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Photos, from left: Gary Stein and Dennis Peck

Ethics and News: Phony Baloney or Real Deal

Saturday, January 13

9:30 a.m. — Social Time

10:00 a.m. — Program

Oswego Heritage House
“A” Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

December 21, 1988, Ciulla Lipkin’s life was changed forever when she heard the news that her father was a passenger on Pan AM Flight 103 that exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland. Three years later the family discovered what had really happened to their father as a result of the bombing and the crash.

The alleged discrepancy in facts and data about what happened to Frank Ciulla brings up the questions, What is real news? What is fake news? Our January meeting will feature a panel who will help us define this issue and understand how to filter our news sources, and learn what print media is doing to make sure news is accurate.

Panelists will be Dennis Peck and Gary Stein. Stein is the editor of the *Lake Oswego Review* where he is able to share his love of community journalism and storytelling with the people of Lake Oswego. As editor, he supervises a staff of writers, photographers, and designers. Before joining the *Review*, Stein was responsible for producing, reporting, and editing credit union news for the Credit Union Association. He has also enjoyed a 35-year career in print journalism that included Managing Editor/Custom Publication at *The Oregonian*.

Ethics and News, continued from page 1.

Dennis Peck is the senior editor for print at the Oregonian Media Group, and in that role oversees what does, and does not, make it into the newspaper each day. He served more than a decade as the sports editor and half-a-decade as the "Living" section editor after arriving from the *Orange County Register*, where he oversaw its Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the 1984 Olympics. And yes, he is married to Marcia Westcott Peck and writes a biweekly "Homes & Gardens" column with her.



Photo, from left: Penny Hansen, Esther Halvorson-Hill and Pat at the Holiday Gala.

Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

Happy New Year to all!

A big thanks to all of you for your generous contributions to Clackamas Women's Services and to our branch scholarship through your support of the Gala!

Our community service project, supporting Clackamas Women's Services, proved to be a big success. It was wonderful that so many of you donated gifts for the holiday store for the children of CWS clients! You generously donated toys, books, and gift cards and many of you volunteered in setting up the store, readying it for mothers to do their shopping. This was a cause that resonated with all of us and your donations

are much appreciated (see article and photos on page 3.) Our thanks go to Jean-Marie Pierrelouis for coordinating this new activity, and Marty Maharg for suggesting it.

Our holiday gala was a grand celebration, and a fun and festive way to raise money for our scholarship (see photos on page 6-7). Many thanks to Mary Pat Silveira for hosting us, and to Robin, her partner and co-cost who graciously made our name tags and poured our wine. Marty Maharg, Susan Shea and Karen Rottink were behind-the-scenes elves helping with the event.

Now the new year is upon us, and it's time for a little reflection on 2017. It has been an eventful year, and certainly one with some surprises. Our own legislature passed an equal pay bill, and women around the country began speaking out about sexual harassment. It's about time! While women have made many advances over the years, there were often just too many barriers to coming out about sexual harassment. The men were too powerful, there was frequently the threat of retaliation, and the fear of being accused as a liar. It reminds us that there are still things we can do to overcome some of these injustices, and that there is definitely strength in numbers.

With that idea moving forward into 2018, our new public policy group is convening a workshop on how to be an effective advocate. While we may think we know how to advance our causes, a little training will inspire us! Patricia (Trish) Garner, our state public policy leader and a highly effective lobbyist, will give an interactive session on Friday, January 26, at the Heritage House from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All are welcome, and advocates from Tigard and Portland branches will join us. This is an opportunity for a discussion of some upcoming public policy issues and how to create some energy and interest in advocating for them. Look back at the photo of Trish in our December newsletter, where we recognized her for her role in guiding the Equal Pay bill through the legislature.

Again, happy New Year! I'm looking forward to working with all of you to make this an action-packed beginning. Don't forget our January 13 meeting on "Fake News", and Lobby Day on February 9.

