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2014-15

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*Beyond Lean In*

Saturday, March 14

9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting & Election of Officers

10:00 a.m. – Program

Oswego Heritage House

“A” Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

Sunny Petit is the Executive Director for the Center for Women's Leadership. Ms. Petit will discuss the work of the Center, the importance of women's leadership, and what will be required to change leadership outcomes on a greater scale.

Prior to joining the Center as Associate Director in 2007, Ms. Petit earned a dual B.A. in Politics and International Studies, and a M.A. in International and Comparative Politics. She was Regional Director for a counter-human trafficking organization in South Asia and ran programs in India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. The Tokyo Foundation awarded her the International Trade and Development Fellowship for research on women's political development in Turkey. Along with founding civic involvement in many organizations, Ms. Petit served on the Oregon Council for Civil Rights, appointed by Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. She serves on the Friday Forum Committee for the Portland City Club and the OHSU Avel Gordly Center for Healing. She is a former chair of the Oregon Commission for Women, appointed by Governor Kulongoski.

The Center for Women's Leadership is changing the way women's leadership looks from the ground up. Through targeted teaching

and training programs for college women and teen girls, community events, the Abigail Scott Duniway speaker series featuring notable women leaders (such as Lilly Ledbetter), educational programming and skills trainings, the Center is building a diverse group of emerging women leaders in communities across Oregon. Over 700 alumnae from around the state are leading in fields of education, business, nonprofits, and public service! For more information, please see visit the program website at <http://www.pdx.edu/womens-leadership/>.



### *Hale & Hearty*

by Judy Hale, President

Hi AAUW Lake Oswego members! We are nearing the end of our year, but there are still many exciting things ahead. March 14th is our annual business meeting. It will be held at the beginning of our regular Saturday meeting, before our speaker. We will be voting on our new officers and also on the delegates we are sending to the state AAUW convention.

Our nominating committee, Barbara McDonald and Penny Hanson, have presented us with three nominees for the three positions: President - Pat Squire, Programs VP - Margaret Ricks (a new member) and Secretary - Jane Taft. We will also be voting for the delegates we are sending to convention. The convention is at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond on April 17-19.

Some other business that we all need to take care of is to pay our dues. The renewal form is on page

7 of this newsletter. There will be forms available at the March, April and May meetings. It is very helpful for you to pay your dues as early as you can. Each year we have people that have still not renewed in August and September. To make sure the directory is accurate and has the information for all of our members, we have to contact everyone who has not renewed. So, try to be timely and get your dues paid when it is easier for everyone. **Those members who have not renewed by August 15, 2015, will not be included in the paper directory.**

In April and May we are going to party! We have the tea in April and a luncheon in May. Both of those events are sure to be an exciting ending to our AAUW year. I hope to see many of you there.

### *Recap of Geoff Norcross Talk*

by Karen Rottink

As part of the citywide Lake Oswego Reads program, our branch co-sponsored a talk by Oregon Public Broadcasting on-air personality Geoff Norcross. The talk, entitled "The Role of Radio in History and Life," focused on the World War II setting of the book *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. Mr. Norcross' talk focused on events from World War II, but he also discussed his personal experience with radio since the age of sixteen.

To illustrate the power of radio in history, Mr. Norcross played short recordings of radio broadcasts of historic moments -- the bombing of Britain broadcast live by Edward R. Murrow and Franklin D. Roosevelt's Fireside Chat immediately after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Great storytelling over the radio has the power to inform and persuade people because we identify and empathize with others when we know their stories. Mr. Norcross believes that radio "informs with heart" and the pictures are better on radio because the medium engages imaginations.

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*2015 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

Recap of Geoff Norcross Talk Continued.

Mr. Norcross recommended that everyone find a trustworthy news source. He said OPB is not at its best on breaking news but is great on the in-depth follow up and analysis in the days following a breaking story.

