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**AAUW Lake Oswego Winter Fundraiser**

# Holiday Gala

*Sunday, December 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m.*

**Hosted by Mary Pat Silveira and Robin Adair**

**4239 Riverview Drive, West Linn**



*Please join us for a festive holiday party  
with hearty hors d'oeuvres, drinks and great  
company. Spouses and friends welcome.*

Donation of \$20 per person supports local scholarships. Please pay in advance. Make your check payable to AAUW Lake Oswego and mail it to AAUW Lake Oswego, P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Even if you can't attend, scholarship donations are always welcome.



Photo: Pat thanks Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair, for her great work steering the AAUW volunteer efforts to get the Equal Pay Bill passed. Trish is also co-chair of the Portland Branch.

## Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

Our November 11 branch meeting was a joint meeting with the Portland Branch, and a very special day. It was Veteran's Day; we honored the two legislators, Rep. Ann Lininger and Sen. Kathleen Taylor, who led the way for Oregon's successful Equal Pay legislation; and we honored our state public policy chair, Trish Garner, who led the volunteer advocacy effort on behalf of AAUW.

We also heard from Karin Moscon, Oregon Department of Education civil rights specialist, who talked about the importance of Title IX. Ms. Moscon described the tools and trainings available for our schools and universities to assist them with handling Title IX cases. It was a full house, and a

very informative meeting! Special thanks to our partners in the Portland Branch.

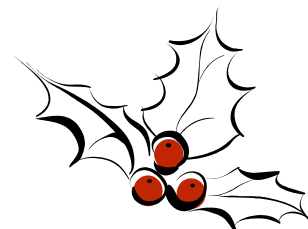
Holiday season is in full swing, and we have several activities coming up that help us celebrate the season. Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis is leading our new community service project which supports women and their families who have suffered domestic violence and sexual abuse. Clackamas Women's Services (CWS), located in Oregon City, provides support services to these victims throughout the county.

At holiday time, CWS hosts a store consisting of donated gift items for children. Mothers may select appropriate gifts for their children to enjoy a holiday surprise. Our branch members are donating gifts to help supply the store for these families. Gift items are due to Jeanne-Marie by December 3, so this effort is almost complete. Several of our members are also volunteering in the store. We've heard that there has been a nice outpouring of gifts for CWS. Many thanks for your generosity in support of this program to help our community.

Our annual holiday scholarship fundraiser is set for Sunday, December 17 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Pat Silveira. There is an invitation on the front page of this newsletter and we ask that you RSVP by Wednesday, December 13.

This "gala" event is always a festive social activity where you can get to know members you don't regularly see at your interest groups. If you are unable to attend, a donation to the scholarship is still more than welcome!

It isn't quite yet Thanksgiving as I write this, and I want to say that my thanks this year go to all of you for your volunteer efforts, your public spirit, generosity, friendship and support. I am proud to be a member of an organization that has so many wonderful members. Happy holidays to you and your families!





## Shots from Our November Program



Photo: Karin Moscon gave an excellent Title IX overview.



Photo: State Senator Kathleen Taylor (left) and former State Representative Ann Lininger talked about the successful Equal Pay legislation in the 2017 legislature and thanked AAUW for our help. Ms. Lininger is now a Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge.

## Member Profile: Kathleen Erskine

by Pat Squire



Who is Kathleen Erskine? A new member who lives in Beaverton. A woman who joined our branch because a friend recommended it. A woman who, it turns out, I knew in a former life.

Kathleen grew up in Eugene, and after a few adventures, ended up in Seattle, where she attended Seattle University and earned a degree in Education/English. After several years in the workforce, she went back for a master's in public administration.

Her primary career was in labor relations, where she first worked as a union representative, negotiating labor agreements and representing workers in their relations with management. Later in her career she worked as a neutral labor relations mediator and adjudicator, first for the State of Washington, and then for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, where she covered the Pacific Northwest and was based in Seattle. Kathleen recounted a time when she was in a small town on a job, and checked into the only

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motel available. The lobby turned out to be the center of local community social activity and when the motel host said, "Oh, you're the government lady!" Kathleen didn't necessarily feel a warm welcome. But all in all, it was an interesting career.

Kathleen was also an adjunct faculty member at Seattle University for twenty years in the Institute for Public Service, teaching graduate courses in collective bargaining, labor relations and mediation and negotiation skills.

Kathleen retired, and recently moved from Seattle to Beaverton to be near her daughter and granddaughter. She is discovering a new locale and is eager to get involved with like-minded friends. She is very interested in policy issues, as one might guess from her background.