Note on your calendar:

- January 13, Branch Meeting on Fake News
- January 23, Special Election Ballots Due
- January 26, Effective Advocacy Workshop
- February 9, Lobby Day
- February 10, Branch Meeting with Lake Oswego Reads
- April 20-22, AAUW Oregon Convention in Hillsboro

CWS Holiday Store: A Very Successful Community Project

by Marty Maharg

Many thanks to our Chief Elf, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, and all of you who participated in the Clackamas Women’s Services (CWS) Holiday Store service project. Our Lake Oswego branch was one of 16 community groups donating gifts and gift cards. In addition, Mary Pat Silveira, Susan Shea, Karen Rottink, Becky Hein, Ann Redman, Pat Squire, Jeanne Lemieux, and Elizabeth McCarney volunteered their time to assist with setting up the store.

Jeanne-Marie reported that there were 300 children registered (about 119 families) as of December 8th, with more sign ups expected during the following week.

CWS was incorporated in 1985 as Clackamas County’s first shelter for women and children escaping domestic abuse, and continues to serve as the region’s primary provider for domestic violence and sexual assault services.

CWS provides a 40 hour training session for persons wishing to volunteer to work with victims of domestic violence. There will be two presentations in January on Wednesdays from 9am-12pm: "Advocacy Skills" on January 3, and "The Impact of Trauma" on January 24. They are part of the training series but may be attended on an individual basis.

For more information, please contact Josie Greer at (503) 557-5830.

Photos at right: Gifts for all ages.



Photo above: Jeanne-Marie's sleigh full of donations. Below: Member Anne Redman volunteers to set up the store.



New Public Policy Group Prepares for Lobby Day

by Pat Squire

**First Meeting January 26, 2018, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Oswego Heritage House**

Interested in AAUW policy issues? Want to help us talk to our elected officials about our causes? Want to do a little more?

Please join us for a public policy workshop with guest speaker Trish Garner, AAUW Oregon Public Policy Chair and members from the Portland and Tigard branches. This is a great interactive opportunity to become informed about some issues and learn how to be a strong and effective advocate.

Please RSVP to Pat Squire at pfsquire@gmail.com

Public Policy: Measure 101

by Robina Ingram-Rich

Special election ballots due January 23, 2018

AAUW Oregon has endorsed a “yes” vote on Measure 101. Ballots will arrive in the mail the first week of 2018. Ballots are due January 23rd. Register to vote by January 2nd if you have moved or have had another qualifying life change since the last election.

During the 2017 Oregon legislative session, HB 2391 “access to health care, prescribing an effective date and providing for revenue raising” was passed by the house and senate and signed into law by Gov. K Brown. Details are available at olis.leg.state.or.us.

If Measure 101 passes, the short Oregon legislative session will be five weeks spent on various issues. If Measure 101 fails, the session will be devoted to refinancing Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan and filling the budgetary hole. The money from the surcharges on the various medical care providers (hospitals & insurance companies) generates matching federal funds (\$5 billion).

Some background:

Three legislators led the process for this referendum: Julie Parrish, West Linn; Sal Esquivel, Medford; and Cedric Hayden, Roseburg. Almost 85,000 signatures were collected via petitions. The opposition to Measure 101 proposes that rejecting the “taxes” will lead lawmakers to become more creative in how to fund the Oregon Health Plan and will find other ways to cut costs to provide health care for low income Oregonians.

The legislation from HB 2391 provides for all Oregon children to have health care, for 95% of Oregonians to have access to health care and for 210,000 Oregonians to have lower premiums on their health plans. One in every four Oregonians is insured by Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan. More than one in every three families in rural Oregon rely on Medicaid.

Endorsers: Over 90 organizations are listed at yesforhealthcare.org. Besides AAUW Oregon, other endorsers include AARP Oregon, League of Women Voters Oregon, Head Start, Kaiser Permanente Northwest, Providence Health & Services, Legacy Health, the NAACP, NOW Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Medical Association and Willamette Dental.

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County will be discussing Measure 101 at unit meetings in mid-January.