Mr. Norcross brought a female guest journalist from Moscow, Russia, to the event. They both belong to an international journalists' organization which encourages journalists to visit other countries to share journalism insights and practices. Mr. Norcross visited journalists in Pakistan last year.

Participation in this event brought record attendance of 77 people, many from the Lake Oswego community, to our monthly meeting and added four new members to our branch.

### *Interest Group Activities*

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

Date: March 23  
Book: *The Healing of America* by R. R. Reid  
Location: Szechuan Kitchen, Lake Oswego  
Leader: Cheryl Smith  
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: March 11  
Books: *Crocodile on the Sandbank* by Elizabeth 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

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

Date: March 19  
Book: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt  
Leader: Diana Gough  
Hostess: Carol Cooper  
For more information, contact Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com or Laura Eyer, (503) 982-3522, eyerfamily@wbcable.net

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

Date: March 26  
Book: *Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett  
Hostess: Robi Ingram-Rich  
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: March 27  
Book: *Southern Girl* by John Warley  
Location: West Linn Public Library, Bamboo Room  
Leader: Betty Hittle  
For more information, contact Irene Romero, (503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com

#### **Portland Center Stage Date and Time Vary**

It will soon be time to purchase your season tickets! 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: March 9 & 23  
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: March 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

#### **Delightful Dining Date Varies**

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 742-1653, taft.jane@gmail.com

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Laffalot Bridge	10	11 Murder by the Book	12 Second Thursday Bridge (former Third Wednesday)	13	14 Branch Meeting
15	16	17	18	19 Interpretive Books	20	21
22	23 Laffalot Bridge	24 Tuesday Morning Books	25	26 Thursday Evening Books	27 Fourth Friday Books	28
29	30	31				

## *Laffalot Bridge*

We are looking for a few good women to come and play bridge with us. We play on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 1pm to 4pm and play at each others' homes. Don't be concerned about your skill as we began some years back seeking to have fun while we were improving our game. We still aspire to do that. We are hoping for substitutes to add to our list as well as new players. Please consider contacting our group coordinator, Bettirae Willis, at (503) 635-5057 or drop her an email at bewillis@easystreet.net.

### *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.

## Exploring Our Northwest Date Varies

For more information, contact Sue Kingzett, (503) 706-8184 (cell), sezett@msn.com

### *New Member Profile: Susan Offerdal*

by Karen Rottink

Susan Offerdal is already contributing her talents to AAUW LO as a photographer of our events and gatherings. In addition, she is a member of the 4th Tuesday morning book group and Exploring Our NW.



Susan has lived in the Washington, D.C. area, Virginia, Germany, Norway, Vietnam, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Oregon. She earned her B.S. in Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia and worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Construction, which deals with hospitals and cemeteries. She chose to work in public service to give back to the U.S.

When Susan was 26, she worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Germany where she helped design U.S. military bases and their grounds as an Architectural Engineering Project Manager. While there, the U.S. Department of the Army awarded her a full scholarship and support to attend Harvard and earn a Master of Public Administration.

She met her husband Eric at Harvard where he was doing Norwegian government economic research. After an exciting courtship which included getting together in Paris while he was finishing his research at Harvard and she was again working in Germany, they married and moved to Norway where Susan studied Norwegian.

In 1990 the couple moved to Washington, D.C. where Susan worked for the EPA. Their daughter Kari Claire was born in 1994.

When Eric became an International Monetary Fund Resident Representative in Vietnam, Susan worked for a U.S. Department of Defense Peace Initiative in

Vietnam. Her job was to assess the equipment needs of woefully underequipped Vietnamese hospitals and arrange for the transportation of excess U.S. military equipment from an installation in Japan to Vietnamese hospitals.

Susan returned to Washington, D.C. and the EPA where she worked in the area of International Environmental Activities which included assessing the environmental impact of cross border trade agreements and environmental compliance.

The family also lived in Guatemala, where Susan learned Spanish and was active in the International Women's Group. In the Dominican Republic she was active in the International Women's Group which helped poor children who lived near the dump obtain an education.

