper, Annie Arkebauer, Karen Rottink and Pat Squire for their active participation on this dynamic team.

NEWS FLASH: As of 6/27/16 we have 22 new members this year!

## *Five Members Win Free National Memberships*

The Membership Committee is excited to announce the five winners of our drawing for a free national membership for 2017. That’s a \$49.00 prize for each of you!

1. Esther Halvorson-Hill
2. Sandra Hoover
3. Martha Schrader
4. Jane Taft
5. Donna Zenobia-Saffir

Congratulations! Please contact Margaret Ricks regarding your prize.



### *Meet Julie McDevitt*

by Marty Maharg

Julie is a native Oregonian who was born in Eugene and spent most of her childhood in Medford. She moved to Portland to attend Portland State University in 1978 and has lived and worked in the Portland/Lake Oswego area ever since.



Julie earned a BS in Finance from PSU. Since that time, she has worked in banking/financial services and has specialized in retirement planning for the past 15 years.

Julie's career has required expertise in written communication skills and computer literacy. Julie enjoys calligraphy and doing paper art. Her experience in these areas will certainly be an asset to our branch.

Julie does considerable work-related traveling, which she enjoys. In her down time, Julie is an avid reader, plays piano, enjoys the arts, cooking and entertaining. In addition, she has an avid interest in fitness and nutrition.

Julie lives with her husband, Allen, in Lake Oswego. She has a daughter, who will be graduating from Santa Clara University this year, and three grown step-children.

Welcome, Julie!

### *Meet Geraldine Thomas Cox Gorney*

by Gerri Gorney

I was brought up in the San Joaquin Valley of California where agriculture was king and "organic" meant utilizing chicken, steer, or horse manure for fertilizer long before it was the "in thing to do." It also meant having an abundance of fruits and vegetables all for the picking. I had to grow up to realize my good fortune.

Being the first in birth line of four girls, I learned to be a leader and protector of my siblings which

was necessary after our parents divorced and WWII was raging. Memories of black-out sirens, air raid drills, and hundreds of airplanes flying over our house, heading out to the Pacific were some of the reasons for holding my siblings close, which I still do.

After graduating from high school, I attended Forkner's Business College which prepared me for productive work in the business community. It was not until I married my first husband and bore three children (two sons and a daughter) that I enrolled in Modesto Jr. College, earning an AA degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising with the intention of going into the fashion business with my daughter. Funny thing happened on the way to retailing, my husband and I divorced.



The next step for me was getting a BA degree in Communicative Disorders from San Francisco State University with speech therapy as my specialty. During our course work, I had an opportunity to observe Dr. Mark Gorney, a prominent plastic surgeon, repair an infant's cleft lip and palate. Wow! Not only did I learn first-hand about that incredible procedure, but the surgeon invited me to dinner and that was the beginning of the most wonderful, fairy-tale years of my life.

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# AAUW Lake Oswego Branch

## Membership Application and Dues Statement 2016-17

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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

#### Bridge Groups

\_\_\_\_ Laffalot, 2nd, 4th Monday  
 \_\_\_\_ 3rd Wednesday

#### Other Groups

\_\_\_\_ Lunch Bunch-3rd Tuesday  
 \_\_\_\_ Delightful Dining  
 \_\_\_\_ Explore Northwest  
 \_\_\_\_ 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: July 26  
Event: Book Selection

Date: August 23  
Book: TBD

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: July 13  
Book: *Long Time Gone* by J.A. Jance  
Leader: Pat Squire

Date: August 10  
Book: *The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths  
Leader: Laura Eyer

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: July 21 at 9:30 a.m.  
Book: *Someone* by Alice McDermott  
Leader: Sue Kingzett  
Hostess: Donna Needham

Date: August 18 at 10 a.m.  
Event: Book Selection Luncheon  
Hostess: Susan Hornung

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: July 28  
Book: *The Paying Guests* by Sarah Waters  
Hostess and Introduction: Judy Hale

Date: August 13  
Event: Book Selection Brunch  
Location: Home of Susan Hornung

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: July 22  
Event: Potluck and book selection at Barbara McDonald's home (7223 SWLake Bluff Court, Wilsonville; (503) 694-1144)

This group will begin meeting again in September at the West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room)  
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.**

NO MEETINGS JULY AND AUGUST  
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.**

NO MEETINGS JULY AND AUGUST  
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: July 19  
Location: Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace, 333 State Street, Lake Oswego (in Pet Smart shopping area (503-699-2927). This casual trattoria serves

# July 2016

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## ***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.



# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## AAUW Book Sale

Thanks to the many people who donated books and then also purchased books to raise money for our local scholarship. We made over \$500 dollars from the February LO Reads sale (\$245), the April Brunch sale (\$146), and selling to Powell's (\$110). The remaining books also found a worthwhile home as they were donated to The Booktique, a shop run by the Friends of the Library whose profits help fund LO Reads every year plus many other programs at the Lake Oswego Public Library.



Stephanie Carter was awarded Best Newsletter for a Medium Branch.

Italian cuisine and was voted by "Open Table" a Diners' Choice Winner for 2015.