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- #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund – Supports legal rights for those facing discrimination
- #4339 Leadership Programs Fund – Supports programs like NCCWSL
- AAUW National Tech Trek Program

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Name _____

Address _____

Send this form and check to: LO AAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036



Member Profile: Marilyn Rudin

by Karen Rottink

New member Marilyn Rudin is a retired medical doctor who is board certified in four medical specialties. She was originally refused entrance to medical school at OHSU in spite of her high test scores. At the time the admissions staff believed a young, attractive, married, childless woman was not what they were looking for, and they were open about telling her this. So Marilyn became a biochemist. Later, two men (her husband and her boss at the biochemistry lab) recommended that she be allowed to enter medical school. This time, she was admitted.

During her medical career, Marilyn worked in the military and the private sector. Grateful for scholarships provided by the U.S. Department of Defense which helped finance her education, she served in the Army Reserves. She was called to active duty for Desert Storm. Her assignment was to set up and equip a clinic and hospital in Germany for treating our service members. Ironically, the hospital she established was in a building that was a former Nazi hospital. The Army repainted the interior white, but the Nazi signage kept bleeding through the white paint. While serving in the Army Reserves, Marilyn was appointed to the rank of General.

In civilian life, Marilyn and her partner opened a medical practice in the Portland area. When she retired at the age of 70, she employed ten doctors to service contracts at multiple hospitals in the area. The practice included Pulmonology, Sleep Medicine and other specialties. All the doctors in the practice were working well over one hundred hours per week each.

In retirement, Marilyn has immersed herself in the volunteer world. She volunteers at the Portland Art Museum representing the hospitality of the museum to the public. As a volunteer for the Oregon Ballet Theatre, she assists in the costume creation area. Medical Teams International is another organization to which she lends a helping hand, assisting with breaking down large packages of donated medicine into smaller packages suitable for delivering medical relief. She also helps repair and maintain medical equipment since she really enjoys solving problems and is mechanically inclined. Additionally, Marilyn is devoted to the Oregon City Library and is part of the Lake Grove Rotary Club. The Club does many service projects, including assisting Clackamas County Women's Services with their activities.

Travel is a passion for Marilyn and her husband. They take two overseas trips each year and one trip within the U.S. She says they are incorporating as much travel into their lives as possible in the time they have left. One of their favorite adventures was viewing wildlife in Africa.

Now that you know about Marilyn's many interests and activities, it should be easy to strike up a conversation with her at our meetings.

Holiday Gala

On December 17 forty-three attendees enjoyed abundant food and spirited conversation at the home of Mary Pat Silveira and Robin Adair. Thank you all for supporting this annual scholarship fundraiser. We hope you enjoy the photos on the following pages that were taken by Bruce Rottink, Penny Hansen and Stephanie Carter.



Photo above from left: Karen Rottink, Jane Taft, Terry Hyland. Below from left: Jeanne and Chuck Lemieux, Bruce Rottink, Martin Sobelman, Marty Maharg.



Photo above from left: Pat Squire, Diana and Dave Bower. Below from left: Eleanor and Ron Kurtus, Susan Hornung.



Photo: Stephanie Wagner and Mary Pat Silveira.



Photo: Judy Hale and Margaret Ricks.



Photo above from left: Gabriella Lu, Karen Rottink, Bettirae Willis. Below from left: Doug and Sharon Hawley.

Photo above from left: Claude and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis. Below from left: Cindy Regier, Jackie Magner, Judy Hale.



Photo from left: Jane Taft, Nancy Dunis.

Photo from left: Dave Hansen, Kevin Lu, Bruce Rottink.



Member Profile: Diana Ricks

by JoAnn Siebe

You may have already met Diana Ricks; she has been attending the Lunch Bunch and Tuesday Book Group since she joined our Lake Oswego branch this summer. She is a traveler and a catalyst with resilience and a lifelong love of learning.

Diana the Traveler: She really gets around! Diana grew up in Lafayette, IN. Her love of politics and her desire to live in a big city led her to Washington, D.C. After graduating from Trinity University in 1971 with a political science degree, she began her banking career, first in loan operations and then in IT project Management.