In 2006 Susan and her family vacationed in Portland and bought a house to live in when they returned from Guatemala. In 2008 they moved into their Portland home, and Susan became a Fish and Wildlife Project Manager for the Bonneville Power Administration. She retired in 2013.

In retirement, Susan enjoys oil painting, traveling, and renovating her home.

### *Norcross Event Photos*



AAUW Lake Oswego Branch  
Membership Application and Dues Statement 2015-16

Please print. Highlight any additions, changes or corrections.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ 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

\$49 National Association Dues

\$16 State Dues

\$17 Branch Dues

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\$82 Total Dues\*

\$25 Student Affiliate Dues\*\*

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\$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.

## Participate! Share your skills and talents.

### SKILLS

\_\_\_\_ Computer  
 \_\_\_\_ Design/Graphics  
 \_\_\_\_ Database Management  
 \_\_\_\_ Web site 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  
 \_\_\_\_ Newsletter Distribution  
 \_\_\_\_ Publicity Distribution  
 \_\_\_\_ Directory Management  
 \_\_\_\_ Food Preparation  
 \_\_\_\_ Holiday Gala  
 \_\_\_\_ New member friend

### INTEREST GROUPS

Book Groups  
 \_\_\_\_ 2nd Wednesday - noon  
 \_\_\_\_ 3rd Thursday - morning  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Tuesday - evening  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Thursday - evening  
 \_\_\_\_ 4th Friday - evening  
 Bridge Groups  
 \_\_\_\_ Laffalot, 2nd, 4th Monday  
 \_\_\_\_ 3rd Wednesday  
 Other  
 \_\_\_\_ Delightful Dining  
 \_\_\_\_ Explore Northwest  
 \_\_\_\_ Portland Center Stage

## *"Holiday" Tea & "Anything" Sale*

by Penny Hansen

How wonderful -- springtime has sprung early this year. With a glance outside we can see a few daffodils blooming, crocuses, little white snow drops, Lenten roses and tulips several inches tall. In the neighborhood and all about are flowering trees, especially the pink flowering plum trees. These signs of spring get you in the mood for a cup of tea, some freshly baked scones and lovely, tasty salads, don't they? And that is in addition to meeting with friends and several new members who will become friends. Invite guests and plan to attend our major fundraiser of the year on April 11th.

You may be thinking, why is Penny referring to the tea as a "Holiday" Tea. Well, this year each table will be decorated in a different holiday theme, right down to the tea pot!

As usual, the Tea will be linked to another fundraiser. This time it is called an "Anything" Sale. Yes, we will sell whatever you donate. Although, please keep in mind our space constraints! We ask that you pre-price your donations.

We sold quite a few donated books at the Norcross event, and are giving attendees another opportunity to purchase books at the Tea/Sale. Please contact Susan Hornung by emailing her at [susanhornung@hotmail.com](mailto:susanhornung@hotmail.com), to arrange a time to drop off books.

Our fundraising event can't happen without your able assistance. Penny needs help from members to prepare food, set up and serve. Please contact Penny to volunteer by calling (503) 636-7255 or emailing her at [pennyhansen@comcast.net](mailto:pennyhansen@comcast.net). Stephanie and Susan could use your help setting up and staffing the sale. Contact Stephanie by emailing her at [secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com).

We have an exciting event planned for your entertainment. Your support will be greatly appreciated. On the following page is a form that you can use to make your reservation, pre-pay and volunteer (by donating items or your help).

## You're invited to play



Organized by Vancouver AAUW  
to benefit local college scholarships

♠ **Monday, April 20, 2015** ♥

♥ **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** ♠

Enjoy lunch & bridge at the historic Grant House at Old Fort Vancouver  
1101 Officer's Row, Vancouver WA

♠ **Sign up with your bridge partner** ♥

**\$25 per person** covers lunch (tax & tip included), an afternoon of bridge and a chance for you and your partner to share one of the prizes.