As we talked, we discovered that we both went to North Eugene High School, where she was a year behind me, and her brother, Dan, was in my class. I knew Kathleen at the time as Kay Ousley, and was happy to meet up with her again as Kathleen Erskine. Welcome to our branch, Kathleen!

## Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars! Three important events are coming up in 2018:

### ***AAUW Lobby Day in Salem is Friday, February 9***

This is an exciting day in our State Capitol where AAUW members from around the state hear from legislators, policy people, and our own AAUW Public Policy staff to learn about our priorities for this brief legislative session. Then we have an opportunity to meet with our legislators and lobby for our causes. Please plan to join us! More information to come, and ride-sharing will be available.

### ***Lake Oswego Reads Collaboration Continues, February 10***

The 2018 Lake Oswego Reads book has been chosen: *Good Morning, Midnight* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. As in the past, our February branch meeting will be held in collaboration with this

important program. The official kickoff of Lake Oswego Reads will be on January 8, 2018. As has been the practice for all 12 years, 800 free books will be distributed to Lake Oswego Public Library card holders, thanks to the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library.

### ***Oregon State AAUW Convention comes to Hillsboro, April 20-22***

Our branch is pleased to be one of several co-hosts of this convention, scheduled April 20-22 at the Embassy Suites in Hillsboro. The theme for this convention is "Now More Than Ever" emphasizing the importance of our work with AAUW.

The last Portland area AAUW state convention was a dual Oregon/Washington convention in 2014. Judy Hale, our immediate past president, is the program co-chair for the state. She and her colleague Linda Lybecker are busy planning for this annual state event. Workshops, keynote speakers, and opportunities to meet with counterparts are all a part of this three-day event, so mark your calendars now! The last three conventions have been around the state, so we're glad to be back "home."

## AAUW Funds

by Susan Shea

The AAUW Funds provide support for AAUW charitable programs. Each fund promotes equity for women and girls. There are many options:

- ♦ AAUW Funds - The best way to give general support and the money is allocated where it is most needed.
- ♦ Public Policy Fund - Advocates for policies and laws that are fair to women.
- ♦ Legal Advocacy Fund - Supports legal rights for those facing discrimination
- ♦ Eleanor Roosevelt Fund - Supports AAUW research studies of issues important to women
- ♦ Educational Opportunities Fund - Supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities
- ♦ Other funds found at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

At this time of year of giving, please consider a donation to one of the AAUW Funds. Donations are Cont. on page 6.

## 2017 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



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tax-deductible and can be made either by credit card at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and clicking on the DONATE button at the bottom of the page or by completing the donation form included on page 6 of this newsletter and mailing a check to our local branch.

## Update on Dues

by Margaret Ricks

AAUW - National, State and Local Branches - operates on a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year. Dues for the upcoming year are collected between May 1 and June 30.

This year, for the first time, our branch joined the MPP, Membership Payment Program. MPP allows each member to pay on-line with a credit card. The money is then electronically transferred to the appropriate account - National, State and Local Branch. Joining MPP has saved our Branch both money and time, and has eliminated many chances for errors or "disconnects." While we have still experienced some disconnects this year, there have been many fewer than in the past and those that did occur have been far easier to resolve.

During April 2018 all current members will receive an emailed invoice and instructions for payment of 2018-2019 dues. We encourage you to respond between May 1 and June 30, as mentioned above. You can use the new MPP plan, but you can also pay by check to our branch as in the past.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Margaret Ricks, who can be reached by phone, (503) 744-0977, or email, [founder@bowmanschool.org](mailto:founder@bowmanschool.org).

## Member Profile: Elizabeth Dixon

by Karen Rottink

Welcome to new member Elizabeth Dixon who joined AAUW LO in June of this year! She travels



quite a bit so we had not met for this interview until she recently returned from Poland.

Elizabeth thoroughly enjoys the Interpretive Book Group. Fiction is her favorite literary genre. However, she is having difficulty enjoying the recent book selection 1984 by George Orwell. Could it be that the dark subject matter is the issue?

Elizabeth graduated from Duke University with a degree in Economics. This background was helpful preparation for her later position as an Examiner for Workers' Compensation Claims in Oregon and Washington. She needed to understand state laws, human needs of injured claimants, and how to communicate with doctors and lawyers.

After graduation, Elizabeth married her husband, Will. They had four children, each of whom now has two children of their own. When Will and Elizabeth moved to Portland in 1984, two of their children moved here and two stayed in Indiana to finish university degrees, only to join the family here later.

Prior to the Portland area move, Elizabeth managed the yarn department of a yarn and fabric store. She also worked at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where she became interested in computers, which at the time were as big as a whole room. Later, while living in Indiana,

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Elizabeth earned an Associate of Arts degree in computer programming. Soon after, she and Will moved to Portland where she worked as a Workers' Compensation Examiner.