An unusual event happened just before she graduated: Her mother and her mother's friend (who had a son) decided to set their kids up on a blind date. Surprise! She and Steve got married in 1972. Steve was an engineer who managed large construction projects, like the building of hospitals. As a result, they lived in many places from Arlington, VA to Seattle and Portland - and many places in between - throughout their marriage.

Diana the Catalyst: Diana was very involved when her kids were in school. In 1987 the school administration decided to close the school kitchen, which served middle and high school students, and install vending machines instead. Diana sprang into action with four other mothers. They got estimates for renovating the kitchen, raised \$20,000 to

complete the job as well as hire a nutritionist, and even completed all the required paperwork for the school. An incredible victory for everyone, especially the students!

Diana's Resilience: After the 2007 recession banking jobs dried up. She decided to retire and was surprised that this opportunity allowed her to discover and develop skills she didn't know she had. She joined a book group in Washington and became the leader. She discovered a new level of reading books and that she had a skill for engaging people in discussions. Although she lost her work connections, she now found new connections in her book groups. A side benefit: Book groups are everywhere - no matter where they moved.

When they were living in Portland in 2014, Steve died suddenly. They had been married 42 years. Once again life threw her a curve and once again it was her resilience that helped her move forward. She moved back to Indiana to care for her 91-year-old mother. Her mother died that same year. Her resilience and determination to "get busy living" sustained her again.

Diana's Lifelong Love of Learning: Diana's incredible drive to learn led her to TELOS, a senior learning community in Washington. She helped it grow by polling members' interests and finding quality individuals to instruct the classes. By building a "pool" of instructors she created a group who would help further the growth of the program through referrals.

Currently she is involved with the Senior Studies Institute at PCC. She enjoys weekly groups that discuss current events. They usually meet at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center.

Diana moved back to the Portland area to be near her children and grandchildren. She recently purchased a home in Summerfield in Tigard and has been in the long process of completely renovating it.

Finally, you may recognize her name since her sister-in-law is Margaret Ricks, our Lake Oswego branch's current VP of Finance. Watch for Diana Ricks at our next program meeting and introduce yourself. You will be in for a treat!

Interest Group Activities

Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Date: January 23

Book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

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: January 10

Book: *Plantation Shudders* by Ellen Byron

Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis

Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 200, Lake Oswego

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie Carter, (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Date: January 18

Book: *Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia* by Jean Sasson

Leader: Connie Irwin

Hostess: Ann Keddie

For more information, contact Ann Keddie, rlkavk50@centurytel.net or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Date: January 25

Book: *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierly

Hostess: Jane Taft

For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 26

Book: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Leader: Ann Meyer

Location: West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room).

For more information, contact Irene Romero, (503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 8

Book: *Midnight in Siberia* by David Greene

Leader: Susan Shea

Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table.

For more information, contact Sharon Callen at Sharoncallen@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, 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.

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

Exploring the Northwest

Date Varies

There is no event scheduled for January. 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

Delightful Dining

Date Varies

There is no event scheduled for January. If you are interested in this group, please contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com

January 2018

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Photo: Stephanie Carter, Margaret Ricks, Susan Shea.



Photo: Marge Ransom, Betty Barber.

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

Date: January 16

Location: Hunan Pearl Restaurant, 5160 Bangy Road, Lake Oswego, (503)-968-6868.

The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of members to chat and experience restaurants in the Lake Oswego area. If you are interested in joining us, a reservation may be made by Sunday, January 14, via email to Terry Hyland at twh20eagle@comcast.net. For more information call Terry at (503) 635-1222.



Photo: Lunch Bunch holiday lunch at Five Spice! From left: Susan Shea, Marlene Orchard, Karen Rottink, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, Mary Pat Silveira, Marty Maharg, Diana Ricks, (around to right) Stephanie Wagner, Becky Hein, Terry Hyland (group coordinator), Bettirae Willis, Marge Ransom, Jane Taft.



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