- ♠ 1st prize: \$25 Grant House gift certificate
- ♥ 2nd prize: \$15 Grant House gift certificate
- ♦ 3rd prize: \$10 Grant House gift certificate

Get your registration form from Kathy Walker  
at [kcwalker41@gmail.com](mailto:kcwalker41@gmail.com) or 360-574-4564

Registration deadline is April 10, 2015

## *Welcome New Members*

Our branch has four brand new members. Three of them are from Lake Oswego, Judy Hall, Jacqueline Magner, and Pat Nida. The fourth new member is Melody Hoener from Tigard.

Slightly less new members are Margaret Ricks, who has already agreed to be nominated as Program VP, and Susan Offerdal, whose profile is found on page 6.

On April 15, Stephanie will upload an updated member directory to the website and will also send it out by email. We do not print the full member information in the newsletter.



*"Holiday" Tea and "Anything" Sale Fundraiser*

When? April 11, 2015  
 Time? 11:00 a.m. -- Anything Sale Begins  
 11:30 a.m. -- Tea/Luncheon  
 Where? Oswego Heritage House  
 (398 10th Street, Lake Oswego)  
 Cost? Anything Sale -- Free  
 Tea -- \$18 (please reserve and pre-pay)



You are invited to the "Holiday" Tea and "Anything" Sale, a fundraiser for our annual scholarship fund. Please invite your family members, friends and potential members to attend. Join in this celebration of friendship while supporting the scholarship fund.

Please contribute items to our Anything Sale. Yes, that's right, we will sell anything you contribute: plants, hand-crafted jewelry, aprons, other sewing projects, jams, cookies, etc. All items should be pre-priced. It will be as varied as your donations make it. Please contact the individuals named below by April 3rd so we can process your donations.

Remember: THIS IS OUR BIG FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR. IT BENEFITS THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. YOUR HELPING HANDS MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

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 PARTICIPATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with: Tea portion \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) Please check if you can help.  
 Call Penny Hansen at 503-636-7255 or 971-221-7765 (cell)

Book donations \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) Please check if you can help.  
 Susan Hornung at 503-635-4893

Anything Sale Contributions \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) Please check if you can help.  
 Call Anne Redman at 503-684-1210 or Stephanie Carter at 971-285-5882 (cell)

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 RESERVATION FORM (Only accepted with payment of \$18.00 per person -- Reserve by April 3rd)

Make checks payable to **AAUW Lake Oswego**

Send to Anne Redman, P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036, telephone 503-684-1210

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees @ \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## *Leaving a Legacy*

by Karen Rottink

A legacy is something positive a person provides for others once the person passes away. The best legacies are ones that improve the lives of others. At AAUW our mission is to “advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.” We can and do support this mission with our time and money while we live. AND we can provide funds for continuing our legacy of improving the lives of others after our life ends.

Have you ever really considered what your legacy will be? Have you thought that it would be nice to be fondly remembered by others and to make a difference in the lives of others? Do you want to avoid the hassle of setting up your own nonprofit foundation? Do you have even a small amount of assets you would be willing to use to help others?

In one easy step you can establish your legacy. It will not cost you a penny while you are living. Plus, as a bonus, you can receive AAUW recognition now.

If you notify AAUW National, you can receive membership in the Legacy Circle which includes a lovely Legacy Circle pin which symbolizes your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Here is the one step process for establishing your legacy:

Contact your attorney and include AAUW in your will or trust. Here is the wording suggested by AAUW National:

“After fulfilling all other specific provisions, I give devise, and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue [or \$\_\_\_\_\_ if a specific amount] to AAUW National, a District of Columbia charitable corporation [Tax ID #52-6037388] currently having offices at 1111 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.”

It really is that easy. Think about it. You can leave a legacy which impacts others positively. Your life can have even more meaning when you know you are helping women and girls achieve equity and improve their lives. Take action today to create YOUR legacy.



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