The Women's Bureau of Fort Wayne, Indiana, hired her to train displaced homemakers. She helped her students to understand that they had many skills even if they did not work outside the home while they raised children.

Needlework is a special interest for Elizabeth. Since 1991 she has been doing needlework on church pew cushions for the Westminster Presbyterian Church in northwest Portland. She meets weekly with a group of women working on this project. Elizabeth is not affiliated with the church, but volunteered because her friend, a member of the church, invited her.

Now retired, Elizabeth and Will recently moved to Mary's Woods. They love it--especially the people! When their youngest grandchildren, six year-old twin girls, saw the Mary's Woods home, they immediately requested an overnight stay with their grandparents. Fun times are coming up!

## Interest Group Activities

### Tuesday 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](mailto:dixie.kroupa@comcast.net)

### Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Date: December 13  
Book: *Stranger in Mayfair* by Charles Finch  
Leader: Pat Squire  
Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 200, Lake Oswego  
For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com) or Stephanie Carter, (971) 285-5882, [secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)

### Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Date: December 14 (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)  
Book: *Two Old Women: An Alaskan Legend Of Betrayal, Courage And Survival* by Velma Wallis  
Leader: Stephanie Wagner  
Hostess: Betsy Dixon/Linda Watkins (co-hostess)  
For more information, contact Ann Keddle, [rlkavk50@centurytel.net](mailto:rlkavk50@centurytel.net) or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, [l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com)

### Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: November 30 (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)  
Book: *Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It* by Larrie D. Ferreiro  
Leader: Jane Taft  
Hostess: Judy Hale  
For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, [smkaveckis@icloud.com](mailto:smkaveckis@icloud.com)

### Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: December 1 (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)  
Book: *The Perfect Horse* by Elizabeth Letts  
Leader: Annie Arkebauer  
Location: West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room).  
For more information, contact Irene Romero, (503) 657-6159, [ireneromero@mac.com](mailto:ireneromero@mac.com)

### Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: December 11  
Book: *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom  
Leader: Jackie Magner  
Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table.  
For more information, contact Sharon Callen at [Sharonlcallen@gmail.com](mailto:Sharonlcallen@gmail.com) or (503) 505-0935

### Laffalot Bridge

2nd Monday at 1:00 p.m.

We are a fellowship group who play for fun and score using the Chicago method. This group is accepting new members. 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](mailto:bewillis@easystreet.net)

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Books	2 Delightful Dining
3	4	5	6 Exploring the Northwest	7 Board Meeting	8	9
10	11 Non-Fiction Books  Laffalot Bridge	12	13 Murder by the Book	14 Interpretive Books	15	16
17 Holiday Gala	18	19 Lunch Bunch	20 Third Wednesday Bridge	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

This group is looking for additional members. If you would like to be added to the substitute list, or for more information, contact Penny Hansen, (503) 636-7255, pennyhansen@comcast.net

**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 at (503) 675-0594 or barberbc@yahoo.com

**Lunch Bunch**  
3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Date: November 19

Location: Five Spice Restaurant, 315 1st St. #201, Lake Oswego, (503) 697-88890

Members are invited to the Lunch Bunch, an informal group which gathers monthly at various restaurants to enjoy good food and good company. If you plan to attend please send an email to Terry Hyland at wh20eagle@comcast.net. For other questions or to be added to the list, contact Connie Irwin at irwinconnie44@gmail.com



## Exploring the Northwest: Pittock Mansion

Date: December 6, 9:15 a.m.

Location: Pittock Mansion, 3229 NW Pittock Dr., Portland

Cost: \$10 for seniors, \$11 for non-senior adults

If you are interested in this group, please contact Sue Kingzett at (503) 656-5970 (home), (503) 706-8184 (cell) or email: sezett@msn.com

The group will leave Sue Kingzett's house at 9:15 a.m. It's located at 1811 Barnes Cir., West Linn. The goal is to arrive at the mansion by 10:00 a.m. when it opens. The mansion's phone number is (503) 823-3623. Please let Sue know if you are going and how you intend to get to the mansion, even if you are not riding with her.

The mansion is specially decorated for Christmas. The decorating theme this year is "A Very Portland Christmas."

After the visit, the group will be going to the Hotel deLuxe located at 729 SW 15th Ave., Portland. Lunch will be at Gracie's Restaurant. The phone number is (503) 222-2171. Sue believes attendees can have either brunch or lunch. Sue hopes that many of you will join her to bring in the Christmas Season by visiting the mansion.



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