Date: August 16

Location: La Sen Vietnamese Grill, at 22000 Willamette Drive, West Linn (Rt. 43, in the Market of Choice shopping area, 503-303-4445). 120th anniversary of when gold was discovered in the Klondike. The La Sen restaurants, in the Portland area, seem to have discovered a golden touch establishing five successful restaurants.

All are welcome to this new lunch group. To be added to the email list or to reserve your spot please send an email to Terry Hyland at [twh20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:twh20eagle@comcast.net). For other questions contact Connie Irwin at (503) 459-3070.

### **Delightful Dining Date Varies**

Date: August 21; Time TBD

Enjoy a lake front picnic at Oswego Lake Villa, 1335 Lake Front Dr., Lake Oswego

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](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com).

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### **Meet Gerri Gorney continued from page 4.**

We married in 1983 but, unfortunately, he passed way in November, 2014, immediately after our move to Oregon. It would be difficult to talk of my life without coupling it with that of my husband.

Mark's high profile in plastic surgery circles took him to every country in Europe, several in the Eastern Block, and almost all of Central and South America, as well as cities throughout the United States and Canada. Needless to say, my choice to be with him meant abandoning my own professional career, which I never regretted for one moment . . . well, maybe a hint of a moment.

Nevertheless, our lifestyle provided me with the opportunity to become involved in many non-profit organizations: In San Francisco, The California Academy of Sciences; San Francisco Medical Society Alliance; and SFAAUW. When my husband

retired from medical practice, we moved to the beautiful Napa Country where we lived for 20 years and where I was active in both cultural and civic activities; AAUW; Napa Valley Symphony Association; Napa Valley Symphony League; Napa County Medical Society Alliance; and the Napa Valley Opera House. My most significant civic contribution was spearheading a successful Napa County Public Works effort to get a recycled water pipeline from the Sanitation Department to a declared water deficient area of Napa County.

After my husband's death, I bought my home in Charbonneau and have devoted the last eight months to upgrading it and completely re-landscaping the grounds, projects that have left me time for reading, piano lessons, and contemplating what's next in my life.

Regretfully, one of my sons died only one month after my husband's death and the double loss has crippled me more than I ever could have imagined. However, I am fortunate to have a good support system here. My daughter lives in Charbonneau, and my grandson and his family live in West Linn.

I have enjoyed attending my great-granddaughter's soft ball games and look forward to taking her to Spain in July as a high school graduation gift. My support also comes in equal measures from my surviving son, and my three, wonderful step-children who all live in the San Francisco Bay Area and, of course, my precious "little" sisters.

My membership in the LOAAUW branch has given me the opportunity to meet some extremely kind and welcoming women, for which I am grateful. Although I still lack the vitality and energy needed to make a meaningful contribution, my hope is that one day soon it will happen.

Note from Editor: Gerri, we are glad that you chose to join our branch and welcome any level of involvement from you! Thank you for writing such an interesting introduction to your life.

## *Exciting Flower Bulb Fund Raiser Coming in August*

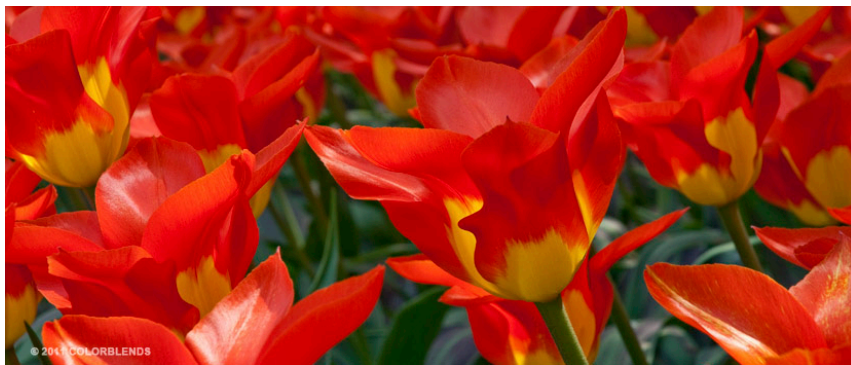
By Karen Rottink

To help support our branch's scholarship fund, we will sponsor a flower bulb sale beginning in August. The sale will kickoff at the LO Farmers' Market on August 13. This exciting fundraiser offers us a great opportunity with no risk (or payments until we have sold the bulbs and collected the money).

The more bulbs we sell, the more money we will raise for our scholarship fund! Please consider buying bulbs for yourself and as gifts for family and friends. Also, think about people and groups that you belong to who might want to buy bulbs from you. Bulbs can be planted inside in pots or outside.

Beautiful, colorful brochures, order forms, and instructions will be distributed to members at our branch interest groups beginning in August and at our September branch meeting.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the project management. Please help our branch fulfill our mission of promoting equity for women and girls by helping with this scholarship fundraiser. Thank you!



Contact Pat Squire at [pfsquire@gmail.com](mailto:pfsquire@gmail.com) or Karen Rottink at [rottinkbk@comcast.net](mailto:rottinkbk@comcast.net) for more information and to volunteer to help.



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